PARISH BULLETIN
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Easter Sunday

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• Parish Office to be Closed this Coming Friday
• School to Hold a Fiesta on May 2
• Gift from the Guild Launches Us into the 21st Century

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.
Our RCIA Candidates
Share their Journey of Faith

At the Easter Vigil Mass this Saturday, six members of our RCIA program received Sacraments. Dale Bier, received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation, while Melissa Gutierrez, Percelita Padilla, Corina Segura, Ilyce Tejada, and Noemi Vasquez received the sacrament of Confirmation.

RCIA CANDIDATES at their retreat on March 22, 2015. From left to right: Noemi Vasquez, Ilyce Tejada, Percelita Padilla, Melissa Gutierrez, Corina Segura and Dale Bier.

As is true with life in general, we may all be together right now at the same place, but what makes life most interesting is that we all took a different path to get here. This is also true with our faith journey — God gets us to join Him

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Gospel: Matthew 26:36-46
Psalm: 105:1-4, 6-9

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Sacraments

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

In the Stews and Flyers. Non-profit organizations can have approved flyers included in the Bulletin. Inserts should be printed on both 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
Journey
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and our sisters and brothers in our community of faith, but we all have come here in different ways and for different reasons. We appreciate what our RCIA participants share below regarding their journeys.

Noemi Vasquez-Gomez

My journey has always been about being in contact with God and being able to assist in the church. Through that, my faith has grown a lot. My parents have always taught me faith in God and towards our church. I thank them every day for always being there for me and for showing me the right path throughout this journey. Being part of RCIA is important to me because I am reaffirming my faith and also to be more in touch with God. What most attracted me to RCIA is to be able to learn more about God’s word, while receiving one of the sacraments.

Percelita Padilla

I am the sixth child out of seven to Patricio and Carolina Urbí. I am married to Marlone Padilla. We share four awesome children, youngest to the oldest: Jocelyn, Chance, Brandon and Andrew.

In God’s story we find our own and in our own stories, we find God at work in our lives and the lives of those whose lives touch ours. “Come and see” (John 1:46). This invitation is the journey that tells the stories that stir our hearts and helps us find our way. Stories help us understand each other. Stories transform our churches and change our lives.

Here at RCIA and Our Lady of the Rosary Church, with an open table, it became breathtaking that I could actually fully worship without all the judgment. It felt strange in a way since it had been so long, but the spirit of love in this Sanctuary pushed me on.

Ilvce Tejada

I am a Lector at our parish and I really do enjoy it. My family has been participating here at Our Lady of the Rosary for 64 years. My mom and dad were married here and I went to school here and my siblings were baptized here. My son, Colton, was baptized here by Deacon Gus.

I came to RCIA, and to be honest, I really enjoy learning more about God and Jesus. What I have received on my faith journey is faith, hope and a lot of love into my soul. I read somewhere “A beautiful life doesn’t just happen; it is built daily by prayer, humility, sacrifice and love.”

Corina Segura and Dale Biel

We signed up for RCIA, feeling it was an obligation, and not really looking forward to the program. To our pleasant surprise we enjoyed the classes and got to meet some very nice people, while enhancing our faith.

Melissa Gutierrez

I am so thankful for the RCIA program for all their support in helping me grow deeper in my faith. My kids are my heart and I think it is so important to raise them knowing God’s love and peace.

Alleluia!
He is Risen!
May the Joy of Easter be Yours —
A wish from Fr. Jesús
And the Staff of
Our Lady of the Rosary

So we hope now that you know Noemi, Percelita, Dale, Corina, Ilyce and Melissa a bit better, that you will keep them in your prayers so that they will continue to grow in their understanding and love of God, and that you will give them your hospitality and support.

Our thanks goes to Donald Marquez, a member of the RCIA team, for interviewing our candidates.

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, May 30, 2015. 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.

Stewardship Corner

"The first community of Christians in the book of Acts were radically generous with their possessions — because of their newly found boldness and fearlessness that came out of an assurance in Christ’s love. It was the quality of their generous community that demonstrated and proved that the gospel changes lives."

Sacrificial Giving Report

For Sunday, March 29, 2015
Plate Collection (Including EFT) .......................................................... $11,286.00
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection .................................. 10,700.00
Children’s Envelopes ........................................................................ 127.50

Thank you for your support!!!
Parish Office to Be Closed
This Friday, April 10

It is the policy of the Diocese of Oakland that the Chancery and all parishes close their offices on March 31 each year in observance of the birthday of Cesar Chavez. However, if his birthday falls during Holy Week, the parish may choose to close on another day of its choice in the near future. Since Cesar Chavez' birthday did fall on Holy Week this year and we were extra busy, we chose another day to observe the holiday. The day we have selected is this coming Friday, April 10. As a result, the Parish Office will be closed on that day, although the School Office will still be open.

Knights of Columbus
Now Signing Up Golfers
For its Annual Tournament

The Knights of Columbus will have its annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 25, at Monarch Bay Golf Course in San Leandro. It will have a 4-person scramble format and an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. It works well when groups of 3 or 4 people sign up together. The $100.00 entry fee will provide an 18-hole round of golf, use of a golf cart, tee prizes, a reception with prizes and awards, and admission to the dinner after the tournament in the Parish Hall. People not participating in the tournament may also attend the dinner at the cost of $15.00 per person. For registration or more information call Mario Castellanos at 510.468.2461.

