

PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2010 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Unless You Give Up Everything . . .

Luke 14: 25-33

The people of the town of Tiberias had turned out in record numbers. There were so many that Jesus was forced to climb up onto a little lookout platform by the fishing harbor. With the lake as his dramatic backdrop, Jesus could be seen and heard by everyone.

He shouted to them, his clear words punching the ideas into place: "If anyone comes to me without turning his back on his father and mother, his wife and his children, his brothers and sisters, indeed his very self, he cannot be my follower." The harsh words were met by the troubled faces of those trying to understand.

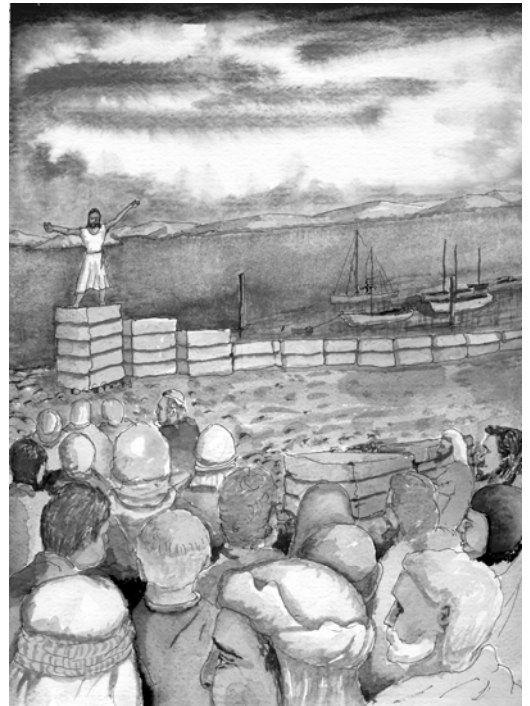
Just beyond the crowd a group of six armed men marched up in pairs. They were soldiers of Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee. The brisk cadence of their footfalls made Jesus stop for a moment to look down on them. They clattered to a halt and side-stepped into position, observing Jesus and the crowd. Their presence made it clear that people in high places were becoming concerned about the charisma and leadership of this Jesus.

The stone ledge platform upon which Jesus was standing was only five steps high. It looked like the beginning of a tower that had never been finished.

To make his point, Jesus paced around the platform, then throwing his arms out in invitation, he asked the crowd: "If one of you decides to build a tower, will he not first sit down and calculate the outlay to see if he has enough money to complete the project?"

He gave them a smile and then glanced down at the stones of his stubby little tower. The crowd roared with laughter and even the six soldiers lost their stern faces.

Jesus lifted his eyes, looking over the heads of the crowd to fix on the six soldiers at the back. Recalling Herod's recent military defeat at the hands of a rival king, he challenged: "Or if a king is about to march on another king to do battle with him, will he not sit down first and consider whether, with ten thousand men, he can withstand an enemy coming against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, he will send a delegation while the enemy is still at a distance, asking for terms of peace. In the same way, none of you can be my disciple if he does not renounce all his possessions."



These were serious and disturbing words. They echoed in the minds of the crowd standing in respectful silence. Jesus decided it was enough preaching for today and slowly made his way down the platform's five steps. As he waded through the crowd Jesus felt their hands fall like a loving rain upon his back.



Counting the cost is part of every decision. The cost of building towers and waging war are illustrations of the cost of following Jesus. The price of discipleship is not just our families but even ourselves. We must all consider the cost of discipleship and be willing to pay the price in full.

The kingdom is never "on sale." Yet, regardless of the cost, because God loves us so, it is always the greatest bargain in history.

-- 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.- Fri., 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Tue.- Fri., 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Sat., 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD, RCIA)

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Open Tues. - Fri., 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. and Sat., 8:00 a.m. - Noon

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For September 6, 2010 to September 12, 2010

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Rodney & Irma Birkendahl (19th Wedding Anniversary)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. - Estrellita Andres (Birthday)

Thur. 8:15 a.m. – For the victims of violence

Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Michelle Amores (Birthday)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – In Thanksgiving for Favor Granted

5:00 p.m. – For Us, The Parishioners

Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Jesse Ramirez (Dec.)

8:15 a.m. – Nick & Ellie Canlas & Family (Thanksgiving)
 9:45 a.m. – Higinio Garcia (Dec.); Feliberta Franco (Dec.); Juan Garcia (Dec.)
 11:30 a.m. - Cristina (Dec.) & Virginia Garcia (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For September 6, 2010 to September 11, 2010

Mon 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 / Luke 6:6--11
 Tues. 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 / Luke 6:12--19
 Wed. Micah 5:1-4a / Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
 Thu. 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13 / Luke 6:27--38
 Fri. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27 / Luke 6:39--42
 Sat. 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 / Luke 6:43--49

SUNDAY READINGS

September 12, 2010 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 / 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:-12-17 / Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

COLLECTIONS

For August 29, 2010

First Collection (Including EFT)	\$7,055.92
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Maintenance.....	1,788.00
Children's Envelopes	2.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: By the Gutierrez Family, in loving memory of Antonio Gutierrez

WINE: By the Gutierrez Family, in loving memory of Antonio Gutierrez

CANDLES: By Dolores Loera, in loving memory of her father Gilbert Medellin

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.

