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Third Sunday of Easter

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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.
**Emmanuel Lopez:**
*A Parish Youth Grows Into The Fabric of Parish Life*

If you seen him, you would recognize him for sure, as he is ever-present at all of the activities that the Youth Group is involved in at Our Lady of the Rosary. If you haven’t seen him around here, you might have seen him and not even know it! He is Emmanuel Lopez.

Emmanuel, born in Los Angeles, came to Our Lady of the Rosary in 2002 where he enrolled in Esperanza Morales’ CCD class in the third grade. When he became a freshman in High School he joined the Spanish Youth Group which was led by Susana Peinado. His sister, Guadalupe Lopez, was in the Youth Group with him and was already volunteering in the parish — as he says, she “dragged him in” to volunteering around the parish and the rest is history. While in youth group, he participated in their fundraisers, worked in the Festival, participated in plays put on by the Youth Group, and helped out at the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and the Friday Night Dinners. After receiving his Confirmation in 2011 he participated in other volunteer projects, such as the “Homeless Project,” where the youth prepared 100 bag sandwich lunches and distributed them to those living on the streets of Tenderloin. He also built the shelters for the nativity scenes that have been both inside the Church and outdoors, started a community garden on the side of the office (which he currently bringing back to life — see the Youth Corner later in this Bulletin), worked on the youth group’s church cleaning team, and handed out donuts after Mass. If you don’t know him by now, you definitely saw him at Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany — he was at every Mass that day for about four years. However, chances are you didn’t recognize him, as he was dressed up as one of the “Three Kings” that brought up the gifts.

Now Emmanuel is a leader in the parish Youth Program. He is currently a leader for the Junior High Youth Group. He is going to help Susana with a program called «Jóven Noble,» which is a character development and rite-of-passage program for young men. He also plans to become involved in community service.

Emmanuel says he is taking on these roles as he wants to “give back” for what has been given to him.

We appreciate all that Emmanuel is doing, and for the example he is setting to show that you can be very involved in parish life, no matter how young or old you are.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday, April 4**
  - 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

- **Tuesday, April 5**
  - 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Peleng Family

- **Wednesday, April 6**
  - 8:00 a.m. For World Peace

- **Thursday, April 7**
  - 8:00 a.m. For the victims of the Pakistan bombing and their families

- **Friday, April 8**
  - 8:00 a.m. For the victims of human trafficking

- **Saturday April 9**
  - 8:00 a.m. For us, the Parishioners
  - 5:00 p.m. Frank Cabrera (Dec.)

- **Sunday, April 10**
  - 6:45 a.m. Isaias Gonzalez (Dec.);
  - 8:15 a.m. Rafael Gonzalez (Dec.)
  - 9:45 a.m. Carlos Jimenez (Dec.), Jovito Jimenez (Dec.)
  - 11:30 a.m. Arthur Medellin (Dec.)

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

- **Monday, April 4**
  - First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
  - Psalm: 40:7-11
  - Second reading: Hebrews 10:4-10

- **Tuesday, April 5**
  - First reading: Acts 4:32-37
  - Psalm: 93:1-2, 5
  - Gospel: John 3:7-15

- **Wednesday, April 6**
  - First reading: Acts 5:17-26
  - Psalm: 34:2-9
  - Gospel: John 3:16-21

- **Thursday, April 7**
  - First reading: Acts 5:27-33
  - Psalm: 34:2, 9, 17-20
  - Gospel: John 3:31-36

- **Friday, April 8**
  - First reading Acts 5:34-42
  - Psalm: 27:1, 4, 13-14
  - Gospel: John 6:1-15

- **Saturday, April 9**
  - First reading: Acts 6:1-7
  - Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
  - Gospel: John 6:16-21

- **Sunday, April 10**
  - First reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
  - Psalm: 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
  - Second reading: Revelation 5:11-14

**Youth Mass**

**Next Sunday At 11:30 a.m.**

Next Sunday there will be a Youth Mass at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend: both the young and the young-at-heart.

In addition, remember that the youth are conducting the “Totally Catholic” jewelry and religious goods sale after all Masses this weekend as well.

Thank you for supporting our youth and making OLRC a “high pro-teen” parish.
Enclosed — 2015 Annual Financial Report to the Faithful

The large sheet of paper in the center of this Bulletin is our parish’s “2015 Annual Financial Report to the Faithful.” Its timing coincides with the parish’s financial report to the Diocese, which was just submitted on March 31. Canon Law, the law of the Church, specifies that this financial report be made by the governance of the parish to parishioners on at least an annual basis.

