



PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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DECEMBER 20, 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Based on the readings selected by the Our Lady of the Rosary Liturgy Committee
for the Third Sunday of Advent*

“With the Holy Spirit and Fire! . . .”

Luke 3: 10-18

John plunged the young soldier down into the water. Falling backwards, the soldier's arms shot outward as he splashed down, disappearing in a foam of bubbles. John's strong biceps bulged as he supported the young man's weight, lifting him back to his feet. Water streamed down from both of them as they stood in the waist-deep river.

The crowd around them pressed closer to the bank. John waded toward them, already preaching again with fearsome authority and power. One frightened woman in the crowd backed away as he came toward her, his black hair and beard whipped in wild tangles. John's camel hair clothes made him seem like a wild animal as he stalked up the bank.

After John warned them about the fires of judgment they asked him what they should do.

“Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none,” John roared. “Whoever has food must share it!”

Some of the despised tax collectors and their bodyguards were watching the Baptist. “What should we do?” they called out. John turned to face them, the extra coins they had collected for themselves still heavy in their purses. “Don't collect more than is legal,” John said flatly.

John walked up to the friends of the newly-baptized soldier and said to them: “Don't take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay.”

The crowd began to bow to John as he walked past them. Refusing their deference, he explained: “I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire!”



They stood in silence, mystified and wondering who it was that John was announcing.



John's words still sting today. Many may not have offered their extra shirt to someone in need. Many may not have shared their extra food with those who have nothing to eat. These commandments from John are an initiation into Christianity. To prepare the way for the Lord, John exhorts God's people to sacrifice their own comfort in order to help someone else. It is the first requirement of Christian love. It is also the true Spirit of Christmas.

-- 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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Open Tue.- Sat., 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & Tue.- Fri., 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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 December 21, 2009 to December 27, 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. – Ruby Vega (Dec.); Daniel Camarillo (Dec.)

Thur. All Masses For Us, the Parishioners (Christmas Eve)

Fri. All Masses For Us, the Parishioners (Christmas Day)

Sat. 9:00 a.m. – Betty Heffernan (Dec.)

5:00 p.m. – Melvin Jansen (Dec.)

Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Raquel Herrera (Dec.)

8:15 a.m. – Louis (Dec.) & Dorothy (Dec.) Tiffer

9:45 a.m. – Cres Rodriguez (Birthday)
 11:30 a.m. - Ruby Vega (Dec.); Daniel (Dec.) & Leonardo Camarillo (Dec.); Angelina (Dec.) & Herrera (Dec.) Alvaarado (Dec.)

WEEKDAY READINGS

For December 21, 2009 to December 26, 2009

Mon Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45
 Tues. 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56
 Wed. Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 / Luke 1:57-66
 Thu. 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Luke 1:67-79
 Sat. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22

SUNDAY READINGS

December 27, 2009 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 / 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 / Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

COLLECTIONS

December 13, 2009

First Collection (Including EFT)	\$7,250.50
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Parish Maintenance.....	2,440.00
Children’s Envelopes	146.00

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: By Bernice Reyna, in memory of Paul, Georgia, Linda and Lonnie Rodriguez

WINE: Offered by Ed and Madeline Meneze in loving memory of the Orland Meneze and Joe Lewis Families

CANDLES: By Shawn Kelly in memory of Leonard Kelly Sr.

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.

Merry Christmas

TODAY:

**GIFT WRAPPING
AFTER THE 11:30 A.M. MASS
In the Parish Hall**

**GIFT AND FOOD DELIVERY
TO THOSE IN NEED**

NEW ARTICLES

**CHRISTMAS IS THIS FRIDAY
SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in English
- 9:30 p.m. Music Program in English
- 10:00 p.m. Mass in English
- 11:30 p.m. Mariachi

MIDNIGHT

- 12:00 a.m. Mass in Spanish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25– Christmas Day

- 8:15 a.m. Mass in English
- 9:45 a.m. Mass in Spanish
- 11:30 a.m. Mass in English

MARIACHI TO BE PRESENT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE. Mexicanisimo, a local Mariachi group, will be present at OLR for the Music Program in Spanish at 11:30 p.m., as well as for Midnight Mass (and maybe a little later as well). We hope that you will enjoy this new addition to our Christmas celebrations.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH OFFICE. The Parish Office will be close on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) and remain closed until Tuesday, December 29. If you should need to get in touch with us in the event of an emergency, you may call the office at 510.471.2609 and select option 2 at the main menu – this will connect you with our answering service.

