



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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FEBRUARY 1, 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Holy One of God" . . .

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus was reflecting deeply and did not look up at them. Yet, every eye in the synagogue at Capernaum was upon him. Jesus sat on his bench, hunched forward with his elbows on his knees, his hands slowly washing each other.

Jesus' commentaries on the readings were so brilliant that the congregation eagerly awaited his teaching. No one else dared to speak, completely deferring to him. In the golden hue of the oil lamps, their sepia faces were full of anticipation as the men waited for Jesus to begin.

Their peaceful mediation was shattered when a man came through the doorway of the

synagogue and began shouting. He seemed drunk as he lurched into the center of the room and searched for Jesus who had already come to his feet. Peter and his brother Andrew were already moving toward the wild man to subdue him. Seeing Jesus, the crazed intruder's high-pitched voice shrieked in a staccato babble:

"What do you want of us? What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

He scowled, pointing at Jesus with both hands and, letting his head rear back while his eyes rolled in his head. Everyone was now on their feet and the synagogue roared with their murmuring.

Peter and Andrew were rushing to the crazed man's side when he screamed with a cracking voice: "Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are..." He leered at everyone in the room



holding his outstretched hands above his head.

“You are the Holy One of God!” he said.

Jesus signaled for Peter and Andrew not to subdue the man. Striding toward him with great authority, Jesus shouted above the din: “Be quiet!” The command was so powerful everyone went silent. It was to be the first action of his ministry. Jesus whispered so loudly that everyone heard him. The breathy words came in slow cadence.

“Come out of this man!” Jesus ordered.

In that instant the man’s knees buckled and he collapsed at Jesus’ feet and began to shake violently. His legs fluttered as if trying to shake off the gnawing of unseen evils. Then from the depths of his body the man bellowed in agony. The ethereal bawling unleashed rivulets of fear in the congregation who stood frozen in awe.

Jesus turned from the man at his feet and returned to his bench. Peter and Andrew helped the man to get up and escorted him outside. Those remaining sat wide-eyed staring at Jesus, wondering “Is he really the Holy one of God?”

The murmuring slowly began again and quickly rose to an excited roar as the congregation asked themselves how Jesus could command evil spirits. Truly this is a teacher with such authority as has never been seen before.



This explosive revelation of Jesus’ power still did not convince some of the Jews present that night in the synagogue. They still had to wonder if they were really in the presence of ‘the Holy One of God.’

Even the disciples struggled with this question and later Jesus would ask of them, “Who do you say that I am?”

The revelation of Jesus in our own lives presents the same question to us. Do we live our lives in the sure knowledge that he is ‘the Holy One of God?’ It calls for deep reflection because later Jesus may also ask of us: “Who do you say that I am?”

-- Deacon Dick Folger

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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.

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: (510) 471-2609 Fax: 471-4601 E-mail: admin@olrchurch.org
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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For February 2, 2009 to February 8, 2009

- Mon. 8:15 a.m. -- Communion Service
- Tue. 8:15 a.m. -- Mark Kamakea (Health)
- Wed. 8:15 a.m. -- Betty and Jim Heffernan (Dec.)
- Thur. 8:15 a.m. -- For the Unemployed
- Fri. 8:15 a.m. -- Martha Estrella (Health)
- Sat. 9:00 a.m. -- Esperanza Estrella (Dec.)
- 5:00 p.m. -- Deceased Members of Pitta Family (Dec.)
- Sun. 6:45 a.m. -- Bernardina (Dec.) & Aurora Arenas (Dec.)
- 8:15 a.m. -- Pilar Garcia (Dec. 2nd Anniv.)
- 9:45 a.m. -- For us, the Parishioners
- 11:30 a.m.-- Angelina Reynoso (Dec.); Ampelio Marquez (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For February 2, 2009 to February 7, 2009

- Mon Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40
- Tues. Hebrews 12:1-4 / Mark 5:21-43
- Wed. Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15 / Mark 6:1-6
- Thu. Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24 / Mark 6:7-13
- Fri. Hebrews 13:1-8 / Mark 6:14-29
- Sat. Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21 / Mark 6:30-34

SUNDAY READINGS

February 8, 2009 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7 / 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 / Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

COLLECTIONS

January 25, 2009

First Collection	\$6,703.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Diocesan Obligations.....	1,900.00
Children's Envelopes	103.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

NEW ARTICLES

FUNDRAISING GIFT CERTIFICATES, GIFT CARDS, RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND CENTENNIAL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND. Remember that prices on Centennial Items have been reduced to our cost.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY. As this Friday, February 6 is a First Friday, we will have the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held in the Chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel with one hour time slots. Please sign up in advance so that we can be assured that someone will be present with the Blessed Sacrament.