The assets and liabilities pie charts were derived from the parish’s “Balance Sheet,” while the income and expense pie charts were derived from the parish’s “Income Statement” as of the close of the year, December 31, 2015.

The most important information that should be gleaned from this report appears in the summary appearing at the bottom of the sheet. The major points can be simply stated:

- **We ended last year with a much larger surplus of cash than the previous year.** The funds that we took in exceeded our expenses by $71,229.43. This is very good news, because at the same time this past year is the first year in many years where we have paid all of our bills on time — including all of the obligations that we owed the Diocese in 2015.

- **Why did we have such a good year last year?**
  - **Collections are “holding their own.”** You will recall that we had eliminated all second collections last year — we kept only those that are required by the Diocese or the U.S. Bishops. We did give up the $62,933.98 brought in by our second collections, but we asked you put what you used to put in the second collection into the first collection instead — AND YOU DID! Our first collection increased by $72,574.37! Thank you very much.
  - **A wonderful Parish Festival.** Last year the Parish Festival brought in $63,000.29 — net. Yes, after expenses! That is the highest ever! By comparison, the 2014 Festival brought in $36,030.09 — a little less than we bring in for an “average” year. What helped boost last year’s festival revenue was the way the raffle tickets were distributed and sold, and how we had donors sponsor the prizes in the raffle. The improvement in the performance of the festival added around $30,000.00 to the cash the parish uses to operate. The 2016 festival could even be more successful, as we applied the cost for a number of items, such as the canopies we are using in place of the booths we once rented, towards last year’s expenses. This coming year we get to use the things we bought last year “for free.”
  - **We continued to reduce expenses where we could, but at the same time increased our “level of service” to our parishioners (e.g. opening the Parish Office every weekday).** Despite having a good year last year, the parish is still over a million dollars in debt to the diocese. Most of this was created by the parish not paying the diocese for its annual assessment and expenses it incurred on the parish’s behalf for over many, many years. This is how the parish managed to pay the bills, pay the employees, and keep the lights on. However, for the first year in many years, the parish had not added to this debt in 2015.

Looking towards the future, now that we are on a more solid financial footing, we are budgeting some larger expenses for 2016 — things that the parish needs but were not able to purchase in the past:

- A lift, to enable us to reach the high ceilings of the Church and Parish Hall for light bulb replacement and other maintenance.
- A remodeling of the Parish Office to enable us to serve more people more efficiently.
- A floor scrubbing machine for the Parish Hall.

Your continued support is still needed and appreciated, because since we drafted the budget for 2016, a couple of large capital expenses came our way which are not budgeted. More of our church flooring is popping up and needs to be reset. The reason for the failures we have been experiencing in the floor is due to the fact that the concrete floor below the tile is cracking — and shifting. When the concrete shifts, the tile stays still, and the difference in movement causes the tile to give way. The other unexpected expense concerns the baptismal font. We suspected that it could be leaking (a little bit), but when we filled it up for the Easter Vigil Mass it leaked big time — water entered both the back sacristy, and travelled under the wooden Sanctuary floor to reach the music room on the other side of the Church!

If you have any questions regarding parish finances, or wish to view more detailed financial documents, you are welcome to contact us and a member of the Finance Cluster will contact you. Please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leave a message for the Finance Cluster, or e-mail admin@olrchurch.org.
Meeting of All Parishioners in Ministry This Wednesday

A group of people representing each of the parish cluster organizations that meet on a monthly basis had a meeting in February to evaluate the state of the parish and its programs and to plan for growth. As a result of this meeting, we are calling a special meeting to which we are inviting all parishioners who are currently part of a parish ministry or organization. At this meeting we will share the findings of the February meeting and ask for input on how to help the parish grow in the areas where it is needed. This meeting will also help us start a parish leadership team that will someday lead to a Pastoral Council.

The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall THIS WEDNESDAY, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. You are invited and we hope that you will be able to come and share your thoughts and dreams for OLR.

Operation Rice Bowl: The Total Thus Far

Operation Rice Bowl, a source of funding for Catholic Relief Services which helps communities all over the world that face difficult economic conditions and disasters, runs during Lent. In our parish the rice bowls became available the Sunday after Ash Wednesday and were to be returned on Palm Sunday.

