FEBRUARY 7, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.
Photos from Camila Magdaleno's Retirement Reception

Camila Magdaleno, Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Rosary, retired last Saturday after 16 years of service. A reception was held in her honor on Sunday, January 17 in the Parish Hall. Now that all of the photos, taken from one of the latest models of digital cameras, have been developed and have come back from the photo lab, we are printing them in this Bulletin for you to enjoy.

Susana Peinado, Camila’s Secretary and soon-to-be successor, presents Camila with an award recognizing her many years of service and dedication to the Our Lady of the Rosary Community.
Lent, Holy Week and Easter at Our Lady of the Rosary

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is this coming Wednesday. The following are the various services and events that we have planned for the Lenten Season:

**Ash Wednesday — February 10**
Schedule of Masses and the distribution of ashes
8:00 a.m. — Bilingual
11:00 a.m. — English
5:00 p.m. — Spanish
7:00 p.m. — English Mass, in our Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. — Spanish Mass, in the Church

**Every evening during Lent — February 11 - March 23**
7:00 p.m. — Rosary for the Year of Mercy

**Fridays during Lent — February 12 - March 19**
6:00 p.m. — Soup Night
The Soup Nights will be sponsored by the following clusters:
February 12 — Evangelization Cluster (EVAC)
February 19 — Liturgy Cluster (LITC)
February 26 — Formation Cluster (FORC)
March 11 — Service (SVCC), Stewardship (STWC), and Finance (FINC) Clusters
March 28 — School Cluster (SCHC)
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. — Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross, in the Church

**Friday, March 4 - Saturday, March 5**
24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross in English
7:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross in Cantonese
9:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross in Spanish

**Holy Thursday — March 24**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 p.m. (bi-lingual)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the Mass and continuing until Midnight.

**Good Friday — March 25**
12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross (bi-lingual, outdoors — in the Church if raining)
1:00 p.m. — Music and Prayer (bi-lingual, in the Church)
7:00 p.m. — Passion Mime, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion

**Holy Saturday — March 26**
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. (bi-lingual)

**Easter Sunday — March 27**
Schedule of Masses:
6:45 a.m — Mass in Spanish
8:15 a.m. — Mass in English
9:45 a.m. — Mass in Spanish
11:30 a.m. — Mass in English
All Parish Ladies are Welcome to Take Part In the Guild’s Lenten Retreat

Our Lady’s Guild invites all parish women to its annual Lenten day of prayer and reflection, which will take place on **Saturday, February 20, 2016** at the Dominican Sisters, 43326 Mission Blvd., in Fremont.

The Retreat will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants may begin arriving at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy a continental breakfast before the start of the Retreat.

The cost will be $10.50 per person, and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact Maria Ortega at (510) 972-0816 to register, or for more information.

Our Lady’s Guild Valentine’s Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo To Take Place This Tuesday February 9

Our Lady’s Guild will hold its Valentine’s Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo this Tuesday, February 9 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This event is one of the Guild’s two salad bar bingos of the year — its largest fundraising events.

Tickets are now being sold, and are $12.00 each and are non-refundable. For tickets or more information call Verna Hohn at 510.471.7946.

A Word of Thanks To our Volunteer Gardeners

This week we would like to thank our volunteer gardening Team #2 who will be working on Saturday, February 13 at 8:00 a.m.: Gary Arroyo, Luis Lopez and Mariella Santiago. We thank them very much for their hard work and dedication.

Should you want to lend a hand, stop by on Saturday. We’ll be working from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Don’t forget to bring your tools!

