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Saint Therese Church

February 22, 2015 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

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510 North El Molino Street . Alhambra, California 91801 . 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560

(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Busic, OCD * **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm; Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm; Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions: Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass; Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Wed., 7– 9 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months before

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

Other Ministries / Programs:

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,
2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple 333)

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil—
7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—
Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

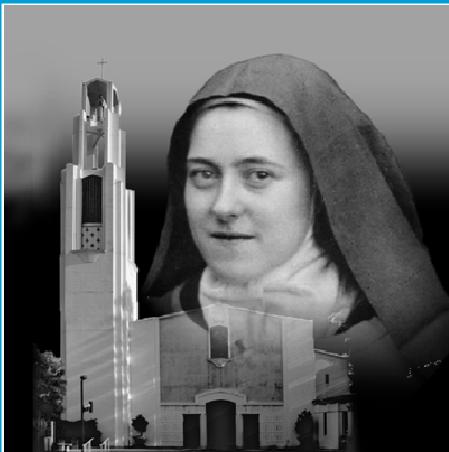
Natural Family Planning—
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed
William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,
6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

"Tea at Therese" Women's Group:
(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223);
denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm

(909) 703-1284 / pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Altar:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Coordinators for Ministry to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla
282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-

3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)
clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **EUCARISTIC ADORATION** - Continuous, day and night.
Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. **Coordinator:** Ruben Beltran – 284-0020 (2)

First Sunday of Lent ~ February 22, 2015

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me, teach me your paths. -Psalm 25:4

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

Why Was Jesus Tested for Forty Days in the Desert?

By Jimmy Akin (Compiled by Rhonda Storey, Director of Religious Education)

Today's Gospel commemorates Jesus' forty days of testing in the desert. Jesus decided to spend forty days of testing in the desert as preparation for His adult ministry (forty days is the traditional number for spiritual testing). The reason He chose to begin His ministry with a time of testing was to (a) set an example for us, (b) reveal His identity as Son of God to the opposing supernatural forces, and (c) reveal the nature of His ministry as Messiah to us.

Here is how the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) explains the event (538): The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after His baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remained there for forty days without eating; He lived among wild beasts, and angels ministered to Him [cf. Mk 1:12-13]. At the end of this time Satan tempted Him three times, seeking to compromise His filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffed these attacks, which recapitulated the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, causing the devil to leave Him "until an opportune time" [Lk 4:13].

The Catechism continues (539): The evangelists indicated the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful, unlike the first Adam who gave in to temptation. Jesus fulfilled Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during their forty years in the desert, Christ revealed Himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: He "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder (cf. Ps 95:10; Mk 3:27). Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion—the supreme act of obedience of His filial love for the Father.

The CCC(540) says that Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposed to Him and the way men wish to attribute to Him (cf Mt 16:2 1-23). This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning" (Heb. 4:15). By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

CCC 566: The temptation in the desert shows Jesus, the humble Messiah, who triumphs over Satan by His total adherence to the plan of salvation willed by the Father. One additional thing that should be known is that the biblical term for "tempting" is the same as the term for "testing." Jesus was not tempted in the sense that we are—that is, having evil desires—but in the sense of being tested to see if it was possible to tempt Him in the sense of giving Him evil desires. He was not capable of receiving such desires because of His infinite holiness as Son of God.



LENTEN SCHEDULE



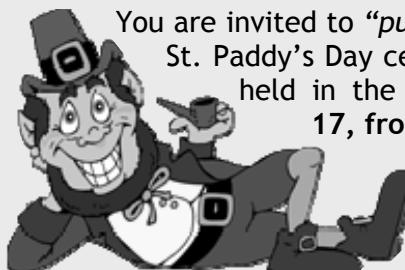
SOUP NITES are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent— from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. UPCOMING SPONSORS are: February 27: Knights of Columbus and RCIA; March 6: St. Therese School; March 13: Bible Study Group and Rosary Makers; March 20: Confirmation; March 27: The Scouts

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the church on all the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. We also offer a PRE-SCHOOL VERSION (for children from 3 to 5 years of age) on the Fridays of Lent at 5:15 p.m.

ABSTINENCE All Catholics 14 years of age and over are required to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent in honor of the Passion of Jesus. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal-derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION!



The celebration will consist of a potluck dinner, drinks (including beer), Irish Step-Dancers, Irish bands, songs, and Ceili (group Irish dancing) lessons and dancing for everyone!

THE COST TO ATTEND IS EITHER
1) the *POTLUCK DINNER (items listed below) OR 2) \$5 PER PERSON.

FOR THE *IRISH POTLUCK DINNER: Please bring CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, AND POTATOES— enough for your family, and two other persons.

