

PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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AUGUST 30, 2009 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Declaring the Truth

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Disciples Thaddeus and Bartholomew watched Jesus with admiration as he rose to his feet and stalked the two visiting Pharisees from Jerusalem. The two specialists in Jewish law were bearded, gray and thick-lipped. The oldest religious lawyer looked like a pouting child—about to cry. Jesus snarled at them, calling them hypocrites.

The Pharisees had just charged that Jesus and his followers were unclean because they did not follow the Jewish ritual of meticulous washing before eating.

Thaddeus grinned as Jesus took the words of the Prophet Isaiah and easily trapped the Pharisees within them: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me..."

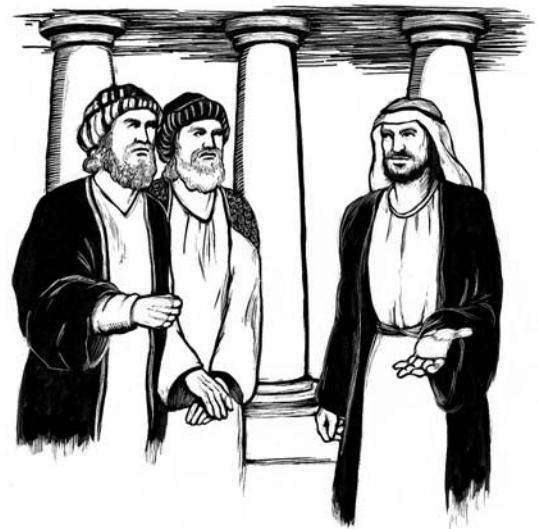
The disciples had seen this fierce side of Jesus appear every time the Pharisees tried to trap him in the details of the Jewish laws. Each time this occurred Jesus would overturn their tables and drive them into sputtering helplessness by his brilliant logic and eloquent speech.

Boldly turning to the crowd, Jesus asked them: "Then are you also without understanding?" The little jab at the Pharisees raised some eyebrows. Bartholomew underscored it by nudging Thaddeus in the ribs.

Jesus continued, "Nothing that enters a man from outside can make him impure; that which comes out of him, and only that, constitutes impurity."

Like punished children, the Pharisees sat voicelessly, as Jesus moved his retort to a stunning conclusion. He raised a hand, as if to signal the key point, and smiled at the crowd. They hung by his words, suspended in rapt attention, like thirsty travelers about to receive water.

"Wicked designs come from the deep recesses of the heart; acts of fornication, theft, murder, adulterous conduct, greed, maliciousness, deceit, sensuality, envy, blasphemy, arrogance—all these evils come from within and render a man impure. What comes out of a person is what defiles that person," Jesus declared.



“For from within, out of the heart of one, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.” Jesus paused, allowing them time to realize their own acquaintance with these evils. Thaddeus and Bartholomew each remembered their own times when evil had come from their hearts.

Jesus underscored his teaching, saying: “All these evil things come from within, and they defile one.”

The people and the Pharisees silently reflected on this new teaching. Jesus was absolutely right!



Many of us may be able to identify with the Pharisees. The “Lip service” they were accused of sounds like how we may sometimes come to Mass out of habit: bringing our bodies but leaving our hearts at home.

Jesus’ powerful point, that a defiling evil does not come from outside, but is born inside our hearts, invites us to consider the discipline that is necessary to cultivate a heart that is pure.

Our Christianity invites us to follow Jesus by standing up to the Pharisees of our Time— by courageously declaring the Truth in our lives.

-- 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.

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For August 31, 2009 to September 6, 2009

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. – For the Youth of our City and for a good school year

Wed. 8:15 a.m. – David Cresto (Birthday)
 Thur. 8:15 a.m. – Lillian Clark (Deceased)
 Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Maria Pita (Deceased)
 Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Reyes (Deceased) & Carmen Garcia (Deceased)
 5:00 p.m. – Maria Martinez (Birthday)
 Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Guadalupe Leon (Deceased)
 8:15 a.m. – Maria Pita (Deceased)
 9:45 a.m. – Alicia Ortega de Leon (Deceased)
 11:30 a.m. - Claude Balugo (Deceased); Salvacion Valdivia (Deceased)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For August 31, 2009 to September 5, 2009

Mon 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18 / Luke 4:16-30
 Tues. 1 Thesalonians 5:1-6,9-11 / Luke 4:31-37
 Wed. Colossians 1:1-8 / Luke 4:38-44
 Thu. Colossians 1:9-14 / Luke 5:1-11
 Fri. Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 5:33-39
 Sat. Colossians 1:21-23 / Luke 6:1-5

SUNDAY READINGS

September 6, 2009 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a / 2nd Reading: James 2:1-5 / Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

COLLECTIONS

August 23, 2009

First Collection (Including EFT)	\$6,251.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish School.....	2,163.00
Children’s Envelopes	55.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: By Mary Marquez, in memory of her father, Anastacio Marquez.