An Opportunity to Host Our Lady of Guadalupe In Your Home

The Guadalupe Society has a ministry where an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit parishioner’s homes for a week. We are reaching out to our parish families with this ministry in order to offer them an opportunity to pray the Rosary at home and better know Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each week at the 9:45 a.m. Mass, the family that had the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in their home will return it, and, at the end of the Mass, a special blessing is given. Another parish family then takes possession of the image for the coming week. The family will have Our Lady at home from Sunday through Saturday. The family can invite friends, family and neighbors to visit their home and pray the Rosary with them. A guide for praying the Rosary is provided, which includes a narrative of each apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The following Sunday the family will return the image when they attend the 9:45 Mass, and the “cycle is repeated.”

Even though this devotion is starting at the 9:45 a.m. Mass, our intention is not to limit it to the parishioners who attend this Mass — this is only a starting point. People who speak both English and Spanish can take part, as the guide is bilingual. People who normally attend other Masses can participate — initially by attending the 9:45 a.m. Mass to take possession of Our Lady after the blessing, and later at other Masses as the ministry grows. Depending on what the future holds, other similar ministries could develop at OLR.

If you would like to schedule a week for the image to reside in your home, please contact Berta Ramirez at 510.441.7786 or Margarita Tijero at 510.460.2924.

This Week’s Happenings as Lent Begins

This Tuesday, February 9 (the day before Ash Wednesday) there will be a special Liturgy in the Church followed by the burning of the palms outdoors in the field. The ashes that result from the burning of the palms are the ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday.

And Here is the “More”

This burning provides an opportunity for us to reverently dispose of any religious articles that we might have at home that are no longer in use or are in poor condition. So if you have any old bibles, broken rosaries, etc., or any blessed item that you would like to dispose of, this is your opportunity to do so in this ceremony. Bring them to church with you on Tuesday night.

This Wednesday Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 10 is Ash Wednesday. The following is the schedule of Masses:

- 8:00 a.m. — Bi-lingual Mass
- 11:00 a.m. — Mass in English
- 5:00 p.m. — Mass in Spanish
- 7:00 p.m. — Mass in Spanish (in the Church)
- 7:00 p.m. — Mass in English (in the Hall)

Ashes will be available only during Mass.

A Note Concerning Ash Wednesday Parking

Parking on Wednesday will be difficult as there will be a lot of cars. As a result, the “Knights of Columbus Mounted Police” will be patrolling the parking lot, directing traffic. Please follow their guidance — they will help you find empty spaces, and if the lot is full, they will instruct you to park on the street.
THE CONTINUING SAGA
OF THE OFFERTORY ENVELOPE
IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Yippidy Do!
Yippy Kai Yay!
Your Box of Envelopes
Is Here Today!

Our annual boxed sets of offertory envelopes have finally arrived! They are being passed out in front of the church after Mass this weekend and next weekend.

If you prefer, you may also pick up your set of envelopes from the Parish Office during normal office hours (Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.). You may also pick up your envelopes at the office should you not pick them up in front of the church next weekend.

A few things you should know about your new set of envelopes:
- In the box of envelopes, you will have all of the envelopes you will need for the year — both first, and the remaining second collections that we are required to take.
- In the back of the box there are five red “Special Collection” envelopes. These are extra envelopes that can be used should an “unplanned collection” arise (such as a collection for earthquake or flood relief).
- As they are not being mailed to you throughout the year, the one common mistake people make is to put the box of envelopes away and then forget where they are. So put them in a place in your home you go to on a regular basis (for example, next to the milk in the refrigerator).

Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation during this transition.

