



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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JULY 27, 2008 – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Three Lessons

Matthew 13: 44-52

Jesus liked Capernaum. There was something special about being at a place where the water joined the land. The solid shore and the restless sea were like a crossroads where water, land and sky converged. It was a good place to balance the present day against the uncertain future.

On hot days Capernaum's fishing harbor was also a great place to cool off.

This day's heat had been suffocating. It was evening and still impossible to be indoors. Hundreds of townspeople, among them Jesus, had gone down to the harbor to seek the night breezes which were beginning to blow in from the lake.

Jesus stepped out of his sandals and waded into the cool water. He turned to face the crowd sitting on the grassy bank. Jesus had been preaching to them about the "kingdom."

One of them said, "How can you say these things? We can't just drop everything to follow you!"

Jesus smiled at Simon Peter and Andrew who were also sitting on the bank. Pointing toward them, he said, "They did."

An old fishermen rose to his feet, shaking his accusing finger at Jesus: "How are Simon and Andrew supposed to feed their families when they've left their boats in this harbor? They can't fish if they are going to follow you?"

Jesus said: "When you see the treasure that the Kingdom has for you, the choice to follow is easy." He continued, trying make them understand that there are greater treasures than a good catch of fish. He told them that the kingdom of God is a treasure which offers untold wealth if they would look and see it.

It was the time of the full moon and as it began to rise, full and fat, from across the lake, the moonlight became a silver edge around Jesus' figure.

Another old man asked, "What is this kingdom you are talking about? What is heaven?"

"Heaven is like this..." Jesus paused, letting their anticipation build. "A man happens to find a treasure hidden in a field. He covers it up again, and is so happy that he goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back and buys that field."

Jesus then gave them another story about the man looking for fine pearls who, when he finds one, sells everything he has to buy it.

It was still too hot to go home and the crowd seemed eager for more examples, so Jesus told them a fishing story.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is also like this," he said, "Some fishermen throw their net out in the lake and catch all kinds of fish. When the net is full, they pull it to shore and sit down to divide the fish: the good ones go into the buckets, the worthless ones are thrown away." Jesus explained it would be like this for people: the good are kept, and the evil ones are thrown away.

When they wanted to hear even more, Jesus told them that every teacher who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom is like a homeowner who takes both new and old things out of his storage room.



Jesus waded back ashore letting the grass dry the bottoms of his feet. As he moved among the people he searched their faces, hoping that they had understood that they are like the homeowner. They now have both the old law of the prophets and the new law of the Gospel.

Jesus sat down on the grass in their midst. No one spoke. They just sat together on the bank gazing out at the dark lake letting the peacefulness, the breeze and the moonlight wash over them.

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Jesus continues to teach us with his wonderful parables as this Sunday's Gospel invites us to discover the treasure of the kingdom in our own lives. It's buried in our hearts. We need only to uncover it. When we find it we will gladly give everything we have to possess it.

-- *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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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 28, 2008 to August 3, 2008

Mon. 8:15 a.m. -- Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. -- Fr. José M. León (Intention)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. -- Maria Elena Hermez (Health)

Thur. 8:15 a.m. -- Joe Morales (Health)

Fri. 8:15 a.m. -- Andrea Mercado (Dec.)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. -- Maria Asuncion Aguila (Dec.)

5:00 p.m. -- Maria Carrillo (Dec.); Felipe (Dec.) and Jose (Dec.) Puerto

Sun. 6:45 a.m. -- Maria de Jesús Elizondo (Dec.)

8:15 a.m. -- Bradley A. Nieves (Dec.); Ricardo Mohrbacher (Dec.)

9:45 a.m. -- For us, the Parishioners

11:30 a.m.-- Keoki Diaz (Dec.); Evangelina Alejandres (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For July 28, 2008 to August 2, 2008

Mon Jeremiah 13:1-11 / Matthew 13:31-35

Tues. Jeremiah 14:17-22 / John 11:19-27

Wed. Jeremiah 15:10,16-21 / Matthew 13:44-46

Thu. Jeremiah 18:1-6 / Matthew 13:47-53

Fri. Jeremiah 26:1-9 / Matthew 13:54-58

Sat. Jeremiah 26:11-16,24 / Matthew 14:1-12

SUNDAY READINGS

August 3, 2008 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 / 2nd Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39 / Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

COLLECTIONS

For July 20, 2008

First Collection	\$6,169.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection (updated)	9,566.00
Second Collection: Summer Utility/Air Conditioning.....	1,957.00
Exit Collection: Catholic University Latin America.....	353.00
Children's Envelopes	34.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

REMEMBER TO . . .

KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- That the silent retreat that Fr. José is currently taking part in will be spiritually rewarding.
- That Fr. José's time away from the parish will be physically relaxing and refreshing.
- That Fr. José will gain new insights from this experience.
- That his "Mini-Sabbatical" over the next couple of months will give him new strength so that he can continue to serve OLR with selfless dedication.

