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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.—Sat., 8:00 a.m.
Mondays — Communion Service, 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
In Private
Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

MARCH 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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.
Something to Prepare For
Opportunities to Enhance Your Holy Week Experience

We are incorporating a new way to participate in our celebrations of the Triduum this year. We want to tell you about these now, so that if you wish to participate, you may come to church prepared.

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross at Noon — Participate with your own cross.

At the Stations of the Cross that are held outdoors, we invite you to walk with your own cross. You may bring a crucifix from home that is special to you, or construct a simple one to use for the stations. It can be any size — small, or even as tall as a person.

Easter Vigil Mass, the Service of Light — Bring your own candle.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, you may bring a special candle from home to use in place of the ones that we pass out. In addition, we will have some large ones that we can sell you for $5.00, that you can use at the Mass and then take home with you for your special devotions. We will be selling these candles in front of the church next weekend (on Palm Sunday) and right before Mass at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday — The blessing of water.

On Easter Sunday you may bring water from home in a container, so that it can be blessed at Mass. This way you will have a supply of Holy Water to bring home with you. If you wish to do this, keep the container of water with you in your pew, and it will be blessed when Fr. Jesús walks through the nave of the Church to bless the people with Holy Water.

Parking Might Get Crazy
Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Parking might be a challenge for two reasons: 1) more people come to Mass that day, and 2) Mass tends to last longer due to the reading of the Passion. The Knights of Columbus will be volunteering to help direct traffic in the parking lot that day. Please follow their guidance so that we can keep traffic flowing and avoid having any cars “blocked in.” We also thank the Knights for their taking on this parking lot ministry when we need it.

Next Sunday — It’s Time to Return Your Rice Bowls

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, marks the end of Operation Rice Bowl. Be sure to bring your rice bowls with you when you come to Mass next weekend. You may place them in the baskets located inside the doors of the church.
LENTEN REFLECTION

Amos’ heart was troubled as he made his way home. The events of this day had filled him with every kind of emotion. Just moments earlier he had stood among a group of angry men, stone in hand, ready to put a woman-caught in the act of adultery—to death.

Then, in the matter of a few words, everything changed.

As he reached his house he called out to his wife, Martha, so as not to startle her. He slumped in his chair and put his face in his hands. Martha came out to greet him.

“You’re early.”
Amos said nothing.
“Is everything ok?”
After a long pause, he took his face from his hands. “Martha, I almost killed someone today.”

Martha was incredulous. “What? What happened?”
He told her about the woman caught in adultery.

“Well”, she said, trying to justify her husband’s actions, “you would have been abiding by the law of Moses.”

“I know the law, Martha”, Amos answered.
Martha chose not to press him. Instead she asked him, “What stopped you?”
Amos said, “Not what, who?”
“Ok, who?”
“Jesus of Nazareth.”
Martha smiled.
“You know of him?”
“Amos”, Martha said as she touched her husband’s hand softly, “everyone knows of Jesus of Nazareth.”

“Well”, Amos replied. “We had him, Martha. We had him trapped. There were only two responses to the dilemma, and neither were favorable as far as he was concerned. Either he was going to blatantly defy the law of Moses—which would not be the first time, I assure you—or he was going to partake in the stoning of this woman, which would have gone against his entire mission of forgiveness and mercy. We had him, Martha.”

Martha was on pins and needles. “What did he say?”

“That’s just it. For a long time, he said nothing. Just sat there writing something in the dirt. This woman’s life hung in the balance, and he sat there deep in thought. I have to admit I was astounded by his immense patience.”

“And then?”

“And then he looked up at us and said, ‘Let those among you who is without sin throw the first stone.’”

Martha tried to hide her amazement. Amos shook his head, recalling the almost haunting words of Jesus as he thwarted the would-be execution.

Martha interrupted his thoughts. “But why are you troubled, Amos? Jesus saved her.”

“I wonder”, answered Amos, “if it wasn’t us he was saving.”

Martha looked at him, puzzled.

“He brought our sins to light, Martha. All of them. He bunched them all together; mine, hers, the others. The gravity of the sin did not matter. In that moment, we were all sinners in need of saving.

Amos paused. “Martha, I am a sinner.”

Martha opened her mouth to comfort her husband, but he continued.

“I am, Martha. I am impatient with you and the children. I look lustfully at other women in the marketplace.”

Martha frowned.

“And how often do I thank you for all the things you do for me? I know what you are going to say, Martha, but I am a sinner.”