SO REMEMBER:
IF YOU DID NOT PICK UP YOUR SET OF ENVELOPES IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND, BE SURE TO PICK THEM UP NEXT WEEKEND.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...
... those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound:
Santa Alvarez, Santos Alvarez,
Yvonne Alvirez, Erma Andrade,
Josephine Bonfiglio, Lindy C., Frank Cabrera, Jacob Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Carr, Patty Carrillo,
Anita Castillo, Connie Chagolla,
Richard Chavez, Grace Continelli,
Maria DeAraujo, Jennie DeCosta,
Irene Drouin, Jeanette Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, Teresa Enríquez, Juanita Estrellas, Pauline Fahlman, James Finnigan, Jose Franco, Angela Gallegos, Nellie Gallegus, Hector Gaytan, Randy Gonzales, Reynaldo Gonzalez, Pat Gowin, Deanna Graves, Ronnie Graves, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Angelica Herrera, Brigitte Himmler, Margaret K., Shirley Lee,
Cora Lorenzo, Tom Lorimer Jr., Jesús Loza, Francisco Lizano, Evan Medeiros, Maria Mederos-Romero,
Joe Morales, Richard Nelson, Mary O’Neil, Ma. Elena Ochoa, Manuel Antonio Orellana, Luis Ruben Peinado, Anita Perkins, Alexandra Ramos, Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Vida Rivera, Joe Romero,
Angel Salindong, Macca Savage,
Jayne Tavres-Arreguin, Vivianlee
tonry, Fernando Trujillo, José Valdez, Maria Valdez, Mary Ybarra.

This Wednesday
A Day of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and Abstinence. Fasting means that anyone 14 years old (starting the day after one's 14th birthday) up to 59 years of age (the obligation ceases at Midnight between the 59th birthday and the next day) should eat only one larger meal or two smaller meals, with no eating between meals. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obliged to fast. Abstinence means that all those 14 years of age and older are to refrain from eating meat or meat products that day (no meat or chicken - fish is OK).
BEST LENT EVER

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A life-changing LENT?

Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Every day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller Rediscover Jesus as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus — and yourself — in a deeply personal way.

The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent
Our Lady of the Rosary

“All You Can Eat”

CRAB FEED

A benefit for Our Lady of the Rosary School

Saturday,

February 20, 2016

In the Parish Hall, Corner 6th and “C” Streets, Union City

6:00 p.m. No-Host Bar • 7:00 p.m. Dinner with crab, salad, spaghetti and garlic bread

ADULT TICKETS

$50.00

CHILDREN 4 THROUGH 12 YEARS

$20.00

CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER

FREE

Group seating reservations available for tickets purchased in blocks of 8 or more

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW

Call 510-471-3765 or 510-471-2609

or visit www.olrschool.org for more information
The First Session Is on Tuesday
TOV Spanish Prayer Group Returns to OLR

Do you want to grow in your faith? Talleres de Oración y Vida (TOV), has had program in Spanish at OLR in the past, the most recent one being offered last Fall. It is returning starting this Tuesday. The program was developed by Ignacio Larrañaga, a Capuchin Franciscan Priest from Spain who has worked in evangelization for 30 years in Latin America, North America and Europe. TOV dates back to 1984.

The program will run for 15 weeks and will start this Tuesday, February 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Dobrec Room of the Parish Hall. The last session will take place on May 17.

The program enables participants to learn how to listen, meditate, and speak with God through the Bible, and build a more personal relationship with God. It also enables us to overcome our insecurities and traumas, control our nerves and regain happiness in our lives.

You are most welcome to participate in TOV, the new Evangelization.

For more information contact Rosario Martinez at 415.896.4829.

Knights of Columbus To Have a Casino Bus Trip

The Knights of Columbus will be having a trip to Red Hawk Casino as a fundraiser on Saturday, February 27. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. sharp. The bus should be back at the church around 6:30 p.m. The cost of tickets is $35.00 per person. Each person will receive either $20.00 in table play money or $15.00 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.

FESCO is Presented with the Proceeds From OLR’s “Homes for the Homeless” Project

On Friday, January 29, 2016, Ron Wenzler, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Representative for FESCO, gave checks totaling $5,271.00 to Joy Vail, FESCO Office Manager. This money was raised from our very successful FESCO Homes for the Homeless Project — money which will be used by FESCO in their work serving homeless families. "THANK YOU" AGAIN TO ALL WHO HELPED!

You are invited to an Interactive Workshop
WHAT'S YOUR VISION FOR DECOTO?