CRAB FEED NEXT SATURDAY. Our Lady of the Rosary School will be having its annual Crab Feed next Saturday, February 7, in the Parish Hall. It is the school's biggest fund raiser of the year. Tickets are still available at the price of \$45.00 each. Details about the event may be found on the crab page of this *Bulletin*. If you plan to attend we suggest that you purchase your tickets in advance. There are usually a small number of tickets available at the door, but these usually sell out very early.

HERE IT IS! THE INFORMATION THAT MANY OF YOU WANT. Having read our Stewardship Newsletter and then having heard the presentations at Mass last weekend, many parishioners were interested in one of the two programs that we are starting in order to provide more opportunities for parishioners to support the needs of the parish in a more direct way. They came to Fr. Jose, to the "Scrip Table," and to the people making the presentations, asking for more information. Well, as promised in last weekend's *Bulletin*, you will find it in this edition of the *Bulletin*.

There are two different programs where you can support one of the parish expenses. One of them is **Adopt-A-Bill**. With this program you will simply commit to paying a parish bill or a portion of it each month. If the bill you are interested in paying is "manageable," you can make your check out directly to the vendor – in this way you will know with certainty that your donation "paid the bill." The other program is the **Sponsorship of Hosts, Wine, Candles and Flowers**. With this program parishioners can sponsor these expenses on a weekly or monthly basis, and recognition will be given at Mass and in the Bulletin. The sponsorships are scheduled like Mass Intentions, and can also be done in memory of a loved one.

We also thank our parishioners for showing their concern over our financial difficulties, their offering of suggestions, and offering to help in other ways (we already have some people wanting to offer time and talent with the Hall Kitchen project, when we are ready to start it).

COFFEE AND DONUT FELLOWSHIP TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY, February 8. It will be sponsored by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Be sure to stay a while after Mass and chat with your fellow parishioners.

We thank the Trujillos, who own Roberto's Donuts, which is located at 404 West Harder Road, where Harder and Santa Clara meet. They have donated dozens and dozens of donuts for this event every month.

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL STARTS NEXT WEEKEND. The theme of this year's appeal is "To Know Christ Better" – the Campaign for Catholic Parishes and Education. The Diocese hopes to raise \$2.1 million with the Appeal, and our parish's goal is \$30,723.00. The

appeal's proceeds will benefit Catholic Education, the Priesthood (Vocations, Seminarians, Retirement), Needy Parishes, and Family Programs (CYO, Family and Youth Ministries, Respect Life).

As was the case in previous years, you may make one lump-sum donation, or you may make a pledge to be paid over a ten-month period. For your convenience, donations may be made by credit cards and EFT checking account debit. See the appeal donation envelope for details. If every family would pledge a minimum of \$80.00, or \$8.00 per month, we could meet our goal!

You may place your donation in the collection during the coming weeks, or you may mail a pledge envelope to the Diocese directly at this address: Office of Development, Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison Street., Oakland, CA 94612. Make sure that you mark your envelope with our parish's name so that we will get credit for your donation. Thank you for your consideration.

MORE NEWS CONCERNING LENT. In last weekend's *Bulletin* we ran a couple of articles concerning Lent as the season will be here very soon (it is now February and Ash Wednesday is February 25). Here, we wish to provide you with some other Lenten announcements:

SAVE THE DATE FOR MARDI GRAS. The annual Mardi Gras will take place on Tuesday, February 24. There will be service in the Church at 6:30 p.m., followed by the burning of last year's palms in front of the Parish Hall. Then around 7:00 p.m. All will enter the Hall for a pot-luck. Please bring food according to how your family's last name appears in the table below:

If your last name begins with the letters ...	Bring ...
A through F	A Hot Dish
G through M	Dessert
N through Z	Salads

THE ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE. Ash Wednesday is February 25. Masses will be as follows:

- 8:15 a.m. Bi-lingual
- 11:00 a.m. English
- 5:00 p.m. Bi-lingual
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish (in the Church)
- 7:30 p.m. English (in the Hall)

Ashes will only be available at these Masses.

