



# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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*JANUARY 25, 2009 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

***"I Will Make You Fishers of Men!" . . .***

*Mark 1: 14-20*

The sound of crunching gravel marked the cadence as Jesus marched steadily northward, toward the big grove of trees on the horizon. The giant trees marked the southern shore of the Sea of Galilee. With roots deep in the rich delta soil the trees drank from the saturating waters where the lake overflowed into the Jordan River.

Before sundown Jesus knew that he would be standing in the breeze, looking out on the broad expanse of the dark blue sea. He would spend the night under the trees. That night Jesus would try not to think about John's ghastly beheading. When Herod's men had taken John the Baptist off to prison, Jesus felt as if he were being taken too. Icy horror gripped Jesus when he later learned that the axeman had chopped off John's head. Like a sky filled with flocks of blackbirds, a foreboding anxiety descended on Jesus' mind. He faced a long night alone with his chattering thoughts. In the quiet of morning, at first light, Jesus would continue on up to Capernaum where he would seek his disciples.

With the first warming rays of the morning sun, Jesus felt happiness begin to fill him. This was the day! It was finally time to really begin to preach his message of repentance. He longed to see everyone changing from lives of sin to sanctity. He wanted people to believe the message of their salvation. Jesus was so eager to start that he began to jog along the path that led from the trees to the main road. Then it would be north to Tiberias and finally on to Capernaum.

It was evening when Capernaum came into view. Jesus was tired and anxious to find Peter and his brother Andrew. Perhaps there would be a tasty fish dinner and then a good night's sleep. He was hurrying along the shore road heading toward the fishing harbor when he saw them. They were fishing a short distance offshore. Peter had just made a powerful cast of his net. It flew out from the boat and



floated beautifully down onto the surface of the water. Jesus felt a jolt of excitement rise in his throat as he called out to them, "Peter! Andrew! Hello!"

Standing in the boat they looked up, squinting against the sunset to make out the figure silhouetted on the shore. When they recognized Jesus, Andrew bellowed happily across the water: "Hello, Jesus. We're catching lots of fish!"

Jesus shouted back, lifting his arm in an arc, motioning toward Capernaum. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men!"

Peter and Andrew never even hauled in the net they had just cast. They let it sink. Hoisting sail they steered the boat toward the harbor on the last puffs of the gentle evening breeze.

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*Jesus comes along the shores of our lives, calling out to us as he did to Andrew and Peter in their boat. He calls us by name, inviting us to "Repent and believe in the Gospel." From where we are in our busy schedules we may have to squint against the glare of the world's attractions to see Jesus silhouetted there. We may have to strain to identify him, but sooner or later we all will. The next step is the big question. Are we willing to let our nets sink where they're cast? Are we willing to let go and let God really happen in our lives?*

-- Deacon Dick Folger

**Our Lady of the Rosary Church**

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English; 6:15 p.m. Cantonese

Sunday: 6:45 a.m. Spanish; 8:15 a.m. English; 9:45 a.m. Spanish; 11:30 a.m. English

**Daily Mass (Bilingual):**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:15 a.m.;

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Communion Service on Mondays)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage

Call the Parish Office six months in advance, (510) 471-2609.

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**INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**For January 26, 2009 to February 1, 2009**

Mon. 8:15 a.m. -- Communion Service

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| Tue.  | 8:15 a.m. -- | Harold Turner (Dec.)                     |
| Wed.  | 8:15 a.m. -- | Cesario (Dec.) & Justina Garcia (Dec.)   |
| Thur. | 8:15 a.m. -- | Neofita Magallanes (Dec.)                |
| Fri.  | 8:15 a.m. -- | Teresita C. Mateo (Dec.)                 |
| Sat.  | 9:00 a.m. -- | Premetivo (Dec.) & Jesucita Islas (Dec.) |
|       | 5:00 p.m. -- | Remy (Dec.) & Enriqueta Jacomille (Dec.) |
| Sun.  | 6:45 a.m. –  | Jesus Lopez (Dec.)                       |
|       | 8:15 a.m. –  | Consuelo Parra (Dec.)                    |
|       | 9:45 a.m. –  | Domitila Vasquez (Dec.)                  |
|       | 11:30 a.m.-- | Melvin Jansen (Dec.)                     |

