



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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AUGUST 16, 2009 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Bread of Eternal Life!

John 6: 51-58

The synagogue at Capernaum echoed with angry voices. Some of the Jews, appalled at Jesus' wild assertions, were trying to argue on the side of reason. Other Jews were telling their stories of the miracles of Jesus. And in the midst of this din, Jesus sat, like an accused prisoner, listening to them drag his ministry back and forth in the dispute.

An old man with gray eyes and a gray beard rose to his feet. Stabbing at the sky with a warning finger, he shouted, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" He then pointed at Jesus, standing nearby. His eyes flared with indignation.

"He claims to be living bread from heaven. I see only Jesus of Nazareth. I see only a wanderer, one expelled from his own town. He is not Moses. He is not Elijah," the old man railed.

Jesus moved toward his accuser. His eyes searched the old man's face, looking for a point of contact: "Truly, truly, I say to you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day."

The Jews in the synagogue all began to talk at once. They couldn't comprehend that Jesus had come from God. It was unthinkable that the man in their midst was Yahweh.

Jesus' heart went out to them as they thrashed in the tank of their small world. They could not know that millions of people down through the centuries would indeed eat his flesh and drink his blood. They could not know that Jesus himself would be the sacrifice, given up for them.

Jesus wanted to leave the synagogue and escape into the solitude of the hills above Capernaum. Instead, he stayed, sitting with his disciples and patiently facing their angry eyes.



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Jesus must have felt overwhelmed with rejection as he tried to teach the uncomprehending world who he is. The world could not accept him. His miracles drew vast crowds of believers one day but the next day he was ridiculed. Even his own disciples faltered in their attempt at faith. At times the hopelessness of Jesus' ministry must have been unbearable for him.

Even today it seems incomprehensible that God would choose to live among us as Jesus. But his love and the truth is the impossible. We can only walk by faith and only then will we know the truth.

-- 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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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For August 17, 2009 to August 23, 2009

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Ernesto Franciliso (Deceased)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Erica Lepe (Health)

Thur. 8:15 a.m. – For all who are facing financial difficulties

Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Linda Mavis White (Deceased)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Jesús (Deceased) & Inocencia (Deceased) Garcia

5:00 p.m. – Charles (Deceased) & Hazel (Deceased) Fowler; Olive Riley-Stewart (Birthday)

Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Por Nosotros, Los Parroquianos

8:15 a.m. – Virginia (Deceased) & Steve (Deceased) Lopez

9:45 a.m. – Fr. José M. Leon (70th Birthday, Aug. 26)

11:30 a.m. - Pat Morales (Deceased)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For August 17, 2009 to August 22, 2009

- Mon Judges 2:11-19 / Matthew 19:16-22
- Tues. Judges 6:11-24a / Matthew 19:23-30
- Wed. Judges 9:6-15 / Matthew 20:1-16
- Thu. Judges 11:29-39a / Matthew 22:1-14
- Fri. Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 / Matthew 22:34-40
- Sat. Ruth 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17 / Matthew 23:1-12

SUNDAY READINGS

August 23, 2009 – 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b / 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 /
Gospel: John 6:60-69

COLLECTIONS

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First Collection (Including EFT)	\$7,090.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Maintenance.....	2,252.00
Children’s Envelopes	71.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS AND WINE: By Anna Ortega, in memory of Esther Ortega

FLOWERS: By Our Lady’s Guild

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

NEW ARTICLES

WE’RE RUNNING OUT OF HOSTS – ‘KINDA. Our program of accepting dedications for hosts, wine, candles and flowers has been quite successful. Most successful of all is the dedications for hosts. Just to let you know, if you want to make a dedication for hosts, there are no weekends available for the remainder of this year. As a result, if you want to make a dedication for hosts, you can do one of two things: 1) ask for a date in 2010; or 2) donate an additional \$10.00 for the week and make a dedication for wine instead (hosts are \$25.00 per weekend and wine is \$35.00).

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY TO START AGAIN IN TWO WEEDS. Join us for the fall sessions of the Little Rock scripture study. The subject of our study will be “**Praying the Scripture.**” Although prayer is found everywhere in Scripture, the Bible is not primarily about

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prayer. The author points out that the central theme of the bible is God's great acts of salvation and that prayer is the primary celebration of these saving deeds. Jesus himself is the model for all prayerful attitudes and the most perfect way we can pray is through the celebration of the Eucharist when we join Jesus in praising the Father for the gift of our salvation. If you are interested in joining contact us ASAP, so that we can order the needed material.

Start date: September 3 , 2009
 Time: 7:00 till 8:30 pm
 Day: Thursdays
 Location: Conference room in the administration building at OLR
 Duration: 12 sessions
 Final date: November 19
 Cost: Approx. \$13.00 for the commentary and study guide
 Contact: Stella or Deacon Gus Roemers
 Phone: (510) 471-5883
 E-mail: gmroemers@sbcglobal.net

BLOOD DRIVE IN THREE WEEKS. The Blood Centers of the Pacific will set up its mobile blood donation center in the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 6. It will be open after all of the Masses.

