



# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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**MARCH 8, 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Overcome with Awe**

*Mark 9:2-10*

Jesus had moved ahead of Peter, James and John and was standing under a field of light. It was as if a huge circle had been cut in the roof of the sky, and through it a powerful white light was pouring down onto the mountain top. Excess light seemed to hit the ground and splash like molten lava around where Jesus stood with his face uplifted to the heavens.

Peter, James and John huddled in the darkness outside the circle of light. They were overcome with awe.

The light continued to pour down in a waterfall of whiteness. In the midst of this, Jesus' clothes became even whiter. The light was so dazzling the disciples had to shield their squinting eyes.

Without warning two men appeared, standing in conversation with Jesus. The flickering forms of Moses and Elijah, the great prophets of the past, seemed now to be giving their authority to the new prophet, Jesus.

Afterwards the Disciples would make the connection between Moses and God meeting atop Mount Sinai and this meeting on the mountain top where Jesus had been awash in a celestial light.

Later, as they were coming down the mountain with Jesus, the night was full of the Disciples' amazed voices.

"I still can't believe it," Peter protested.

"There was a cloud that covered them. I couldn't see them inside of it," Andrew stammered.

"But you heard the voice, it was God's voice, wasn't it?" John declared and asked in the same sentence.

Jesus patiently let them try and piece it all together. Then, as they were nearing the foothills that would lead them home, he said to them. "Friends, I ask you not to tell anyone what you have seen and heard until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

For a moment the four men walked on in silence. They had understood all but the last part of Jesus' request.

"Master," Peter asked, "are you saying you will rise from the dead?"

Jesus did not reply, but when his eyes met Peter's the answer was given. No one spoke again until they reached home.



*When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain top he allowed Andrew, John, Peter and you and I the privilege to see God's favor poured out upon the earth. This favor is still visible in the beauties of the world around us and the blessed people in our lives. During Lent, if we take a close look at ourselves we may also see God's glory and favor there as well. When we follow Jesus more closely the Light seems to intensify.*

*-- 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 9, 2009 to March 15, 2009**

Mon.	8:15 a.m. –	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. –	Oscar (Dec.), Jocelyn (Dec.), and Filomena Ferrer (Dec.)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. –	Reynald Limson (Dec. 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)
Thurs	8:15 a.m. –	Suann Stone (Birthday)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. –	Francelina (Dec.) & Alfredo Soares (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. –	Benjamín (Dec.), Antonia (Dec.) & Benjamín Jr. Reynoso (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. –	Jose (Dec.) & Gumecinda Gomez (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. –	Oliva Guzman (Dec.); Dario Martinez (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. –	Living Members of the Pitta Family (Intentions)
	9:45 a.m. –	For us, the Parishioners
	11:30 a.m. –	Alfredo (Dec.), Ricardo (Dec.) & Miguel Garcia (Dec.)

#### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

##### **For March 9, 2009 to March 14, 2009**

Mon Daniel 9:4b-10 / Luke 6:36-38  
 Tues. Isaiah 1:10,16-20 / Matthew 23:1-12  
 Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Matthew 20:17-28  
 Thu. Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 16:19-31  
 Fri. Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a / Matthew 21:33-43,45-46  
 Sat. Micah 7:14-15,18-20 / Luke 15:1-3,11-32

## SUNDAY READINGS

**March 15, 2009 -3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / Gospel: John 2:13-25

## COLLECTIONS

### February 22, 2009

First Collection .....	\$6,941.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection .....	9,566.00
Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services .....	2,015.00
Children's Envelopes .....	89.00

### February 25, 2009

Ash Wednesday .....	\$4,023.00
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### March 1, 2009

First Collection .....	\$7,386.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection .....	9,566.00
Second Collection: Church Interior Renovation .....	2,284.00
Children's Envelopes .....	72.30

*Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.*

## NEW ARTICLES

### NEW: WEDNESDAY NIGHT REFLECTION

We had not planned to have a service in the Church on the Wednesdays of Lent as we have had in the past. In the meantime, however, Deacon Gus Roemers has decided to have reflection time, and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings during Lent. This reflection will take place immediately after the Soup and Bread Suppers (at approximately 7:00 p.m.). We hope that you will participate.

**COMING UP: TAIZE PRAYER ON MARCH 25.** On Wednesday, March 25, there will be a Taize prayer service (prayer around the cross) in our Church at 7:00 p.m. Parishioners of our two "sister parishes" (St. Anne and Corpus Christi, which are in the same Diocesan district called a "Deanery") will be coming to OLR to join us for this service. Save the date! We will include a flyer in a future edition of the Bulletin with more information.

**A THANK YOU, AND A REPORT ON OUR BLOOD DRIVE.** Our parish and the Blood Centers of the Pacific would like to thank all of those who came by to donate blood this last Sunday. The blood bank considers last Sunday's drive a successful one. 29 parishioners came by to give blood and 24 of them were able to make a donation. Two people donated double red cells, so the total number of units collected 26! That is wonderful! And since each unit can be broken down into 3 different components, the blood we collected can help up to 78 patients here in our Bay Area community! The next blood drive will take place on June 14. If you signed up to give blood this time and were not able to due to a temporary condition, be sure to see us next time. Thanks for caring and giving the gift of life!

**A THANK YOU TO A HANDY PARISHIONER.** We would like to thank **Javier Camarillo** for coming by after Mass on Sunday and fixing a couple of doors that were literally “falling off of their hinges” in the Church. In addition, he has taken it upon himself to paint the bathrooms of the Church. A couple of other handy parishioners who help out in the church from time to time should also not be forgotten: **Russell Simmons** and our parishioner with the most steady job of all, our pew kneeler fixer-upper person, **Jesse Martinez**. Thanks for sharing your time and talent with us.

## THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS

**HOSTS:** The Zuniga Family

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

## ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

**OPERATION RICE BOWL HAS STARTED.** We forgot to put out the Rice Bowls until half of the Sunday Masses were over (whack the guilty person 5 times with a rolled-up Parish Bulletin!). They are now out on tables in the vestibules of the church. The calendar and guide on how to incorporate the Rice Bowl into your family’s observance of Lent is actually folded up and inserted into each Rice Bowl. 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.

## INFORMATION ON LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT OLR

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** in the Church every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. – Bi-lingual.

**LENTEN SOUP NIGHTS ON WEDNESDAYS.** 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 remaining soup nights:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sponsoring Group</b>
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 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).

**IT HASN'T BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE**, so, in case you need it, here is the form to request a statement of your donations for 2008.

Yes,

I want to receive a statement of my donations for 2008.

MY ACCOUNT NUMBER IS \_\_\_\_\_

I want to pick up my statement at the office rather than receive it in the mail. Please call me when it is ready.

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

*Place this form in your collection envelope next week.*

**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***



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

**Tuesday, March 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.

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

**Wednesday, March 11**

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

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

**Thursday, March 12**

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

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

**Friday, March 13**

**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 14**

**Guadalupe Society Meeting**, 10:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday, March 15**

**Second Collection for Diocesan Obligations**

**Exit Collection for the Church in Eastern Europe**

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

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