



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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JULY 6, 2008 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My Yoke is Easy and My Burden is Light"

Matthew 11:25-30

The River Jordan flowed due south, almost as straight as a Roman aqueduct. It was a watery thread that ran for nearly 70 miles to the brackish waters of Lake Asphaltus, choking in salt at the bottom of the deepest valley in the world. The banks of the Jordan made a reasonably level road for merchants and travelers heading down from Galilee towards Jerusalem.

Jesus and his friends were beginning the last day's journey up to Bethany toward Jerusalem. From Jericho they began the hard climb up to the great walled city, perched in the highlands 2,500 feet above the hot river valley.

They climbed steadily and silently with the warm morning sun slowly baking their backs. The uphill grade was really taking its toll on Peter whose red face was glistening with sweat. He trudged up the trail with his heavy bag of belongings slung from his shoulder.

Jesus was silent, wrestling with his own deep thoughts about the Father. It was frightening for him to carry the awesome reality that he and the Father were one inside this fragile human body. Jesus shook his head. It was too much to bear.

Yet, his relationship with God was absolutely certain. It could not be denied any more than he could deny the power he possessed. He was the Son of God! This mystery, even to Jesus, was beginning to be understood by his friends and followers. Sometimes these simple men seemed to comprehend this vast idea. Jesus thought it ironic that the intellectuals and rabbis, with all their knowledge of God's laws, could never allow themselves to believe the truth that Jesus claimed before them.

Peter was starting to wheeze and groan so Jesus stepped off the road to give everyone a short rest. Peter grimaced as he lowered himself to sit on his bag. The others gathered around them, easing their bags to the ground. It looked to them like Jesus was going to make an announcement so they waited in silence.

Jesus squinted in the bright sunlight and looked beyond his disciples. He seemed to be searching for something in the sky. Then he began to pray, "Father, I thank you because you have shown to the unlearned what you have hidden from the wise." Jesus' dry lips widened to a smile as he looked over his little group of simple men. He felt proud of them. They were in the process of learning the great mystery. They were richly blessed because through Jesus they would know God better than anyone before or since.

"Come to me, all of you who are tired of carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." Jesus said. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy and the load I put upon you is light."

Jesus then moved out, climbing steadily up the Bethany road. Peter sighed and lifted his heavy sack and began slogging uphill after Jesus. Suddenly Peter's bag grew light. He looked to see if all the contents had somehow spilled out. Everything was still inside the bulging pack, yet it felt light.



Peter looked up at Jesus, questioning how this could be. The Master glanced back at Peter and gave him a knowing smile. "My yoke is easy and my burden is light," Jesus repeated.

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We modern-day disciples are challenged to understand that Jesus was both man and God. Modern day disciples are challenged to pick up the yoke of faith and wear it. In doing so we can learn that Jesus' yoke does indeed make it easier to bear the burdens we already have.

-- 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

Phone: (510) 471-2609 Fax: 471-4601 E-mail: admin@olrchurch.org
Open Tue.- Sat., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Tue.- Fri., 6:00-9:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD, RCIA)

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For July 7, 2008 to July 13, 2008

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Fr. José Leon (Intention)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	Eloisa Lopez (Dec.)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	Eustorgia Ojeda (Dec.)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Eloisa Lopez (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Casey & Nicole O'Neil (Wedding Anniversary); Cresto Family (Intentions)
	5:00 p.m. --	Elvia Hernandez (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	For Us, The Parishioners
	8:15 a.m. --	Maria John Pitta (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. --	Gaudelia Martinez (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	Remy (Dec.) & Enriqueta Jacomille (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For July 7, 2008 to July 12, 2008

Mon	Hosea 2:16,17c-18,21-22 / Matthew 9:18-26
Tues.	Hosea 8:4-7-11-13 / Matthew 9:32-38
Wed.	Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12 / Matthew 10:1-7
Thu.	Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9 / Matthew 10:7-15
Fri.	Hosea 14::2-10 / Matthew 10:16-23
Sat.	Isaiah 6:1-8 / Matthew 10:24-33

SUNDAY READINGS

July 13, 2008 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 / 2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23 / Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

COLLECTIONS

For June 29, 2008

First Collection	\$7,528.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection (updated)	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Maintenance.....	2,333.00
Children's Envelopes	20.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

FUNDRAISING GIFT CARDS AND CERTIFICATES, RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND OLR CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND.

CCD REGISTRATION WILL BE PERFORMED IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH WHENEVER THERE IS A DONUT SUNDAY, AND DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. Since next Sunday is a "Donut Sunday," **CCD REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.**

NEW ARTICLES

STARTING NEXT SUNDAY:

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES ON THE EUCHARIST

Armenak Hermez will start his summer lecture series on the Eucharist entitled "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Faith" next Sunday, July 13. It will be held for four consecutive Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome, including members of other parishes. The offering per person per session is \$7.00, which will be collected at the door.