Union City is seeking community input for its 2016 General Plan Update. The city is reaching out to residents for feedback on issues that impact their daily lives and to understand their vision for the future. This is a unique opportunity to shape the next 25 years of growth and to share your vision for the future of your neighborhood.

There will be a Priority-setting workshop to consider alternatives for the Mission Blvd. corridor on Wednesday, February 17 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Barnard-White Middle School Gymnasium located at 725 Whipple Road. Spanish translation is available. Light refreshments will be provided and childcare will be provided with advance request.

For more information visit www.uc2040.com or contact Carmela Campbell, Planning Manager, at 510.675.5319 or e-mail UC2040@unioncity.org.
It's Crisp, Clean and Refreshing
Crab Feed Tickets Now Being Sold

Our “Old Buds” are back, and they are crisp, clean and refreshing. We’re not talking about beer, but our “Old Buddies,” the Dungeness crabs. And we will go to no lengths to bring them back.

The Crab Feed will take place on Saturday, February 20 in the Parish Hall. Despite anything you might have heard about crab shortages, it does not apply to us. Our long-time supplier is going way up north, to Washington State and Canada, to obtain our crab, where the water is colder and the crab is fresh, clean and plentiful. And since we are a long time, large customer of theirs, we are getting a good supply at a fair price.

The doors will open, and so will the no-host bar, at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The menu will consist of salad, garlic bread, spaghetti, dessert, and, of course, all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab. The event will also feature a silent auction and raffle drawings.

Tickets are $50.00 for adults and $20.00 for children 12 and under. Children 3 and under are free.

Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office, the School Office, and in front of the Church after Mass.

Call the Parish Office (510.471.2609) or the School Office (510.471.3765) for more information.

A Retreat for Young Adults
Seeking God’s Dream For Me

“Seeking God’s Dream for Me,” a retreat for young adults ages 18-35, will offer tools for Christ-centered decision making. It will take place on Saturday, March 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Notre Dame de Namur campus, 1520 Ralston Avenue in Belmont. The retreat will feature Christopher Nguyen, S.J., and is sponsored by the regional national religious vocation conference. A $10.00 donation covers lunch and snacks. There will be a 4:00 p.m. vigil Mass. RSVP by February 29 online at http://bit.ly/godsdrdream, by contacting Sr. Lisa, DC at srilla@doc1633.org (213.210.9903) or Br. Chris, FSC at brochrisfsc@dlsi.org (310.849.1061).

Magnificat’s Women’s Prayer Breakfast
To Be Held on March 12

Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women invites you to its March Prayer Breakfast, to be held on Saturday, March 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive in Concord.

The speaker will be Denise Bossert, a well-known author and syndicated columnist. She is the daughter of a Protestant minister and will share her story of conversion to the Catholic faith. Reservations are $28.00, but are $35.00 after March 5.

For more information or reservations visit www.magnificatsotl.org or call 925.788.7762.

A Follow-Up on the Parish Phase Commitments For the OLR School Annual Fund

As last Sunday was the start of Catholic Schools Week, we also presented to you the Parish Phase of the School’s Annual Fund. Materials for the Annual Fund were inserted into last weekend’s Bulletin.

In the Annual Fund, all of those who are connected to the school community in one way or another — faculty and staff, board members, parents, alumni, parishioners, and members of the greater community — are asked to show their support for the school either by making a donation or pledge, or making a commitment to pray for our school.

A successful Annual Fund allows our school to demonstrate to other potential donors, such as corporations and foundations, that our community and members support our school. These donors are more likely to make a gift to our school if we demonstrate this support.

The goal for this year’s Annual Fund is $10,000.00, which is easily attainable if everyone gives a little. We also urge people who will not make a gift or pledge to fill out a commitment form anyway and check the box saying that they will pray for our school. In the eyes of companies and foundations that give to Catholic causes, prayer also counts as a form of support.

