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PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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NOVEMBER 16, 2008 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day of Reckoning

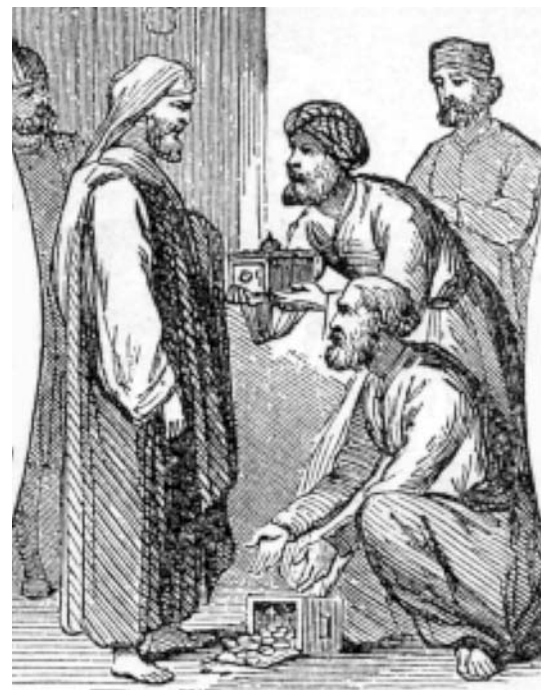
Matthew 25: 14-30

The friends of Jesus sometimes offered him a little money to help out with his ministry. Those who were grateful for his healings, also gave gifts. This money was used by Jesus to buy food and sometimes lodging for himself and his disciples. These coins were carried in a goatskin bag which one of the disciples kept. Usually the treasurer was Matthew because, as a former tax collector, he had always handled money. But sometimes Peter carried the coins because he was the biggest and the strongest and frequently took charge of things.

It was Peter who lost the money. With his empty hands held up in supplication, Peter tried to explain: "The coin bag was inside my bundle. I usually tie it to my belt. It must have fallen out along the road somewhere..."

The other disciples were not consoled with Peter's words. Without money they could buy no food. Young Thaddeus turned and stalked away, stabbing the ground with his walking stick.

Jesus watched silently, remembering a parable about



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stewardship and responsibility. Peter had been responsible for their money and had lost it all. The parable told the story of three men who were responsible for their employer's money when he left to take a long trip.

But this incident with Peter put more at stake than a few lost coins. It was a moment that could cost the disciples their unity. It was really a question of continuing together and living lives of love and forgiveness.

Jesus spoke: "My brothers, we must all love each other. Don't be angry with Peter. Peter has only lost some coins. Each of us stands to lose much more if we are not responsible for the greater gift of caring for each other. Each one of you carries a treasure from my Father. Don't lose that treasure today."

Jesus then began to tell the parable. He told how two of the men doubled their employer's money. But the third employee, who was fearful, buried the money in a field to keep it safe. On the day of reckoning, when the employer returned from his long journey, he praised the two who doubled his money. When the third returned only the original silver, his employer grew angry.

Jesus concluded. "Yield a harvest in your lives. Return more than what you have been given."

The tension over the lost money eased a little as each thought about the story.

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This parable comes down like a fence around each of our lives. Inside that fence we find the ground that is ours. We are in the center of that ground, alone with our life as we have lived it. On our day of reckoning we will be asked: What have we done with our lives? Have we invested our God-given talents wisely? Have we been able to double the gifts that we have been given? Or have we wasted our lives, doing nothing, burying our talent in the ground?

-- 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.