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

*For January 26, 2009 to January 31, 2009*

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| Mon   | 2 Timothy 1:1-8 / Mark 3:22-30     |
| Tues. | Hebrews 10:1-10 / Mark 3:31-35     |
| Wed.  | Hebrews 10:11-18 / Mark 4:1-20     |
| Thu.  | Hebrews 10:19-25 / Mark 4:21-25    |
| Fri.  | Hebrews 10:32-39 / Mark 4:26-34    |
| Sat.  | Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 / Mark 4:35-41 |

**SUNDAY READINGS**

*February 1, 2009 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 / Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

**COLLECTIONS**

**January 18, 2009**

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| First Collection .....                           | \$5,982.00 |
| Our budgeted goal for the First Collection ..... | 9,566.00   |
| Second Collection: Diocesan Obligations.....     | 1,822.00   |
| Exit Collection: Oakland Seminary.....           | 511.00     |
| Children's Envelopes .....                       | 76.00      |

***Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.***

**Our Students Extend Their Invitation for Tea**

Our school's annual tea for Grandparents and other special people in our lives will take place in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. this Friday, January 30. Our guests will be treated to a continental breakfast of tea, coffee, and goodies. Each class will perform for them. Be sure to come and enjoy yourself.

**TODAY:**

**Our Lady of the Rosary School**

## OPEN HOUSE

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- ❖ Meet the faculty and staff
- ❖ See class projects
- ❖ Learn the benefits of a Catholic Education
- ❖ Refreshments
- ❖ Drawing

## NEW ARTICLES

**THIS IS OUR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!** We hope that you have read the Stewardship Newsletter which was enclosed in last week's Bulletin and mailed to your house and have found it interesting and informative.

One of the things that we mention in the newsletter is our new Adopt-A-Bill program, which is another way you can help your parish make ends meet. A number of parishioners have already adopted bills on their own, and this is what gave us the idea of promoting this form of donating to our parishioners.

We will present our Adopt-A-Bill program in next weekend's Bulletin.

**LENT IS NOT THAT FAR AWAY.** That is why the Liturgy Committee wants to let you know about a couple of things at this time:

**STARTING NEXT WEEKEND – COLLECTING PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.** Starting next weekend we will be collecting the palms you received on Palm Sunday last year, so that we can burn them at our Mardi Gras celebration and make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. So bring your palms from home in the coming weeks and place them in the basket that will be located in front of the altar.

**FR. JOSE IS LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PASSION MIME.** We are asking anyone who might be interested in having a role in the Passion Mime on Good Friday to start thinking about it. Once Lent begins the last week of February, practices will take place every Sunday afternoon. If you think you might be interested in taking part in the mime, leave a message with Fr. José at the office at 510.471.2609.

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLR COR-LOC TO BE HELD THIS WEDNESDAY,** January 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107 of the Parish Office Building (first floor conference room). Topics to be discussed at this meeting are youth violence prevention and the future of our Union City schools.

**COME JOIN OUR LADY'S GUILD AT THEIR VALENTINE'S SALAD BAR LUCHEON AND BINGO** to be held on Tuesday, February 10, at 12:00 Noon in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 each. They sell out fast so call Barbara Hatton at 510.792.3647 to order yours today!

**WE'RE CONFUSED, SO WE'RE SORRY IF WE CONFUSED YOU, TOO.** After last week's Bulletin was distributed, it was called to our attention that we had scheduled the **SANTO NINO CELEBRATION** for the wrong week. It was not to have been this Saturday, but **NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.** In scheduling this event, we were working with a number of different people, and somehow, some of us got our communications crossed. Therefore, here is your correct invitation:

The Tri-City Santo Nino Group will have its annual devotion here at Our Lady of the Rosary **next Saturday evening, January 31 ... for sure! . . . without a doubt.** It will begin at the 5:00 p.m. Mass with a special choir and the presence of the statue of the Santo Nino. After Mass it will continue with a dinner celebration in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend.

