



# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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NOVEMBER 22, 2009 – CHRIST THE KING

### *My Kingdom is Not of this World*

*John 18: 33-37*

Pontius Pilate stepped up onto the stone platform and slowly settled himself in the judgment seat. He crossed his legs and rested himself against the chair's left arm. He sat in silence for several minutes as he studied the prisoner before him. The man was bruised and bloody from the beatings. He seemed beyond exhaustion and could barely stand.

"Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked.

Jesus lifted his bruised head to answer. His speech came slowly, slurred through his swollen, cracked lips. Jesus' mouth was dry. All through the long night they had given him no water. Only the taste of blood had quenched his nagging thirst.

Jesus boldly answered Pilate by turning the question back to him: "Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?"

Pilate sat on the edge of the chair and put both feet on the platform. "I am no Jew! It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus staggered to the right, caught his balance and then continued to speak: "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom were of this world my subjects would be fighting to save me from being handed over to the Jews."

Pilate seemed to be listening carefully. Jesus locked eyes with him. "As it is," Jesus paused, "my kingdom is not here."

Pilate leaned forward, "So then you are a king?"

"It is you who say I am a king," Jesus protested through his pain.

Pilate made no response, ignoring the way Jesus was turning his words back against him.

Talking had opened the crusty cuts in his swollen lips and Jesus could again taste blood. Pain was burning everywhere in his body.

Grimly he found the strength to finish: "The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world, is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."





*If we consider ourselves members of God's kingdom here on earth, we must ask ourselves if Christ is really king in our lives? Jesus told Pilate that he came into the world to testify to the truths about God and man. Each of us must, in our own time, discover that truth for ourselves. We then must believe the truth, live out that truth and share the truth of love with one another. In that way the bearer of truth, Jesus Christ, becomes the king of our lives.*

-- 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**

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## **INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

##### **For November 23, 2009 to November 29, 2009**

Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service

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

Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Sammy Ramirez (Deceased)

Thur. 10:00 a.m. – For us, the Parishioners

Fri. 8:15 a.m. – Grace Rodriguez (Health)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Pati Dodd (Birthday)

5:00 p.m. – Salvador Sanchez (Deceased)

Sun. 6:45 a.m. – For us The Parishioners

8:15 a.m. – In Thanksgiving by the Casareno Family

9:45 a.m. – Myrna Padilla (Birthday); Bianca Paganelli (Birthday)

11:30 a.m. - Anna Moynihan (Deceased)

#### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

##### **For November 23, 2009 to November 28, 2009**

Mon Daniel 1:1-6,8-20 / Luke 21:1-4  
 Tues. Daniel 2:31-45 / Luke 21:5-11  
 Wed. Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 / Luke 21:12-19  
 Thu. Daniel 6:12-28 / Luke 21:20-28  
 Fri. Daniel 7:2-14 / Luke 21:29-33  
 Sat. Daniel 7:15-27 / Luke 21:34-36

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**November 29, 2009 – First Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 /  
 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

**COLLECTIONS**

**November 15, 2009**

First Collection (Including EFT) .....	\$7,429.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection .....	9,566.00
Second Collection: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration.....	1,890.00
Children’s Envelopes .....	112.30

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

**THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS**

**HOSTS:** By the Lopez Family, for Manuela Queroz

**WINE:** By Teresa Cummings, in memory of Maria de la Luz and Guadalupe Gucho

**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.*

**TODAY  
 RETREAT FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- *English*
- *Spanish*
- *Current Eucharistic Ministers*
- *Future Eucharistic Ministers*

**2:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Church**

**NEW ARTICLES**

**THANKSGIVING IS THIS THURSDAY.** Please take note of two things:

- **OUR THANKSGIVING DAY MASS** will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Please see the article in the “Previous Weeks” section of the Bulletin for details.

- **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY.** In the event of an emergency, you may call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and select option 2 at the menu. The Parish Office will be open on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27.

**NEW SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY WILL BE MUSIC TO YOUR EARS.** If you attend one of our Masses in English, you undoubtedly have noticed that we are losing song books. A number of years ago we repaired some and bought some new ones as replacements, but now we must retire our books as the number of good song books is once again very low.

