PARISH BULLETIN
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

What’s Inside . . .

• CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK STARTS TODAY — Pancake Breakfast and Open House After Mass
• Donation Statements Now in the Mail
• Time to Think about Lent — Collecting Palms Next Weekend
• We’re Doing a Census Update — Card Enclosed

WELCOME: If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or contact the Parish Office. We want to know you and serve you. We hope you will join us and make our parish your spiritual home.

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MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend (Sunday) 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
Weekday Masses
Tue.-Fri., 8:15 a.m., Sat., 9:00 a.m.
Mondays — Communion Service, 8:15 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
In Private
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Communal (In Group)
We Did It!
Our Lady of the Rosary Exceeds Its 2014 Bishop’s Appeal Goal!

According to the latest report from the Diocese dated January 8, 2015, for the second year in a row our parish has exceeded its goal for the Bishop’s Appeal.

The Bishop’s appeal had its start last February. Our parish goal was $27,774.48. Since then our parish has raised a total of $28,027.53, which means that we have made 101% of our goal.

We appreciate your commitment to the appeal, as it shows that our parish is committed to the programs and mission of the diocese. Your support has helped a number of diocesan programs including CYO, pastoral ministries and services, religious education and formation, priest retirement and long-term care, clergy formation and support, and support of parishes and schools in need. In fact, your support has also helped Our Lady of the Rosary Church and School, as the church has benefited by the diocese carrying our debt, and the school has benefited as it has been receiving a subsidy for the past several years to support schools with limited funds.

Once again, thank you for your support of our shared vision through your support of the Bishop’s Appeal.

They Did It!
First Gardening Weekend a Great Success

As we wrote in last weekend’s Bulletin, about 30 people attended the planning meeting for gardening and maintenance that we held on January 8. These people were assigned to teams to help one week a month, but everyone was invited to come for an initial work party last Saturday. Most of them came, and the results were spectacular. All of the overgrown shrubbery around the Rectory was pruned back as well as the roses at Our Lady’s shrine and the plants to the sides of the main entrance of the church. The workers worked from 8:00 in the morning to around 1:30 in the afternoon. The difference was quite obvious, with many people who attended Mass saying that they noticed a real difference.

There are several other areas on the property that need to be pruned back, and these areas will be tackled during the coming weeks.

We thank all of those who attended last Saturday’s work party for sharing their time and talent. We will update you in the near future on further developments in gardening and other areas of maintenance.

Our Lady’s Pantry:
Food for Those in Need

Have you hit a rough spot? Do you know someone that is going hungry and cannot afford to put food on the table? Then remember Our Lady’s Pantry. It is a resource here at OLR (located in the trailer next to the gate on “B” street) that can help by providing food for those in need. It is open during the following days and times:

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Before coming to the trailer, it is best to make an appointment. Call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the day that you wish to stop by.

Every Friday:
A Hot Meal With Warm Friends

Remember that we have dinners for the needy, elderly and lonely every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Dobrec Room. All are welcome.

Sacraments

Baptism and Marriage: Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance — 510.471.2609.
First Communion: Enroll through our CCD program in June, July or August — 510.471.7419.
Confirmation: Enrollment in this program takes place annually in September. Please look for special announcements in this Bulletin in August and September.

Adult Sacraments — RCIA: Contact the Parish Office, 510.471.2609.

Bulletin Submissions

To place an article in the Parish Bulletin, please submit it by Tuesday at noon so that it can appear in the Bulletin the following Sunday. To submit an article, please do one of the following:
- Mail it to the Parish Office: 703 “C” Street, Union City, CA 94587
- E-mail it to bulletin@olrchurch.org

Inserts and Flyers. Non-profit organizations can have approved flyers included in the Bulletin. Inserts should be printed on two sides — English on one side and Spanish on the other. Flyers are to be delivered to the Parish Office by Thursday morning for inclusion in the Bulletin of the following Sunday. The parish can also print a flyer as a full page in the Bulletin if costs are reimbursed by the organization. Contact the Parish Office by calling 510.471.2609 or e-mail bulletin@olrchurch.org
Catholic School’s Week Starts TODAY
All are welcome to attend the following activities and events

TODAY’S EVENTS

COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE
AND FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)
9:15 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRE
Eddie Dobrec Room
9:15 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

THIS THURSDAY

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL-WIDE OPEN HOUSE
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

JR. HIGH SCIENCE FAIRE
Parish Hall
Awards given at 6:00 p.m.

