



# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ***"Follow in my Footsteps"***

*Mark 8: 27-35*

Nicodemus motioned his approval to one of his staff. The man produced a pouch tied with a leather cord at the top. He counted out the coins which the spice merchant snapped up one by one until the full amount was paid. The bags and jars of spices, which Nicodemus had just purchased, were a lavish gesture of his devotion to Jesus. It took three men to carry it all.

In death Jesus would have the best that Nicodemus' money could buy, and as a rabbi, he would, himself, quietly preside at Jesus' burial.

Sundown was fast approaching, and with it the beginning of the Sabbath. With his helpers carrying the load of spices, Nicodemus led the way to the garden where he had agreed to meet Joseph of Arimathea. Joseph had offered his own tomb for the body of Jesus.

As they hurried through the streets leading out of Jerusalem, Nicodemus began to remember his secret night meetings with Jesus. Because of his high position as a rabbi, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, he could not afford to be caught meeting with a man like Jesus. Because of his preaching, Jesus was officially opposed by the government. Nicodemus was part of the government, but he was also drawn to Jesus, and now in this bold act was beginning to take up his own cross and follow Jesus.

He remembered the night Jesus explained that to him: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up so that all may believe in him." And then Jesus had said, "If you want to follow me, you will have to deny your very self and take up your own cross and follow in my footsteps."

Wide-eyed, Nicodemus imagined himself on a cross, being lifted up with the centurions straining under his weight.

The four men passed through the gate and headed outside the city. In his mind, Nicodemus could see Jesus' face before him, his eyes burning as he spoke:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life."



Nicodemus could now see that God had given up his only Son. The sacrifice was real. The message was real. There was no denying it. All that remained was for Nicodemus to declare that he believed in Jesus.

“I do!” he blurted aloud.

One of the men carrying the spices, thought Nicodemus had called out to him. He ran to walk at his side.

“What did you say, sir?”

Nicodemus could only shake his head.

“Nothing.”

He was not yet ready to take up his cross for Jesus. It was too dangerous. The price would be too great. He would have to deny himself and give up everything. He had too much to lose.

To truly follow Jesus he would have to become a Christian. Nicodemus knew in his heart that he already was a Christian and that he would soon reconcile this new faith with his action. He would deny his very self and take up his own cross to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



*Jesus asked a lot of those who wanted to follow him. Leave your boats and come. Sell what you have and give it to the poor and come. He had a way of afflicting the comfortable. The rich and powerful, like Nicodemus, had to be willing to join the poor in order to find their way into eternal life. It was hard to do.*

*The same applies to us. Christianity is not a warm-fuzzy, it's a hard job. It requires us to move away from the couch and into the community.*

*-- Deacon Dick Folger*

### **Our Lady of the Rosary Church**

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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](mailto: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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## **INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**For September 14, 2009 to September 20, 2009**

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service  
 Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Maria Medina (Intention)  
 Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Bob Hume (Health)  
 Thur. 8:15 a.m. – Narcisa Tanega Nazareno (Deceased)  
 Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Yolanda Reid (Deceased)  
 Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Mary Anne Cresto (Birthday)  
 5:00 p.m. – Hector Mandujano Jr. (Birthday)  
 Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Esperanza Estrella (Deceased 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
 8:15 a.m. – Ramon Madrigal (Deceased)  
 9:45 a.m. – Simona (Deceased) & Mercedes Martinez (Deceased); Baldomero Montemayor (Birthday)  
 11:30 a.m. - Sabina Day (Deceased); Annie Lapid (Deceased)

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

**For September 14, 2009 to September 19, 2009**

Mon Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17  
 Tues. 1 Timothy 3:1-13 / John 19:25-27  
 Wed. 1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Luke 7:31-35  
 Thu. 1 Timothy 4:12-16 / Luke 7:36-50  
 Fri. 1 Timothy 6:2c-12 / Luke 8:1-3  
 Sat. 1 Timothy 6:13-16 / Luke 8:4-15

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**September 20, 2009 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3:16-4:3 / Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

**COLLECTIONS**

**September 6, 2009**

First Collection (Including EFT) .....	\$6,571.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection .....	9,566.00
Second Collection: Church Interior Renovation.....	2,347.00
Children's Envelopes .....	116.00

***Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.***

**THIS WEEKEND'S SPONSORSHIPS**

**HOSTS:** By Catrina Herrera, for OLR Parishioners

**WINE:** By Mary Guzman, for Anakalia Veldez in honor of her third birthday

**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**

## **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR OUR CCD PROGRAM**

Classes for our CCD program (religious education for students in grades 1-6) have started this week. **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**

**These are your remaining opportunities to register for the CCD Program:**

**At the Religious Education Office:**

**Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., through September 27.**

### ***CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS START TOADY!***

Don't miss out! Read the special section on Confirmation and Youth Group Information appearing later in this edition of the Bulletin.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS STARTS THIS WEEK**

Don't miss out! Read the article on Safe Environment Training appearing later in this edition of the Bulletin.

