

PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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MARCH 15, 2009 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Whip of Cords . . .

John 2: 13-45

Jesus slashed downward with the whip he had made from thick cords. The whip cracked hard across a table, overturning it and spilling everything out onto the floor. Jesus was breathing hard as he shouted: "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" He was clutching the whip so tightly he had to remind himself to relax his grip.

The once business-like order of the temple courtyard was now a scene of chaos. Escaping doves fluttered overhead. Untethered oxen were wandering through the jumble of tables and boxes. Jesus surveyed the aftermath of his work.

The cursing moneychangers were still scrambling to find all the coins that were spilled when Jesus overturned their tables. One of them was on his hands and knees, groveling for his coins. He angrily looked up at Jesus and spat at him.

Other vendors were rolling up their wares and retreating. A crowd of onlookers had quickly gathered, forming a circle which enclosed the temple courtyard. One man from the crowd, hoping to see a fight, shouted at Jesus: "Who do you think you are with your whip and your big mouth?"

Another voice added: "He must be crazy."

"Get the Rabbi," another urged.

Jesus knew their hearts and lamented. The people had little time for God. They had little concern for their temple which had been reduced to a public market. They had even less interest in Jesus' message. There was a pall of hopelessness now draped about the scene. They would all be back again in the morning.

"What sign can you show us authorizing you to do these things," someone asked.

Jesus turned to him and answered. "Destroy this temple," he began, placing his hands on his own chest to indicate he was talking about the temple of his body, "and I will raise it up in three days."

A ripple of laughter went through the crowd. One of them, thinking Jesus was talking about the temple building, said "This temple took 46 years to build and you're going to raise it up in three days?"

Jesus smiled back and nodded.



The Disciples who were there would one day recall the great resurrection prophecy given that day by Jesus.

Lent charges into our lives once a year, overturning our tables. Lent challenges us to think about our interests, our passions and our transgressions. Lent reminds us that there are troubled "temple precincts" in our own lives. Lent asks us to examine the way we live and the integrity of our relationship with God. During Lent we may uncover obstacles which keep us from living our faith. Jesus asks us "What's this doing in your life? Get it out, it's blocking your path to me." Then Jesus will hand us his whip of cords, allowing us to use it to drive the obstacles away.

■ 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 March 16, 2009 to March 22, 2009

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Narcisa Estrellas (Health)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Mary Anne Miller (Birthday)

Thurs 8:15 a.m. – Petra Serna (Health)

Fri. 8:15 Frances Martin Tillstrom (Dec.)

	a.m. –	
Sat.	9:00	Oscar (Dec.), Jocelyn (Dec.), & Filomena Ferrer (Dec.)
	a.m. –	
	5:00	Melvin Jansen (Dec.)
	p.m. –	
Sun.	6:45	Ildefonso Rivera (Dec.); Felix Flores (Dec.)
	a.m. –	
	8:15	Betty Heffernan (Dec.)
	a.m. –	
	9:45	Sirilo Vazquez (Dec.); Eligio Gonzalez (Dec.)
	a.m. –	
	11:30	For us, the Parishioners
	a.m. –	

WEEKDAY READINGS

For March 16, 2009 to March 21, 2009

Mon	2 Kings 5:1-15b / Luke 4:24-30
Tues.	Daniel 3:25,34-43 / Matthew 18:21-35
Wed.	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19
Thu.	2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 / Romans 4:13,16-18,22 / Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a
Fri.	Hosea 14:2-10 / Mark 12:28-34
Sat.	Hosea 5:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14

SUNDAY READINGS

March 22, 2009 -4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 / 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 /
 Gospel: John 3:14-21

COLLECTIONS

March 8, 2009

First Collection	\$7,046.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul	1,777.00
Children's Envelopes	126.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

Deepen your Lenten Experience.

CANDLELIGHT TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS.

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

- **Song**
- **Silence**
- **Prayer**
- **Benediction**

Featuring the musicians of OLR, the Choir, and the Deacons.

NEW ARTICLES

“THANK YOU” FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS. Thank you for stopping by the Girl Scout table after the Masses last weekend and supporting Girl Scouts. Several parishioners bought delicious Girl Scout cookies to enjoy. We also had boxes of cookies donated for the OLR Friday dinners and some that will be sent to the troops in Iraq. Our troop will use our earnings from the cookies sold here toward our community service flower-planting project at OLR. Thank you, again for all of your support.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

OUR LENTEN RECONCILIATION IS APRIL 1

Our Group Reconciliation Service for Lent will take place on **Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.** For your convenience, in the event that our reconciliation service is not convenient for you, we list the services of other local parishes here. Fr. José will also be present at these other services:

St. Clement, Hayward	Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi, Niles	Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
St. Anne, Union City	Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME FR. PAUL. Fr. Paul Chen, who has been the Pastor of the Chinese Community in the Diocese of Oakland since the retirement of Fr. Tom Ng, has come to live in the Rectory at Our Lady of the Rosary. This is very convenient for the members of our local Chinese Community, as he will be more accessible to them. In addition, he will be helping out from time to time with our weekday Masses. We welcome Fr. Paul and we anticipate that our community will become stronger through his presence.

IT'S TIME TO “RENEW” THE PRAYER LIST. In the Bulletin of February 8 we printed our new guidelines for maintaining the “Prayer List.” They once again appear above the Prayer List in this Bulletin. Since a month has passed since the new guidelines were announced, we will implement the new guidelines next time the list appears in the Bulletin. What does this mean? If you want for your family member or loved one to remain on the list, you will need to call our office at (510) 471-2609 and ask the secretary to “renew” the listing.

WE DIDN'T MEAN TO FORGET ANYBODY. In last weekend's Bulletin we thanked Javier Camarillo for painting the ceilings of the Church restrooms. At that time we were unaware that he had a helper: **Doreen Strawn.** So we thank Doreen for her help and caring. They both did a great job.

THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS

THERE ARE NO SPONSORSHIPS FOR THIS WEEKEND. There are other parishioners who have signed up for a sponsorship, but they have requested specific dates in the future. Since there are some openings this is a good time to consider sponsor the hosts, wine and candles that we use at Mass (since there are no flowers in our Sanctuary during Lent, we will not have any flower sponsorships until after Easter).

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

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.

NEXT WEEKEND: Sale of fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items in front of the Church after Mass.

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:

Date	Sponsoring Group
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).

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.

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. #

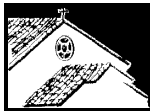
I would like my gift recognized as follows:

(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 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, Parish Hall, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

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

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

Reflection and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the chapel after the Supper

Our Lady's Guild Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

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

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

Friday, March 20

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 21

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

Sunday, March 22

Second Collection for Easter Flowers and Decorations

Fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items sold in front of the Church after Mass

English Choir Practice, Church, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass

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