From the Rice Bowls that were received thus far, we have received a total of $1,768.00. Although we will be writing a check to Catholic Relief Services in this amount any day now, it will not be too late for you to turn in a Rice Bowl if you still have one. We can submit another check later. If there are no baskets at the doors to the Church to accept them, bring your Rice Bowl to the Parish Office or give it to a member of the Parish Staff or volunteer in the Sacristy.

Thank you for your support.

We Have Star Jasmine On Our Mind With Your Support The Summer Breeze Can Make Us Feel Fine

Last weekend Fr. Jesús announced at Mass that we are planning to plant 200 Star Jasmine plants against our chain link fencing that borders 8th Street and “B” Street. We are doing this so that they can grow together into one large vine that will both provide some beauty, privacy, and security for the parish property.

One of our parishioners who is a professional gardener, José Rodriguez, is coordinating this project, which involves purchasing the plants, digging some large holes along the fence line to plant them in, digging a trench around the property in which to bury irrigation tubing, and installing irrigation system to ensure that the plants will receive water on a regular basis and “take hold.”

The cost of all of the materials and rentals to make this project a reality would be between $2,800.00 and $3,000.00.

As Fr. Jesús had mentioned, parish families can sponsor a plant at the cost of about $18.00 each, split the sponsorship between two families, or sponsor more than one plant.

If you do this project strikes a positive “note” with you, and makes you so delighted that you want to get up and sing (a Seals and Croft song would be appropriate — yes, we’re getting old), consider making a donation. We were taking donations at the doors of the church this weekend, but if you want to give in the future, you may bring your donation to the Parish Office, put it in the donation boxes at the doors of the church, or bring it to the table in coming weeks when we are selling gift cards and religious articles. Simply place it in an envelope and mark it with the words “Star Jasmine Project” along with your name. Be sure to include your account number if you use offertry envelopes.

Thank you for your support.

News from Holy Sepulchre Cemetery New Niches Now Available, Mother’s Day Tea

You are invited to our dedication ceremony for our new Christ the Light glass front lit niches.

Our niches offer lustrous granite, polished bronze and brilliant stained glass interiors and are spacious enough to accommodate a variety of urn sizes.

The ceremony will be held at the Receiving Chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26350 Mission Blvd. in Hayward on Saturday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m. (after the First Saturday 11:00 a.m. Mass).

The annual Mother’s Day Tea will follow the dedication in the St. Francis Courtyard at 1:45 p.m. Fr. Jayson Landeza will be leading us through spiritual prayers and stories. Please join us!

The City of Union City Needs Your Input On a Needs Assessment

The City of Union City is conducting a social services assessment and needs your feedback. This survey will help the city determine what services it offers are most helpful, what services are needed, and how people can be better connected to the services that are available. If you want to participate in the survey you can complete it online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnionCityServices, or fill out a paper copy at City Hall, Kennedy Community Center, Holly Center or at Ruggieri Senior Center.

Please contact Alin Lancaster at 510.675.5322 if you have any questions or want more information.
Join Donald, David, Mary Anne, Leo, Fr. Jesús, And the rest of the OLR Team And walk in the 19th Annual FESCO Shelter Shuffle Walk-a-thon On Saturday Morning, April 30, 8:30 a.m. to noon At the San Leandro Marina

*They all invite you to walk with them and have a fun time with free food, raffle tickets, T shirts and music — all as you are supporting local homeless families.*

This weekend and next weekend tables will be setup outside of Church where signups of participants (walkers) and sponsors will be taken. If you can’t walk, any donations you make to support the team to help homeless families would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to FESCO.

If you didn’t register at Church this weekend you can still register for the Our Lady of Rosary team online at: http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/19th-annual-fesco-shuffle. Our OLR FESCO Parish Representative, Ron Wenzler can also help you register for the OLR team and answer any questions you may have.

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.

A Mistake Might Have Happened in the “Alzheimer's Article” Last Week

We received a phone call telling us that the upcoming presentation at the Ruggieri Senior Center on how to create a dementia-friendly community bore the wrong date. The workshop will not be held on a Monday, but on Thursday, April 21. The article that appears in this edition of the Bulletin includes this correction. We’re sorry for any confusion or inconvenience this might have caused.
Next Weekend
Special Presentation
On Catholic Funeral Preparation
Here at OLR

Next weekend there will be an opportunity for you to learn more about how to plan and prepare Catholic funeral and burial services.

