



# The Prodigal

“Where in seeking him we are found by him.”

Cathy Clark, Interim Editor

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## *The Choir and the Music at the Episcopal Church of Reconciliation*

By Samuel F. Ramirez

**F**rom my perspective, one could argue that the choir at the Church of Reconciliation is an eclectic group of people that have come together to take charge of a ministry so the Word of the Lord can be heard near and far away. To be part of the Choir at Reconciliation, knowledge of music or music theory is not a requirement to join, no auditions are held. Only the desire to spread the Word of God the best way we know how. Just show up Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for practice. It may be a life-changing experience. Each one of us has strengths and weaknesses especially, when it comes to music. I, for example, cannot sustain my music unless I am listening to the group and only then I can add my part. If one cannot sing, but can play a musical instrument, then he or she drives forward in their ministry by doing so. When I started in the choir close to 10 years ago, I knew I wanted to give to the church this way; however, I did not have the knowledge to sing, read notes, or keep “meter” (I still don’t but I am working on it). I was taught by someone who was very patient and helped me feel comfortable singing and participating in the activities of the choir. This, the spirit that I would like to emphasize to everyone in the congregation, is the spirit of all who are the members of the choir and our Church. Because of the time we live in today, all the dots have to be in place and all the “t’s” have to be crossed. Music is one of those examples. All the music we play at Reconciliation is under a copyright umbrella, Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI). CCLI is the organization you see noted every weekend at the end of your service pamphlets. Every song we sing has been arranged by our choir director so it can be utilized during the service. The guitars, the base, the piano/keyboard, the bells, tambourine, and the voices are arranged so they fit the piece of music, and at the same time, maintain the spirit of the song. By making this arrangements we have a “fuller” and more vibrant sound, which is in contrast with the hymnal music. Many members of the congregations have asked if we can sing specific songs, but we have to meet the constraints associated with the piece of music and our personal and choir limitations. If we cannot find the music piece under the copyright database, we have a problem because we do not have the authorization to sing the music. It takes weeks of practice to find the right balance wanted for the proper presentation. We are continuing to work on different projects and we continue to try to bring different music. We would like to record a CD with our very own pieces of music and selections that you like and we hope you will sing with us. We are the church, and we are coming together to celebrate Christ.

**CHOIR**

Jesse Flores, Director  
Sherman Estes  
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T.J. Molina  
Wendy Molina  
Jeri Morey  
Sam Ramirez  
Christine Skinner

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

*Laura, Mike, Debbie, Jean, Johnny, Sandra, Mike, Kay, Joe, Gabe, Moises, Dorothy, Maria, Jo Beth, Nancy, Freddy, Lois; for those seeking a place to belong; for our Church and its growth; for our children; for marriages; for refugees; for those who have lost their homes because of hurricanes; for the people of Haiti; for the Iraqi people, for the people of Afghanistan, for those who serve in the Armed Services; for those in prison or detention; for those who suffer addiction; for the unemployed; for the homeless; for those who have died, and for peace.*

**If there is an article you would like to see published in the Prodigal, please let us know.**

**FRIENDS OF CLIFF MAUS VILLAGE  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY**

One of the most important traits of Christians over the centuries is one of hospitality. It is a vital ministry that we all should be concerned about. All are called to be good hosts. You can help by signing up for one Sunday morning to provide goodies for about 80 people (This is for both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services). The sign-up list is on the Bulletin Board outside the kitchen area. Two can also sign up for one Sunday.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jacob Scott Guillen	April 4	Hillary Schwirtlich	April 5
Kyle Alexander Harris	April 8	Vivian Foster	April 10
Joe Carmona	April 16	Steve Norman	April 18
Wiley Williams	April 19	Nora J. Guillen	April 19
Jean Standley	April 27	Irene Christensen	May 2
Jesse Flores	May 4	Matthew Dylan Watts	May 4
Mary Jane Maldonado	May 6	Margaret Larmond	May 8
Reese Maughan	May 10	Jack Stiteley	May 21
William Houze	May 26	Desiree Houze	May 25

Date	25-Apr	2-May	9-May	16-May	23-May	30-May	6-Jun
1st Reading	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 1:1-18	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Pr 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm	23	148	67	97	104:25-35,37	8	146
2nd Reading	Rev. 7:9-17	Rev. 21:1-6	Rev. 21:10,22:5	Rev. 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	Rom. 8:14-17	Rom. 5:1-5	Gal 1:11-24
1st Reading	John Richard	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	Matthew Richard	Johnnie Marie Steve	Lila Wiley	Matthew Richard
2nd Reading	Jeri Jack Lucie Wendy	Christine Kevin Pam Sam	Carmen Kathryn Lynne Sherman	Wendy Lucie Jack Jeri	Sam Pam Kevin Christine	Sherman Lynne Kathryn Carmen	Jeri Jack Lucie Wendy
Esplanade	Richard	Kevin	Lynne	Richard	Kevin	Carmen	Richard
Hospitality							
Sundy School	Tamara	Kathryn	Desi	Devon	Tamara	Kathryn	Desi
Alter Flowers		Sabsook	Larmond	Clark		Boyet	
Keeper of Key	Lila	Steve	Lucie	Cathy	Kevin	Lila	Steve
Greeters	Lucie	Kevin	Cathy	Joel	Steve	Lucie	Kevin
Ushers	Joel	Ava	Kevin	Lucie	Cathy	Joel	Ava
Oblationers	Ramirez	Darabie	Larmond	Buentellos	Ramirez	Darabie	Larmond

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*“We are a diverse community, one under God, joined together to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through worship, outreach and the Call to service.”*

<p><b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</u></b>        8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist        10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist        10:30 a.m Children’s Chapel</p>	<p><b><u>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</u></b>        Sunday - Morning Prayer at Esplanade        2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the Month        Salvation Army Canteen        3rd Sunday- Food drive for Cliff Maus Village Pantry</p>	<p><b><u>TUESDAY</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY:</u></b>        3rd Wednesday of the month—        Bishop’s Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>FRIDAY:</u></b>        BIBLE STUDY 10:15 A.M.</p>	<p><b><u>SATURDAY</u></b></p>