

# PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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**NOVEMBER 23, 2008 – CHRIST THE KING**

### ***The Last Judgment***

*Matthew 25: 31-46*

The top of the hill above Bethany gave a good view of the Jericho Road which wandered east, down to the Jordan Valley. The hilltop also received the scented afternoon wind which blew through the markets of Jerusalem, vaulted the Kidron Valley and rustled through the olive trees on the western slopes of Gethsemane. John's hair danced around his face as the breeze cooled him. He watched Jesus as he left the group, walking alone down the hillside path to Bethany.

Jesus had just told his disciples a powerful story describing what will happen when the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels in heaven.

"We should remember this story to tell to others." John said.

James raised his eyebrows in agreement. "You should remember it to remind yourself to love others. I'll remember it because I want the blessing of the Father. I want to inherit the kingdom he has prepared for me."

Peter grinned: "Then what must you do, James? What is it that Jesus wants you to do?"

"Well, Jesus said that as often as we help others we help him."

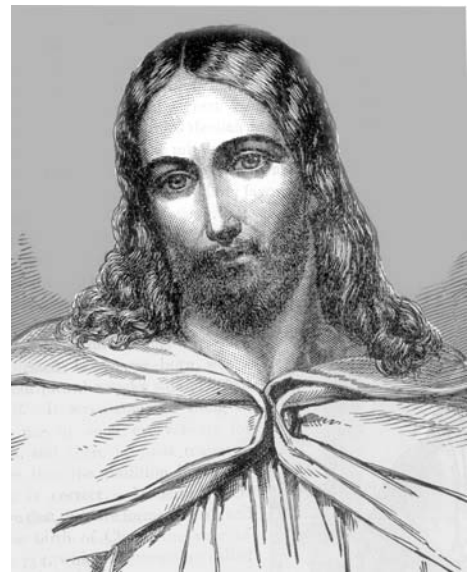
Simon joined in, "Yes, to love one another."

"Even lepers?" Thomas asked.

"Especially lepers," John said, glancing at the now empty path where Jesus had walked. A memory flashed in his head—the day he had seen Jesus make ten lepers clean. "It is always the poor, the sick, the lame, the lepers, even Samaritans. These are the people Jesus has loved."

"Herod doesn't need our love, he has his gold." Matthew said.

James disagreed. "Jesus' story says what ever you do to the least of his brothers you do to him. Everyone is our brother, from the poorest to the richest. Even Pilate, even Caesar. Are we not all



brothers in the Father's family?"

Peter growled at the prospect of loving Caesar. "We've enough people to love just among us Jews. Let's not take on the whole world just yet. We can love Rome later."

The conversation continued as the disciples went single-file down the path to rejoin Jesus in the village of Bethany. Two days later Jesus would enter Jerusalem for the last time.

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*Peter did not know then that he would one day carry the love of Jesus all the way to Rome. He would die doing it, being crucified upside down. His last vision would be of Caesar's city where one day a great basilica would be built, a church bearing his name, a church with a message of love that would spread around the world. We do not know what we will encounter in our lives. We only know that like Jesus, we are called to love one another. In that love we find life. Without it, we perish.*

-- 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**

Phone: (510) 471-2609 Fax: 471-4601 E-mail: admin@olrchurch.org  
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**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD, RCIA)**

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**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL**

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**INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**For November 24, 2008 to November 30, 2008**

Mon.	8:15 a.m. --	Communion Service
Tue.	8:15 a.m. --	Gabriel (Dec.) & Tomasa Ontiveros (Dec.)
Wed.	8:15 a.m. --	Wilfredo Rodriguez Baca (Dec.)
Thur.	8:15 a.m. --	For us, the Parishioners
Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Maria Fatima Concalves (Thanksgiving)

Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Jesus Cruz (Dec.) ; Maria Hermosillo (72 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday); Hugo & Maria Alicia Castro (25th Wedding Anniversary)
	5:00 p.m. --	Sammy Ramirez (Dec./Birthday)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. –	Arturo Luna (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. –	Melvin Jansen (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. –	Efren Gaxiola (Dec.); Steven Santillan (Health)
	11:30 a.m.--	Sammy Ramirez, Jr. (Dec.); Garcia Family (Dec.)

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

*For November 24, 2008 to November 29, 2008*

Mon	Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5 / Luke 21:1-4
Tues.	Revelation 14:14-19 / Luke 21:5-11
Wed.	Revelation 15:1-4 / Luke 21:12-19
Thu.	Revelation 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a / Luke 21:20-28
Fri.	Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2 / Luke 21:29-33
Sat.	Revelation 22:1-7 / Luke 21:34-36

**SUNDAY READINGS**

*November 30, 2008 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 / 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

**COLLECTIONS**

*November 16, 2008*

First Collection .....	\$6,891.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection .....	9,566.00
Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development.....	1,987.00
Children’s Envelopes .....	12.00

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

**THANKSGIVING MASS THIS 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**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS THURSDAY.** Our Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We will be open the next day, Friday. In the event on an emergency you may call our main office number at 510.471.2609 and select option 2 when indicated: this will connect you to our answering service. May your day be stuffed with love and joy.

**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 26. Since this day is Thanksgiving Eve, we are rescheduling the meeting to Wednesday, December 3. Watch the bulletin in the next couple of weeks for details of the December meeting.

**WILL BE ACCEPTING CALLS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED** starting this Friday, November 28. 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.

### ***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 21. 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.

### ***Another gift-giving opportunity with a sweet reward . . .***

**DONATE A CHRISTMAS GIFT AND ENJOY A DOZEN DONUTS.** From now until December 21, the Trujillo Family, owners of Roberto’s Donuts, is repeating their offer of generosity this year. Anyone who brings a toy or gift to their donut shop, located at 404 W. Harder Road at Santa Clara Street in Hayward, will in turn receive **a free dozen of donuts!** The gifts will be given by Roberto’s Donuts to our parish so that they may be added to the gifts we collect under the tree. The guidelines for which gifts to give are the same as for our Gifts from the Heart program, and the gifts should be unwrapped. We appreciate the Trujillo’s thoughtfulness in offering to do this for the parish.

## **ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS**

**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](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.

**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 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.eteamz.com/UCNLL)

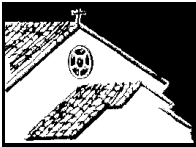
**TWO NEW-YEARS EVE EVENTS BEING HELD TO CELEBRATE UNION CITY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** The City of Union City is holding two New Years Eve events in celebration of the city's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which is taking place in 2009. The events, which take place (of course) on Wednesday, December 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](http://www.unioncity50.com).

**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](http://www.unioncity50.com).

## **PRAYERS**

**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, Ismael Martinez, Lupita Martinez, Richard M. Martinez, Philip Molina, Joe Morales, Josephine Nava, Richard Nelson, Mirta Orellana, Mario Perales, Luz Perez, Ehren Perkins, Benjamin Renteria, Al Roderigues, Marcella Roderigues, Lydia Rodriguez, Joe Romero, Conor Rosado, Macca Savage, Letty Serrano, Clarence Souza, Nelly Stewart, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Casandra Valadez, Isabel Villarina, Miss Margaret Williams.



***This Week  
At O.L.R.***

**Tuesday, November 25**

**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.

**Wednesday, November 26**

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

**Thursday, November 27**

**Thanksgiving Day**

Parish Office Closed

Mass: 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, November 28**

**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 29**

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

**Sunday, November 30**

**Second Collection for Parish Maintenance**