



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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NOVEMBER 30, 2008 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

You Do Not Know the Day or the Hour

Mark 13: 33-37

The walls of Jerusalem rose like cliffs from the dark Kidron Valley. Across on the slopes, at their camp near the top of the Mount of Olives, Jesus and the disciples sat watching the shadows of evening slowly climb the fortress walls.

Below them, on the hillside, the Garden of Gethsemane had been swallowed into the quicksand of darkness. Only the weak light from one small campfire gave a faint tracing to the entrance of the garden's grotto.

Andrew sighed and leaned back against the trunk of one of the trees. "Looks like they're closing the gate over there," he said.

"Yes, I saw guards posted." Philip noted.

Jesus looked over at the two disciples, leaning on his right elbow: "Just as they will be on watch tonight, so must you Andrew and you Philip. Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come."

Misunderstanding Jesus, Andrew asked, "Tonight? Should I stay awake all night?"

Jesus explained he was talking about a greater image, the coming of the Son of Man. The other disciples moved closer.

"It is like a man traveling abroad," Jesus began. "He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you! You do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows, or at early dawn."



“With so many thieves on the road at night,” Andrew said, still missing the point, “the master would not likely travel at night. If he did, the guards would be caught by surprise.”

Jesus smiled patiently and looked around at the others faces, then back to Andrew. “That’s an excellent point, Andrew,” Jesus said, adding: “Do not let him come suddenly and catch you asleep.”

No one said anything for a moment. They turned their attention back to the torches moving along the top of the walls of Jerusalem.

Jesus concluded: “What I say to you, I say to all: Be on guard!”

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Our lives are lived on the edge. We are balanced between life and death. Anything could happen at any moment. Nothing could be truer than Jesus’ words: “You do not know when the appointed time will come.” We are left with this Gospel

-- 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 December 1, 2008 to December 7, 2008

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

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

Wed. 8:15 a.m. -- Martha Estrella (Health)

Thur. 8:15 a.m. -- Mark Mello (Dec.)

Fri.	8:15 a.m. --	Juan Angel Ornelas (Birthday)
Sat.	9:00 a.m. --	Maria de Jesus Ulloa (Dec.)
	5:00 p.m. --	Greg Brent (Dec.)
Sun.	6:45 a.m. --	Sofia (Dec) & Teresa Guzman (Dec.)
	8:15 a.m. --	For the Faithful Departed in Need of Prayer (Dec.)
	9:45 a.m. --	Jose Oropeza (Dec.); Francisco (Dec.) & Maria (Dec.) Mendoza
	11:30 a.m.--	Jatiram Family (Thanksgiving)

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 1, 2008 to December 6, 2008

Mon	Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11
Tues.	Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24
Wed.	Isaiah 25:6-10a / Matthew 15:29-37
Thu.	Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21,24-27
Fri.	Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31
Sat.	Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 / Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

SUNDAY READINGS

December 7, 2008 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 / 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

COLLECTIONS

November 16, 2008

First Collection	\$6,724.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Our	1,595.00
Children's Envelopes	29.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

A "THANK YOU" TO TOM MEDEROS for donating the very beautiful tree that adorns our Sanctuary this weekend. He has been donating a large tree to us for a countless number of years. He does this in loving memory of his father, Earl Mederos, and his brothers Larry Mederos and Earl Mederos Jr. Tom owns Tom's Flower Stop and runs Tom's Christmas Trees, which is located at the corner of Mission Blvd. and Tamarack Drive between the Abe gasoline retailer and the cemetery. He has a large selection of trees to choose from. When you visit his lot to purchase your tree, be sure to thank him for his gift to our parish.

NEW ARTICLES

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS FRIDAY. As this Friday, December 5, is a First Friday, we will have the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held in the Chapel from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel with one hour time slots. Please sign up in advance so that we can be assured that someone will be present with the Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT COR MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DEC. 11. The November meeting of the Our Lady of the Rosary COR LOC has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please read next weekend's Bulletin for more details

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

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP, DON'T WORRY! THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Contact the Parish Office** at 510.471.2609.
- **Sign up online.** Visit www.bloodheroes.com, and use group code "rosary."
- **SIMPLY WALK-IN** at the blood drive. Registering in advance is always nice, as it helps the blood bank prepare. However, **WALK-INS ARE STILL VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!**

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.

WORDS OF THANKS FROM TWO PARISH FAMILIES

We like to express our gratitude for the overwhelming outpouring of support and sympathy at the death of our son-in-law Craig Manning. Your prayers, words of concern, and expressions of love have brought us comfort at this time of sadness.

-- The Manning and Roemers family.

THE FAMILY OF MILES PRICE thanks the parish for their kind expressions of sympathy which is most appreciated.

GIFT CARDS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES: WE'RE NOW OPEN VERY WEEKEND until Christmas, in order to make it more convenient for you and your holiday shopping needs. You will find a new listing of our gift card offerings enclosed as a page in this edition of the Bulletin, as well as in the bulletins of the next few weeks.

HOW YOUR BOSS OR COMPANY CAN GIVE OLR A CHRISTMAS GIFT THIS YEAR. It seems that many companies will give their employees grocery gift cards as a Christmas gift so that they can purchase their Christmas turkey or ham. If your company plans to purchase its gift cards directly from the store at full price, why not suggest that you could buy the certificates from OLR instead? It will not cost your employer a penny more, and we will reap the benefits. A number of parishioners have purchased gift cards from OLR for their employers in years past. This can be accomplished easily and quickly, as we are able to obtain large amounts of gift cards for any supermarket in as little as a day or two. Just call us and tell us the sizes and amounts that you want. And don't forget to thank the boss on our behalf!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY TO COLLECT FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS. Continuing until December 21, 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. 21)
- Rolls (please donate only on Dec. 21)

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

The Tradition Continues . . .

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.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE IN NEED? Oftentimes, those who are most in need feel too embarrassed or ashamed to ask for help. If you know of a family that is in need of assistance this Christmas, please call our office in their behalf.

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.



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

Tuesday, December 2

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, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

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

Little Rock Scripture Study, English, Office Room 107, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 5

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Holy Hour, la Capilla, 7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 7

Second Collection for Church Renovation

Fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items sold after

Mass

Blood Drive after all Masses

English Choir Practice, Church, after the 11:30 Mass

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

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