



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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OCTOBER 19, 2008 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Caesar's Coin!

Matthew 22:15-21

"There he is, over there, under the tree," one of the four stern-faced Pharisees said as they emerged from the synagogue. The bright afternoon sun made them squint to see Jesus and two of his disciples resting in the shade. These Pharisees were the local wise men, devout members of the strictest sect of Jews. They lived every letter of the Mosaic Law and hoped for the day when Israel would be God's nation again, free of the Romans and Herod.



Jesus glanced up at the four men squinting at him. They turned away quickly when they saw him looking back. The Pharisees sauntered across the temple courtyard toward another group, which was also eyeing Jesus.

"I think this is a good time for our little question," the black-bearded Pharisee smirked.

"Even we followers of Herod would agree with that," one from the other group said.

It was an unusual alliance. Herod's men said Jesus was a threat to their money and power if he really was a king or the Messiah. The Pharisees said God was the true ruler of Israel and paying tax to Rome denied God.

When they drew close, one of the Pharisees told the group around him, "It is a most cleverly contrived question."

The black-bearded one said: "If Jesus says not to pay the tax to the Emperor he could be arrested by Roman authorities. If he says to pay the tax, he will mark himself as a traitor to God."

"It's still early," one suggested. Let's wait until more people are here to watch him put his foot in his own mouth." The Pharisees and the Herodians drifted like a school of hungry fish. More people arrived.

"Either way, by sundown Jesus will no longer be a problem here," a Herodian snarled, glancing quickly at his victim.

"Sabbath greetings," Thaddeus said as he joined Jesus, Andrew and John. "I saw the others

coming just behind me.”

The sun was slowly landing behind the western hills when the black-bearded Pharisee stepped up onto the stone ledge surrounding the courtyard. He shouted for all to hear. “I have a question for the Teacher.” Turning to Jesus, the Pharisee paused for dramatic effect, waiting until everyone grew quiet. “Teacher, we know you are a truthful man and teach God’s way sincerely. You court no one’s favor and do not act out of human respect. Give us your opinion, then, in this case. Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?”

Jesus rose to his feet like a gathering storm cloud and threw his arms skyward. Sparks of light seemed to bristle in his eyes at the outrage of their trickery.

“Why are you trying to trip me up, you hypocrites?” Jesus thundered.

The little band of Pharisees and Herodians seemed to shrink together, fearful of Jesus’ stormy response.

Stalking toward them Jesus demanded, “Show me the coin used for the tax.”

Blackbeard fumbled in his robe and produced a silver denarius. Jesus took the coin and held it between his thumb and forefinger, turning to show the face of it to all the crowd.

“Whose head is this and whose inscription?” Jesus asked of them.

“Caesar’s,” came the reply.

Knowing the power of what he was about to say, Jesus smiled in spite of himself.

“Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, but give to God what is God’s.”

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If we can't serve two masters, who is our one master? Is it this little world and this little moment in time we call our life? Or is our one master the creator of all the worlds and all the universes; the one who walks among the stars and down the timeless corridors of eternity? Is it his image that is inscribed in our heart?

-- 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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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For October 20 to October 26, 2008

Mon. 8:15 a.m. -- Communion Service

Tue. 8:15 a.m. -- Petrita Tostado (Dec.)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. -- For us, the Parishioners

Thur. 8:15 a.m. -- For the Youth of our City

Fri. 8:15 a.m. -- Manuela R. Ablan (Dec. 3rd Anniv.)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. -- Marcelino Moya (Dec.)

5:00 p.m. -- Jackie DeClercq (Dec.)

Sun. 6:45 a.m. -- Mateo (Dec.) & Marin Valadez (Dec.); Pedro (Dec.) & Catalina Navarro (Dec.); Librada Lopez (Dec.)

8:15 a.m. -- Gianni Miraglia (Dec.); Ana (Dec.) & Armengol Aguilar (Dec.)

9:45 a.m. -- Eligio Gonzalez (Dec.); Jesusus Gonzalez (Dec.)