**TODAY IS CATHEDRAL SUNDAY.** The second collection is the annual appeal 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. The purpose of this appeal is to help retire the debt that was incurred in the construction of the Cathedral.

In last week's Bulletin there was a booklet in English containing a pledge envelope, regarding the appeal. This week you will find the Spanish version enclosed.

If you were not prepared to make a donation or pledge this weekend, we will still accept it in the coming weeks – just drop your envelope by the Parish Office or place it in any future collection at Mass. You may also mail it to the following address: Development Office, Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612. Be sure to write our parish name on your envelope before sending it in so that OLR will receive the credit for your donation.

### ***"FREE" PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY***

**The Knights of Columbus will have a free pancake breakfast next Sunday after all Masses except for the 11:30 Mass, in the Parish Hall.**

Since this a free breakfast, there will be NO MENUDO. The menu will be pancakes and eggs with ham, juice and coffee.

The main purpose of this breakfast is two-fold:

- To "open" the new Fall season, and get our parishioners together in a social setting.
- To help support worthy parish causes.

Free-will donations will be accepted. All donations will be turned in by the Knights to help fund a worthy parish cause: our CYO program. The CYO program attempts to keep its fees as affordable as possible, and as a result, is running on a "shoestring" budget. The CYO recently

approached the Knights for help, as it need additional funding to purchase basketballs for the program. As a result of this appeal, the Knights have decided to use all donations given during the breakfast for this cause.

Thank you in advance for your support – hope to see you on Sunday!

## **SAVE THESE DATES**

### **FESTIVAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Regardless of how hard we work to postpone the coming of the first weekend of October, it always seems to come on schedule. As a result, we need to have a couple of General Meetings to prepare for the Parish Festival during the coming weeks. So that you can mark your calendar, here are the meetings we have planned:

**Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.**

The following people should attend both meetings:

- People planning to work in a booth
- People planning to chair a booth
- People who signed up to help on the tables outside the church during the last couple of months.
- People who want to find out what they can do to help with the Festival.

### **COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND DAY OF RECOLLECTION NEXT**

**SUNDAY. On Sunday, September 20**, parishioners serving as Ministers to the Sick in BOTH English and Spanish will be commissioned at the 11:30 Mass. On the same day, there will be a Day of Recollection for both English and Spanish Ministers to the Sick from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., followed by a potluck. The Day of Recollection will be held at the home of Gene and Terri Arciniaga. Please call 510.378.1712 for more information.

**FLEA MARKET PICK-UPS TO START THIS SATURDAY:** On Saturday, September 19 and on Saturday, September 26 we will be picking up flea market items from parishioners' homes. These pick-ups are intended to help where there are larger items to be donated which are too large to fit into a car, and where items are too heavy for a parishioner to move on his or her own. To schedule a pick up, simply call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leave your name, phone number, and a description of what needs to be picked up. We will call back on the Friday before to schedule, and then right before we come to your home.

**LADIES GUILD HALLOWEEN SALAD BAR LUNCHEON – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 IN THE PARISH HALL.** Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00, which includes fabulous salads, fresh rolls, tempting desserts and drinks. Free bingo is played with groceries given to the winners. Tickets will also be on sale at the event for a prize drawing. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun. Contact Barbara Hatton (510.792.3647) for tickets.

**VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANING BEGINS THIS WEEK.** Our program of having teams of volunteers clean the Church to save the parish money during these difficult times is beginning this week. There was so much interest in this ministry that we have formed 6 cleaning teams of 6 people each. If you attended a meeting in the past, you should have received a schedule and information in the mail. If you did not receive this information, please contact the Parish Office at 510.471.2609.