So if you have not yet turned in a commitment form, you may still do so. Simply place it in any collection at Mass, or drop it off at the Parish or School Offices. If you do not have a form and want one, you may pick one up at our offices as well.

Thank you very much for your support of Our Lady of the Rosary School.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, January 31, 2016 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Plate Collection (Including EFT) ................................................................. $9,450.50
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection .............................................. 10,700.00
Children's Envelopes .............................................................................. 53.00

Thank you for your support!!!
Join the Ranks of St. Vincent de Paul And Answer Our Call To Be Givers of Mercy

In this, the Year of Mercy, we are called to be present to those less fortunate. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference has heard and responded to that call through its food pantry, which is open the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. But due to some unexpected circumstances, we are a little short-handed right now. Here is the chance for someone (or someone's) who have felt the nudge of His hand to step in the water of service within our parish.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand to our pantry, please call our SVDP hotline at 510.706.5852 for more details.

Thank you for your interest in coming to the aid of our community.

We Want You to Consider Becoming a Eucharistic Minister For One of Our Masses In Spanish

At the present time there is a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers for our Masses in Spanish, not because we lost any, but because we want to provide more “stations” with wine during Communion. We hope that you will consider being a part of this ministry, as it can be a very rewarding one. People who are in this ministry consider it an honor. In addition, it will take up very little time, as you will participate in this ministry when you are attending Mass — the only additional time commitment would be your training and a yearly workshop. And since we need more people to participate, you will make a difference in our parish. So we ask you to reflect on this, listen for “The Call,” and then call one of the head ministers if you are interested. For the 6:45 Mass call Alejandro Ibarra at 510.750.7244 and for the 9:45 Mass contact José Manuel Romero at 510.213.4741.

Three Participants in Our RCIA Program To Celebrate Rites Next Sunday

On Sunday, February 14, three parishioners going through the RCIA process will be celebrated at two different Rites. The first, the Rite of Sending, will take place at the 11:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary. This Rite acknowledges the spiritual progress that our catechumens and candidates have made, expresses approval of their election, and sends them forth to the Bishop with assurance of our parish’s care and support.

The distinction between catechumens and candidates is to be clearly established and expressed during this Rite. Those preparing for Baptism (catechumens) are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the “Book of the Elect,” as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God.

That same night (7:00 p.m.) at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland, catechumens and candidates from all over the Diocese gather together with their sponsors for the Rite of Election. This Rite announces that seekers are ready to celebrate the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Representing our parish for these important rites are Allen Kwong (catechumen), Teresa Kwong (candidate), and Pati Dodd (candidate).

Please keep these them in your prayers as they draw ever nearer to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by the Garcia Family in loving memory of their mother, Pilar Garica

WINE: Sponsored by the Garcia Family in loving memory of their mother, Pilar Garica

CANDLES: Sponsored by Teresita Yenko in loving memory of her mother, Esperanza Avila and her brother, Angelito Joya

FLOWERS: Sponsored by Our Lady’s Guild

To set up a sponsorship, use the form below. Thank you for your support.

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)

Today’s Date ____________________________

Name ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

Envelope/Account #: ____________________________

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.
Tuesday, February 9

Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
Our Lady's Guild Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo, Parish Hall, 12:00 Noon
Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.
Liturgy and Burning of the Palms, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10

ASH WEDNESDAY
Day of Fast and Abstinence
  8:00 a.m. – Bilingual Mass
  11:00 a.m. – Mass in English
  5:00 p.m. – Mass in Spanish
  7:00 p.m. – Mass in English (in the Parish Hall)
  7:00 p.m. – Mass in Spanish (in the Church)
SPRED Total Community Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11

Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.
Rosary for the Year of Mercy, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 12

Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.
Soup and Bread Supper, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Reconciliation, Church, 6:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00 p.m.
High School Youth Group Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

Confirmation Group Meeting, Church, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.