Rather than purchase new songbooks, we are going to print what is called a “worship aid” several times a year. A worship aid is a pamphlet of songs and prayers. Each pamphlet will have songs for a certain season of the year. Just as you do now, you will remove a worship aid from the cart at the doors of Church, and return it there after Mass. **THE FIRST EDITION OF THE WORSHIP AID WILL BE PRINTED FOR ADVENT.**

The main reasons we are changing from songbooks to a worship aid are the following: 1) since they are replaced every season, they will hopefully be kept in good condition; and 2) we will select songs from various publishers, so we will have a better variety of music.

**HERE IS THE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** We will incur expenses to have the worship aid printed. Similar to the sponsorships we currently accept for things like hosts and wine, we are accepting sponsorships for the worship aid as well. The worship aid will have a page for sponsorships and dedications. **The minimum donation for a sponsorship will be \$35.00 each.**

**TO REQUEST A SPONSORSHIP,** use the same form that we currently use for hosts, wine, candles and flowers – **a new selection is being added to this form for the worship aid.**

## ***Advent Starts Next Weekend . . . So Does***

### **GIFTS FROM THE HEART**

**Our Advent tradition** of collecting Christmas Gifts for those less fortunate continues.

Parish families are encouraged to bring a new gift to church each of the four weeks of Advent – from now through December 20. During the Offertory families will place these gifts under our Advent Tree, which will be located in the Sanctuary of the Church.

Gifts should be **unwrapped.** Gifts may be for adults as well as for children. Some items which can be donated are clothing, toiletry sets, books, stuffed animals like Teddy Bears, and toys. We ask that in the interest of promoting peace and justice that no donations of toy guns be made, or any other toy that relates to violence or war.

We often find that we have many donations of gifts for children, but need more donations for teenagers and adults. As a result, we make this suggestion: If you plan to donate gifts for the next three weeks, consider varying the gifts you give. For example, on one week donate a gift for a child 12 and under, on another week donate a gift for a teenager, and on another week donate a gift for an adult.

**We also will need the following:**

- Donations of gift wrap
- Donations of cellophane tape

If you can help in any way, please call the Parish Office at 471-2609, and leave a message for the Liturgy Committee.

### **FUNDRAISING GIFT CARDS: DEVELOPMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS PURCHASING.**

- **WE WILL BE SELLING FUNDRAISING GIFT CARDS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES EVERY SUNDAY** from now until Christmas. If it is raining on a particular weekend, we will still be around – don’t look for us outside, but look for us crammed into a little room in the main Vestibule of the Church.

- **AN UPDATED LISTING OF OUR GIFT CARD OFFERINGS** will appear in next weekend's Bulletin and will appear in the Bulletin each weekend from now until Christmas.

**BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6.** The Blood Centers of the Pacific will set up its mobile blood donation center in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 6. 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](http://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.

**COR MEETING RESCHEDULED BECAUSE OF TURKEYS.** The General Monthly Meeting of Our Lady of the Rosary Local Organizing Committee of COR was scheduled to take place this Wednesday, November 25. Since this day is Thanksgiving Eve, we are rescheduling the meeting to Wednesday, December 9.

**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING CALLS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED** starting this Friday, November 27. These families are those who will be receiving our "Christmas Food Baskets" and the "Gifts from the Heart." We would like for you to do us a favor. Oftentimes those who are most in need are often too embarrassed to ask for help. As a result, if you know of a family that is facing unfortunate circumstances and might not be inclined to give us a call, please do them a favor and let us know. Your anonymity will be maintained.

**BUÑUELO SALE NEXT SUNDAY.** The Guadalupe Society will be selling fresh, sugary Buñuelos after all Masses next Sunday. Proceeds from the sale will help cover the expenses associated with the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations in December. Thank you for your support.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY TO COLLECT FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS.** Continuing until December 20, our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be collecting food for the 100 or so "food baskets" that we give to the needy at Christmastime. The items that we need are the following:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned yams
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup
- Canned, baked beans
- Canned juices
- Canned tuna
- Canned meat
- Vienna Sausage
- Corned Beef
- Macaroni & cheese
- Scalloped potatoes
- Mashed potatoes
- Cake mixes and frosting
- Cereal
- Rice
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Fresh fruit (please donate only on Dec. 20)
- Rolls (please donate only on Dec. 20)

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference will complete the basket by furnishing canned hams.

