

OCTOBER 5, 2008 – FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Hail Mary, Full of Grace!

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus was homesick. All day he felt the weight of a persistent melancholy. It followed him like a stray dog. During the evening meal his memories of Mary and Joseph filled his heart despite the annoying chatter of the disciples. Now, away from them and finally alone, Jesus went up into the hills. The grass was alive with the sound of insects. Their chirping reminded Jesus of a similar night in Nazareth, long ago.

Mary had finished cleaning up after their meal and had come outside to be with him. Mary seemed to always be busy working and this moment of rest was special. They stood together beneath the stars and the boy Jesus felt his mother's hand holding his. There were no words to break the silence as their eyes searched the crystal skies. A deep peace flowed into them and Mary's hand wriggled free to brush the hair away from Jesus face with her fingers. Mary was constant, always filled with faith. He turned to her and she hugged him close. Jesus remembered the last time he had seen Mary when she was in the crowds by the lake. Someone recognized her and called out in praise: "How happy is the woman who bore you and nursed you."



Jesus had replied "Rather how happy are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Jesus snapped himself back to the present, filling himself with the resolve of his own words to obey. It was hard to be out here, alone, on his own. He had no-one to hold him close and brush his hair away. There was only the thin strand of his faith and the huge presence of the difficult mission which he must obey.

Jesus followed the rising full moon back to the house where they were staying. He found the disciples sitting outside, splashed in moonlight and shadows from the trees. They were still talking about faith.

"Make our faith greater," one of them asked of Jesus.

"If you had faith as big as a mustard seed you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you."

Jesus went on: "Suppose one of you has a servant who is plowing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry along and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead, you say to him, 'Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.' The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he?"

The disciples grunted their agreement and a memory of Mary's constant working flashed through Jesus' mind.

Jesus finished: "It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say "We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty."

Jesus went to join the disciples, sitting on the ground and leaning back against one of the trees. His melancholy was fading and fresh strength was coming, borne on the realization that, like his mother, he himself was only a servant who was doing his expected duty.

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Mary is the servant, the handmaiden of the Lord, who answered God's call and did her expected duty. She is the first example of Christian faith. She abandoned her own self and said "Be it done unto me according to thy will."

She was an inspiration for Jesus. Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is indeed with you! in him!"

-- Deacon Dick Folger

INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For October 6, 2008 to October 12, 2008

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Ramon M. Gonzalez (Dec.)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	Martha Estrella (Health)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	Joe Morales (Health)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Eustorgia Ojeda (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Alex Coria (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. --	Segundo Jr. & Hilda Garcia (13th Wedding Anniv.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	Alfredo Cabrera (Dec.); Javier Oswaldo Martinez (Dec.); Neofita Magallanes (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. --	For us, the Parishioners
	9:45 a.m. --	Emeterio Bonilla (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	Ed & Carol Prenot (50th Wedding Anniv.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For October 6, 2008 to October 11, 2008

Mon	Galatians 1:6-12 / Luke 10:25-37
Tues.	Galatians 1:13-24 / Luke 10:38-42
Wed.	Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 / Luke 11:1-4
Thu.	Galatians 3:1-5 / Luke 11:5-13
Fri.	Galatians 3:7-14 / Luke 11:15-26
Sat.	Galatians 3:22-29 / Luke 11:27-28

SUNDAY READINGS

October 12, 2008 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a / 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 /
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

COLLECTIONS

For September 28, 2008

First Collection	\$6,861.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: <i>Catholic Voice / El Heraldo</i>	2,414.50
Children's Envelopes	16.25

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

HOW TO GET TIMELY RESULTS OF OUR FESTIVAL DRAWINGS AND CONTESTS. A number of our parishioners call our Office on Monday after the Festival and ask us to read off the list of winners for our drawing and other contests. The only problem is that we are not open on Monday. Anyway, this Sunday (today) we will post the results of all our drawings and contests to our website soon after this information is known. The information should be available on the website by midnight. So visit www.olorchurch.org and click on "The Latest News" to see the list of lucky people. Hopefully you will find your name there among them.

TODAY

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

**For your convenience, it is being held
here on the parish grounds**

NEW ARTICLES

What is there to do at the Parish Festival?

***See the copy of the Festival Program which is inserted in this
Bulletin.***

COFFEE AND DONUT FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY. Next Sunday, October 12, we will have our Coffee and Donut Fellowship after all the Masses. Be sure to stop by and chat with your fellow parishioners and fella parishionettes.

We would like to thank **Roberto's Donuts**, located at 404 W. Harder Road (where Harder and Santa Clara meet in Hayward) for their generosity in donating dozens and dozens of donuts for this event every month.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MASS: sales of fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items (that is, if any are left after the "Fire Sale" being held at the Parish Festival).

YOU'VE ASKED FOR IT, YOU GOT IT! This was an old Toyota jingle from the '70's, but what you're about to get your Toyota can certainly put to good use. Some of you who are buying ARCO Gas gift cards have told us that they wanted them in larger sizes. Someone listened, and now **we can get ARCO cards in \$100.00 and \$250.00 denominations as well as in \$50's.** We will have these new sizes in stock when we sell gift cards next weekend.

EVERY PARISHIONER COUNTS. During the month of October each year, at the request of the Diocese, we count attendance at all weekend Masses. So if you see a couple of our Eucharistic Ministers or other volunteers walking the aisles of the Church during Mass and using a clicking counter deely-bob, now you know why.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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.

What can't you do at the Parish Festival?

Succumb to boredom.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY – FLU SHOTS BEING GIVEN. The Visiting Nurse from Sutter Health will be here next 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.

What should you remember to do later on today if you haven't done so already?

One or both of these:

- ❖ ***Turn in your ticket stubs and money for our Fall Drawing at the Drawing Booth (#51)***
- ❖ ***Buy some (or more) tickets for the drawing.***

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 510.792.3647. All are welcome.

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!



This Week At O.L.R.

Tuesday, October 7

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

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

Bible Study, English, Orozco Group, Office Room 206, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

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

Stewardship Committee Meeting, Office Room 206, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 9

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

Friday, October 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, October 11

Guadalupe Society Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, October 12

Second Collection for our Parish Youth Programs

Coffee and Donut Fellowship

Fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items sold after Mass