“Amos”, she offered, “I am far from perfect.”

“But”, Amos said, his voice trailing.

“But there is hope.”

Martha looked intently at her husband.

“After the others dropped their stones, they wandered off. But I stayed back. I wanted to know what Jesus would say to this woman. Perhaps after defending her publicly, he would scold her in private.”

Martha chimed in, “I imagine that is not what happened.”

Amos smiled. “He asked her, ‘Where are your accusers? Is there no one left to condemn you?’ The woman answered, ‘No one.’ Then Jesus said, ‘Then neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.’”

A tear rolled down Martha’s cheek.

Amos stood up. “Martha, it was as if her sins were washed clean before my very eyes. And with hers, mine were, too.”

Martha held her husband in a tender embrace.

“I am going to change, Martha. Starting right now. Oh, I will surely stumble and fall at times, but I see life through new eyes, from a new perspective. From now on, I plan to follow Jesus of Nazareth. If he will have me.”

Martha sobbed. “He will have you, Amos. He always has.”

— Donald Marquez

Holy Thursday’s Washing of the Feet
A Special Invitation
Extended to Our Parishioners

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday provides an opportunity to demonstrate service to one another, as Jesus himself did. In past years this was exemplified by the Holy Thursday Supper Table where representatives of the parish sat. Last year parishioners were selected to have their feet washed by Fr. Jesus.

This year, rather than having us select those who will take part in this ritual of service, we are asking parishioners who would like to take part in the Washing of the Feet to come forward.

If you want to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, which will take place at the Mass at 7:00 p.m. on March 24, please let us know. Either call Liturgy Committee member Martha Estrella, at 510.816.6972, e-mail her at mestrellao@aol.com, or leave a message for her by calling the Parish Office at 510.471.2609. Thank you very much.

Practice will be held on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Oh, Oh! Spaghetti O’s
Donate Food to Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference Pantry

In order to be more self-sufficient and meet the needs of its clientele, our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like you to consider making a small donation of food in order to fill up the cupboards. The Conference will ask for a few different items to be donated every few weeks or each month. These items would be most helpful and appreciated—simply drop them by the Parish Office or place them in one of the collection boxes located in the two Sacristies of the Church.

The items being collected at the present time are the following (please try to bring items in pull-top cans—that is, cans not needing a can opener):

- Ravioli in Sauce
- Spaghetti O’s
- Vienna Sausage
Join Fr. Jesús and the 2016 OLR FESCO Walk Team
Or Support the OLR Team in the 19th Annual
FESCO Shuffle Walk-a-thon
On Saturday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Marina

There is a flyer inserted in this week's bulletin which gives you details about the event and instructions on how to register online as part of Our Lady of the Rosary’s team. You don’t have to register on line but it has the advantage of helping you contact people who can sponsor you through email, Twitter or Facebook. You can register online right now!

After Easter, on the weekends April 9 and 10 and April 16 and 17, there will be tables outside of Church after all Masses where sign ups will be taken of participants (walkers) and sponsors to support our team.
For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilyshelter.org or call our OLR FESCO Parish Rep. Ron Wenzler at (510) 400-9045. Ron is also our OLR team captain and he would appreciate it if you would call or email him at ron41238@aol.com to let him know that you have registered on line as part of the team.

Schedules for Lay Ministers Now Available

Attention Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The ministry schedule for March 19, 2016 through June 12, 2016 is now available in the sacristy of the church and in the Parish Office. It is also up on the parish website at www.olrchurch.org

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Other Parishes in Our Deanery

Besides the one-on-one reconciliations we are offering at OLR on all Fridays during Lent from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., nearby parishes are welcoming you to take part in their group reconciliation services. They are as follows:

All Saints Parish, Hayward — Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

St. John Parish, San Lorenzo — Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

St. Clement Parish, Hayward — Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

St. Bede Parish, Hayward —
Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. (English)
Scrip Meets the 21st Century
OLR Scrip Program Being Expanded, Modernized

Starting April 1 (no kidding!) there will be some changes and enhancements to our program of selling fundraising gift cards, also known as scrip. These changes are being made to increase participation in the program and bring in additional funds — and, as always, at no additional cost to you!

Change #1: The program will be a joint program between the parish and the school, the proceeds being shared 50/50 between the two. Why? For two reasons. First of all, scrip programs have proven to be most effective when focused on the school. Secondly, if both the parish and the school “split the proceeds 50/50,” both parish and school should earn more than if they would run a program on their own.