In addition to all the above fun, we will also have TWO COMPETITIONS:

- 1) An **IRISH-THEMED BAKING COMPETITION!** Bring any Irish-themed dessert or baked good to share and enter to win a prize!; and
- 2) A **ST. PATRICK-THEMED ART COMPETITION FOR KIDS!** Kids will bring (or create at the party) a St. Patrick-themed piece of art and enter to win a kid's prize!



TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO, contact Kelly Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

If you are interested in joining this new group, please attend our first meeting THIS MONDAY, February 23, from 7:00



to 8:30 p.m., in the Avila Room (in the Parish Offices). Meetings will consist of spiritual reading, discussion, and prayer. For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 323-262-5721 or jimgillett@me.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MEN! CONSIDER BECOMING A

KNIGHT! As a Knight, you can support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith, and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. For more information, call Mike Pulciano, the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Council, at 641-0870.



LADIES' NIGHT! Shop for A Cause!



Ladies! On Sat., April 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room, come and enjoy a night out with hors d'oeuvres, music, and fun products just for ladies—all while supporting St. Therese Church! There will be FREE samples and a door prize. Extra raffle entries if you buy tickets ahead of time. Vendors include Doterra Essential Oils, Wardrobe Weeder, Jamberry Nail Wraps, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care, Premier Designs Jewelry, and more! Do it for yourself! Cover charge is \$5 each. (Sponsored by "Tea at Therese" Women's Group)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Classes are in session TODAY, February 22. Please remember that all families are required to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

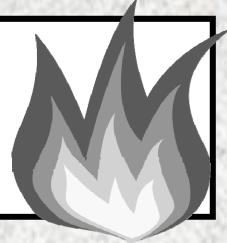


Please pray for the catechumens, who will celebrate the Rite of the Elect at the Cathedral tonight at 6:00 p.m. The next classes will be on Thursday, February 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Your Journey
Begins at
St. Therese



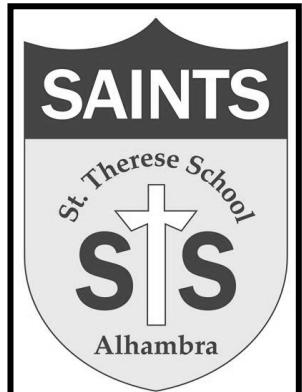
Classes are in session today, February 22, including attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass for all students and their families.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

Thank you for attending our Family Mass today! Your presence is a sign of the importance of Jesus in our daily lives.



- Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent at 2pm in the Church
- El Pollo Loco Fundraiser (Feb. 25 in SG on Las Tunas between 2:00 to 9:00 p.m.)
- Math Night on March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall
- No School on March 13 (for Religious Education Conference)
- Future First Graders Open House on March 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Classroom
- St. Patrick's Day Family Party in the Hall from 6:00-10:00 pm (see details on Page 3).
- Silent Auction Soiree on March 21 at the Thursday Club in La Canada
- Feast of Annunciation—All School Mass on March 25 at 10:00 a.m.
- Living Stations of the Cross on April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hall
- No School on Good Friday, April 3.
- Easter Break from April 6-10; School Resumes on April 13
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child can experience a day at school!
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry



ADORATION CHAPEL



"Love cannot triumph unless it becomes the one passion of our life. Without such passion we may produce isolated acts of love; but our life is not really won over or consecrated to an ideal."

"Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing."

--St. Peter Julian Eymard

BECOME A COMMITTED ADORER: If you would like to make a commitment to come to the chapel once a week at the same hour, please contact the Coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020 (2) to sign up.

ELECTRONIC KEY: Also, if you come to the Chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., you will need to register for an electronic key (\$20 fee) as the chapel will be locked during those hours (it is NOT locked during the day). Please call Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2).



Come and join the women from St. Therese on the weekend of **March 13, 14, and 15**. The retreat is conducted by our Carmelite Friars in Redlands. This year's Retreat Team is Fr. Adam, Fr. Raymond, and Bro. Jason. The rates for the weekend are \$170 (shared room) or \$195 (single room), which includes a comfortable room with private bath, family-style meals, and an atmosphere of peace and beauty. We require a \$50 non-refundable deposit (check or money order made out to El Carmelo) for your room. We will assign your room as soon as we receive your deposit. The Retreat also includes the Sacraments, conferences, private consultations, etc. **Bus transportation is provided.** For reservations and/or info, call Louisa Day at 323-360-5186, Cecilia Tweedy at 712-3478, or Ernie O'Conner at 445-4333. Brochures are in the church vestibule.