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INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For November 17, 2008 to November 23, 2008

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Al Roderigues (Health)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	Gina Gaska (Health)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	Craig Manning (Health)
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Rodolfo Alfaro (Dec.)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Feliziana Funes (5th Birthday)
	5:00 p.m. --	Charles and Hazelle Fowler (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	Gianni Miraglia (Dec.); Ana (Dec.) & Armengol Aguilar (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. --	Gelacio Garcia (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. --	Laureano Garcia (Dec.)
	11:30 a.m.--	Bob & Cheryl Prenot (15 th Wedding Anniversary)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For November 17, 2008 to November 22, 2008

Mon	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Luke 18:35-43
Tues.	Revelation 3:1-6,14-22 / Luke 19:1-10
Wed.	Revelation 4:1-11 / Luke 19:11-28
Thu.	Revelation 5:1-10 / Luke 19:41-44
Fri.	Revelation 10:8-11 / Luke 19:45-48
Sat.	Revelation 11:4-12 / Luke 20:27-40

SUNDAY READINGS

November 23, 2008 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 / 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 /
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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COLLECTIONS	
November 9, 2008	
First Collection	\$7,191.14
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul.....	2,212.00
Children's Envelopes	22.00
<i>Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.</i>	

THANKSGIVING MASS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27. Our Traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m.

You may bring the bread or rolls, and the wine you will be serving at Thanksgiving dinner with you to this Mass, so that they can be blessed. **Keep the bread and wine with you in your pew.**

Non-Perishable or canned food for use in our Christmas Baskets for the needy in our parish will be collected. **You and your family should bring this food up to the Altar at the offertory**, once the usher has taken the collection up from your pew.

There will not be an 8:15 a.m. Mass that day.

NEW ARTICLES

RITE OF WELCOMING NEXT SUNDAY. Next Sunday, November 23, at the 8:15 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming for six adults who are preparing their Christian Initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2009. They are **Jose Emmanuel Gallo, Jesus Lacson, Jorge Martinez, Brianda B. Ponce, Rosalinda Lynn Rodriguez, Doreen A. Strawn, and David Ulloa.** Let us keep them in our prayers and welcome them as they continue on their journey.

NEXT WEEKEND: SALES OF FUNDRAISING GIFT CARDS AND CERTIFICATES, RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND CENTENNIAL ITEMS AFTER ALL MASSES.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE NEWS: If you stopped by our tables after Mass last week, you probably saw that we ordered lots of new inventory just in time for Christmas giving.

CENTENNIAL ITEMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT PRICES LOWERED TO OUR COST.

GIFT CARD NEWSBRIEFS:

- **Another parishioner “comes to the rescue”** and purchases our small supply of Circuit City gift cards. Thank you very much! Even though Circuit

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City will continue to exist into the foreseeable future and is reorganizing and reducing the number of stores, we, and pretty much all other non-profit organizations, will no longer offer Circuit City.

- **MERVYN'S IS STILL HONORING GIFT CARDS.** No one has yet "taken any off our hands." We still have \$300.00 of gift cards in stock. A call to the Hayward store has verified that for the time being the cards will be good until the stores are closed. So if you plan to go to the Mervyn's going out of business sale, be sure to go with some of our gift cards.
- **Just to play it safe, we will begin to pare down our abundant supply of gift cards a little bit to lessen our risk in these difficult times.** You shouldn't see the effect of this too much. There could be some stores or restaurants that might be available by special order only. The stores that offer "staple items" (e.g. supermarkets, gas stations, and discounters such as Wal-Mart) will not be affected at all.

BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7. The Blood Centers of the Pacific will set up its mobile blood donation center in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 7. It will be open after all of the Masses.

Sign-ups are helpful, as we report the number of people who have appointments to the Blood Bank. This helps them provide the staff they need to run the drive. In order to sign up, you can do one of the following:

- **Contact the Parish Office** at 510.471.2609.
- **Sign up after Mass next weekend** at the tables where gift cards and religious articles are sold.
- **Sign up online.** Visit www.bloodheroes.com, and use group code "rosary."

If you are not sure when you will be available, remember that **"walk-ins" are welcome. If you want to walk in, it would still be helpful for you to sign up as a walk-in.**

A GIFT OF BLOOD IS A GIFT OF LIFE. Blood is always in short supply, and only a small fraction of those who can donate blood actually do so. The main requirements are these: 1) be in good health; 2) weigh at least 110 pounds; 3) have a good meal and drink lots of water or juice; and 4) have a photo ID. Your caring is most appreciated.

