

Repent, and Believe in Him!

Matthew 21:28-32

The late afternoon shadow of the Synagogue building had already crept across the gardens, reaching the low rock wall that formed the courtyard. On the other side of the wall was the road which led south toward Jerusalem. A man leading three camels floated past. He was probably going to load them for a caravan to Damascus. Other merchants and tradesmen were also hurrying along the road.

In the Synagogue courtyard, Jesus and some of the disciples were engaged in a debate with the elders and the chief priests.

One aging priest pointed his withered finger at Jesus: "I have heard the stories about you."

Jesus responded, "And I have asked that they not be told."

"You have spoken to the wind. Why have you done your deeds for the gentiles? Why have you taken meals with prostitutes and tax collectors? Are you not a Jew like us?" The priest's flurry of questions left him gasping for air.

Peter was getting irritated. These elders and priests were just trying to make Jesus look bad. Peter rose, his deep voice growling the words: "Jesus fed five thousand Jews a few weeks ago!"

The priest's charge reminded Jesus of the Samaritan woman at the well and the Syro-Phoenician woman who had followed him all the way to Tyre. Jesus wanted to respond directly that the gentiles seemed to believe in him, but most of the Jews were skeptical. He decided it would be better to teach with a parable.

"What do you think of this case?" Jesus began. "There was a man who had two sons..."

Jesus related the story of how the first son promised to go to work, but didn't. The second son rebelled against the father's authority and refused to go. But later the second son regretted what he had said and decided to go to the vineyard to work.

The elders pulled at their beards and reflected on the parable.

Then Jesus said: "Let me make it clear that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Peter smirked at Jesus bold conclusion, glancing at the priests and elders who were glaring angrily back at the youthful Jesus before them. Jesus stabbed the air with his finger and charged on: "When John came preaching a way of holiness, you put no faith in him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did believe in him. Yet even you did when you saw that not, and believe in him repent and believe in him believe repent in

Him!



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The parable provides a little mirror through which we can see our true selves. On Sunday we may be like the first son who says, "Yes Lord, I am going to follow you and serve you." But then comes Monday and we may fail to do it. At other times we may be the rebellious second son, refusing to do what we know God is calling us to do.

When we do decide to obey the commandments which the Father has given us...when we do decide to follow Jesus...when with the help of the Holy Spirit we faithfully live up to those commitments, then will our actions have met the parable's test of obedience.

-- Deacon Dick Folger

INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For September 29, 2008 October 5, 2008

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Francisca Delgadillo (Dec.)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	Sam Ishak (Birthday)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	Minnie Jandik (Dec.)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Juan Ornelas (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Orlando Valdez (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. --	Ernesto Zablan (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	For us, the Parishioners
	8:15 a.m. --	Our Lady's Guild (Intentions)
	9:45 a.m. --	Maria (Birthday) & Maria Padilla (Birthday)
	11:30 a.m.--	Tom & Esperanza Morales (34th Wedding Anniversary)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For September 29, 2008 October 4, 2008

Mon	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / John 1:47-51
Tues.	Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 / Luke 9:51-56
Wed.	Job 9:1-12, 14-16 / Luke 9:57-62
Thu.	Job 19:21-27 / Matthew 18:1-5,10
Fri.	Job 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5 / Luke 10:13-16
Sat.	Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 / Luke 10:17-24

SUNDAY READINGS

October 5, 2008 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 / 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 / Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

COLLECTIONS

For September 21, 2008

First Collection	\$6,477.15
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Cathedral Collection	1,330.00
Exit Collection: Holy Father.....	533.00
Children's Envelopes	53.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY. As this Friday, October 3, 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.

NEW ARTICLES

OUR PARISH FESTIVAL IS . . . **NEXT WEEKEND!**

*Remember last year's Festival, our biggest ever?
This one is pretty much the same, with one small addition:*

A LARGE CAR SHOW ON SUNDAY!

Here is a checklist of things you can do to make our Festival a success:

- Come to the Festival:** Eat, drink, play, enjoy the entertainment, and be merry!
- Bring your friends and neighbors.**
- Buy your tickets for the Fall Drawing and turn in your stubs and money. You may do so at the Drawing Ticket Booth (Booth # 51) at the Festival.**
- Bring us some donations.** Donations can be \$150.00 and \$75.00 sponsorships (or more) from parishioners or local businesses, donations of prizes for our drawing, flea market items, and boutique items.

You will find a map of the festival layout enclosed.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – THIS COMING SATURDAY AT THE FESTIVAL

This coming Saturday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis. On this day each year we invite all of our fellow “pet-ricioners” to come to church to be blessed. Since the feast coincides with our Parish Festival this year, we will have the blessing of the animals in front of the Festival stage on Saturday. The blessing will take place at 4:00 in the afternoon. You can bring all of your pets to be blessed, not just dogs and cats.