CRAB FEED TICKETS NOW BEING SOLD. Our Lady of the Rosary School will hold its Crab Feed, its biggest fundraiser of the year, on Saturday, January 31, 2010 in the Parish Hall. The menu will be succulent Dungeness crab, flavorful and al dente spaghetti, fresh green salad, warm tangy garlic bread, and a sweet dessert. Of course there will be a no-host bar, a drawing, and the legendary silent auction. Tickets are now being sold after all Masses from now until the Crab Feed. You may also

purchase them at the School Office, 510.471.3765. If you are interested in reserving a table for family and friends contact the School Office or return the enclosed order form to us.

NEED A LAST-MINUTE GIFT?

BUY GIFT CARDS AT OLR – WE'RE OPEN TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

WHEN YOU NEED A LAST-MINUTE GIFT, GIFT CARDS ARE THE SOLUTION. At OLR, we sell a large variety of stores. When you buy gift cards, you will not have to worry about getting mauled by the crowds at the mall.

Remember that our office is always closed on Mondays, and that we are closed this Thursday, which is Christmas Eve. This means that ***IF YOU WANT TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS, COME TO THE OFFICE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.***

Office hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the day, and then from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at night.

SOUNDS LIKE A WINNER! Congratulations to Emma Coria! She was the winner of the Christmas wreath that was raffled by the OLR Lady's Guild. The guild would like to thank everyone who supported the drawing, and because of your support the guild will be presenting the parish a check for \$210.00. – Merry Christmas to all from the Lady's Guild

COR IS ALWAYS ON THE MOVE – ESPECIALLY THESE DAYS. The monthly meeting of the Our Lady of the Rosary COR Local Organizing Committee is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Just like last month, in December it is on the cusp of a major holiday. The December meeting would have taken place on Christmas Eve. Since it's doubtful anyone would be able to attend, we need to reschedule the meeting. It will take place in early January. Please see the next edition of The Bulletin for the announcement concerning the new date of the meeting.

“LAS POSADAS” CONTINUE. Las Posadas continue each night at OLR through December 23. They will begin on the Parish Grounds every day at 6:00 p.m. and will end in the Parish Hall. We hope that you will join us as we anticipate the birthday of our Lord Jesus.

NEWS FROM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL. The faculty, staff and students of Our Lady of the Rosary School wish the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Church a Christmas blessed with the joy, peace, hope and love of Jesus. They also thank our parishioners for their support and their prayers that have lent themselves to the success of our school.

The latest school newsletter is enclosed. It recaps the accomplishments of the previous school year and highlights the outcome of the 2008-2009 Annual Fund. We are grateful for your part in the success of the Annual Fund. We once again enjoyed the support of our faculty, staff, school board, parents, parishioners and others in the community in supporting our Annual Fund.

A THANK YOU from Our Lady of the Rosary Church and the Guadalupe Society for your support of our celebrations of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this past week. We would like to thank all of those people who donated the menudo which was served after the Masses on Sunday. We also thank you for donations towards the Second Collection for the feast. \$1,890.00 was raised, and this money helped pay for the mariachis and purchase supplies for the food served after Mass. We also would like to thank a parishioner who donated the roses that adorned our mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

PRAYERS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Tony Baligaya, KayMaria Baranouskas, Elvamae Borghi, 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, Grace Rodríguez II, Lydia Rodriguez, Fernando Puyol, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Macca Savage, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Bienvenida Villafuerte, Maria Campa Vizcarra, Irv Williams. (Ren. 12/20)

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.***

Monday, December 21
Las Posadas, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22

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

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

Las Posadas, 6:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, December 23

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

Las Posadas, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

Parish Office closed

Mass in English, 5:00 p.m.

Music Program in English, 9:30 p.m.

Mass in English, 10:00 p.m.

Music Program in Spanish with Mariachi, 11:30 p.m.

Midnight – Mass in Spanish

Friday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Parish Office Closed

Mass in English, 8:15 a.m.

Mass in Spanish, 9:45 a.m.

Mass in English, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

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

Sunday, December 27

Second Collection for Diocesan Obligations