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

FYI – NO NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCE – AT OLR AT LEAST. We have just confirmed the fact that there will not be a New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance at OLR this year. The family that usually does it is not able to this year, and the Knights of Columbus, which did it last year, decided not to do it for a number of reasons. One of the main reasons why we will not have a dinner-dance at OLR

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is that it would conflict with two New Year's Eve events that are being sponsored by the City of Union City which will "kick-off" the city's 50th Anniversary in 2009. We urge you to look into these two events, for which you will find information three paragraphs below on this here page.

JUST SO YOU KNOW . . . CHRISTMAS IS COMING! It is always a busy time of the year at OLR, particularly for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The coming of Christmas is helping us realize that we could use some more volunteers to help us serve those in need. This is of particular importance this year – with the current state of the economy, we have seen more people visit our pantry for food and more people – both individuals and families – come to eat at our Friday Night Dinners. So if you could help us either with the Friday Night Dinners or with the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (either on a temporary basis during the Holidays or on a more long-term basis throughout the year) please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609.

ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

UNION CITY NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE IS NOW REGISTERING PARTICIPANTS FOR ITS 2009 SEASON. Registration will take place on Saturdays December 6, 13 and 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Centro de Servicios on 6th and H Streets, and on weekdays on December 9 and 15 and January 7 and 12 at the UCNLL Snack bar. Online registration is also available at www.eteamz.com/UCNLL. Registration is open to all those between 5 and 18 years of age who reside in Union City east of the Nimitz (I-880). Cost is \$115.00 for the first player and \$50.00 for each additional sibling. Original birth certificate or US Passport, medical contacts (doctor's name and number) and three documents to prove residency (e.g. Driver License, utility bill, homeowner's/rental records) will be required at registration. All players 7 to 12 years of age are welcome to take part in tryouts on January 17, 22 and 24. Registration for managers and coaches will be taken on January 9. For more information call 510.943.7714 or visit www.eteamz.com/UCNLL

TWO NEW-YEARS EVE EVENTS BEING HELD TO CELEBRATE UNION CITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. The City of Union City is holding two New Years Eve events in celebration of the city's 50th Anniversary, which is taking place in 2009. The events, which take place (of course) on Wednesday, December 31, are as follows:

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASQUERADE PARTY. It will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 32083 Alvarado-Niles Road. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. The doors will open at 6:00. There will be dancing to a DJ and festive hors d'oeuvres from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. After, there will be live music from a San Francisco band, Savoir Faire, until 1:00 a.m. The contacts for tickets and more information are 510.675.5420 or www.unioncity50.com.

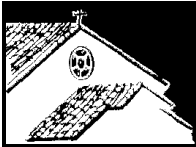
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BLACK AND WHITE GALA. It will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Union City Sports Center at 31224 Union City Blvd. Tickets are \$150.00 per person, and the attire is black and white formal wear. There will be music, cocktails and surprise entertainment. Dinner will be served at 8:00, followed by live music and dancing until 1:00 a.m. There will be a silent auction to support 2009 public events. The contacts for tickets and more information are 510.471.5313 or www.unioncity50.com.

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, James Finnigan, 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., Erika Lepe, Ermelinda Lopez, Francisco Lozano, Miguel Luviano, Sara Maas, Antonio Maciel, Catalina Manasala, Craig Manning, Ismael Martinez, Lupita Martinez, Richard M. Martinez, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Ysidro Nieves, Mirta Orellana, Mario Perales, Luz Perez, Ehren Perkins, Al Roderigues, 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, November 18

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

Rosary Night, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

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

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19

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Rosary Night, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, November 20

Rosary Night, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21

Rosary Night, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Saturday, November 22

Rosary Night, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23

Second Collection for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations

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

Confirmation Group, Parish Hall, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.