Starting Next Weekend
We will be Collecting Last Year’s Palms
Starting next weekend, in preparation for Ash Wednesday, which will take place on February 18, we will start collecting the palms you received on Palm Sunday last year. They will be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. So bring your palms from home in the coming weeks and place them in the basket that is located in front of the altar.

Reserve the Date
Mardi Gras
Tuesday, February 17
Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday, will take place on Mardi, February 17, starting in the Church at 6:30 p.m. More details will be given in the coming weeks. So that you can prepare, these will be the food assignments for the Mardi Gras pot luck: If your last name starts with the letters A-F, bring a salad. If your name starts with G-P, bring a hot dish, and if it starts with Q-Z, bring a dessert.

A Word of “Thanks”
To Our Volunteer Church Cleaners
This week we would like to acknowledge cleaning Team #1, which will be cleaning our Church this Tuesday and Friday. The members of this team are the members of our parish’s Knights of Columbus Council. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.
FCJC Invites You to Join Their Life in Christ Series

The Families in Christ Jesus Community (FCJC) is inviting everyone to explore God’s love through the Life in Christ Series (LCS). An orientation will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dobrec Room.

FCJC is a family ministry at the Our Lady of the Rosary Church that strengthens and forms families into domestic churches.

For questions, please contact Lem and Rhina Bolivar 415.335.8160 or Paolo and Rhona Antiporda 510.219.7514.

Couples for Christ Invites You to Attend a Christian Life Program at OLR

Couples for Christ is a newly-arrived ministry at OLR. It is a Christian family life renewal ministry and a lay arm of the Roman Catholic Church for family renewal and evangelization work. It fosters deep spiritual renewal involving conversion, developing a personal relationship with Christ and living in the power of the Holy Spirit. It focuses on the couple growing together in their Christian life, strengthening and developing the family, and providing continuing formation and support.

Everyone is invited to attend a Christian Life Program (CLP), starting on Saturday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dobrec Room. Participants will be led into a renewed understanding of God’s call to them as Christian couples or children.

The program is free — all that is needed is your time. Free child care is provided by our members.

For more information contact Julian and Chin-Chin Montesa at 415.307.8659 or 415.307.4268; Per and Au Burlaza at 510.386.4949 or 510.386.0877; or Ed and Nonette Feria at 510.305.6027 or 510.471.1660.

We’re Updating Our Census: Here’s How You Can Help

With a number of new programs starting up, we have decided to update our membership records. Even if you are already a registered parishioner, you can help us by filling out an update card. These cards are in the center of this Bulletin, and will be in the pews next weekend at Mass. Please complete a card for you and your family, and return it to us by placing it in the collection next weekend. You may also return it to the Parish Office, of course.

We are asking registered parishioners to do this to confirm the information we already have. Perhaps you changed your phone number a while back and we don’t know it. And then, perhaps you are not registered. When you are registered, it makes things easier for us when you want to receive sacraments or other services.

Thank you very much for your help.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish To Join St. Vincent de Paul

In the coming weeks our parish will re-join the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. Having operated independently as Our Lady’s Pantry for the past year, we have some people to start a functioning SVDP Conference, but we need a number of other people to come forward. We ask you to pray about accepting a role in the new organization — a role where you can make a real difference in the lives of others.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” As disciples, we are called to continue God’s work on earth. Taking care of God’s poor is indeed living gospel values.

Are you looking for ways to experience God’s love?

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be here at Our Lady of the Rosary the weekend of February 7 and 8 to invite you to share in their Ministry of experiencing God in serving those in need in our community.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by the Ford-Lopez Family in loving memory of Edward “Lalo” Hernandez

WINE: Sponsored by Jerry and Maria Ortega in loving memory of Edward “Lalo” Hernandez

CANDLES: Sponsored by Felipe and Gloria Molina in loving memory of Edward “Lalo” Hernandez

Gratitude

“Part of being grateful makes me want to give back. Giving back to support my church is the least I can do to show my gratitude to God.”

