



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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FEBRUARY 15, 2009 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be Clean . . .

Mark 1:40-45

The hot Galilean sun burned down on the yellow slopes that overlooked the Sea of Galilee. Jesus and his disciples had taken refuge in the shade of a grove of trees. Hoping for a breeze from the lake, Jesus leaned back against one of the trees. Above him legions of noisy insects chattered in the branches and leaves.

"Hot, hot, hot!" Peter grumbled as he loosened his robe with one hand and fanned his face with the other. They were still more than an hour's walk from Capernaum and it was too hot to go further.

Peter eyed the road below them as it snaked northward. Jesus was looking in the other direction along the way they had just come. The lone man who had been following them all morning was getting closer. Peter noticed Jesus looking south along the road and propped himself up on one elbow to see what Jesus was seeing.

The man seemed to be hobbling as if he had an injured foot, but his pace was steady. He held his head high, scanning ahead to see where Jesus and his disciples had gone. When he reached the point on the road just below the grove of trees he looked up, squinting against the brilliant light. When the man saw the disciples sitting together in the dark shade he began to climb toward them.

Jesus watched the man struggle up the hill. When he was close enough for all to see that he was an unclean leper, the disciples began to move away from him. He stopped directly in front of Jesus, gasping for breath. His beard covering cloth and his ragged, dirty robe told of his long struggle with disease.

Jesus remained seated as the leper boldly stepped closer to him and then kneeled before him in a gesture of reverence. Jesus looked at the man with pity. His face and arms were pocked with scales and scabs.

He looked into Jesus' eyes and pleaded: "If you will to do so, you can cure me."



Without hesitation Jesus reached out and put his fingertips directly on the man's sores. "I do will it. Be cured."

Peter watched in amazement as the man's skin cleared. The marks and rashes simply dissolved.

A breeze scurried up the hillside billowing the tall yellow grass and sending a breath of coolness into the grove.



Confident faith in Jesus' healing power is frequently the pre-requisite of a cure. In ancient superstition such skin diseases were considered to be caused by devils who must be expelled. Until this was done the diseased person was not clean and could therefore not enter the temple.

Today as the penitential season of Lent approaches we are challenged to carry our banner of confident faith in Jesus' healing power.

-- 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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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For February 16, 2009 to February 22, 2009

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Tomas De Araujo (Deceased, 20 th Anniv.)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	For World Peace
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	For all Who are Facing Financial Difficulties
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Virginia Zarate (Health)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Randy Bartlett (Health)

	5:00 p.m. --	For Us, The Parishioners
Sun.	6:45 a.m. –	Arturo Luna (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. –	Manuel De Jesus (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. –	Faviolas Rodriguez (Birthday); Eligio Gonzalez (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	Margarita Sandoval (Birthday)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For February 16, 2009 to February 21, 2009

Mon	Genesis 4:1-15.25 / Mark 8:11-13
Tues.	Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10 / Mark 8:14-21
Wed.	Genesis 8:6-13,20-22 / Mark 8:22-26
Thu.	Genesis 9:1-13 / Mark 8:27-33
Fri.	Genesis 11:1-9 / Mark 8:34--9:1
Sat.	Hebrews 11:1-7 / Mark 9:2-13

SUNDAY READINGS

February 22, 2009 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 / 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 / Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

COLLECTIONS

February 8, 2009

First Collection	\$8,507.94
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Bishop’s Appeal	2,410.00
Children’s Envelopes	79.06

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: By Jeanne Rudolph, in memory of William Rudolph.

To set up a sponsorship, see the form at the bottom of the next page of this Bulletin. Thank you for your support.

NEW ARTICLES

BLOOD DRIVE TO TAKE PLACE IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. The Blood Centers of the Pacific will set up its mobile blood donation center in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 1. It will be open after all of the Masses. Blood drives are held in our parish once every three months.

In order for the blood bank to better plan its staffing for the day, sign-ups in advance are appreciated. Walk-ins are still welcome to donate, however.

SIGN-UPS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND. You can sign up at the table where gift cards and religious articles will be sold. **You may also sign up online.** Visit www.bloodheroes.com, and use group code “rosary.”

A GIFT OF BLOOD IS A GIFT OF LIFE. Blood is always in short supply, and only a small fraction of those who can donate blood actually do so. The main requirements are these: 1) be in good health; 2) weigh at least 110 pounds; 3) have a good meal and drink lots of water or juice; and 4) have a photo ID. Your caring is most appreciated.

NEXT WEEKEND: Fundraising gift cards and religious articles will be sold in front of the Church after Mass.

RITE OF SENDING NEXT SUNDAY AT THE 11:30 A.M. MASS. The Rite of Sending will be celebrated next Sunday, February 22 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. One Catechumen, **Cindy Ngoc Nguyen**, will be participating. A Catechumen is one who is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. We will also have eight Candidates who will be participating in the Rite of Sending. They are **Jose Emmanuel Gallo, David Garges, Jesus Lazcon, Jorge Martinez, Brianda B. Ponce, Rosalinda Lynn Rodriguez, Doreen A. Strawn, and David Victor Ulloa**. A Candidate is an adult who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The Rite of Sending is celebrated at a parish liturgy in order to affirm our Catechumen and Candidates as they prepare to celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with those from other Oakland parishes.

THE BISHOPS APPEAL HAS JUST STARTED. The name of the appeal is "The Campaign for Catholic Parishes and Education" and the theme of the appeal is "To Know Christ Better." Since our parish has a school, we encourage your support as what you donate to the appeal will come back to our school in one way or another.

The \$2.1 million raised by the appeal will support the following programs: 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 ACH checking account debit. See the appeal donation envelope for details.

A few things that we at OLR would like to highlight for your convenience are the following:

- Our Parish's goal this year is \$30,723.00
- The goal of the entire appeal this year is \$2.1 million.
- If every family would pledge a minimum of \$80.00, or \$8.00 per month, we could meet our goal!
- Appeal funds will never be used to pay off lawsuits or for the Cathedral Project.

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. In the next edition of The Bulletin we will give you a progress report on the Appeal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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.

ARTICLE FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

DO YOU HAVE DIABETES OR HYPERTENSION (HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE)? Learn more about diabetes and hypertension by participating in

the Alameda County Excellence Program (ACE Program) at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center. Receive nutrition counseling and health education to help manage your condition. You will work with a medical team to help you reach your health goals. For more information, please contact Myla at 510-471- 5880, ext 3376, Maria or Salvador (Spanish Speaking) at 510-471-5880, ext 3166 or ext. 3388.

PRAYERS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Susana Alcaraz, Tony Baligaya, Randy Bartlett, 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, Virginia Zarate.

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.")

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

Tuesday, February 17

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 18

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

Thursday, February 19

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

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

Friday, February 20

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 21

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

Sunday, February 22

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold after Mass

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

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