**DUE TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S NEWS RELATED TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND THE START OF THE FALL AND WINTER SEASONS, WE HAVE ADDED TWO ADDITIONAL PAGES OF NEWS TO THIS EDITION OF THE BULLETIN.**

## **ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

**HERE ARE THE DETAILS:**

**THE FINAL CENTENNIAL EVENT**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**ONE MORE WEEK LEFT TO BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON**

The final Centennial event will take place on Sunday, September 27. The events that will take place on that day are the following:

- **SPECIAL CENTENNIAL MASSES AT 9:45 AND 11:30**
- **THE PLANTING OF THE CENTENNIAL TREE**
- **THE PLACEMENT OF THE TIME CAPSULE**
- **OTHER DEDICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
- **A LUNCHEON (Italian food – Bolognese, a pasta and meat dish)**

**TICKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON ARE NOW BEING SOLD.** So that we can know how many meals to order, **tickets must be purchased in advance.** They are now being sold at the Parish Office and outside the Church after Mass through September 20.

***See the flyer that appears in this edition of the Bulletin for more details.***

**COR NEEDS YOUR HELP – MAKE A PHONE CALL THIS TUESDAY.** As a congregation, we have been working to make sure that all our families have access to health care. Last month we, along with over 300,000 people of faith, listened to President Obama talk about health care reform. Our elected representatives need strength and the courage to take action. On September 15 thousands of people of faith across the country are going to call their elected officials and urge them to stand up and vote for reform that makes health care affordable for our families. We urge you to call your National Legislator by calling 866.279.5474. You can find more information about the September 15 call-in day, including the toll-free number and suggested talking points, in your bulletin or online at [www.coverallfamilies.org](http://www.coverallfamilies.org).

**A FIRE SALE WITHOUT THE FIRE.** We have a lot of OLR Centennial-related items in stock that we want to sell off. We want to sell these items as our celebration of the parish centennial will end this year, and as we have a large amount of funds tied up in these items – if we can sell these items, it would provide badly needed cash for the parish.

So as a result, we will be selling all Centennial-related items at **HALF OFF OF OUR COST!** These items include back packs, tote bags, thermos bottles, water bottles, jackets, sweatshirts, license plate frames, and T shirts. **CENTENNIAL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD EVERY SUNDAY AFTER MASS.** Our youth groups will be selling the items for the parish. The parish will give the youth 20% of the proceeds that they bring in from the sales.

**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](http://www.olrchurch.org)

**GOSH, IT'S GETTING POPULAR!**

## **NEWS CONCERNING HOST, WINE, CANDLE AND FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

You might recall that in a past edition of the Bulletin that we reported that there are no available host dedications in 2009. As a result, we are now accepting dedications for hosts in 2010.

Since there were no host dedications available, many parishioners have found (and we suggested to a few people as well) that a dedication for wine is a good alternative. It is only \$10.00 more than for hosts, and there were plenty of dates available in 2009. However, we found that as of last week all of the wine dedications for 2009 are also now all taken.

**As a result, we have made a change to the dedications for candles.** Candle dedications are not that popular, as they “cost” twice as much as the wine. In addition, we are finding that candles are burning at a rate where they are replaced only every 1½ weeks. In order to give more parishioners the opportunity to make a dedication, we are splitting the candle dedications two-for-one (kind of like a stock split). **We are now accepting candle dedications at \$35.00 a week.**

We will have one candle donation per week, but if all of the candle dedications are taken up for a given year, we will be able to make a second dedication on specific dates. For those parishioners who have already made a dedication for candles at \$77.00 a week, we ask that you call our Parish Office (510.471.2609) on Wednesdays and speak with Madeline. We will give you a second dedication with no additional donation necessary.

**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.

**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](http://www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org)

## **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.

### **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. **In order to better accommodate the schedules of the teachers in our CCD program, we have changed the day of one of the sessions.** The schedule is now as follows:

#### **ENGLISH**

Tuesday, September 15, at 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](http://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.

## **ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**ALL SAINTS YLI TO HAVE FUND-RAISING BINGO** on Friday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at All Saints Church, 32284 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Hayward. Everyone is welcome. There will be 10 games, \$1.00 per card. Play as many cards as you want. Pot will be split 50/50. There will be drawing and door prizes. Proceeds will be for charitable causes. For more information call Bette at 510.538.5447.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

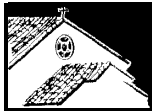
I would like my gift recognized as follows:

(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 15**

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

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

**Safe Environment Class**, English, Church, 7:00 p.m.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group**, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 16**

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

**Our Lady's Guild Meeting**, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 17**

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

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

**Friday, September 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, September 19**

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

**Sunday, September 20**

**Centennial items and tickets to the Luncheon on September 27 sold after Mass**

**Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul**

**Exit Collection for our Holy Father in Rome**

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

**High School Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**