Change #2: More opportunities to buy. Sales will be EVERY WEEKEND AFTER MASS, and not only every other week as it is now. Since the school will be partnering in the program, school parents will also be volunteering to sell it after Mass. In addition, school parents will be given order forms that they can fill out and turn in at the school office at the beginning of the school day, and their scrip will be ready for pick up at the end of the day.

Change #3: Electronic and online scrip will be added to the program. Our Lady of the Rosary is joining the scripsense program, which is an electronic scrip program. There are two ways to participate in electronic scrip. One is where parishioners and parents can purchase scrip online, and receive electronic scrip certificates sent to them by e-mail. These certificates can be printed out and used at the store, as they have a barcode on them. Payment can be made either by credit card, PayPal, or by ACH from a bank account. Another way to use electronic scrip is to visit the scripsense website and shop in an online store — many of which you are probably already shopping at, like Macy’s and Kohl’s. In some cases, one can “double dip,” meaning that they can earn a percentage return for OLR by shopping in an online store, and then pay the bill at checkout with electronic scrip certificates already purchased.

If you are a parishioner, and want to participate in the new electronic scrip program, we need your e-mail address. Why? We need to have scripsense send you an electronic invitation to set up an online account. So, if you want to set up an on-line scrip account, please send your name and e-mail address to admin@olrchurch.org, and say in the e-mail that you want to join our electronic scrip program. School parents will not have to do this, as they will receive their e-mail invitations automatically.

Look to future editions of this Bulletin for more information on our new scrip program as it develops.

Stewardship Corner
SACRIFICAL GIVING REPORT
For Sunday, March 6, 2016 — Fourth Sunday of Lent
Plate Collection (Including EFT) .......................................................... $11,806.50
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection ........................................... 10,700.00
Children's Envelopes ............................................................................. 58.55

Thank you VERY MUCH for your support!!!

Is it Too Early to Be Thinking About “Back to School?”

No!

. . . especially if you have a student entering Kindergarten or are considering a change in schools.

If you would like to enroll your child in Catholic School for next year, now is the best time as it is our “enrollment season.”

Why

. . . send your child to Catholic School?

• Religious education included as part of the school day
• A safe, structured and disciplined learning environment.

Why

. . . should you choose OLR School for your child?

• Full-day Kindergarten
• Small class size results in individualized attention
• Free before and after-school enrichment program eliminates the need for working parents to pay for child care
• Affordable on almost any budget due to scholarships and aid.

Why

. . . wait any longer?

Contact us for more information and a tour of our school.

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Has an Abortion Left You With a Broken Heart?  
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats renew hearts broken by abortion. Our upcoming retreat is April 1 - 3, 2016 at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. The retreat offers a loving and supportive environment where women and men can reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of renewal and healing. Rachel’s Vineyard is therapy for the soul. Space is limited so sign up now. For confidential inquiries, contact Gloria at 510.384.6875, or email gloria@marydonado375@sbcglobal.net or visit www.afterthechoice.org for more information.

A Word of Thanks To Our Volunteer Gardeners

This week we would like to thank our volunteer gardening Team #3 who will be working on Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 a.m.: Gene Arciniaga, Ileana Krzyzanowski, Ron Krzyzanowski, Maria Ramirez, Octavio Ramirez, José D. Rodriguez, Manuel Romero, Sandy Sandoval, and Lorenzo Torres. 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!

LENTEN OBSERVANCES TAKING PLACE AT OLR THIS COMING WEEK

Every Evening
7:00 p.m. — Rosary for the Year of Mercy

Friday, March 18
6:00 p.m. — Soup Night, Sponsored by the School Cluster
6:00 p.m. — Reconciliation in Private
7:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross

LENTEN OBSERVANCES TAKING PLACE WITHIN OUR DEANERY

In the Catholic Church, a Deanery is formed when the Bishop joins together a group of neighboring parishes. In our diocese, the primary purpose of the Deanery is to foster the promotion and coordination of common pastoral activity among neighboring parishes. Due to a recent re-configuration of Deaneries in our Diocese, Our Lady of the Rosary is now in the Deanery with St. Anne’s and the parishes of Hayward. In this section of the Bulletin during the Lenten Season we will share with you the activities that our sister parishes are inviting you to take part in.

