



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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MAY 10, 2009 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MOTHERS DAY

The Vineyard

John 15:1-8

James popped a grape in his mouth and savored its tartness.

"Not quite ripe," he said to Jesus.

The grapevine twisted along the trellis like a thick rope. Jesus studied it, then he plunged his hands into the shade of the leaves. His fingers traced the branches and canes down to their source and he grasped the strong vine. Looking up at the disciples, he shook the vine and declared: "I am the true vine."

The disciples weren't sure if this was the beginning of a lesson, or if Jesus was merely making a comment. They waited.

As if remembering something, Jesus continued to speak without looking up at them.

"My Father is the vine grower."

Jesus snapped off a brown leaf and let it fall to the ground.

"Every barren branch, he prunes away." Jesus found a fat branch, heavy with grapes, and stripped away some small growth. "But the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield."

Philip selected a grape for himself and made a sour face, spitting the pulp away. He laughed at James who was grinning at him for not heeding his warning that the grapes were too tart.

When Philip noticed that Jesus was also looking at him, he thought there might be a question, so he began to review what Jesus had just said. The long vine had many branches. The branches all depend on the vine to bring the moisture and nourishment from the ground. Jesus said he was that vine. Philip smiled in understanding.

"Because we follow you, would you say we are your branches?" Philip asked.

Jesus nodded his head. Then he put his arms around the shoulders of the disciples closest to him. Hugging them, he said: "My Father has been glorified in your bearing much fruit and becoming my disciples."





This Gospel reading tells us of our complete dependence on Jesus, the vine. The reading lets us know that for all of our strength, wisdom and ability, we are only the branches. The reading also tells us that we are expected to bear fruit. In one brilliant image, Jesus tells us who he is, who we are and what we are expected to do. He even tells us that if we do not bear fruit, his Father, the gardener, will prune away every barren branch.

-- 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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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For May 11, 2009 to May 17, 2009

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Emanuela Amantea (Dec.)

Thur. 8:15 a.m. – Pilar Garcia (Dec./Birthday)

Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Thanksgiving to the Virgin of Guadalupe

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Ruben Gonzalez (Intentions)

5:00 p.m. – Alvaro Benitez (Dec. Anniv. 2 mos); Marta Alvarez (Dec. Anniv. 9 years);

Erick Alberto (Dec. Anniv. 9 years); Michael Alberto (Dec. Anniv. 9 years)

Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Maria de Jesus Cedenio (Dec.)

8:15 a.m. – For Living and Deceased members of Our Lady's Guild

9:45 a.m. – Sofia (Dec.) & Abelardo Guzman (Dec.)

11:30 a.m. - Justina (Dec.) & Jose Garcia (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For May 11, 2009 to May 16, 2009

Mon Acts 14:5-18 / John 14:21-26
 Tues. Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31a
 Wed. Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
 Thu. Acts 1:15-17,20-26 / John 15:9-17
 Fri. Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17
 Sat. Acts 16:1-10 / John 15:18-21

SUNDAY READINGS

May 17, 2009 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 / Gospel: John 15:9-17

COLLECTIONS

May 3, 2009

First Collection	\$6,868.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Church Interior Renovation	1,940.00
Children's Envelopes	76.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: By Mary C. Guzman in memory of her husband, Gilbert F. Guzman.

WINE: By Vicente & Lupe Q. Nuñez and Family in memory of Malena Esparza & Catalina Nuñez

FLOWERS: By the Sudiactal Family as a gift to the Parishioners of OLR

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

*Happy
 Mother's
 Day*

NEW ARTICLES

COR ACTION: THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Join hundreds of COR parents, teachers, students and community members to:
 · Lift up a New Vision for Middle Schools

- Continue the Critical Work for Small Learning Communities Started at Logan High School
- Work together to end violence in our schools

FUNDRAISING GIFT CARDS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES WILL BE SOLD NEXT WEEKEND.

That is not the usual day for us to “open up the store” because our schedule has changed to accommodate Mother’ Day.

As of last weekend we have also decided to have sales on Sunday, May 31 as well. This way you will have an additional opportunity to buy First Communion gifts.