WINE: By Maria Lourdes Duarte, in memory of her husband, Salvatore Duarte.

CANDLES: By Susan Lo, in honor of the Lo Family.

FLOWERS: By Rose Marquez, in memory of her husband, Anastacio Marquez.

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

TODAY

ROSARY

A PRAYER FOR THE ECONOMY AND THE UNEMPLOYED

6:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

NEW ARTICLES

SIGN-UPS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IN ENGLISH. Bible studies for new students will begin October 6th - all are welcome (male and females).

The name of the five week study is **"Living My New Life."** Books will have to be ordered, so if you plan to attend, it is important that you call no later than September 15th. **Studying the word of God, is a life changing experience.** The study book is \$5.00, and there is a one time \$5.00 charge for the bible - payable at the time of sign ups.

We meet in the upstairs conference room at our office building at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday beginning October 6th. For sign ups or questions, please call: ALVESA OROZCO at 510/489-1399.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY. As this Friday, September 4 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.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS –

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR "SAFE ENVIRONMENT" CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

All of our parish volunteers, regardless of the ministries in which they serve, were required to either attend a "class" or participate in an online session three years ago concerning how to keep our children safe. This program is required by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Other religions have also developed similar programs for their volunteers.

Since the time of the last training of our volunteers, our parish was placed on a rotation schedule, meaning that we need to renew the training once every three years.

THIS IS THE YEAR! All of our volunteers will need to take part in Safe Environment Training this fall. This applies to all volunteers and members of parish organizations and ministries, regardless of whether they interact with children in the course of their work.

For your convenience, two training sessions will be held here at OLR in each language. They will take place in the Church unless otherwise noted. They are as follows:

ENGLISH

Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25, 12:45 p.m. (after 11:30 Mass)

SPANISH

Sunday, September 20, 11:00 a.m. (Hall)

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

You may also take this course online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org if you understand how to use the Internet – if not, you must come to the Church to take the class. If you are a volunteer, we hope that you will be able to attend one of these sessions. Please mark your calendar now.

A THANK YOU. "Thank you, thank you, thank you" to all who donated so generously to the Youth Group's backpacks and school supplies drive. We have outfitted 25 students so far and we have more

items to serve the needs of even more students. If you know of a family that can use some help please call Sheryl at 510.441.1577. Thanks again!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The ministry schedule for September 19, 2009 through December 6, 2009 is now available in both sacristies in the church and in the parish office. The schedule can also be viewed on Our Lady of the Rosary Church's website at www.olrchurch.org

HELP THOSE IN NEED – BY TAKING A WALK. The St. Vincent de Paul Council of Alameda County is sponsoring a "Friends of the Poor" walk as a fundraiser for its programs. It will take place on the Moreau Catholic High School campus on Saturday, September 26. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the walk will be at a leisurely pace. If you want to be a walker in this event and accept pledges to raise funds, you should turn in your registration sheet and pledge form by September 22. To obtain materials, stop by the Parish Office or leave a message for Sue at 510.471.2609, ext. 220. Registrations are also being accepted online at www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org

PROBLEMS ARE ALL FIXED. Some of you have had problems trying to access the donations section of our website, while others have had problems seeing the hyperlinks and therefore could not navigate the site at all. Just to let you know that the problems have been fixed and all is up and running again.

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE – The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information, or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on Sept 11-13, 2009 call 510-648-6874 or email: Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

OLR-COR WOULD LIKE TO THANK all who participated in the phone call on Wednesday, August 19 with President Obama to discuss the importance of covering all and health care reform. You can also help the President by calling your National Congressman and Senator and let them know you support the President's health care reform and want the health care reform to cover all. You can reach Senator Diane Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, and Congressman Pete Stark's offices by placing one phone call through the PICO Network (of which COR is a member). The number to call is 866.279.5474.