11:30 a.m.-- Jessica Jatiram (5th Birthday)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For October 20 to October 25, 2008

Mon Ephesians 2:1-10 / Luke 12:13-21

Tues. Ephesians 2:12-22 / Luke 12:35-38

Wed. Ephesians 3:2-12 / Luke 12:39-48

Thu. Ephesians 3:14-21 / Luke 12:49-53

Fri. Ephesians 4:1-6 / Luke 12:54-59

Sat. Ephesians 4:7-16 / Luke 13:1-9

SUNDAY READINGS

October 26, 2008 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 / 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 /

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

COLLECTIONS

For October 12, 2008

First Collection	\$8,537.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Youth Programs	2,141.00
Children's Envelopes	20.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

NEXT SUNDAY: SALES OF FUNDRAISING GIFT CERTIFICATES, RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND CENTENNIAL ITEMS IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH AFTER MASS.

NEW ARTICLES

DATE DETERMINED FOR FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET 2.0 – IT’LL BE NEXT SUNDAY! In last week’s Bulletin you might have read that there are a number of nice items left over from the Festival Flea Market, and that the “Flea Market People” were going to hold a second Flea Market in order to sell them. The date of the Flea Market has been determined: it is **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**. It will be held after all of the Masses in the Parking lot in front of the Parish Office. Refreshments will be sold as well. So if you have any inclination of buying something next Sunday, it might be wise to bring a larger vehicle so that you can carry it home.

A NOTE ON THE CENTENNIAL ITEM SALES. Last weekend we were planning to sell the Centennial Items outside of the Church at the same reduced prices that we sold them for at the Festival. The only problem is that we did not sell anything after Mass last Sunday as we were “short staffed.” There was only one poor sole available to sell the gift certificates, store items, and make runs to the donut shop. Poor guy!

Anywhoo, we will have more people this next weekend, so we will be selling Centennial Items at reduced prices in order to reduce our inventory.

At the Festival, we heard a few people comment that they thought that the items were too expensive, despite the discount. Just so you know, the prices are truly lowered to our cost. The discounted prices include the base price that we paid for the products, the cost to imprint them with the parish logo, delivery charges and tax.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY FOR FESTIVAL BOOTH CHAIRPEOPLE. If you were not a Chairperson in this year’s Festival, this article is not for you, so please do not read the rest of it. Take a big black marker and blacken it out or write “the word “confidential” across it.

Attention chairpeople: due to the great success of the Festival, may of you have asked if we have any sort of inkling yet on how well you booths have done. To give you a preliminary idea, we are posting some numbers to the “Latest News” page of our website (www.olrchurch.org). Please keep in mind that these numbers are simply preliminary and are subject to change until the time we have our big meeting.

EMBER 7, 2008

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STARTS NEW COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD. Quietly and regularly our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry has been collecting food for those in need at the doors to the Church every other month. As summer becomes a distant memory and our thoughts turning towards more “wintery” occasions (Christmas, for example) St. Vincent de Paul is starting to plan for the preparation of the “Christmas food baskets” that are distributed to the needy in our community. In preparing these baskets, a food collection campaign was started at Thanksgiving Mass and continued until Christmas. This year, since the need will be much greater due to the economy, St. Vincent de Paul wants to start this collection **immediately**. It is also starting food collection campaigns with parish groups as well – campaigns are now starting in the Parish School and Our Lady’s Guild.

So, when you come to Mass next weekend and every weekend from now on, consider bringing a can of non-perishable food. There will be baskets in front of the altar where you can place your food during the offertory, once the usher has taken up the collection from your pew.

Thank you very much for helping us help those in need.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MEMORIAL MASS ON ALL SAINTS DAY. Please join us for a memorial Mass on Saturday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m. at each of our Diocesan Cemeteries, including Holy Sepulchre in Hayward. Following the Mass we will celebrate “El Día de los Muertos” with Mariachi music and refreshments. We look forward to a wonderful day of fellowship as we remember our loved ones.