So, won't you consider helping to provide a family with a healthy, full basket of food this Christmas? **Simply deposit your donation in the baskets or barrels that are located at the entrances of the church when you come to Mass in the coming weeks.**

On delivery day, the food baskets are joined by the donations which you make to the Gifts from the Heart program, and they are then delivered by our delivery volunteers in a caring manner. This act of generosity does much to alleviate depression and loneliness, and it brightens the holiday for shut-ins, persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or needy.

## **ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

**NEW GIFT CARD OFFERING.** Raley's, which used to offer Scrip before going to an electronic-only program, has returned to selling traditional Scrip by having gift cards. They are available in \$25.00 and \$50.00 denominations. The return is a rather generous for grocery stores: 5%. With this new development, we now sell gift cards for all of the stores that have an electronic scrip program.

**A note about electronic Scrip versus gift cards:** As we have mentioned before, if a store has both gift cards and electronic Scrip, you should participate in both programs. The reason for this is two-fold: 1) in almost every case, gift cards return a higher percentage to OLR than electronic Scrip; and 2) if you do not have gift cards with you when you visit a store, we will still get *something* back in return if you use electronic Scrip.

**THE GUILD IS HAVING A DRAWING FOR A CHRISTMAS WREATH.** Our Lady's Guild is selling tickets for a drawing with a prize of a beautiful Christmas wreath. Tickets are being sold in front of

the Church after all weekend Masses now through December 6. The drawing for the winner will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7 – you need not be present to win. The wreath will be on display after each Mass. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. All proceeds will be given back to OLR Church. This beautiful wreath can be used to decorate your home for years to come. If you were to purchase the wreath in a local retail store, it would sell for around \$90.00; so please stop by after Mass and buy some tickets. Thank you from Our Lady's Guild.

**ATTENTION ALL LECTORS: THE NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE** in the vesting sacristy by the entrance to the church. Please take the one with your name on it.

**THANKSGIVING MASS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.** Our Traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 26 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.**

## **ARTICLE FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND – MARY, MOTHER OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE, DECEMBER 5, 2009.** We invite you to participate with our Reverend Bishop Joseph Salvatore Cordileone the diocesan pilgrimage. Share our faith in the pilgrimage, singing and worshipping our mother the Virgin of Guadalupe. Starting point of St. Louis Bertrand, 1410 100<sup>th</sup> Ave., Oakland 94603 at 9:00 a.m. Point: Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland 94612. For more information or to collaborate you can call the Latino Ministry Office at 510.496.7224.

## **PRAYERS**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Tony Baligaya, KayMaria Baranouskas, Lindy C., Paul Cabrera, Maria Camarillo, Grace Caminada, Daniel Canales, Rose Canales, Grace Carr, Anita Castillo, Grace Continelli, Cindy Davis, Chealsy Davis, Courtney Davis, Jennie DeCosta, Irene Drouin, Joseph Dunbar, Martha Estrella, Juanita Estrellas, Mary Ferrario, Ed Fiala, James Finnigan, Frank Gallegos, Sobeida Gallegos, Ronnie Graves, Emilio Gudino, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Jesús Gutierrez, Anne Guzman, Eduardo Hernandez, Henry Hernandez, Margaret K., Mark Kamakea, Francisco Lozano, Carmen Martinez, Lupita Martinez, Philip Molina, Frances Morales, Joe Morales, Richard Nelson, Ma. Elena Ochoa, Mario Perales, Anita Perkins, Margie (Judy) Preciado, Alexandria Ramos, Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Jr., Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodriguez, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Macca Savage, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Bienvenida Villafuerte. (Ren. 11/15)

**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)
- A dedication on the sponsorship page in the next printing of the worship aid for the Masses in English (\$35.00 )

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, November 24**

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday, November 25**

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

**Thursday, November 26**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

Parish Office is closed.

**Mass**, 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, November 27**

**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 28**

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

**Sunday, November 29**

**Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold after Mass**

**Second Collection for Parish Maintenance**

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

