

PARISH BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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DECEMBER 27, 2009 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Didn't You Know?

Luke 2: 41-52

The families who traveled down from Nazareth to attend the eight-day Passover feast in Jerusalem had already been gone from home for two weeks. Joseph was eager to get back to his unfinished work at the shop in Nazareth. He was also eager to end the first day of the long walk home.

"Only two more days, Joseph," one of his friends cracked as he watched the tired carpenter inspect his sore feet.

"If these feet last that long," Joseph replied, thinking this would be the last year that he would do this big trip to Jerusalem.

"Joseph!" Mary interrupted, her face filled with fear.

"What?"

"Jesus has disappeared," she said. "He's not with the caravan, I've looked everywhere."

"How can that be, I thought I saw him walking ahead with the other boys!" Joseph asked.

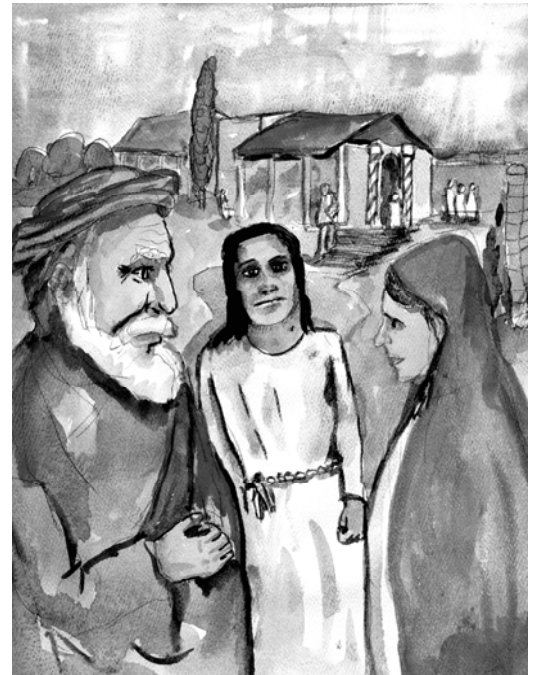
"He's gone," Mary declared.

After a moment Joseph rubbed his sore foot and sighed: "We'll have to go back. We'll return to Jerusalem in the morning."

This disaster was going to cost them another three days; two walking and one trying to find their son. Twelve year old Jesus was in big trouble!

They worried, sleepless, through the long night imagining all the things that might have happened to Jesus. At first light they parted with the caravan. At the end of a long day they had covered the 30-mile distance. They spent that night with Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was also dismayed to learn that Jesus was missing. The next morning they entered the city in search of their son. Joseph and Mary were both physically and emotionally drained when they finally discovered Jesus sitting happily in the Temple talking with the elders.

Mary's eyes searched Jesus' face. "Son, why have you done this to us. Your father and I have been terribly worried about you," she asked, her voice edged with disappointment and relief.



With his innocent eyes wide with surprise, Jesus answered his mom: “Why did you have to look for me? Didn’t you know that I had to be in my Father’s house?”

In a flash of light, Mary recalled it all: the night that the angel had spoken to her; her own words of submission and later the words of Elizabeth. Mary’s memory filled with her child’s miraculous birth—the shepherds, the star and the stable.

A shiver of fear crossed her face as she struggled to comprehend that this child before her was somehow God.

Joseph was about to scold Jesus, but he felt Mary’s hand press against his, so he calmed himself and said: “Come, son, it’s time to go home.”



Living every day with Jesus must have made it nearly impossible for Mary and Joseph to realize his divinity. The routine of their daily life smoothed off the edges of the reality that Jesus was the Promised One. Their memory was gradually buried under the softly falling snowflakes of time. The dream angel’s announcements and the miraculous birth lay hidden under the quiet years. And now, suddenly, all was revealed again!

Today’s Gospel reminds us that our faith may be softened by the routine years that have passed. The edges of our understanding may also have been rounded off. Today’s Gospel gives us a reminder that Jesus is the Promised One. As God’s children we are called to say to the world around us: “Don’t you know that we must also be in our Father’s house?”