All Saints Church, Hayward

Every Thursday, from February 11 through March 17, All Saints Church is having its Lenten Program entitled “Priest, Prophet and King — What does Our Baptism Call Us to Do?” Each evening starts with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a soup supper at 6:30 in the Gymnasium, and the Lenten Program at 7:00. The Lenten Program is a five-week DVD series with Bishop Robert Barron. He will lead you to a deeper understanding of Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King. These roles become our calling when we are baptised into Christ.

On the evening of March 17, Jack Jezczrell, a dynamic speaker and President and Founder of JustFaith Ministries, will help answer the question “What does our Baptism call us to do, especially in the Year of Mercy?” A free-will offering will be taken this evening to help cover expenses.

First Meeting for Catholic Charities’ Safe House To be Held April 2

At all Masses during the weekend of February 13 and 14, two parishioners, Donald Marquez and Emerita Alvarado, gave a presentation on Sex Trafficking, and Catholic Charities’ response to the issue.

The first Safe House workshop has been scheduled and will be offered in English and Spanish.

It will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at All Saints Parish in Hayward.

If you are interested in attending the workshop and/or would like to learn more, please contact Donald Marquez at donald.marquez@yahoo.com or 510.259.8596.

In the meantime, please pray for our mission, and mostly our children, who have been victimized or are in danger of being trafficked.

Make a Difference in The Heart and Mind Of A Child

Consider Working in Catholic Education — Come to the Job Fair

The Diocese of Oakland is holding its annual Catholic School Educator Job Fair next Saturday, March 19, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Bishop O’Dowd High School in Oakland.

Interviews will be held for positions in preschool through 12th grade which are available at various schools in our Diocese for teachers, assistants, special needs teachers, office staff and extended care staff. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. — bring copies of your resume. To apply online visit www.csdo.org/employment

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Union City, California

March 13, 2016
Meetings of the Evangelization (EVAC) And Stewardship (STWC) Clusters This Week

This Tuesday, March 15, the Evangelization Cluster will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office First Floor Conference Room (Room 107). Each of the following organizations should send one or two representatives to this meeting:

CHI – Chinese Community
DFT – Directions for Our Times
DMM – Divine Mercy Ministry
GUA – Guadalupe Society
KOC – Knights of Columbus
LRS – Little Rock Scripture Study
OCP – OLCP
OLF – Our Lady of Fatima Ministry
OLG – Our Lady’s Guild
SCR – Scripture Study
SNM – Santo Niño Ministry
Renew Groups, Small Christian Communities, Comunidades de Base

This Wednesday, March 16, the Stewardship Cluster will hold its monthly meeting. It will also take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office First Floor Conference Room. Each of the following organizations should send one or two representatives to this meeting:

BUL – Bulletin Stuffers
ENV – Envelope Stuffers
MAI – Maintenance
STW – Stewardship Committee
VMT – Volunteer Ministry Team

If you are the President or Chairperson of one of the above ministries or organizations, please make sure that your organization is represented at these meetings. Thank you.

St. Joseph Church In Fremont Invites You to a Scripture Series

St. Joseph Church in Mission San José invites you to a Scripture Series entitled “The Gifts and the Calling of God are Irrevocable.” It will have reflections on the Vatican Document Concerning Jews and Catholics (Christians), dated December 10, 2015. This document is a decisive turning point in the Church’s self-understand. The Dialogue with Judaism has resulted in recognition that Judaism, the Religion of Jesus, is the Mother Faith of all Christians. The document will be explored so that its wisdom will be become a vital part of our life as disciples of Jesus.

The presenter will be Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P. The sessions will be on four Mondays, from March 28 through April 18, from 7:30—9:00 p.m. A free will offering is accepted.

For more information contact St. Joseph Church at 510.656.2364.
KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

. . . those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Santa Alvarez, Santos Alvarez, Yvonne Alvidrez, Josephine Bonfiglio, Elvamae Borghi, Frank Borghi, Lindy C., Jacob Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Carr, Patty Carrillo, Anita Castillo, Connie Chagolla, Richard Chavez, Grace Continelli, Maria DeAraujo, Jennie DeCosta, Irene Drouin, Jeannette Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, Kelly Engineer, Teresa Enriquez, Juanita Estrellas, Pauline Fahman, James Finningan, 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., Ron Krzyzowski, Shirley Lee, Fernando Loera, Cara Lorenzo, Tom Lorimer Jr., Jesus Loza, Francisco Lozano, Evan Medeiros, Maria Mederos-Romero, Joe Morales, Richard Nelson, Mary O’Neill, Ma. Elena Ochoa, Manuel Antonio Orellana, Jeffy Ortega, Luis Ruben Peinado, Anita Perkins, Alexandra Ramos, Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Vida Rivera, Deacon Gus Roemers, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Macca Savage, Jayne Tavres-Arreugun, Vivianlee Tony, Fernando Trujillo, José Valdez, Maria Valdez, Mary Ybarra.