The Community Outreach Staff from Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services will be here to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning more about what Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) of the Diocese of Oakland has to offer. In our area, CFCS would be better known as Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Center, and Sorensen Chapel, which are all in Hayward.

After all Masses next weekend there will be a short presentation and a question and answer session in the Parish Hall.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

No Schedule Change For the Food Pantry: Not Sleet Nor Snow Nor Gloom of Night . . .

The long-running article in this Bulletin concerning the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry used to say that “Our winter season hours are now in effect.” As is the case with our Rosary Nights, as summer approaches and the time change takes place, the pantry originally planned to switch its schedule one hour later. However, our Vincentians are a hearty bunch, like letter carriers, where even the gloom of night will not keep them from their appointed duties. So they decided that their “Winter Hours” will not be changed to “Summer Hours,” and, in fact, they will just have “hours.” They are as follows (all year round):

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

Our Lady’s Guild
To Hold a Casino Trip

Our Lady’s Guild is hosting a casino bus trip as a fundraiser to the Black Oak Indian Casino on Wednesday, April 27. The bus will depart promptly from OLR at 8:00 a.m.

The price per ticket is $35.00 and is non-refundable. Five hours will be spent at the casino. This is a fun-filled event put on by the Lady’s Guild that normally sells out quickly — so we encourage you to purchase your tickets early.

For ticket information, please contact Teresa Cummings at 510.471.6684 or Joan Linson at 510.471.0191.

Union City’s Department Of Youth and Family Services
To Hold Job and Resource Fair

The Union City Department of Youth and Family Services (YFS) is holding its first Job and Resource Fair on April 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holly Center in Union City. The free event will have snacks, resume/job application help, advice on dressing professionally, and more. The job fair is open to everyone, so if you’re looking for a job or just want to stay sharp, mark your calendar! If you are a business and would like to participate, please email Larry Ewing at larrye@unioncity.org

Meeting of the Liturgy Cluster (LITC)
This Week

This Tuesday, April 12 the Liturgy 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:

ALE – Altar Servers, English
ALS – Altar Servers, Spanish
CHE – Choir, English
CHS – Choir, Spanish
CON – Conuntu for the 9:45 Mass
EME – Eucharistic Ministers, English
EMS – Eucharistic Ministers, Spanish
FLC – Flower Committee
LCE – Lectors, English
LCS – Lectors, Spanish
MSE – Ministers to the Sick, English
MSS – Ministers to the Sick, Spanish
MUS – Musicians
USH – Ushers

One person should also attend this meeting to represent Our Lady of the Rosary School and another person should represent our Religious Education and Formation Program.

If you are the President or Chairperson of one of the above ministries or organizations, please make sure that your organization is represented at this meeting on Tuesday.

Rosary Nights Now on Their Summer Schedule

The summer hours for our Rosary Nights are now in effect. The evening Rosary in Spanish now starts at 6:00 p.m., while the one in English starts at 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship Corner
SACRIFICAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, April 3, 2016 — Second Sunday of Easter
Plate Collection (Including EFT) ................................................................. 9,691.00
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection ............................................. 10,700.00
Children’s Envelopes ............................................................................. 18.00

Thank you for your support!
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CORNER

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CORNER IS BACK!!

It has been a while since we’ve let you all know the happenings with our youth! Let’s get you back in the know . . .

OLR YOUTH GROUP!

Confirmation

We would like to ask that you PRAY for our Confirmation Candidates as they are coming out of their confirmation retreat this weekend. They are Sean Nhjem, Lila Guerrero, Stephanie Moreno, Ricardo Reynoso, David Ramirez, Elizabeth Kwong, Nicolas Kwong, Jonathan Day, Virginia Ibarra, Rosamaria Ibarra, and Carlos Perez Gonzalez. Pray that they continue to follow God’s call for them and continue to know, learn and understand God’s love for them as well and that this retreat has ignited and deepened their call to the Holy Spirit. The Confirmation team would also like to extend a sincere “Thank you” for supporting the Tamale and Bake sales, which help with Retreat costs!

Garden (Junior High Group)

The Youth group will be creating a garden at OLR!!! The garden will be right next to the Parish Office building. There are a couple of ways our parishioners can help. First, if you know about gardening they could use your expertise, and, second, if you could donate plants, pots, and seeds — anything would be appreciated! Emmanuel Lopez, a young adult, is leading this effort with the youth and you can contact him at 510.415.6849.