Starting next weekend we will begin displaying our items and gifts for First Communion. They include First Communion sets (missal and rosary), rosaries, crucifixes, pins, greeting cards, scapulars, statues, and small bibles.

PANDEMIC FLU AND OUR LITURGY: There is no need to panic. If you are concerned about contracting H1N1 (Swine) Flu when attending Mass, we want to put your mind at ease. The Diocese of Oakland has prescribed precautions for us to follow to avoid the spread of the flu. They are the following:

- Eucharistic Ministers or Ministers to the Sick who are feeling ill should not serve in their ministries if they feel ill.
- If a parishioner is not feeling well, he or she should exchange the sign of peace with a bow instead of a handshake.
- Before Mass, all Clergy and Eucharistic Ministers will sanitize their hands.
- If a parishioner is feeling ill, he or she should not receive Communion from the cup (as a reminder, self-intinction, which is the dipping of host that one has received into the cup, is not allowed at any time).

There are also things you can do on your own on a daily basis to lessen the chances of spreading pandemic flu. They are the following:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- When you are sick, keep your distance from others, or stay at home.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and throw it away after use.
- Wash your hands often, and use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Hopefully we will all take these guidelines to heart and there will be no outbreaks of pandemic flu in our parish.

IT’S TIME FOR FIRST COMMUNIONS TO START. First Communion will begin next weekend. Next weekend they will be only at the 9:45 a.m. Mass.

We congratulate the following young people who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion: **Michael Davalos, Michelle Davalos, Stephanie Gastaldi, Rafael Hermosillo, Jesus Lopez, Humberto Pulido, Areli Ramos, Juan Rodríguez, Gerardo Santiago, Joana Segundo.**

We thank the families, friends and teachers who helped in preparing our children to receive their First Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND. The Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities of the East Bay will be held next weekend as our Second Collection. Catholic Charities operates some 20 different programs which are housed in more than 40 parishes and other locations here in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Not only does Catholic Charities help those

in need with food, clothing, and housing, but it also provides solutions. Counseling is offered at moderate prices, there are classes in English, immigration services, help for people with AIDS and resources for seniors. Your support will help our diocese to help those in need to help themselves.

You may use the envelope in the mailing you receive at home to make your donation. However, you may also make a pledge in much the same fashion as is the case with the Bishop's Appeal. If you want to make a pledge, please use the envelopes that will be in the pews next weekend.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

ARTICLE FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FALL. There are openings in all grades, Kindergarten through 8th. Give your child a gift that lasts a lifetime – a Catholic education. It will provide your child a strong academic and moral foundation on which to build a bright future. The sacrifice involved in paying tuition will be far outweighed by the growth you will see in your child. Even in today's economy a Catholic education is in reach – come talk to us about the possibilities (scholarships and other sources of funding are available for those who qualify). Call us and arrange a visit – 510.471.3765.

ARTICLE FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

SPRED'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT, the "SPRED the Word" dinner, dance and silent auction, will take place on Saturday, May 16, at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton. The event starts with a Liturgy at 5:00 p.m., the Social Hour is at 6:15 p.m., and dinner starts at 6:45. Dinner is being catered by Taqueria El Balazo. For tickets please call 510.635.7252 or send your check to SPRED-STW Fund, 3705 Dorisa Ave., Oakland, CA 94605. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$12 for children, or a whole table for 10 people is \$240.00. Please make your reservation by this Friday, May 8 – no tickets will be sold at the door. By supporting this event you will help SPRED "spread the Good News" to children, teens and adults with special needs.

PRAYERS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Susana Alcaraz, Sylvia Arias, Tony Baligaya, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, 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, Ronnie 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, Anita Perkins, Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Jr., Marcella Roderigues, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Angelita Ybarra. (Ren. 05/10)

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. # _____

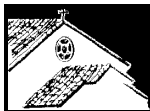
I would like my gift recognized as follows:

(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, May 12

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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting, Office Room 107, 7:30 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

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

COR Action on Schools, Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

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

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

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

Friday, May 15

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

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

Second Collection for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Rosary Night, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.