

PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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DECEMBER 4, 2008 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Prophet Speaks

Mark 1:1-8

"Look, he's doing it again!"

The young man jabbed his friend with his elbow and pointed at the wild man standing waist-deep in the Jordan River.

An old man with a walking stick was wading toward him. When the river man lifted his arms in welcome, the wind caught his tangled black hair. It exploded into a lion-like mane. The wild man plunged the old man's head under water and the walking stick went floating away in the current.

Across the Jordan, on the other bank, dozens of onlookers were watching the spectacle.

The river man with the wild hair looked like a prophet, and many thought him to be one as well. He was wearing a piece of camel hide tied around his waist with a strap. Students of the law may have noted that clothes of camel hair were also worn by the great prophet Elijah.

"What is he doing, trying to drown that man?" the other youth asked. Another old man nearby heard the question and tried to explain.

"It is not a drowning, lad. The man is being washed clean. He is being purified so that he may become one of us Jews."

The three of them watched as the baptized man regained his footing and staggered to the river bank with John. Someone had retrieved the walking stick and gave it to the shivering old man.

At the edge of the water John lifted his arms again and shouted in exultation.

Someone called from the crowd. "Are you the prophet, the Messiah, the one who is to come?"

There was a silence. People waited, hearing only the peaceful sound of the river flowing by.

John's voice then rolled like thunder over the desert place: "The man who will come after me is much greater



than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

A gust of hot wind filled their ears with its humming. When the wind dropped to a whisper all they could hear was the sound of the river chattering over the shallows.

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Who is the prophet in your life? All of us have experienced someone who was like John the Baptist—someone who was a herald in the deserts of our lives. Was your prophet a family member, a friend? Perhaps it was someone speaking through the pages of a book. Possibly there were many prophets—a priest, a nun, deacon or brother. Whoever it was, remember them. They announced Jesus to you.

On this second Sunday of Advent we can recall that joy which filled our hearts when we first received the Good News that Jesus was truly in our midst and that he was baptizing us with the bright fire of the Holy Spirit.

-- 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 December 8, 2008 to December 14, 2008

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

Tue. 8:15 a.m. -- Venancia Nodado (Dec.)

Wed. 8:15 a.m. -- Eustorgia Ojeda (Dec.)

Thur. 8:15 a.m. -- Francisca Delgado (Dec.); Eloise Martinez (Dec.)

Fri. 8:15 a.m. -- Lucia Sanchez (Dec.)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. -- Jacinta (Dec.) & Santos Mejia (Dec.)

5:00 p.m. -- Gabriel Rodriguez (Dec.)

Sun. 6:45 a.m. -- Baudelia Cruz (Dec); Maria de Jesus (Dec.), Filiberto (Dec.) & Issack

Rodriguez (Dec.)
 8:15 a.m. – Claire Taplett (Intention); The Cresto Family (Intentions)
 9:45 a.m. – Maria Carrillo (Dec.); Felipe (Dec.) & Jose Puerto (Dec.)
 11:30 a.m.-- Eloise Martinez (Dec.); Otto Van Der Henst (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

December 8, 2008 to December 13, 2008

Mon Genesis 3:9-15,20 / Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 / Luke 1;26-28
 Tues. Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14
 Wed. Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30
 Thu. Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15
 Fri. Zechariah 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38
 Sat. Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 / Matthew 17:9a-10-13

SUNDAY READINGS

December 14, 2008 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11 / 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 /
 Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

COLLECTIONS

November 30, 2008

First Collection	\$6,757.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Maintenance.....	2,316.00
Children's Envelopes	18.00

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.

TODAY

BLOOD DRIVE

Alter all Masses in the Parish Hall
 (Walk-ins welcome)

NEW ARTICLES

**VERY IMPORTANT:
 RECONCILIATION**

Either someone made a mistake, did not pass the word around, or time could have just snuck up on us. At any rate, we regret the short notice about OLR's only Advent Reconciliation service in group, which will take place

THIS THURSDAY

December 11, at 7:30 p.m.

We will continue to have reconciliation in private on Saturday, December 13 and 20, at 3:30 in the Church.

THIS FRIDAY . . .

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This Friday, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be *manañitas* at 5:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Mass will follow Mass in the Church at 6:00 a.m. We hope that you will be able to join us.

NEXT COR MEETING TO BE HELD THIS THURSDAY, DEC. 11. The November meeting of the Our Lady of the Rosary COR LOC has been rescheduled to this Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. We will be debriefing and celebrating the success of the Measure UU campaign. All who helped us with phone banking and precinct walking are invited to attend.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS THIS MONDAY. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English only) and at 7:30 p.m.

FUNDRAISING GIFT CARDS, RELIGIOUS ARTICLES, AND CENTENNIAL ITEMS ARE BEING SOLD THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS, BOTH ON DECEMBER 14 AND 21. You will once again find a listing of our offerings included in this Bulletin.

NEXT SUNDAY . . .

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CONTINUES

Next Sunday, December 14, the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will continue with a special Mass and Mariachis at the 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. After all Masses next weekend everyone is invited to the Parish Hall, where the Guadalupe Society will serve pan dulce and menudo. There will also be an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe present in the Hall where parishioners can stop to pray and reflect.

A DELAY IN THE OFFICIAL DONUT SCHEDULE. Our coffee and donut fellowship is normally held the second Sunday of the month, which would have been next Sunday. Since the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is being held next weekend, we are postponing "Donut Sunday" by one week. **THE DONUTS WILL BE HERE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21.**

A "REFINEMENT" OF A PREVIOUS ARTICLE

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 HAVE BEEN ASKED TO "REFINE" THIS ARTICLE by stressing the fact that the gifts must be new.** We appreciate the Trujillo's thoughtfulness in offering to do this for the parish.

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

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTING 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.

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.

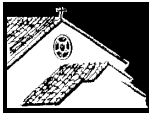
We often find that we have many donations of gifts for children, but need more donations for teenagers and adults. As a result, we make this suggestion: If you plan to donate gifts for the next three weeks, consider varying the gifts you give. For example, on one week donate a gift for a child 12 and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



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

Monday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English only), and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

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 10

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

Thursday, December 11

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

COR Meeting and Celebration, Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Manañitas, 5:00 a.m.

Mass, 6:00 a.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 13

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

Sunday, December 14

Second Collection for Parish Maintenance

Exit Collection for Religious Retirement

**Fundraising gift cards, religious articles and centennial items sold after
Mass**

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.