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES

Are you pregnant? Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

February 14 / 15, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$11,767.00
Restricted	\$. <u>383.00</u>
T O T A L	\$12,150.00

January 17 / 18	\$13,105.00
January 24 / 25	\$13,550.00
January 31 / February 1	\$15,935.00
February 7 / 8.....	\$16,918.00

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS: Please use your pre-printed envelopes! It makes it easier to properly record your donations! Thank you.



This Lent (through Palm Sunday), join 650,000+ people worldwide to prayerfully witness to life and help save women and babies in our community! **40 Days for Life** is a peaceful prayer vigil held outside an abortion facility. It has helped save thousands of babies' lives and spared thousands of women from abortion. Your prayerful presence is all that is necessary to help an abortion-inclined mom to change her mind. We will be outside the Alhambra Planned Parenthood at 320 S. Garfield, Suite 126, Alhambra, from Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. We are asking parishioners to join us there one day a week for 3 hours to pray. For any questions, contact Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942 or Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

**Pray to End
Abortion.**



By the grace of God, since its launching as a worldwide movement in 2007, *40 Days for Life* has achieved a stunning track record, as follows:

650,000 Pro-Life Volunteers Involved
3,336 Pro-Life Campaigns Carried Out
559 Cities in 27 Nations Reached
9,699 Lives Saved
107 Abortion Workers Quit
59 Abortion Centers Closed

FR. JEROME APPEAL FOR THE NUNS



This weekend, February 21 and 22, a special collection will be taken at all the Masses to help our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa. Your donation will help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of the monastery. The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established in Alhambra, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the parish and the monastery. God bless and reward your generosity!



NFP CLASSES



Do you know that Natural Family Planning can be used to achieve or postpone a pregnancy? It can also be used to diagnose and treat various women's health issues like repetitive miscarriage, infertility, PMS, post-partum depression, painful cycles, and so much more! Our next Introductory Sessions will be Saturdays, March 21, and April 18, at 10:00 a.m. each day in the Parish Offices. For more information, contact Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or Katrina.fcp@gmail.com or Martha Lacayo at 372-0808.

St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 1, is Bundle Sunday for our Parish. Their truck will be in our parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please donation



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For large items, including furniture, appliances, and vehicles, call (323) 224-6280 or (800) 974-3571 for a special free pick-up at your home.

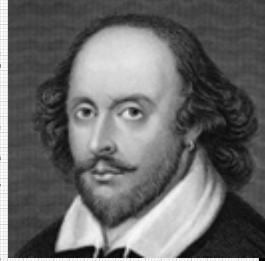
"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

St. Monica High School's Shakespearean Play

will be presented in our Parish Hall on Saturday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m., and

Sunday, March 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Advance sale tickets are available by calling St. Monica's at 229-5351. Adults are \$10; children, \$4. At the door, they will be \$12 and \$5.



BAPTISM MINISTRY



Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next date is April 7). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptisms are April 25—both at Noon). Note: There are no Baptisms in March because of Lent.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:

Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meeting will be February 25. For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We hold these meetings at 10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). Our next meeting will be on February 26. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES:

Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548. or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of 2/21/15 to 2/28/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Charles Hoffman RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Kenneth A. Locke RIP

7:30 a.m.: Robert Lester RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Walter Conn RIP

5:00 p.m.: Aurora Cervantes RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Gary Yukionshimura RIP

8:00 a.m.: Theresa Lim RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Virginia Punzalan RIP

8:00 a.m.: Perla Domantory RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang INT

*7:30 a.m.: Christina Jagoras B-day INT

8:00 a.m.: Gilbert Macias RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Christina & Nicolas Yang INT

*7:30 a.m.: Emma & Emilio Sirias RIP

8:00 a.m.: Manuel Cervantes RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Holy Souls, esp members of FOSS

*7:30 a.m.: Joanne Shifflett INT

8:00 a.m.: Carmelite Friars

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Loreto Ibarra RIP

*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Intentions of our Holy Father for February 2015:

- 1) That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity; and 2) That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Marta Timar / Alice Cheung

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Lorraine Mizerski

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Students

Floral Dedication

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. You may schedule your dedication for anytime after Divine Mercy Sunday. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Personal Ads

FOR LEASE OR SALE: 2-BR Town home by Ramona Convent School. Please contact cfrank1956@yahoo.com.

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). Price reduced to \$4,170 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel you book through their site: www.elcarmelotravel.com. Same low rates as other travel websites—AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, concerts, etc.

NEW CATHOLIC TALK RADIO STATION! Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ 930AM. Check it out!

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE! Feel alone? Frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped speaking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retro-vee) has helped 1000's of couples experiencing problems. To register, call Jane and Pete Lauder at 714-871-5953. or email: lauderpj@yahoo.com.

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