



# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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**MARCH 29, 2009 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### ***Glorify thy Name!***

*John 12: 20-33*

Jerusalem was teeming with people. Pilgrims from all parts of the Mediterranean world had come to celebrate the feast of the Passover. Among them were two adventurous God-seekers who had journeyed all the way from Greece. These Greeks were not Jews and were among the first of the Gentiles to seek the God proclaimed through Jesus. The Greeks' fascination with Jesus had become intense when they learned that Jesus had raised a man called Lazarus from the dead.

The crowds moved slowly among the sprawl of stalls and stands where the sellers camped at the Damascus Gate. The two Greeks made their way inside the walls of the city searching for the Temple courtyard. They wandered through the winding streets, passing shops which wafted their sharp aromas of leather, spice, and fruits.

When they reached the Temple, the Greeks searched among the crowd for Jesus. Asking around, they said: "Have you seen the one, they say, who raised a man from the dead over in Bethany?"

"You mean Jesus?" one of the Jews confirmed.

"Yes, we'd like to meet him," the Greek replied.

"He's over there with his friends," the Jew smiled, pointing across the courtyard to a large group of young men who were laughing and talking together. The Greeks crossed over to the outside edge the group. Philip, who himself was just arriving, looked over at the two foreigners. One of the Greeks caught Philip's eye. "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

"You're Greeks?" Philip asked.

"Yes, we've come a long way to find him."

"He is the one standing at the top of the steps. Wait here, I'll see what I can do," Philip said. He began working his way through the crowd toward Jesus. He found Andrew at the bottom of the Temple steps and told him about the two Greeks. Together, they went up the steps and told Jesus. He nodded and his eyes scanned the crowd. When Jesus saw the two Greeks standing at the outer edge of the crowd, he began to preach. He was looking directly at them as he proclaimed: "The hour has come..."

That day Jesus told how a grain of wheat must die to bear its fruit. He spoke of how believers must die to receive eternal life. He reassured his followers that his Father would honor them. He



revealed his human fear of accepting his Father's will, but his divine resolve to accept his own imminent death.

Then, shouting to the sky, Jesus prayed: "Father, glorify thy name!"

Like a great roll of thunder, a voice came booming back from the heavens: "I have glorified it and I will glorify it again."

The two Greeks stood transfixed, overwhelmed in silent rapture. They had not only found Jesus, but in the thunder they had heard the very voice of God!

*Like the Greek adventurers, each day of our lives we must journey to our own "Jerusalem." There we are challenged to find Jesus in our midst. We might encounter "Philips and Andrews" who will help us to discover him. If we seek, we shall find. And when we find him, when we recognize him, if we wait in love and silence, we, too, will be privileged to hear the thunderous voice of God speaking deep within our own hearts.*

-- 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 30, 2009 to April 5, 2009**

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Virginia Zarate (Dec.)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Lillian Clark (Health)

Thurs 8:15 a.m. – For the Youth of our City

Fri. 8:15 a.m. – For all Who are Facing Financial Difficulties

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Lupe Ramirez(Dec.)  
 5:00 p.m. – Gabriel Rodriguez (Dec)  
 Sun. 6:45 a.m. – For us, the Parishioners  
 8:15 a.m. – Venancia Nodado (Dec.)  
 9:45 a.m. – Guadalupe Castellon (Dec.); Hermelinda Castellon (Dec.)  
 11:30 a.m. - For the Families of the Oakland Police Officers

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

*For March 30, 2009 to April 4, 2009*

Mon Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 / John 8:1-11  
 Tues. Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30  
 Wed. Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95 / John 8:31-42  
 Thu. Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59  
 Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42  
 Sat. Ezekiel 31:10,11-12abcd,13 / John 11:45-56

**SUNDAY READINGS**

*April 5, 2009 – Palm Sunday*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 / Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

**COLLECTIONS**

*March 22, 2009*

First Collection .....	\$6,159.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection .....	9,566.00
Second Collection: Easter Flower Fund .....	2,191.00
Children’s Envelopes .....	151.00

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

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS THIS WEDNESDAY.**

**Our Lenten Reconciliation Service is THIS WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. It will take the place of the Wednesday Night Reflection held after the Soup Night.**

**NEW ARTICLES**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY.** As there will be many people at Mass next weekend, we will have security guards on duty to maintain the proper flow of traffic in the parking lot and to assist people in finding parking spaces. Please be alert and follow their guidance.

**WE WILL START COLLECTING RICE BOWLS NEXT WEEKEND.** Please deposit them in the baskets located at the entrances to the church. Thank you for helping those in need in developing countries throughout by participating in this program.

**WE’RE LOOKING FOR A CRANKY PARISHIONER.** A professional roofer is offering his volunteer time to the parish, and what he would like to do is to put new rain gutters on the Rectory. In order to do the best job possible, he would like to use seamless aluminum gutters. He asked us if we had access to the gutter-making machine where one turns a crank and sheet metal is magically formed into a rain gutter. So we thought we would ask our parishioners: do you or a

company you work for have access to one of those gutter-making do-hickies? If so, and you are willing to offer it or any material, please contact the Parish Office at 510.471.2609.

### **YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE A LIFE – YOURS!**

**Life Line Screening** will be returning to OLR to perform vascular health screenings on **TUESDAY, APRIL 7.**

The screenings that are performed take just ten minutes each, are painless, and accurate. The tests include stroke and carotid artery screening, heart rhythm screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, peripheral arterial disease screening, and osteoporosis screening. These tests can reduce your risk of stroke, as compromised blood flow can be noted before any symptoms develop. Test results will be presented to you so that you can share them with your doctor. In past screenings at OLR, a number of parishioners were made aware of things that warranted medical attention. At OLR, the four vascular screenings go for \$149.00, and if you add the fifth osteoporosis screening, all five screenings can be had at the discounted price of \$159.00. VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted.

Pre-registration is required. To register call (800) 679-5192 and give code ISC3945.

**KEEP OUR CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS IN YOUR PRAYERS.** R.C.I.A. Catechumen **Cindy Nguyen** (who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass) and R.C.I.A. Candidates **Jose Gallo, David Garges, Jesus Lazcon, Jorge Martinez, Brianda Ponce, Rosalinda Rodrigues, Doreen Strawn, and David Ulloa** (who will receive the sacrament of Eucharist, Confirmation, or both of them) will be having a retreat on Saturday, April 4. We ask the Our Lady of the Rosary community to keep them in its prayers.

### **THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS**

**HOSTS:** By the Sandoval Family in honor of our Grandson, Vincent, on his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday

**WINE:** By the Ward Family in memory of Hortense and Gregory Belmont

**CANDLES:** In memory of Vince Rapolla

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

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY.** As this Friday, April 3 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.

## **ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

**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.

## **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
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).

### **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.”)

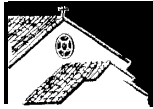
"The wine is sponsored by Mary Smith in memory of her mother, Gladys Jones.")

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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 31**

**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, April 1**

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

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

**Group Reconciliation Service**, Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 2**

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

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

**Friday, April 3**

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, Church, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Holy Hour**, Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 4**

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

**Sunday, April 5**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Second Collection for Church Renovation**

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

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

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