These are the topics to be covered each week:

Biblical and Historical Development of the Mass	July 13
Structure of the Mass	July 20
Liturgy of the Word	July 27
Liturgy of the Eucharist	August 3

We hope that you will take advantage of this convenient opportunity to deepen your faith.

Armenak has given lectures at our parish in the past, and they were very well received by those who attended them. You can read the flyer included in this Bulletin where people who have attended these lectures recount their experiences.

COFFEE AND DONUT FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 13. Be sure to stick around after Mass and chat with your fellow parishioners and fella parishionettes.

Remember to thank with your words and patronage **Roberto's Donuts**, located at 404 W. Harder Road (where Harder and Santa Clara meet) in Hayward. They have donated dozens and dozens of donuts to us over the years for this event.

REMEMBER TO KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS. Fr. José has just begun his second week of the silent portion of his retreat. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. The silent retreat can be a very rewarding, but equally challenging experience.

As we mentioned in the Bulletin last week, we will pray for Fr. José in the following ways while he is away:

- We are including a special prayer in the General Intercessions during Mass each week.
- We are including a special "Our Father" for Fr. José at the end of Mass.
- We are asking that all parish groups – organizations, prayer groups, committees, etc. – include a prayer for Fr. José at their regular meetings.

We hope that all of us praying together may make the retreat and sabbatical an experience of spiritual growth and refreshment for Father so that his strength will make our parish stronger as well.

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NEW ARTICLES

(Continued)

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH? DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE SACRAMENTS LATER IN LIFE like Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation? If so, consider taking part in our RCIA Program. This program is for people 18 years and older. We meet in the First Floor Conference Room of the Parish Office on Sundays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in participating in this program, or know someone who is, stop by when we meet or call Camila Magdaleno at (510) 471-7419.

FAITH. IT IS ONE OF MANY REASONS TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL. Our Lady of the Rosary School gives our students a firm foundation in the "Three R's." It is a fourth "R," religion, which binds it all together and makes our students whole. We integrate our faith into the curriculum so that it becomes a way of life. At OLR School, religious education is not a weekly occurrence, but something that our students experience daily. There are openings in the school for most grades at the present time. If you would like to see what Our Lady of the Rosary School could do for your child, give us a call at (510) 471-3765 or stop by. We would like to share our story with you.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

CCD REGISTRATION NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2008-2009. We are registering children in grades 1 through 6 for our parish religious education program (C.C.D) during the months of **June, July and August.** For children in grades 7 and above, please contact Sheryl Bartlett, Youth Program through e-mail at sbartlett@olrchurch.org.

TO REGISTER FOR CCD, you may come to the C.C.D. office on the 2nd floor between 8:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on any Saturday or Sunday during the months of June, July and August. If you have children who are new to the program or who are returning to the program, they must be registered before classes begin in September.

TO SPEED UP YOUR REGISTRATION, you can pick up registration forms and tuition information at the Parish Office Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., complete the forms at home, return them along with your payment to the C.C.D. office on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Please call the Office of Religious Education at (510) 471-7419, if you have any questions.

FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET: There ain't no bugs on me! That's why we need your fleas. As you probably noticed, the cargo container is now in place next to the Parish Office. This means that **WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING FLEA MARKET ITEMS.**

Remember our guidelines of the donations we can accept:

We can use:

Household items, such as kitchen pots and utensils; furniture; knick knacks; tools; appliances

Please do not bring:

Clothing and shoes; paints and cleaning products; furniture or appliances in need of repair

The Festival can use the following items:

Books for the book booth; new hand-crafted boutique items; glassware for the dime toss booth

If the container is open, place your items at the front end of the container, in front of the container. If the container is locked, place your donations near the door of the container between the Office and the container.

Thank you in advance for your support.

FESTIVAL DATES: Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5.

PRAYERS

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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, 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, Ed Fiala, Rita Fregoso, Frank Gallegos, Sobeida Gallegos, Gene Garcia, Deanna Graves, Emilio Gudino, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Jesús Gutierrez, Anne Guzman, Herm Henderson, Carme Hernandez, Eduardo Hernandez, Henry Hernandez, Margaret K., Mark Kamakea, Ermelinda Lopez, Francisco Lozano, Miguel Luviano, Sara Maas, Antonio Maciel, Catalina Manasala, Craig Manning, Ismael Martinez, Jess Martinez, Richard M. Martinez, Florence Mederios, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Ysidro Nieves, Mirta Orellana, Mario Perales, Luz Perez, Ehren Perkins, Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodríguez, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Letty Serrano, Clarence Souza, Nelly Stewart, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Casandra Valadez, Concepción Valencia, Isabel Villarina.



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

Tuesday, July 15

Bible Study, English, Eddie Dobrec Room, 10:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 17

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

Friday, July 18

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, July 19

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

Sunday, July 20

Second Collection for Summer Utilities

Exit Collection for the Catholic University and Latin America

Lecture Series on The Eucharist, English, Parish Hall, 9:30 a.m.