TODAY
BL^UD^UD DRIVE
After all Masses
IN THE PARISH HALL

Walk-ins welcome

NEW ARTICLES

COFFEE AND DONUT FELLOWSHIP TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY, September 12. It will be sponsored by the Parish School. Be sure to stay a while after Mass and chat with your fellow parishioners.

We thank the Trujillos, who own Roberto's Donuts, which is located at 404 West Harder Road, where Harder and Santa Clara meet. They have donated dozens and dozens of donuts for this event every month.

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

REGISTER FOR CCD, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY! CCD Classes for students in grades 1 through 6 begin on Thursday, September 16. So if you have not registered your children for CCD, now is the time to do so. The CCD staff will be in front of the church during the Donut Sunday next weekend soaking up the last remaining rays of the warm, California summer sun, and will also be available to take registrations for the program. Remember that you must register your children before the first day of classes, and that both new and returning students must be registered.

NEXT SUNDAY IS CATHEDRAL SUNDAY. At the Masses next weekend the second annual appeal will be launched throughout the Diocese in support of the Cathedral of Christ the Light, the "Mother Church" of the Diocese of Oakland. The Cathedral is the seat of our Bishop, a center for worship and solidarity for all the faithful in the Oakland Diocese, and a place where our church can offer support for those in need in our community. There is a booklet inserted in this bulletin regarding the appeal, and the booklet contains a pledge envelope. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and return the envelope with you when you come to Mass next weekend so that you can place it in the collection.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME NEXT WEEK. The Tuesday night Bible Study will resume on September 14. It will open with the book of Genesis. Sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs Conference Room of the Parish Office. This study will be for 12 weeks. Anyone wishing to join us must sign up in advance as books need to be purchased. Each book including shipping is \$7.60, and those attending for the first time will have to purchase a paperback bible for \$5.00. Please keep in mind that you must order these supplies from us in order to participate fully in class. For questions please call Alvesa Orozco at 510.489.1399.

WE WANT TO MAKE THE WALK A REALLY BIG DEAL. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County will hold its annual "Friends of the Poor Walk" on Sunday, September 26, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Moreau Catholic High School. Only one person walked from our parish last year, and this year we are hoping to form an entire team. All of the money raised by the walkers will go towards the support our own parish food pantry.

We will be forming our parish team in the coming weeks. Sign up with St. Vincent de Paul representatives after the weekend Masses and pick up a donor form – the President of our

SVDP Conference, Sue Bonin, will be in front of the church to answer any questions you might have.

MINISTERS TO THE SICK DAY OF RECOLLECTION. All Ministers to the Sick are invited to their annual Day of Recollection, to be held on Sunday, September 19, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Gene and Terri Arciniaga. Call us at 510.378.1712 for directions. Deacon Dick Folger will be the retreat master, and the event will culminate with a Pot-Luck dinner at 5:00.

SAVE THOSE THINGS YOU ARE NOT DONATING TO OUR FLEA MARKET FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. In October, after the Festival, St. Vincent de Paul will be holding a "Bundle Sunday" event. Blue Bundle Sunday bags will be distributed at Masses, and they can be returned the following weekend, filled with a variety of household items and clothing. The Bundle Sunday event will gladly accept clothing, shoes, TV's and computer equipment – items which we do not accept for the festival flea market. So if you have any of these items, hang on to them and save them to help St. Vincent de Paul help those in need later in October.

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 14th. Just come to the Upper Room of the Hall to register on that night. The fee is \$50.00 for the year.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP starts Sunday, September 12th at 6:00 - 7:15 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 and a chance to go to Discovery Kingdom. Both look 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 on Sundays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The first meeting will be Sunday, September 12th 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 \$60.00 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.

YOU CAN ADD A TOUCH OF GLASS TO THE FESTIVAL. If you have any unwanted, extra or surplus glassware at home the dime toss at the Parish Festival can certainly use it! At the dime toss booth the players toss quarters towards the glassware, and when one of the coins falls into a piece of glassware the player wins that piece. We can use translucent (i.e. clear or tinted, not opaque like china) glassware of all types: drinking glasses, shot glasses, glass

saucers, etc. Simply drop your donations of glassware by the Parish Office or by the Flea Market container when it is attended. Thank you.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION AT OLR, BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE. If you were considering another school for your child and now have regrets, doubts or shock over the class size, you can still enroll your child at OLR even though classes started last week. Simply drop by the school or call our office at 510.471.2609. Our classes are never over 25 students small, and oftentimes smaller than that – the individualized attention really makes a difference.

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 (\$35.00/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 7

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

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 9

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

Friday, September 10

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, September 11

Guadalupe Society Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, September 12

**Annual Appeal for the Cathedral
Coffee and Donut Fellowship, sponsored by our Parish School
Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold after Mass**