



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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MARCH 22, 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Diary of Nicodemus

John 3:14-21

The scratches of black ink flowed onto the first page of the scroll as Nicodemus began to record what Jesus had told him. The letters danced in the flickering light from the oil lamp on his desk. He had to put a weight on the top end of the scroll to hold it flat until the ink was dry. The words had been freshly spoken to Nicodemus earlier that night when he had gone to meet Jesus.

Nicodemus looked out his window at the rooftops of Jerusalem. The city was asleep under its blanket of starlight. The deserted streets flowed like black rivers meandering between the buildings.

He began to write again, recalling the words Jesus had spoken: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." Nicodemus paused as he tried to understand that Jesus was that son. He dipped his pen into the ink and continued "...that whoever believes in him may not die but have everlasting life."

Nicodemus wondered if he would really have everlasting life. He certainly believed in Jesus enough to visit him, even if those cautious night visits were made under cover of darkness, and in secret. As a high-ranking Pharisee, Nicodemus had to be very careful about the people he was seen with. Because of Jesus' preaching and growing popularity he was considered dangerous. Yet, Nicodemus was powerfully drawn to him.

As Nicodemus wrote these next words onto the scroll, he wondered if Jesus was challenging him to make his next visit in broad daylight. He wrote: "Everyone who practices evil hates the light; he does not come near it for fear his deeds will be exposed." Nicodemus knew Jesus was right as he concluded his notes: "But he who acts in truth comes into the light, to make clear that his deeds are done in God."

One day Nicodemus would come into the light when he defended Jesus before the other chief



priests. On another day the Light would shine most brightly on Nicodemus as he purchased costly myrrh and aloes and helped Joseph of Arimathea wrap Jesus' body and lay him in the tomb.



We come into the light with Nicodemus when we publicly profess our faith. Not by bragging, but by living as active Christians. We remain in the dark when we do not truly believe that God so loved the world that he gave us his beloved Son so that he could then give us eternal life? When we are ready to proclaim that message—then we have stepped into the public light and God's light shines through us for all the world to see.

-- 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.

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For March 23, 2009 to March 29, 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. – Thanksgiving to Virgin of Guadalupe (Thanksgiving)
- Thurs 8:15 a.m. – Randall Bartlett (Health)
- Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Laura Albert (Birthday)
- Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Emily Goularte(Dec.)
- 5:00 p.m. – For us, the Parishioners
- Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Lillian Clark (Health)
- 8:15 a.m. – Jose Valerio Martinez (Dec.)
- 9:45 a.m. – Maria Carlota Paredes Mora (Dec.)

11:30 a.m. - Jesus (Dec.) & Ventura Mejia (Dec.); Jose C. Rodríguez (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For March 23, 2009 to March 28, 2009

Mon Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54
 Tues. Ezekiel 47:1-9 / John 5:1-16
 Wed. Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
 Thu. Exodus 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47
 Fri. Wisdom 2:1a,12-22 / John 7:1-2,10,25-30
 Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53

SUNDAY READINGS

March 29, 2009 -5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 / 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 / Gospel: John 12:20-33

COLLECTIONS

March 15, 2009

First Collection	\$6,671.94
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Diocesan Obligations	1,859.00
Children's Envelopes	153.81

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

PRAYER LIST IS UPDATED. As was mentioned in last weekend's edition of The Bulletin, we updated the listing of names of the people to be prayed for who are ill and homebound. We updated the listing based on two factors: we kept those names where someone called in to renew a name on the list, and we kept those names that we could personally verify. The new guidelines for maintaining the list appears above the list which appears towards the bottom of the next page. So, if you know of someone who should appear on the list and does not appear there, please call our office at 510.471.2609.

NEW ARTICLES

FR. JOSE'S LATEST TRIP. For many years Fr. José has thought about hosting a trip to Oberammergau, Germany. There is a world-renowned Passion Play in that town that is held only once every ten years. At the present time Fr. José is making a list of our parishioners who would be interested in going on the trip in June or July of 2010. He is doing this to determine how many people would be going, as he would need to start making reservations soon. So if you would be interested in this trip, please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leave your name and phone number.

WE'RE A BASKET CASE. For one reason or another, we got "out of the habit." Now we're getting back into it. What we are doing is once again placing a basket in front of the altar where families can donate non-perishable food (canned food and boxed dry goods) for those in need. In these difficult times our St. Vincent de Paul Society is helping more families by giving them food. Food donations will be placed in the pantry and will supplement the food that St. Vincent de Paul purchases with cash donations. You and your family can bring your food donation to the basket during the offertory at Mass.

GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLR COR-LOC POSTPONED to Wednesday, April 1 (no fooling). Since our last COR LOC meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, we've postponed this month's meeting until Wednesday, April 1. Topics to be discussed at this meeting will continue to be schools (in particular Barnard White), funding opportunities for green jobs, and other community concerns. Anyone who is interested in these topics, or has any other topics to address, are welcome to attend.

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY: CANDLELIGHT PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS. This coming Wednesday, after the Soup and Bread Supper, we will have a special Taize prayer service. This service is being hosted at OLR and is being shared between the other two parishes in our deanery (i.e. St. Anne and Corpus Christi). All are encouraged to attend. **PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ENCLOSED IN THIS EDITION OF THE BULLETIN.**

NEXT SUNDAY THE KNIGHTS WILL "TAKE THE FIFTH." Next Sunday the Knights of Columbus will be guilty of donning their blue blazers and attending the 11:30 Mass together. They will either provide hospitality or serve as ushers. The Knights of Columbus have always attended Mass together on the fifth Sunday of the month (which occurs four times a year) but it always did this at the 8:15 a.m. Sunday Mass. Now the Knights will rotate the Mass that they attend.

THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: By the Mascorro Family
WINE: By the Humildad Family
CANDLES: By the Medeiros 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

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:

Corpus Christi, Niles
 St. Anne, Union City

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday the Taize prayer service will take the place of the Wednesday Night Reflection.**

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 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, Randall Bartlett, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, Lillian Clark, Grace Continelli, Cindy Davis, Chealsy Davis, Courtney Davis, Jennie DeCosta, Irene Drouin, Joseph Dunbar, Perrin Engineer, Martha Estrella, Juanita Estrellas, Ed Fiala, James Finnigan, 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, Francisco Lozano, Miguel Luviano, Carmen Martinez, Lupita Martinez, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Mario Perales, Monica Raygoza,

Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Jr., Marcella Roderigues, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Virginia Zarate. (Ren. 03/22)

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 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.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Liturgy Committee Meeting, Office Room 206, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

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

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

Taize Candlelight Prayer Service, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

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

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

Friday, March 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, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

Second Collection for Parish Maintenance

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

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



Our Lady of the Rosary Church
La Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Rosario
Presents/presenta

LENTEN

TAIZE

CANDLELIGHT
PRAYER SERVICE

7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY/MIERCOLES,
MARCH 25, 2009

A 45 minute Lenten service with silence, music, prayer,
candlelight and adoration of the cross

*45 minutos de Servicio de Cuaresma con musica, velas y
oraciones de adoración*

**Featuring the musicians of Our Lady of the Rosary Church
including members of the English Spanish and Chinese Choirs
accompanied by
piano, guitar, trumpet, marimba and other musical instruments.**