ANOTHER BIG “SCRIP” HELP!!! You “bailed us out” on two other occasions, so let’s try it for a third time. You probably know that the retailer Linens-N-Things closed all of the stores in our area in order to reorganize and “stay alive” through bankruptcy. Unfortunately, all efforts have failed and the entire chain will close forever. The problem is that we have a number of Linens-N-Things gift cards in stock. We cannot send them back to our broker. However, these cards will still be good to use as long as there are some Linens-N-Things stores open somewhere in the country. This is where you can help: Do you know of anyone who lives near a Linen-N-Things store and is planning to make a purchase at their “going out of business sale?” If so, contact them and see if they would be interested in some Linen-N-Things gift cards. Your help would be very much appreciated and will avert a loss on our part (unfortunately, company bankruptcies are one of the risks we have to take in the Scrip business).

WE THANK DAVID GARGES AND “EXECUTIVE PHONE SERVICE” FOR MAKING US A HEALTHIER PARISH. Perhaps you heard those TV commercials which say that we all could use more fiber, and that increasing our fiber will make us healthier. This must mean that we now have a healthier parish. This is because Executive Phone Service, owned by parishioner David Garges, donated many hours of employee labor and the equipment necessary to activate a fiber optic cable that runs under the parking lot. Mr. Garges originally installed the fiber optic cable when he replaced our underground telephone cable several years ago. We never activated it, as we placed it in the conduit knowing that we would use it someday. In the past, it would have been very expensive to obtain the equipment to use it, but of course, as time goes on with things related to technology, prices do come down. Now that the fiber optic cable is working, we have a more reliable connection between the church, the rectory and the offices for the office computer network and high-speed internet. ***We thank Mr. Garges for his gift of employee time and equipment to make this happen.***

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CURSILLISTAS!!!! Our next monthly ultreya will be on Saturday, October 25, at 7 pm at the home of Olive Riley-Steward, 32174 Bernice, Hayward. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and prayer. Olive's phone number is (510) 471-3332.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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

TAIZE – A PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS – THIS FALL. Refresh your soul . . . with a moment of peace and quiet . . . away from the busyness of life . . . listen to beautiful music . . . join others in prayer and song around the cross . . . offer your restlessness and worries to Jesus, the One who understands . . . let the longing in our world and yours meet in Jesus, the One who heals. . . . Dates: Taize is held the 3rd Friday of each month (the next date is November 21, 2008) . . . Time: 8:00 p.m. . . . Location: The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, in the Motherhouse Chapel, 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont. For more information contact Maria Shao (408.839.2068, maria49830@aol.com) or Sr. Beth Quire, OP (510.449.7554, beth@msjdominicans.org).

PRAYERS

REMEMBER THAT WE NEED YOUR HELP in maintaining this list. If you know of someone who is ill and should be listed below, let us know. Likewise, let us know if someone should be removed from this list. If anyone would like to be visited by our Ministers to the Sick, let us know as well. Thanks very much for your help.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Susana Alcaraz, Tony Baligaya, Gladis Borges, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Alan Cady, Lindy Cady, Rebecca Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Dionesio Campos, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, Grace Continelli, Cindy Davis, Chealsy Davis, Courtney Davis, Jennie DeCosta, Marc DelBianco, Irene Drouin, Joseph Dunbar, Martha Estrella, Juanita Estrellas, Ed Fiala, Rita Fregoso, Frank Gallegos, Sobeida Gallegos, Gene Garcia, Deanna Graves, Emilio Gudino, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Jesús Gutierrez, Anne Guzman, Herm Henderson, Carme Hernandez, Eduardo Hernandez, Henry Hernandez, Margaret K., Mark Kamakea, Erika Lepe, Ermelinda Lopez, Francisco Lozano, Miguel Luviano, Sara Maas, Antonio Maciel, Catalina Manasala, Craig Manning, Ismael Martinez, Richard M. Martinez, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Ysidro Nieves, Mirta Orellana, Mario Perales, Luz Perez, Ehren Perkins, Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodríguez, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Letty Serrano, Clarence Souza, Nelly Stewart, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Casandra Valadez, Isabel Villarina.



*This Week
At O.L.R.*

Tuesday, October 21

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.

School Board Meeting, Office Room 107, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

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

Friday, October 24

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

Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

Second Collection for SPecial Religious EDucation (SPRED)

Flea Market, after all Masses

Fundraising Gift Cards, Religious Articles and Centennial Items sold in front of the Church