



# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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*MARCH 1, 2009 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

### ***The Time of Fulfillment . . .***

*Mark 1:12-15*

The weeks he'd spent alone in the desert had been hard on Jesus. He was lean from his fasting, almost gaunt. The sockets of his eyes were deepened with hunger. At age 30 the last of his youthfulness had been replaced with the hardened lines of manhood. There was a grim determination about him. Jesus had come face to face with the awesome reality of who he was and what he was becoming.

Coming to the banks of the Jordan again, Jesus hesitated a moment, remembering that day when John had immersed him and the voice had spoken. This day there were no crowds at the river. Only Jesus, only the wind. He picked his way down the riverbank and waded back into the waters where he had been baptized by John. The coldness washed the sand away and he drank deeply. Overhead the hot sun filled the sky and smiled down on Jesus, languishing in the river.

His moment of refreshment was soon ended, bad news was waiting. Entering the first village, Jesus asked where he could find John the Baptist.

"You haven't heard?" the old shopkeeper asked.

Jesus shook his head, "No."

The shopkeeper's eyes widened and he inclined his head toward Jesus, saying in a low voice, "John has been arrested. They've taken him to the prison."

Like startled birds rushing to flight, Jesus felt anxiety course through his body as he imagined himself being arrested. He closed his eyes, picturing John in chains somewhere. A moment later he opened his eyes to see the old shopkeeper, still waiting for more reaction from Jesus. "Are you one of John's disciples?" he asked.

"He baptized me," Jesus said flatly.

With John gone, Jesus decided to head north, back to Galilee. He would bring the news to Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and the others who had known John. His time of fulfillment



was at hand. He would now fully proclaim God's good news!



*Our lives are frequented by "desert experiences" that are difficult; times when it can't possibly get any worse, but it does. These times are the inevitable valleys through which we all must pass. These are the dark nights that seem never to end. There is only one hope for us in these times and places—Jesus, who is always there. He is as close as our prayer, as present as our thoughts allow him. Jesus will see us through to the dawn of a new day. Our faith is our strength.*

-- 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.

### **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **For March 2, 2009 to March 8, 2009**

Mon.	8:15 a.m. –	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. –	For us, the Parishioners
Wed.	8:15 a.m. –	For those experiencing financial difficulties
Thurs	8:15 a.m. –	Luisa Coria (Dec.)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. –	Tomas Ramirez (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. –	Jose Tereso (Dec.) & Juan Carlos Gomez(Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. –	Florentina (Dec.), Secundina (Dec.) & Josefa Costilla (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. –	Jesus Aguila (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. –	Jesus Gonzalez (Dec.)

9:45 a.m. – Laura Patricia (Birthday) & Maria Rodriguez (Birthday)  
11:30 a.m. – All Deceased Members of De Jesus Family (Dec.)

### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

***For March 2, 2009 to March 7, 2009***

Mon Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46  
Tues. Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15  
Wed. Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32  
Thu. Esther C:12,14-16,23-25 / Matthew 7:7-12  
Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26  
Sat. Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48

### **SUNDAY READINGS**

***March 8, 2009 -2nd Sunday of Lent***

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:31b-34 /  
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

## **COLLECTIONS**

*The collection was not completely counted at the time this Bulletin was printed.  
The totals will appear in next week's Bulletin.*

## **THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS**

**HOSTS:** By Guillermo and Diana Chicas

**CANDLES:** By Jeanne Rudolph, in memory of Pauline 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.*

# **TODAY BLOOD DRIVE**

**Alter all Masses in the Parish Hall  
(Walk-ins welcome)**

## **NEW ARTICLES**

**THE OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COR-LOC WILL MEET THIS WEDNESDAY**, March 4. It was rescheduled from last week since the regular meeting date fell on Ash Wednesday. The meeting will take place in the downstairs Office Conference Room, Room 107, at 7:00 p.m. The topics that will be discussed will be problems with New Haven Unified School District schools. All are invited to participate.

**COFFEE AND DONUT FELLOWSHIP TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY**, March 8. It will be sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Be sure to stay a while after Mass and chat with your fellow parishioners, and buy some Girl Scout cookies.

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.

**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, March 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.

**LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS START THIS 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.

Here is the schedule of the groups sponsoring the soup nights:

Date	Sponsoring Group
March 4	Liturgy Committee
March 11	The English Choir
March 18	The Spanish Lectors
March 25	The English Lectors
April 1	The Guadalupe Society
April 8	The Chinese Community

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND.** Before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7, set your clocks one hour ***FORWARD!*** For example, if you will be going to bed at 10:00 p.m., set your clocks to 11:00 p.m. before your head hits the pillow.

**OUR FIRST BISHOP'S APPEAL REPORT.** We started the Bishop's Appeal on February 8. We were supposed to print our first report in last week's Bulletin, but we were not able to due to space limitations. Now that three weeks have passed, we are giving you a report on our progress:

Our Parish's Goal .....	30,723.00	
Total Pledged/Received to date.....	5,429.03	(18%)
Total needed to meet our goal.....	25,293.97	

The Bishop's Appeal helps support Catholic Parishes and Schools. 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: Catholic Education, the Priesthood (Vocations, Seminarians, Retirement), Needy Parishes, and Family Programs (CYO, Family and Youth Ministries, Respect Life).

It is not too late to make a difference in helping us reach our goal. 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.

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.

## **ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL STARTS THIS WEEKEND.** You may pick up a rice bowl and a guide on how to incorporate it in with your family's observance of Lent any time 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.

### **NEXT SUNDAY IS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

Girl Scout Sunday is next 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 SCOUT COOKIE TIME.** Delicious Girl Scout cookies will be available after the Masses next Sunday 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.

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**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).

**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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\* 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***



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

**Tuesday, March 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.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group**, Parish Hall, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 4**

**Soup and Bread Supper**, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**Parish Finance Committee Meeting**, Office Room 206, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 5**

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

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

**Friday, March 6**

**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, March 7**

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

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bye.***

**Sunday, March 8**

**Girl Scout Sunday**

**Coffee and Donut Fellowship, sponsored by the Girl Scouts**

**Girl Scout Cookies for sale after Mass**

**Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold after Mass**

**Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul**

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

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