**A WINDOW ON THE WORLD . . . THE WORLD OF STAINED GLASS.** It has been some time since we have reported on our stained glass window project. We have made some follow-up contacts with the JR Evans Company, the coordinator of the project, and have some new information.

You might recall that we are currently in Phase III of the project, where 21 of the smaller windows positioned all around the front, back, and in the side rooms of the church, would be replaced with stained glass art.

Our original intention was to have parishioners donate towards most of the windows before they would be installed. What had happened is that a deposit or a payment-in-full was made on eight windows almost immediately when we first announced Phase III in the Spring of 2008. At that point, other parishioners had shown interest but most of them said that they were not ready to make the financial commitment. Then we were “distracted” by other parish happenings, and now here we are in a “down economy.”

We asked the Evans Company if we could install the windows in batches, so we will not have to wait for funding or for all of them to be purchased at one time. We are now told that we can proceed in “batches of eight windows at a time.” As a result, we can proceed to have the eight windows that have been reserved built. We have made some modifications to the artwork which was not expected by the studio building the windows. As a result of all of this, the new target date for the installation of the first eight windows will be July of this year.

The donation required to reserve a window is \$4,400.00 for the windows near the main door to the church, and \$3,700.00 for the other windows, which are slightly smaller. Most of the more expensive windows in the front of the Church have already been “taken.”

The windows that have been reserved are The Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of China, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, San Martin Caballero, The Book of Gospels and St. Jude.

***If you would be interested in sponsoring a window, please contact our office (510.471.2609) or pick up a brochure. The brochures will be placed in the vestibule of the church starting next week.***

## **ARTICLE FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

### ***“Catholic Schools Celebrate Service”***

#### **THIS WEEK IS CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S WEEK!**

Catholic School’s Week starts today and will end on Friday, January 30. It is celebration of the unique, quality education that our Catholic schools have to offer. Parishioners and members of our community are invited to take this opportunity to learn more about Catholic education, and Our Lady of the Rosary School in particular. These are the events being held over the course of next week:

Sunday, January 25                      **MASS**, 8:15 a.m. Parents, students, and faculty members will all attend the 8:15 Mass together.

**OPEN HOUSE**, 9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come over and see what makes our school so special!

   See the invitation included in this edition of The Bulletin. Door prize drawing.

Monday, January 26 **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY.** On this day, teachers swap classes to teach classes and grades that are not normally their own. They are also treated to a special luncheon. Our school is great, in large part, because of our great teachers.

Tuesday, January 27 **SERVICE DAY.** Students will attend the 8:15 Mass with their Faith Families, and then each class will be involved in a service project.

Wednesday, January 28 **CRAZY HAIR/CRAZY DRESS DAY.** Students and teachers show their spirit and have a little bit of fun. Students will also take their Math-a-Thon test.

Thursday, January 29 **PARENT AND STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY.** Parents and Guardians will join students for lunch, and there will be a Video and a Faith Family Bingo in the afternoon.

Friday, January 30 **GRANDPARENT AND SPECIAL PERSON DAY.** Grandparents, and other special people in our students' lives, will be honored at a tea held in the Parish Hall immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The students will entertain our special guests.

**COME JOIN US! YOU ARE WELCOME!**



***This Week  
At O.L.R.***

**Tuesday, January 27**

**Bible Study**, English, Eddie Dobrec Room, 10:00 a.m.  
**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.  
**Bible Study**, English, Orozco Group, Office Room 206, 7:00 p.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group**, Upper Room, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.  
**OLR COR-LOC General Meeting**, Office Room 107, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 29**

**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.  
**Little Rock Scripture Study in English**, Office Room 107, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 30**

**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.  
**Dinner for those in need**, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.  
**Spanish Choir Practice**, Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 31**

**Rosary Night**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 1**

**Second Collection for Church Interior Renovation**  
**High School Youth Group**, Parish Hall, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Confirmation Group**, Parish Hall, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.