Sign-ups are helpful, as we report the number of people who have appointments to the Blood Bank. This helps them provide the staff they need to run the drive. In order to sign up, you can do one of the following:

- **Contact the Parish Office** at 510.471.2609.
- **Sign up at the table where gift cards and religious articles will be sold next weekend.**
- **Sign up online.** Visit www.bloodheroes.com, and use group code "rosary."

If you are not sure when you will be available, remember that **"walk-ins" are still welcome.**

A GIFT OF BLOOD IS A GIFT OF LIFE. Blood is always in short supply, and only a small fraction of those who can donate blood actually do so. The main requirements are these: 1) be in good health; 2) weigh at least 110 pounds; 3) have a good meal and drink lots of water or juice; and 4) have a photo ID. Your caring is most appreciated.

REMINDER OF THE FLEA MARKET DROP-OFF SCHEDULE. Flea market donations may be dripped off at the following days and times when there is an attendant present at the cargo container:

- 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (August 8, August 22, September 12, September 26)
- Every Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
- Every Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND AFTER MASS: Fundraising gift cards and religious articles will be sold after Mass in front of the Church. **We will also collect information from you on your Safeway Club Card** should you want to register it for the first time with the eScrip program, or if you want to renew your registration. When you register your Safeway Card with eScrip, OLR earns extra money every time you shop at no additional cost to you. See the article that follows for details.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

IT'S "OPEN ENROLLMENT" FOR SAFEWAY'S eSCRIP PROGRAM

If you have registered your Safeway Club Card for the eScrip program in the past, **YOU MUST RENEW YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM SO THAT YOUR DONATIONS WILL CONTINUE.** You must renew your enrollment during the open enrollment period which is from now to November 1. It costs you nothing to enroll and participate, but your participation brings OLR hundreds of dollars of extra revenue every month.

TO RENEW, simply return the pre-stamped postcard enclosed in the eScrip magazine which you might have received at home in the mail. You may also visit www.escrip.com, click on the box for renewing your Safeway eScrip enrollment at the lower left-hand corner of the screen, and follow the instructions. Our parish eScrip membership number is 136952612. Do not ask Safeway employees at the store to help you with eScrip registration or any eScrip questions, as these matters are not handled at the store level and store employees are not familiar with the details of the program.

TO CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION, HERE ARE A COUPLE OF BITS OF INFORMATION: TO PARTICIPATE IN E-SCRIP, YOU USE THE SAME SAFEWAY CLUB CARD YOU NOW HAVE. You do not need a new card.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO: BUY SCRIP FROM US OR USE THE E-SCRIP PROGRAM?

Answer: Both. Buying gift cards from the church and spending them at the store always earns us more money than electronic programs. However, it will still help to belong to e-Scrip, as if sometime you go to the store and don't have gift cards with you, the parish will still earn a little something from the transaction.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOW SELLING TICKETS FOR ITS FESTIVAL DRAWING. The Knights of Columbus is now selling tickets for its own Festival drawing. They say that when the going gets tough, the tough go shopping. However, in these times, people are mainly shopping for the necessities: gas and food. Based on the success of the drawing last year, the Knights are once again using gas and food gift cards as prizes in its drawing, as in times like these everyone can use help with these expenses. The tickets are being sold for \$2.00 each. There will be three prizes. Two of the prizes are \$500.00 in gift cards for Chevron, while one prize will be \$500.00 in gift cards for Safeway. Knights should be in front of the Church after most Masses from now until the festival selling their tickets.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE YOU TO A ROSARY. The Knights of Columbus will start sponsoring a Rosary night, to which the entire parish is invited. It will be bi-lingual. The first of these will take place on Sunday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. After the Rosary, the Knights will host refreshments in the Parish Hall. Deacon Luis Trucios is working with the Knights on the Rosary nights. The Rosary on August 30 will be for the improvement of our economy and for those individuals who are unemployed. We hope that you will be able to join the Knights in this special form of prayer.

ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

TIBURCIO VASQUEZ SPONSORS NO-COST/LOW COST* IMMUNIZATIONS IN TIME FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL. From July 29 to September 4, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center is having a Summer Immunization Clinic at the Health Center at James Logan High School at 1800 "H" Street in Union City. The clinic will be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Services are available to students in Kindergarten through 12th grades (a parent or guardian must accompany the student, and should bring the student's yellow state immunization record). On Wednesdays dental screenings are also given to students enrolling in

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Kindergarten. No appointment is necessary for all services. For more information please call 510.476.0400. (*Vaccines are provided free or at a reduced rate for the uninsured).

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING DEDICATIONS. We have a volunteer who is dedicated to scheduling the sponsorships of hosts, wine, candles and flowers. However, she needs to take a few well-deserved weeks off. As a result, we would like ask your patience while she is away from the office. **Any requests that are submitted after August 5, 2009 will not be processed until August 26.** You are welcome to turn in requests, but they will not be posted or confirmed until that time. When she returns, requests will be processed in the order received. Thanks for your patience.

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)

Today's Date _____

Name _____ Envelope/Acct. # _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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, August 18

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

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

Wednesday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

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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, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold after Mass.

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