Confirmation and Youth Group Information

JUNIOR HIGH GROUP: All 7th and 8th Graders are invited to come to the Jr. High Youth Group. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. starting on September 15. Just come to the Upper Room of the Hall to register on that night. The fee is \$50.00 for the year. There is a Youth Rally coming up with all the 7th and 8th Graders in the diocese invited. You will not want to miss it!!!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP starts Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Hall. Just come that night to register. The fee is \$50.00. We have several exciting things planned this year. There is also a Youth Rally for High School that looks to be a lot of fun.

SACRAMENTS: Anyone wishing to receive Baptism, First Communion or Reconciliation needs to participate in the Youth Group for their age group. Once we that determined who you are, we will

then make a schedule for the extra preparation you will need. So come and register for the Youth Group of your choice.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is a two year commitment. In the first year you need to be a part of the High School Youth Group. In the second year, which would be your 11th or 12th grade year in High School, you must be a part of the Confirmation program. The meetings will be the first two Sundays of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The first meeting will be Sunday, September 13 in the Hall and a parent and the candidate needs to be there. The entire program will be explained then. We will take registrations then. The fee for the program is \$50.00 and there is an extra fee for the retreat. Parents and sponsors play an important and active part of the program. So please everyone plan on attending.

If you have any questions, please call Sheryl at 510.441.1577.

PRAYER LIST TO BE UPDATED NEXT WEEK. Please call our office to renew the placement of your family member or friend in need of prayer. The guidelines appear above the list.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 27! The Sunday before our Parish Festival we will begin to exercise our “busy muscles” when we put an end to our Centennial Celebration. On that date we will plant our Centennial Tree, bury our Centennial Time Capsule, and formally dedicate various locations in our Centennial Plaza. There will be a lunch after these ceremonies, and the band, Nova Edicao, will entertain us. Look to the Bulletin at the beginning of September for more details about this event and on how to purchase tickets for the lunch.

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK. The Blood Centers of the Pacific will set up its mobile blood donation center in the Parish Hall **NEXT 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 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.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY TO START NEXT WEEK. 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 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

PRAYERS

GUIDELINES FOR THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. In the past we have asked that parishioners keep in contact with our office to let us know when people should be added to and removed from the list below. In spite of this request, we have not been able to maintain the list. As a result, we are now developing a set of guidelines for this list.

GUIDELINES:

1. To add a person, call our Office at 510.471-2609.
2. We will need the following information for each person on the list: a) First and Last Name of person needing prayer; b) Name and phone number of person offering the name; c) Nature of the illness; and d) Does the person need/want a visit from a Minister to the Sick.
3. Names will remain on the list for one month, after which they will be removed. In order to keep a name on the list, the person who placed the name on the list should call the Parish Office to "renew" its placement for another month.

We regret that we have to become so "procedural" with regards to this list, but we do so in order to pray better and serve those who are ill better. It will enable our clergy to know the needs of those on the list when they are praying, and even send someone to them to pay them a home or hospital visit.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Sylvia Arias, Tony Baligaya, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, Anita Castillo, Grace Continelli, Cindy Davis, Chealsy Davis, Courtney Davis, Jennie DeCosta, Irene Drouin, Joseph Dunbar, Martha Estrella, Juanita Estrellas, Mary Ferrario, Ed Fiala, James Finnigan, Frank Gallegos, Sobeida Gallegos, Ronnie Graves, Emilio Gudino, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Jesús Gutierrez, Anne Guzman, Herm Henderson, Eduardo Hernandez, Henry Hernandez, Margaret K., Mark Kamakea, Erika Lepe, Francisco Lozano, Carmen Martinez, Lupita Martinez, Philip Molina, Frances Morales, Joe Morales, Richard Nelson, Mario Perales, Anita Perkins, Alexandria Ramos. Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Jr., Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodriguez, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Macca Savage, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry. (Ren. 08/30)

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 _____

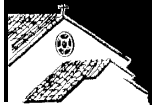
I would like my gift recognized as follows:

(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, September 1

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

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, Office Room 107, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2

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

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

Thursday, September 3

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

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

Friday, September 4

Exposition and 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.

Holy Hour, Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

Second Collection for Church Renovation

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