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.

Vascular Health Screenings and Wellness Visits at OLR In March

Life Line Screening, a mobile vascular screening service which has come to OLR before, is returning on Tuesday, March 22. Screenings will be performed in the Parish Hall by appointment only (call 888.653.6450, or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners). Screenings are non-invasive and painless — most use Doppler ultrasound technology. Screenings that will be offered are stroke/carotid artery screening, heart rhythm screening, abdominal aortic aneurism screening, peripheral arterial disease screening, and osteoporosis risk. By participating in these tests, you can be made aware of a hidden potential health problem at a low cost, so that you can seek follow-up care from your physician. A package of all five tests costs $149.00. In the past, a few OLR parishioners have been referred to their doctor with a potential problem. If you are interested, be sure to call for your appointment — get at $10.00 discount.

In addition to the vascular screenings, you can also have an annual wellness visit to help you build a plan for better health. During this visit you will have a one-on-one assessment with a licensed Nurse Practitioner. The plan that is developed will help you and your doctor plan for your preventative screenings and immunization for the next 5 to 10 years. This additional service is provided with no co-pay under Medicare part B. To receive this service, call 1.866.579.5069 (have your Medicare card ready when you call).

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by Francisco and Yolanda Garcia, in loving memory of Jesus and Carmen Mendez, Jose and Rosa Garcia, Chema and Olivia Sevilla and Richard Martinez

WINE: Sponsored by Francisco and Yolanda Garcia, in loving memory of Jesus and Carmen Mendez, Jose and Rosa Garcia, Chema and Olivia Sevilla and Richard Martinez

CANDLES: Sponsored by Rod and Joy Villareal in celebration for the birthdays of Rod, Adella and Segunda (86th birthday)

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 _____________________________________ Envelope/Act. # ____________________________

Address: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

I would like my gift recognized as follows:
(Examples: “The Hosts are sponsored by the Guerrero Family.”
“Candle 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
Things at OLR to Always Keep in Mind

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.

Know of Someone In Need?
The Our Lady of the Rosary Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Is Here to Help

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) at OLR is available to help those who are in need. It runs a food pantry out of the trailer that is located near the B Street gate where food is provided to those who are going hungry or are having a difficult time making ends meet. To get food, stop by the trailer on the following days and times (our Winter season hours are now in effect):

**SVDP Food Pantry Hours**

- Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Fridays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

SVDP can also provide help or referrals to those with other needs besides food such as finances, counseling, health, furniture, clothing, and other necessary living expenses. If you need help, or know someone who does and might be too proud to ask for it, give us a call any day of the week at 510.706.5852. If no one answers leave a message and a Parish SVDP representative will call you back to lend a hand and offer support.

So if there is a need, you now know who to call — St. Vincent de Paul at 510.706.5852. We’re here to help.

Know of Someone Who is Sick at Home? Ask for a Visit from A Minister to the Sick

If you, or someone you know, is ill and cannot make it to Church, let us know. We can send a Minister to the Sick to pay a visit and provide Communion in the home. Call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and we will have a Minister to the Sick contact you.

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE BULLETIN**

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- Deliver it to the Parish Office
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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.
This Week at O.L.R.

Tuesday, March 15
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary for the Year of Mercy, 7:00 p.m.
  Meeting of the Evangelization Cluster (EVAC), Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16
  Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.
  7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  Rosary for the Year of Mercy, 7:00 p.m.
  Meeting of the Stewardship Cluster (STWC), Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 17
  Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary for the Year of Mercy, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 18
  Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
  Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.
  Soup and Bread Supper, Sponsored by the School Cluster, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
  Reconciliation, Church, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
  Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00 p.m.
  Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.
  High School Youth Group Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19
  Rosary, Spanish, 7:00 p.m.
  Rosary for the Year of Mercy, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
  English Choir Practice, Church, immediately after the 11:30 a.m. Mass
  Confirmation Group Meeting, Church, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
  Rosary for the Year of Mercy, 7:00 p.m.