



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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FEBRUARY 8, 2009 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is What I Have Come to Do!

Mark 1:29-39

Simon-Peter heard voices in his dream. He was dreaming that his boat was rolling heavily in the seas and his nets were slipping over the side. The voices were warning him about the nets. Peter clutched his blanket and rolled onto his left side but the voices persisted.

Suddenly Peter opened his eyes and realized he had been dreaming. Yet, the voices were still there. "Jesus. We want to see Jesus!" they shouted.

Peter growled, throwing his blanket aside. He struggled to his feet and shuffled past the other sleepers on his way to the front door. He rubbed his eyes and face, yawned and wondered how early it was!

The red sky behind the lake was splattered with flocks of little clouds, each edged in gold on the bottom, but dark as thunder on top. The ruddy sun, just cresting the eastern hills, sent shafts of gold light to edge the anxious faces of the crowds clamoring outside Peter's house. Peter glared at them for waking him up. But his expression softened as the events last night started coming back to him.

Peter remembered how amazing it had been to see Jesus take his mother-in-law's hand and lift her up. She seemed reborn into instant health. The healings had continued into the night.

One of the Peter's fishing companions called to him from the front of the crowd. "Simon, please bring him outside. We want to see Jesus. We heard he cured your mother-in-law."

Peter didn't answer. He turned back into his house and searched the floor to see which sleeping lump was Jesus. Instead he found his mother-in-law sitting in the shadows of the room.



"He left early this morning," she announced.

Peter, Andrew, James and John soon set off to find Jesus. They worked their way quickly through the narrow streets of Capernaum and out onto the fields to the west. Beyond were the foothills where they found him on a grassy knoll overlooking the lake.

Rushing up to Jesus, Peter scolded: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied: "Let us move on to the neighboring villages so that I may proclaim the good news there also. That is what I have come to do!"



When Jesus said "that is what I have come to do," he explained the purpose his incarnation: to tell of God's plan for us. Indeed, Jesus had come to proclaim the good news to the world. Raising up Peter's mother-in-law is a foreshadowing of the resurrection that is promised to all of us who believe.

Peter's mother-in-law began to serve them immediately. Her action is a foreshadowing of the call which has been given to each of us. We are called to be servants to one another. We are called to tell the world of God's plan for us.

-- 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

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Open Tue.- Sat., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Tue.- Fri., 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For February 9, 2009 to February 15, 2009

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

Tue. 8:15 a.m. -- For the Youth of our City

Wed. 8:15 a.m. -- Petra Ybarra Serna (Health)

Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	For all Who are Facing Financial Difficulties (Intentions)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	For World Peace
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Martha Estrella (Health); Elizalde, Lepe, Ulloa, & Zambrano Families (Health/Thanksgiving)
	5:00 p.m. --	Rodolfo Perez (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. –	Tomas Hernandez (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. –	Carlos (Dec.) & Ofrinia (Dec.) Ona
	9:45 a.m. –	Albina Aviles (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	For Us, The Parishioners

WEEKDAY READINGS

For February 9, 2009 to February 14, 2009

Mon	Genesis 1:1-19 / Mark 6:53-56
Tues.	Genesis 1:20-2:4a / Mark 7:1-13
Wed.	Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17 / Mark 7:14-23
Thu.	Genesis 2:18-25 / Mark 7:24-30
Fri.	Genesis 3:1-8 / Mark 7:31-37
Sat.	Genesis 3:9-24 / Mark 8:1-10

SUNDAY READINGS

February 15, 2009 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 / 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 /
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

COLLECTIONS

February 1, 2009

First Collection	\$7,145.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Church Interior Renovation.....	2,621.00
Children's Envelopes	86.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS TUESDAY:

COME JOIN OUR LADY'S GUILD AT THEIR VALENTINE'S SALAD BAR LUNCHEON AND BINGO to be held this 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!

NEW ARTICLES

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL STARTS *TODAY!*

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).

We hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal, as Our Lady of the Rosary School will directly benefit from its success. As a school with limited enrollment, our school is one of several schools in the Diocese that receives funding from the appeal in order to supplement its budget and "make ends meet." In receiving the funds, we can both keep the school operating and provide a high-quality education to our students at the lowest cost possible. The diocese funds many of the above programs out of its general budget as well, but uses appeal funds to meet its budget goals in these areas. Funds from the Bishop's Appeal are used only to support the parish and educational programs mentioned above. In these hard economic times, the success of the appeal is more important to us than ever.

In making your gift 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.

OOPS, WE DID IT AGAIN! In last weekend's Bulletin we dedicated two extra pages to our new sponsorship programs: "Adopt-A-Bill" and the Sponsorship of Hosts, Wine, Candles and Flowers. We are including these two pages again in case you were not able to make it to our Masses last weekend.

We have already started receiving sponsorships for Hosts, Wine, Candles and Flowers, and the first of our sponsorships will appear in next weekend's Bulletin. You will find a form to schedule sponsorships at the bottom of the page where the program is described. Then, in the weeks that follow, you will find a sponsorship form in the Bulletin each and every week. This way, whenever you feel that you would like to schedule a sponsorship, you will always have access to a form.

LATE-BUSTING NEWS: At their monthly meeting this week, the **Knights of Columbus** drafted a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the Cintas Corporation, in order to pay for the parish's cost of the hand towels in the Church restrooms for five months. Thanks, Knights!

SOME YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THIRSTING FOR GOD . . . AND YOU CAN HELP. As Fr. José announced at the end of some of the weekend Masses last week, the SPRED program in our parish is in need of catechists. SPRED is an acronym for SPecial Religious EDucation. It is, in a sense, a very-specialized Religious Education or CCD program for those with developmental disabilities. The "SPRED Center" in our parish serves young people between the ages of 6 and 12. Each student receives one-on-one individual instruction by working with a catechist. Due to this individualized educational model, there can only be as many students enrolled in the program as there are catechists available to work with them. As a result, there are four young people waiting to join this program – they cannot begin until more people volunteer as catechists. We would welcome your dedicating some time and your faith to this worthwhile ministry. There is no need for previous experience – the Diocesan SPRED program provides training. Catechists work with their student friends every other Saturday morning, and they also meet with their fellow catechists for planning and curriculum development every other Wednesday night. If you would like to learn more about how you could be a part of this ministry, please contact Fr. José at the Parish Office, 510.471.2609.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

NEWS CONCERNING LENT

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 is 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.

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.

PRAYERS

NEW GUIDELINES FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. In the past we have asked that parishioners keep in contact with our office to let us know when people should be added to and removed from the list below. In spite of this request, we have not been able to maintain the list. As a result, we are now developing a set of guidelines for this list.

GUIDELINES:

1. To add a person, call our Office at 510.471-2609.
2. We will need the following information for each person on the list: a) First and Last Name of person needing prayer; b) Name and phone number of person offering the name; c) Nature of the illness; and d) Does the person need/want a visit from a Minister to the Sick.
3. Names will remain on the list for one month, after which they will be removed. In order to keep a name on the list, the person who placed the name on the list should call the Parish Office to "renew" its placement for another month.

We regret that we have to become so "procedural" with regards to this list, but we do so in order to pray better and serve those who are ill better. It will enable our clergy to know the needs of those

on the list when they are praying, and even send someone to them to pay them a home or hospital visit.

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, Perrin Engineer, 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, Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Jr., Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodríguez, 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 10

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting, Office Room 107, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

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

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

Friday, February 13

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 14

Guadalupe Society Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, February 15

Second Collection for our Parish Youth Programs

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.

