



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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FEBRUARY 22, 2009 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pick Up Your Mat and Go Home . . .

Mark 2:1-12

Little chunks of dried mud showered down on Jesus head. He looked up at the ceiling and saw a hand come through. The hand gripped the thatches that formed the roof and pulled them away from the heavy roof beams. A shaft of light streamed down through the opening.

Peter's house was packed with people who had crowded in to hear Jesus. The yard outside was full of people. The street was full of people. For days there had been nothing but people.

Those in the room with Jesus stood in astonished silence looking up as two faces peered down through the gaping hole. Peter sputtered, unable to find words to shout at the men on his roof who were tearing away more thatching to make the hole larger.

The room briefly darkened as four men lowered a stretcher down through the hole. The crowd backed up to give room for the man descending into their midst. He lay helpless and twisted on his pallet. Looking for the one they call Jesus, his frightened eyes searched the faces circled above him,

Jesus was still looking up at the four hopeful men who stood on the roof, peering down through the hole. Jesus smiled up at them, pleased with their faith and amused at the lengths they had gone to get the paralyzed man into the room.

As Jesus lowered his eyes to the man lying on the pallet before him, he caught sight of Peter. The fisherman was looking at him glumly. With a brief smile and a cock of his head Jesus wordlessly assured Peter that the roof of his house could be repaired

The crippled man recognized Jesus and tried to reach up to him. Powerfully moved by this demonstration of faith, Jesus declared in a loud voice: "My son, your sins are forgiven."

One of the scribes smirked at his friend.

As if to drive such doubt away, Jesus almost shouted at the paralyzed man before him.



"I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home."

The light pouring through the roof hole streamed down on the cripple who lifted himself up on one elbow, then rolled onto his side and brought his legs up and rolled again until he was on his hands and knees. He did not hesitate, coming to a crouching position and then standing up strong and straight. His eyes danced with excitement and he held his hands out for balance. The man turned to Jesus and tried to speak but too much emotion left him voiceless.

Jesus glanced down at the empty stretcher. The man remembered the command and bent down to pick it up. He rolled the mat around the two poles and in reverent silence began to make his way to the door.



We are blessed to find our loving God always present to us. We are invited to be in "the room" with him. When our faith is weak we may find ourselves somewhere else. We end up outside. We may even be out of town!

Today's Gospel reminds us that we need to demonstrate the faith of the paralytic and his four friends. We need to come home by any means. We need to place ourselves in Jesus' presence again, even if we have to tear off the roof!

-- 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 23, 2009 to March 1, 2009

Mon.	8:15 a.m. –	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. –	Gianni Miraglia (Dec.); Ana (Dec.) & Armengol Aguilar (Dec.)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. –	For Us, The Parishioners
	11:00 a.m. –	For Us, The Parishioners
	5:00 p.m. –	For Us, The Parishioners
	7:30 p.m. –	For Us, The Parishioners (Spanish – Church)
	7:30 p.m. –	For Us, The Parishioners (English – Hall)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. –	Maria Luisa Coria (Dec., 1 st Anniv.)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. –	For all Who are Facing Financial Difficulties
Sat.	9:00 a.m. –	Betty Heffernan (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. –	All Living Members of De Jesus Family (Intentions)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. –	For Us, The Parishioners
	8:15 a.m. –	Iyla Marie Scott (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. –	Yavid Rodriguez (Birthday)
	11:30 a.m. –	Patricio Macaraeg (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For February 23, 2009 to February 28, 2009

Mon	Sirach 1:1-10 / Mark 9:14-29
Tues.	Sirach 2:1-11 / Mark 9:30-37
Wed.	Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thu.	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25
Fri.	Isaiah 58:1-9a / Matthew 9:14-15
Sat.	Isaiah 58:9b-14 / Luke 5:27-32

SUNDAY READINGS

March 1, 2009 -1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 / 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

COLLECTIONS

February 15, 2009

First Collection	\$6,321.59
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Youth Program	1,783.00
Children's Envelopes	76.91

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS

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

FLOWERS: By Our Lady's Guild

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

COME TO OUR MARDI GRAS THIS TUESDAY, February 24. Our celebration will begin with a Liturgy in the Church at 6:30 p.m. After the Liturgy in the Church we will then have a procession to the Parish Hall. Once we are in front of the Hall, we will burn the palms parishioners turned in from last year to make the ashes which we will use on Ash Wednesday. We will then enter the Hall, where we will have a pot luck, music, and dancing. 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	Desserts
N through Z	Salads

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, IS ASH WEDNESDAY. It is not a holy day of obligation but a day when Catholics traditionally come to Mass. **Masses in English** will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (7:30 Mass will be held in the Hall), and there will be bi-lingual Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **Ashes will be available only during these Masses.** Guards will be present to direct traffic in the parking lot after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, so please follow their directions to ensure the flow of traffic.