EASTER MEDITATION

I came across this quote the other day from Thomas Watson: “If you want to achieve excellence, you can get there today. As of this second, quit doing less-than-excellent stuff.” The challenge is in maintaining that excellence, of course. Maintaining excellence is not a “now” occurrence. It is a lifetime journey of triumphs and trials and do-over’s. The same holds true for transformation into a new Life in Christ. The transformation period lasts a lifetime; the desire to be transformed starts immediately. In fact, the transformation that Christ himself went through took an eternity, but the idea of his transformation was born in an instant, “before the foundation of the world.” As he did for his own Son, God has laid out a plan for you. The steps towards fulfilling that plan are yours. It starts with the “yes” of Mary, and “letting it be done according to his will.” After you have taken those first awkward and fearful steps in the direction of Christ, you may suddenly find yourself, like the beloved apostle John on the first Easter morning, running full-speed towards the unknown. But instead of an empty tomb, you find the risen Lord waiting for you at the shore, and urging you to “feed his sheep.” Thus the story of transformation continues.

— Donald Marquez

Meeting of the OLR COR-LOC
This Wednesday

The Our Lady of the Rosary COR-LOC will have its monthly meeting this Wednesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107 of the Parish Office Building (first floor conference room). At this meeting, we’ll continue discussing community concerns, including immigration and local issues, and commence action for 2015. We invite new and past members to join us as we discuss these and other issues. Your opinions and ideas are important to us. For more information, please contact Mary at 510-366-3757, or via email at mlshlarb@gmail.com.

A Word of “Thanks”
To Our Volunteer Church Cleaners

This week we would like to acknowledge cleaning Team #2, which will be cleaning our Church this Tuesday and Friday at 4:00 p.m. The members of this team are: Beatriz Enos and Family, Maria Gallo and Family and Rosa Gonzalez and Family. We thank them for their hard work and dedication. If anyone else would like to join them to help, please meet them at the Church at 4:00 on Tuesday or Friday.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

CANDLES: Sponsored by the Villarreal Family, on the occasion of the 85th birthday of Segunda Laguarta.

FLOWERS: Sponsored by Our Lady’s Guild

PASCHAL CANDLE: 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 Envelope/Account # ____________
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.
Our Parish School
To Hold a Fiesta
In May

Our Lady of the Rosary School will hold a one-day Fiesta on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Parish Grounds. It will feature entertainment, food, and games — much like the Parish Festival in October but only on a smaller scale. It is destined to become one of the largest fund-raising events of the year for our school.

If you like the Festival in October, we are sure that you will like this one too — be sure to come and check it out. Among the food being served is Mexican, Filipino and American food, as well as beer, wine, and margaritas.

Everyone in the parish, both young and old, school family and not, are most welcome to attend.

Just like with the “other festival,” Donations are being accepted

The school is asking for the support of both its families and parishioners, and is asking for donations of paper goods (plates, napkins, bowls), plastic utensils, bottled water and soda. During the coming weeks we will be passing out slips at the church to collect these items in the same fashion that is used for the October festival.

The 2015 FESCO “Shelter Shuffle” Walkathon
To Take Place May 12

The 2015 FESCO “Shelter Shuffle” annual walkathon will take place on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the San Leandro Marina. Please support this year’s OLR team either as a participant or a sponsor.

After Easter, on the weekend of April 18 and 19, and the weekend of April 25 and 26, there will be sign-up tables outside of Church after Mass where sign-ups will be taken of participants (walkers) and sponsors.

You do not have to wait till after Easter to sign up — you can do it online. Visit http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/18th-annual-fesco-shuffle now. If you sign up online you can send emails to your friends and relatives, asking them to support you. When you register online, remember to join the Our Lady of the Rosary team.

If you have any questions please call our parish FESCO Representative, Ron Wenzler at (510) 400-9045.

A “Thank You” to Our Lady’s Guild
Song Books Being Replaced by On-Screen Presentation

Starting Holy Week, we have eliminated the use of song sheets for Holy Day services and our songbooks for our weekend Masses, and are replacing them with on-screen presentations. In order for this to happen we had to purchase a projection screen, a computer video projector, and a laptop computer. The cost of the projector and screen is approximately $3,000.00, and Our Lady’s Guild has made the commitment of paying for them. At the present time we do not have the new projector yet — it has been ordered and we are using a temporary one until the new one arrives. The new projector will arrive later this month, and it will be suspended from the ceiling of the Church.

This new system has several benefits, including saving paper, keeping the church more tidy (as we will not have to remove songbooks from the pews and stack them neatly in the racks), allowing parishioners to follow the songs and readings more easily, and allowing us to use new songs without having them in print.

We hope you enjoy this new technology. Be sure to thank Our Lady’s Guild for their gift, and thank you for supporting the Guild by participating in their fundraisers like the Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo and the Casino Bus Trips. Their fundraisers is what helps them help the parish.
Tuesday, April 14

- Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
- Reception, Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign, English, Parish Hall, Noon
- Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- Reception, Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign, English, Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

- Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
- Our Lady’s Guild meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16

- Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 17

- Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

- Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- Young Adults’ Group, Upper Room, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Couples for Christ Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 19

- Families in Christ Jesus Community Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 12:30 p.m.
- High School Youth Group, Upper Room, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Confirmation Group, Church, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.