AT THE FESTIVAL: A FIRE SALE WITHOUT A FIRE. Over the course of the last couple of years, since we had been celebrating our parish's centennial, we had stocked up on every commemorative centennial item imaginable: caps, T shirts, handbags, license plate frames, cups, sweatshirts and jackets. Now that the centennial has ground down to a close, we would like to “stock down” on these items, as a lot of money is tied up in inventory. **WE ARE HAVING A CENTENNIAL ITEM CLEARANCE SALE AT THE FESTIVAL.** Items will be sold at cost. Visit our centennial booth at the Festival for the last time (this should be the last year we will be having one) to take advantage of this sale.

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ANOTHER CHANCE TO PICK UP YOUR BOOKS. If you have not yet picked up your centennial-related books, you may do so at the Centennial Booth at the Festival. These are the books we are talking about:

THE HISTORY BOOK: 100 YEARS OF FAITH. This is the book that tells the history of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. **It is free to all registered parishioners**, and may be purchased by members of the general public for \$15.00 a copy.

THE PHOTO ALBUM. Not to be confused with the History Book that has some black and white historical photos in it and a lot of writing, the Photo Album is the full-color book with photos of parishioners, parish families, and parish organizations. It is available for free only to those parishioners and families that have experienced a photo session in the Parish Hall that was offered by LifeTouch studios. The reason for this is that LifeTouch is providing us with a free book only for those families that participated in a photo session – extra books cost us more. Parishioners who had their photos taken with other parishioners as part of a parish organization are not entitled to a free book as the accounting is the other way around – LifeTouch actually charged the parish for including most of the pages of parish organizations in the book. If you did not participate in a family photo session and still want a book, you may purchase one for \$15.00. The \$15.00 is not for us to make a profit, but to cover some of the additional costs we incurred in having the book produced.

FLU SHOT CLINIC ON OCTOBER 12. The Visiting Nurse from Sutter Health will be here in two weeks on Sunday, October 12, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Dobrec Room of the Parish Hall to administer the flu vaccine. **SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE.** Flu shots protect you from the flu and related complications, and you cannot get flu from a flu shot. The cost of the flu vaccine is \$30.00. Medicare can cover the cost if you are not a member of a Medicare + Choice plan such as Secure Horizons or Kaiser Senior Advantage. The clinic will not bill private insurance, but you can get a receipt that you can present to your insurance company for possible reimbursement. Anyone allergic to eggs or egg products, allergic to Thimerosal (contact lens solution), or has had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past should not receive a flu shot. There is no need to pre-register – just stop by.

OUR LADY'S GUILD WILL HOLD ITS HALLOWEEN SALAD BAR LUNCHEON AND BINGO on Tuesday, October 28 in the Parish Hall. The Lunch will begin at Noon. Space is limited, and tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets are \$10.00 each. For tickets and information call Barbara Hatton at (510) 489-1247. All are welcome.

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THE KNIGHTS SAY BOTH "THANK YOU" AND "WE'RE SORRY." The Knights would like to thank all of you who came by for breakfast last Sunday. We haven't had a breakfast for some time and have heard that many of you were missing it. We had no idea that many of you had such a hankering for pancakes, and particularly menudo. We had a very busy 6:45 Mass, but the 8:15 Mass broke all records! It was probably our biggest Mass ever -- we had to set up extra seating. We made our usual amount of menudo, and that usually will get us through the 9:45 Mass. This weekend, though, we had only 8 bowls left after the 8:15 Mass, and turned away scores of menudo lovers after the 9:45 Mass. We then also ran out of eggs as well. We are grateful for our success, but are sorry to have disappointed those of you who we turned away. We plan to have our next breakfast in November, and will greatly increase our supplies in preparation. We thank you for your support and appreciate your patience.

ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE A CURSILLO WEEKEND. The Cursillo weekend is a three-day sharing experience of living in a Christian Community. The word "Cursillo" in Spanish means "a little course." During the three days of the weekend a person not only hears what it really means to be Christian but actually gets to experience the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian Community. Find someone in your parish who has made the weekend in the past, and enroll their help to sign you up now! For Candidate applications and Sponsor forms please visit www.oakdiocesecursillo.org. The next men's weekend will be October 23 – 26 at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland. The next women's weekend will be November 6 – 9 at Holy Redeemer Center. For details contact Nita Volker at 925.838.9442 or Carolyn Steele at 925.648.4890. ¡De Colores!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN FREMONT TO GET TO KNOW PAUL BETTER. On Monday nights from September 29 through October 13 St. Joseph's Church will have a series on Paul at Holy Family Motherhouse, 159 Washington Blvd. in Fremont. The sessions will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For more information contact Jo Ann Miller at 510.656.2364.



This Week At O.L.R.

Tuesday, September 30

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, October 1

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

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Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Church, 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, October 4

PARISH FESTIVAL

11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 p.m. at the Festival

Sunday, October 5

PARISH FESTIVAL

11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fall Drawing, 8:30 p.m.

Second Collection for Church Renovation