— Omy Ronquillo, member of the Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

For Sunday, January 18, 2015

Plate Collection (Including EFT) ................................................... $7,632.20
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection ................................ 10,700.00
Second Collection: Oakland Seminary ..................................... 7.00
Children’s Envelopes .................................................................. 1,710.80

Thank you for your support!
What Others Say About Our Lady of the Rosary School

Testimonials

“Our Lady of the Rosary School is molding our children and building our leaders of tomorrow in a faith-filled way. God Bless the children of OLR and the teachers who lead them.” — OLR Parent

“Having our children experience Catholic Education has been one of the most important decisions we have made. The financial sacrifices we have made have become secondary when we weigh them against how much our children have grown both academically and in their love for God. Nothing can replace a faith based education that prepares our children to face the many and difficult challenges the world will bring.” — OLR Parent

“There are a hundred reasons why we love OLR. We appreciate the nurturing environment that you feel when you step foot into the school. There is also a sense of family since the school is small. The teachers and administration is dedicated to our children having a successful learning experience and we are confident that the students are prepared for high school.” — OLR Parent

“I send my child to OLR to learn how to have a good attitude to others and to have a positive relationship with God. The students learn to be good, morally responsible, faith-filled children who will grow up to be our future leaders. I am so thankful to OLR for the love and support that my child receives each day. — OLR Parent

“I feel blessed sending my children to OLR School because it’s very family oriented and I’m grateful for all the things my children are learning. I am forever thankful for the staff who are all so kind and understanding and know my children’s needs.” — OLR Parent

“OLR has proven to be the absolutely best choice for my son’s education and faith development! The teachers are wonderful, and with such small class sizes, they are able to dedicate time to each and every student to assure that their individual needs are met. As the product of a Catholic education myself, I couldn’t be more thrilled watching my son learning and embracing his faith and truly understanding what it means to be an outstanding Catholic, not only in his words, but in his actions as well. Thank you OLR!” — OLR Parent

“Sending our son to OLR was the best thing we could have done for him. The respect, consideration, and patience he has learned are beyond what he had learned in public school. His self-esteem was so low, he began to have negative thoughts about himself. All that has changed; slowly he is understanding that he IS a good person and that he is loved by his school and teachers. Thank you for giving him the teacher he so desperately needed. He has a deeper understanding of his faith and God’s love for him.” — OLR Parent

“I love our Before & After School Program. It provides us more time to be with our friends and finish our homework and our parents like it because it’s free too! During the day, our teachers help us out to really understand the material being taught. They want us to have a successful learning experience and they make learning fun at OLR!” — OLR Student

“I feel so blessed sending my children to OLR because I know they’re in good hands. I feel at ease knowing that they are receiving a quality education, respect for others, loved and becoming closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. I know the quality in the friendships they have created will last a lifetime. I’m also blessed to know that they are being well cared for with the staff that OLR has.” — OLR Parent
Knights of Columbus to Have A Casino Bus Trip

The Knights of Columbus will be having a trip to Cache Creek Casino Resort as a fundraiser on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. sharp. The bus should be back at the church around 7:00 p.m. The cost of tickets is $35.00 per person. Each person will receive either $20.00 in table play money or $10.00 for slot play. Each person will also receive a $5.00 meal credit. For more information call Solomon at 510.507.1911. He will also be selling tickets in front of the church.

Our Lady’s Guild Salad Bar Luncheon And Bingo on February 10

Our Lady’s Guild is having its annual Valentine’s Salad Bar Bingo and Luncheon on Tuesday, February 10, from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be plenty of delicious salads and desserts and prizes for bingo winners. The cost per person is $12.00, and is non-refundable. Buy your tickets early as this event sells out. For more information and tickets call Ida Cabrera at 510.489.1247.

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

Mass for the Sick To Be Celebrated February 7

On Saturday, February 7, here at OLR, we will have a special Mass for those in our parish and our families who are sick or who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. The Mass will take place at 2:00 p.m.

We encourage you to bring any family member who normally cannot make it to church for this Mass. If special transportation is needed, you can call Union City ParaTransit at 510.675.5373, if you are already registered and approved to use their services. In order to use their services if you are not registered, you will need to fill out an application which is available through the city and its website.

Donation Statements Are in the Mail

As you will recall from previous editions of The Bulletin, we are sending statements to all of our parishioners who use offertory envelopes or EFT to make their donations to the parish. In past years we have sent statements only to those who asked for them. All of the statements have now been printed, checked for accuracy, and are now in the mail.

If you do not receive your statement in the course of a week, please call us at 510.471.2609 and we will send you another copy.

Thank you very much for your support of our parish.
Tuesday, January 27
- **Bible Study**, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
- **Rosary**, English 6:00 p.m.
- **Liturgy Committee Meeting**, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.
- **7th and 8th Grade Youth Group**, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
- **Rosary**, English 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 29
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
- **Rosary**, English 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30
- **Rosary**, 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, January 31
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 1
- **High School Youth Group**, Upper Room, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation Group**, Church, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.