**SUMMER LECTURE
SERIES CONTINUES
TODAY
After the 8:15 Mass in the Parish Hall**

NEW ARTICLES

**Summer Lecture Series
TODAY IS THE THIRD LECTURE
OF FOUR**

The third session of Armenak Hermez' summer lecture series is today at 9:30 in the Parish Hall. We are delighted by the good attendance we are experiencing at this event – last Sunday about 10 more people attended over the previous Sunday.

The offering per person per session is \$7.00, which will be collected at the door.

These are the remaining topics to be covered:

Liturgy of the Word.....Today, July 27

Liturgy of the Eucharist.....August 3

Even if you have not attended the last couple of weeks, we hope that this does not stop you from coming. You will be enlightened and energized by Armenak's insight and demonstration of how history has provided us the Church and the Mass we have today.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY. As this Friday, August 2 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.

REGISTRATION FOR CCD TO BE PERFORMED IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST. During the month of August our Religious Education secretary will be in front of the Church working on her tan every Sunday. She will also be taking registration for our CCD program for students in grades 1-6, including the programs of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation.

If you want to get a "head-start" you can pick up the registration forms at the Parish Office, fill them out at home, and return them to the front of the Church or to the Office of Religious Education at the office hours printed on the forms.

NEW ARTICLES **(Continued)**

WE HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE. As we have been working hard and fretting over making sure that there are Priests scheduled to celebrate all of the Masses while Fr. José is away, there is something that we forgot to make mention of: our weekly celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) on Saturdays. While Fr. José is gone, Fr. Jeff is trying to make every effort to be here each Saturday afternoon to administer the sacrament. There are a few things that we need to mention: 1) If you want to receive the sacrament, please come by the church as close to 3:30 p.m. as possible, and no later than 4:00; 2) Unfortunately, we cannot give you advance notice if Fr. Jeff cannot be here, so if there is no one here to hear your confession, please come back next week and

keep in mind that we appreciate your patience and understanding; and 3) If you speak only Spanish, you will receive General Absolution from Fr. Jeff, as he speaks primarily English.

ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

“UNION CITY DAY AT THE A’S” ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17. The Athletics baseball franchise, which is currently celebrating its 40th year in Oakland, is teaming up with Union City, which will be celebrating its 50th year in 2009 in a fund-raising effort for the city’s golden anniversary celebration. The game will be on Sunday, August 17, at 11:00 a.m. (game time is 1:05 p.m.) and the A’s will play the Chicago White Sox. Up to \$10.00 of every ticket purchased will help fund Union City’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Admission will include a pre-game tailgate BBQ sponsored by Texas Roadhouse. Kids will be able to stay after the game to run the bases. In addition, the first 10,000 fans to enter the park will receive an A’s retro jersey. Tickets may be ordered online at www.unioncity50.com or they may be ordered by mail by downloading the order form from this address: http://www.unioncity50.com/documents/UnionCityCaliforniaDayattheAsOrderForm_white_bkg.pdf and then mailing the form with your payment to the address at the bottom of the form. For more information call 510.675.5420.

MARRIED COUPLES: WANT TO RECHARGE THE BATTERIES AFTER A LONG SUMMER? Want to explore your relationship in a completely private, un-interrupted venue? Then experience a WWME weekend and you will understand the phrase “A Weekend of Discovery; A Lifetime of Love!” For more information call Terry/Angela Higgins at 510.303.9019 or Ray/Roberta Montes at 916.806.4601, or visit www.rekindleyourmarriage.org. The next weekend is in Pleasanton on September 12 -14, and the deadline to register is August 19.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

REQUEST FOR HELP. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference has received a few special parishioner requests that we need help with. A single parent is in need of school expenses and a disabled senior citizen from our parish needs help with a special need. If you would be willing to share in these loving and giving experiences please contact Sue Bonin, the President of our parish’s St. Vincent de Paul by calling the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leaving a message at Extension 220. Thank you.
"Proceed quietly, pray a great deal and act together." -- St. Vincent de Paul

**WE HAVEN’T MENTIONED IT FOR A WHILE, SO WE’RE DOING IT AGAIN.
YES, YOU MAY STILL SIGN UP FOR FR. JOSÉ’S TRIP TO ISRAEL!**

Even though Fr. José is not here at the present time, and even though we haven’t mentioned it for a while, you may still sign up for his trip to Israel in November. The pilgrimage is entitled “Israel: A Journey to the Holy Land.” It will be a 10 day trip from November 4 through 13. The rates for the trip are \$3,349.00 double-occupancy; \$3,899.00 single, and \$3,319.00 triple. Round trip airfare from San Francisco, air taxes and fees, and surcharges of \$400.00 per person (subject to increase until paid in full) is included in the price. Cancellation waiver and insurance of \$200.00 per person is not included. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 or stop by the office for a registration form.

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.

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.



*This Week
At O.L.R.*

Tuesday, July 29

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

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

Wednesday, July 30

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

Thursday, July 31

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

Friday, July 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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 2

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

Sunday, July 3

Second Collection for Church Renovation

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