THIS WEDNESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY, IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE. Fasting means that anyone 14 years old (starting the day after one's 14th birthday) up to 59 years of age (the obligation ceases at Midnight between the 59th birthday and the next day) should eat only one larger meal or two smaller meals, with no eating between meals. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obliged to fast. Abstinence means that all those 14 years of age and older are to refrain from eating meat or meat products that day (no meat or chicken - fish is OK).

OPERATION RICE BOWL STARTS NEXT WEEKEND. You may pick up a rice bowl next weekend when you come to Mass. You are asked to place your spare change in the Rice Bowls, and, of course, go beyond this to make a worthwhile sacrifice for those in need. You can make up guidelines for your family to give, requiring them to place money in the bowl when certain events happen or as a way to give thanks. This program raises money for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which helps the needy, hungry and less fortunate around the world, as well as those who are affected by natural disasters. We will start collecting your filled Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday, which is April 5.

IT HAPPENED AGAIN! OLR COR NEEDS TO CHANGE ITS MEETING DATE, as in February it would have been this Wednesday, which is Ash Wednesday. Holding the meeting that day would have been utterly CrAzY! As a result, the meeting will be postponed to March 4, Church office at 7:00pm. The topics that will be discussed will be problems with New Haven Unified School District schools. All are invited to participate.

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY. The Blood Centers of the Pacific will set up its mobile blood donation center in the Parish Hall **THIS COMING SUNDAY**, March 1. It will be open after all of the Masses.

Sign-ups are helpful, as we report the number of people who have appointments to the Blood Bank. This helps them provide the staff they need to run the drive. In order to sign up, you can do one of the following:

- **Contact the Parish Office** at 510.471.2609.
- **Sign up online.** Visit www.bloodheroes.com, and use group code “rosary.”

If you are not sure when you will be available, remember that **“walk-ins” are still welcome.**

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.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY IS COMING

Girl Scout Sunday is almost here. Girl Scouts will be here on Sunday, March 8. Please stop by the tables after the Masses to learn about Girl Scouting and religious awards. Discover how to become a part of this rewarding program.

GIRL SCOUTS HELP ON DONUT SUNDAY. Girl Scouts will be helping at the donut table on Sunday, March 8.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME. Delicious Girl Scout cookies will be available after the Masses on Girl Scout Sunday, March 8, and after the Saturday 5:00 Mass as well. This year we will have the old favorites—Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos and Sugar Free Chocolate Chips; along with two new flavors—Lemon Chalet Cremes and Dulce De Leche. As part of our tradition, we will have a basket for collecting donated boxes of cookies for the OLR Friday dinners. We also have a program called “Gift of Caring” where you can donate cookies to our troops. Donation receipts will be available to those who will be donating cookies. Girl Scout cookies are \$4 a box. All of our earnings from cookie boxes sold here will be put toward our flower planting project at OLR.

INFORMATION ON LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT OLR

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the Church every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. – Bi-lingual. ***They start this coming Friday, February 27.***

LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS START WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4. The purpose of the suppers is to provide another opportunity for you and your family to be penitent. You are asked to dine only on soup and bread, and then make a donation equal to what you would have otherwise spent on dinner that day. By your sacrifice, you will help those in need, as the Liturgy Committee, which is in charge of the event, will select a charity which the soup night donations will benefit.

The suppers will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope that you will be able to join us.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE. This means that all those 14 years of age and older are to refrain from eating meat or meat products that day (no meat or chicken - fish is OK).

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 Rodriguez, 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.”)

* 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



Tuesday, February 24

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.

Mardi Gras

Liturgy, in the Church, 6:30 p.m.

Celebration, in the Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses:

8:15 a.m. – Bi-Lingual

11:00 a.m. – English

5:00 p.m. – English

7:30 p.m. – English in the Hall, Spanish in the Church

Thursday, February 26

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

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

Friday, February 27

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

Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

Second Collection for Church Renovation

Blood Drive in the Parish Hall after all Masses

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

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