-- 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

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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Open Tues. - Fri., 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. and Sat., 8:00 a.m. - Noon

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL

678 “B” Street, Union City, CA 94587-2141

Phone: (510) 471-3765 Fax: (510)471-4601 Open Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

INFORMATION FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

For December 28, 2009 to January 3, 2010

- Mon. 8:15 a.m. – Communion Service
- Tue. 8:15 a.m. – Santiago Morales (Birthday)
- Wed. 8:15 a.m. – Walter Briscoe (Dec.)
- Thur. 8:15 a.m. – Gregorio Singcueno (Dec.)
- Fri. 10:00 a.m. – For us, the Parishioners
- Sat. 9:00 a.m. – For World Peace
- 5:00 p.m. – Umberto Esquibel (Dec., 1st Anniversary)
- Sun. 6:45 a.m. – Grace Rodriguez (Health)
- 8:15 a.m. – Luciano Corral (Dec.)
- 9:45 a.m. – Pedro Ureste (Dec.)
- 11:30 a.m. - For us The Parishioners

WEEKDAY READINGS

For December 28, 2009 to January 2, 2010

- Mon 1 John 1:5-2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18
- Tues. 1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35
- Wed. 1 John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40
- Thu. 1 John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18
- Fri. Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21
- Sat. 1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

SUNDAY READINGS

January 3, 2010 – The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 / 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 / Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

COLLECTIONS

December 20, 2009

First Collection (Including EFT)	\$6,924.00
Our budgeted goal for the First Collection	9,566.00
Second Collection: Christmas Flower Fund.....	2,354.00
Children’s Envelopes	149.50

Thank you very much! We appreciate your support.

THIS WEEKEND’S SPONSORSHIPS

HOSTS: In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

WINE: In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

CANDLES: By our Guadalupe Society, for our Guadalupe Society

FLOWERS: By Rick and Denise Tiffer, in loving memory of Louis and Dorothy Tiffer.

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
and a
Happy
New
Year!



NEW ARTICLES

MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 1, 2010
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

One Mass at 10:00 a.m.
(There will not be an 8:15 a.m. Mass)

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE FOR THE PARISH OFFICE. The Parish Office will be close on New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31) and remain closed until Tuesday, January 5. 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.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY. As the First Friday in January falls on New Year's Day this year, we **WILL NOT** have our monthly Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

A THANK YOU to all of you who, through your giving, made Christmas a little merrier for those in need. Last Sunday members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, our Youth Groups and other volunteers delivered food, toys and clothing to some 112 families. We thank you for placing gifts under the advent tree, dropping off gifts at Roberto's Donuts, for donating food and cash, and for volunteering your time to wrap and deliver gifts.

ANOTHER THANK YOU goes to the **Fremont Bank Foundation**, which donated \$1,000.00 to help St. Vincent de Paul serve those in need this Christmas. The bank's donation helped cover most of the cost of all of the 10-pound fresh hams that were included in each food basket.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY TO RECONVENE IN JANUARY. Join us for the winter sessions of the Little Rock Scripture Study. The subject of our study will be "Parables of the Kingdom." In the first part of this two-part series we will focus on the parables found in Mark and then we will turn our

attention to the same parables as they appear in Matthew. Parables are an important part of the New Testament because some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered in parables.

If you are interested in joining contact us as soon as possible so that we can order the needed material.

Start date: January 7, 2010

Time: 7:00 till 8:30 pm

Day: Thursdays

Location: Conference Room in the
administration building at OLR

Duration: 6 sessions

Final date: February 11

Cost: approx. \$13.00 for the commentary and
study guide

Contact: Stella or Deacon Gus Roemers

Phone: (510) 471-5883

E-mail: gmroemers@sbcglobal.net

ARTICLES FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

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 30, 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. Tickets cost \$40.00 each. 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.

ARTICLES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. We are not having a New Year's event at OLR, so here are a couple of others that are close by:

UNION CITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY NEW YEAR'S EVE 2009. Union City will continue to celebrate its 50th Anniversary at its 2009 New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance, which will take place on Thursday, December 31, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Alvarado-Niles Road. Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres will be served from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. At that time there will also be ballroom dance lessons. Dinner and dessert will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., and the dance and entertainment will take place from 9:00 to Midnight. There will be a ballroom dance exhibition, music by Synthesis, and some surprises. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. For more information or registration call 510.675.5490 or visit www.UnionCity50.com

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCE AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH in the Nilas District of Fremont. Music will be Big Band Music by the Millennium Sounds Orchestra. For more information or tickets call Joe and Linda Garcia at 510.792.0616. Call now as tickets are limited to 220 guests.

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 Rodriguez II, Lydia Rodriguez, Fernando Puyol, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Macca Savage, Myron Tejada, Vivianlee Tonry, Ana Valdez, Bienvenida Villafuerte, Irv Williams. (Ren. 12/27)

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, December 29

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.

Wednesday, December 30

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

Thursday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Parish Office closed

Friday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Parish Office Closed

Mass – 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 2

Parish Office Closed

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

Sunday, January 3

Second Collection for Diocesan Obligations