LENTEN GROUP RECONCILIATION SERVICE: at OLR on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

COME JOIN OUR LADY'S GUILD AT THEIR VALENTINE'S SALAD BAR LUNCHEON 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!

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:

WE ARE COLLECTING PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY. We are now 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.

PRAYERS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Susana Alcaraz, Tony Baligaya, Gladis Borges, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Alan Cady, Lindy Cady, Rebecca Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Dionesio Campos, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, Grace Continelli, Cindy Davis, Chealsy Davis, Courtney Davis, Jennie DeCosta, Marc DelBianco, Irene Drouin, Joseph Dunbar, Martha Estrella, Juanita Estrellas, Ed Fiala, James Finnigan, Rita Fregoso, Frank Gallegos, Sobeida Gallegos, Deanna Graves, Emilio Gudino, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Jesús Gutierrez, Anne Guzman, Herm Henderson, Carmen Hernandez, Eduardo Hernandez, Henry Hernandez, Margaret K., Mark Kamakea, Erika Lepe, Ermelinda Lopez, Francisco Lozano, Miguel Luviano, Sara Maas, Antonio Maciel, Catalina Manasala, Carmen Martinez, Ismael Martinez, Lupita Martinez, Richard M. Martinez, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Mirta Orellana, Mario Perales, Luz Perez, Ehren Perkins, Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Jr., Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodriguez, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Letty Serrano, Clarence Souza, Nelly Stewart, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Casandra Valadez, Isabel Villarina, Miss Margaret Williams.



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

Tuesday, February 3

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.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4

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

Stewardship Committee Meeting, Office Room 206, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 5

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

Little Rock Scripture Study in English, Office Room 107, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6

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, February 7

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

Our Lady of the Rosary School Crab Feed, Parish Hall

Sunday, February 8

Second Collection for the Bishop's Appeal

Coffee and Donut Fellowship, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul

Fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items sold in front of the Church

High School Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Group, Parish Hall, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Sponsorship of Hosts, Wine, Candles and Flowers **Starting Now at OLR**

By Dave Byron, Stewardship Committee Member

We are giving parishioners the opportunity to sponsor the hosts and wine that are a part of our Eucharistic Celebrations, as well as the flowers and candles that adorn our Church. This is not a unique idea, as there are other parishes that have been doing this.

Many years ago we attempted to eliminate our altar bread expense by starting a bread baking ministry – it never materialized. In the past a few parishioners have donated towards the hosts, wine and candles from time to time, but we have never organized or publicized this in the past. In addition, the Lady's Guild has been sponsoring the flowers one week per month for many years, and recently it gave the parish a gift in paying for all of the flower expenses for the latter half of 2008.

Here is how this sponsorship program will work. Parishioners or parish groups will schedule their sponsorship of hosts, wine, candles and flowers with the Parish Office. One parishioner or group will sponsor each of these four items each week. The amount of the sponsorships, which reflects the parish's weekly cost for the items, will be as follows:

Hosts: \$25.00 per week
Wine: \$35.00 per week
Candles: \$77.00 per week
Flowers: \$125.00 per week.

The sponsorships will be printed in the Bulletin each week, appear on the parish's website, and they will be announced at the end of all of the weekend Masses.

The sponsorships can be worded by the donor in many ways, and they can also take the form of a memorial. These sponsorships will be scheduled and set up in a manner similar to Mass Intentions. Here are some examples of how the sponsorships will be announced:

- "This weekend's Hosts are sponsored by the Smith Family."
- "The wine that is part of our Eucharistic Celebration is donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter

Jones, in memory of Peter’s parents, Paul and Mary.”

- “The flowers that adorn our Sanctuary are donated by the Little Rock Bible Study.”

In order to schedule a sponsorship, someone from the family or parish group will fill out a form that will appear in the Bulletin each week, include a check or cash, place it in an envelope, and deposit it in the collection basket. The sponsorship will be scheduled for the next available Sunday. If you want to schedule your sponsorship for a specific Sunday, this can be done by visiting the Parish Office. Scheduling a specific Sunday must be done in person as this would be the best way to avoid scheduling conflicts. You will be able to check the availability of a particular Sunday or view the sponsorship schedule on the parish’s website.

We view this as another way to involve individual parishioners in badly needed financial assistance to the parish – by taking on obligations which are critical to our parish activities but are not so costly as to be an unreasonable financial burden. If these costs are paid by families or parish groups that will free up money which can be spent by the parish administration on other obligations. We can all play a part in supporting our parish.

Our Lady of the Rosary: SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTS, WINE, CANDLES AND FLOWERS

I want to sponsor the following on the first available weekend – or – on this weekend * _____:

Hosts (\$25.00/week); Wine (\$35.00/week); Candles (\$77.00/week); Flowers (\$125.00/week)

Name _____ Envelope/Acct. # _____

I would like my gift recognized as follows:

(Examples: “The Hosts are sponsored by the Guerrero Family.”

“The wine is sponsored by Mary Smith in memory of her mother, Gladys Jones.”)

* No date guarantees can be made. If a desired week is already taken, the closest weekend will be given.

Please place this in the collection (include this form and donation in an envelope) or bring it to the Parish Office

**Our Lady of the Rosary’s
Adopt-a-Bill Program**

This is an idea that a few parishioners have adopted over the years – making donations to cover a particular parish bill. In paying a parish bill, parishioners will feel good in knowing exactly where their donation is being put to use. Parishioners can write a check to the parish and designate which bill they would like to pay part of.

If a bill is of a small enough size that a parishioner can pay the bill for an entire month, the parishioner can come to our office and make a check out directly to the vendor. In paying a bill in this fashion, the parishioner's donation will go directly to its intended destination and save the parish administrative costs. The parish can in turn provide the donor a letter to document this donation for tax purposes.

These are the parish expenses that are part of the Adopt-a-Bill program. All numbers in the “Monthly Amount” column are the amount the item costs the parish per month, regardless on the billing frequency. For example the monthly amount or average of a bill paid annually was obtained by taking the annual figure and dividing by 12.

Name of Vendor	Purpose	Monthly Amount or Average	Billing Frequency
ABC Fire Protection, Inc.	Fire Extinguisher Servicing	\$32.67	Annually
Alameda County Water District	Water	\$360.00	Every other month
Allied Waste Service	Garbage	\$775.00	Monthly
Automatic Business Computing	Payroll Service	\$72.50	Monthly
Gerardo Barba	Gardening	\$875.00	Monthly
Catholic Voice		\$777.00	Monthly
Catholic Purchasing Services	Janitorial Supplies	\$75.00	Occasionally
Church Budget Monthly Mail Company	Collection Envelopes	\$474.25	Every other month
Cintas Corporation	Cloth Bathroom Towel Service	\$100.00	Monthly
Clark Pest Control	Pest Control	\$112.00	Monthly
Comcast	Internet Access	\$47.50	Every other month
Hospital Ministry, Diocese of Oak.	Our share to support the Chaplain at Washington Hosp.	\$248.80	Quarterly
TelePacific	Telephone, land	\$240.00	Monthly
Marlin Leasing	Burglar Alarms (lease to own)	\$169.00	Quarterly
Keystone Security / Crime Alert	Burglar Alarms (monitoring and service)	\$135.00	Monthly
Oregon Catholic Press (OCP)	Missalettes	\$59.00	Monthly
PG&E	Gas & Electric	\$945.00	Monthly
Queen of Angels Catholic Book & Gift Shop	Lector Guides	\$49.93	Annually
SACOP	COR Dues	\$417.00	Quarterly
Signius	Answering Service	\$178.00	Monthly
St. Gabriel's Catholic Bookstore	Ordos, Religious Articles	\$60.47	Occasionally
Success Publishing & Media, LLC	Bulletin Insert Education (Growing in Faith)	\$20.33	Annually
Sunwave Communications/Prado	Website hosting and E-mail	\$19.00	Monthly
The Argus	Rectory Newspaper	\$13.16	Annually
Toshiba Financial Services	Risograph (machine to print bulletin and large runs, leased)	\$950.00	Monthly
Officia Imaging	Office Copier Maintenance (machine is parish-owned)	\$61.00	Annually
Union City Chamber of Commerce	Membership	\$19.33	Annually
United Contract Services, Inc.	Janitorial Service	\$698.00	Monthly
Verizon Wireless	Phones, mobile	\$145.00	Monthly
REGULARLY-OCCURRING MONTHLY BILLS (Not including salaries, benefits, hosts, wine, candles, flowers and church decorations)		\$8,128.94	

If you wish to “adopt-a-bill” and cover any of these parish expenses, please call our office at 510.471.2609, or email us at adoptabill@olrchurch.org. If you wish to pay a particular bill by writing a check directly to the vendor, you will need to contact the Parish Office and make an appointment with the Bookkeeper or the Business Manager.

Thank you for your support and consideration.