Homeless Project (High School Group)

At the end of April our High School group will be heading out to San Francisco for their Feed the Homeless Project. Here is another wonderful opportunity where our parishioners can offer their support. We are in need of socks, travel-size hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. These items, along with a bag lunch (which the youth prepare), will be given to the homeless in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. We thank you in advance for your support.

Fundraising

THANK YOU, THANK YOU also for supporting our Jewelry sale last weekend! We get 50% of all sales, so thank you again—yippee! We have one more day to go on the jewelry sale . . . look for us after Mass on Sunday, April 17!

THE DECADES CORNER!

Remember our Young Adult group (YAG), “The Decades.” If you, or someone you know, is between the ages of 18-35, please let them know about the group. At our last meeting we had the honor of having Mary Ann Wiesinger, Associate Director of Evangelization present on Charism, Spiritual Gifts.

The Decades meet on the THIRD SATURDAY of every month. The next meeting is NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 16. Come check it out . . . you never know who may stop in to inspire!
In this Year of Mercy, we are called to recognize how to be merciful as Christ is merciful. To more fully call Mercy to the forefront of our daily lives, Our Lady of the Rosary Youth Ministry is bringing a Drama Mission entitled “Acts of Mercy” to our parish on May 15-17. It will be held in the Church at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The Mission will be a dramatic performance given by Frank Runyeon, an actor who has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 25 years. He has appeared in As the World Turns, Santa Barbara, Falcon Crest, General Hospital, L.A. Law, and Melrose Place. He is an honors graduate of the General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

On Sunday evening the presentation will be on the signs of mercy which appear in the Gospel of John. On Monday, stories of mercy in the Gospel of Luke will be depicted. On Wednesday, the works of mercy in the Gospel of James will be dramatized.

There will be a $5.00 suggested donation each evening. We ask that you mark your calendars for this truly unique and grand event — if you miss it you’ll be sorry.

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**alzheimer’s association**

Alzheimer’s Association, Northern California, Northern Nevada Chapter

CREATING A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

A FREE PRESENTATION:

**LEARN:**
- New National Initiative
- The best practices worldwide for Dementia
- How dementia touches you and the community

**CREATE:**
- Dementia friendly neighborhoods, institutions, businesses, health-care

**SPEAKERS:**
- Pauline Martinez, MA, Education Services Manager
- Peining Chang, MSN, ASW, Community Outreach Specialist

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1:30—3:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Ruggieri Senior Center, 33997 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City

**PLEASE REGISTER** by calling 510.675.5495
or in person at the Front Desk of the Senior Center

**ALMOST TWO THIRDS**

of Americans with Alzheimer’s disease are women
Get out.  
Get active.  
Give back.

Join hundreds of walkers as they take a step toward ending family homelessness.

Walk as an individual or as a team in this family-friendly, dog-friendly walk along the beautiful paths of the San Leandro Marina Park.

Schedule
- 8:30 am Check-in/T-shirt pickup
- 9:30 am Opening Ceremony
- 10:00 am Walk Start
- 11:00 am Lunch & Entertainment
- 12:00 noon Closing Ceremony

Sign up!
For the Our Lady of the Rosary team
Online team sign-up at: http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/19th-annual-fesco-shuffle

www.fescofamilyshelter.org

For more information call:
Joy Vail, Office Manager, 510-886-5473, x105, or Ron Wenzler, the Our Lady of the Rosary FESCO Representative, at 510.400.9045.
KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...
...those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Santa Alvarez, Santos Alvarez, Yvonne Alvidrez, Josephine Bonfiglio, Elvamane 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, Jeanette Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, Kelly Engineer, Teresa Enriquez, Juana Estrellas, Pauline Fahlman, James Finnigan, Jose Franco, Angela Gallegos, Nellie Gallegus, Hector Gaytan, Randy Gonzales, Reynaldo Gonzalez, Pat Gower, Deanna Graves, Ronnie Graves, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Angelica Herrera, Brigitte Himmler, Ernesto Inzunza, Margaret K., Ron Krzyzanowski, Shirley Lee, Fernando Loera, Cora Lorenzo, Tom Lorimer Jr., Jesus Loza, Francisco Lozano, 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, Deacon Gus Roemers, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Maaca Savage, Jayne Tavres-Arreguin, Vivian Lee Tony, Fernando Trujillo, Jose Valdez, Maria Valdez, Mary Ybarra.

Next Weekend: Catholic Jewelry Sale To Support Parish Youth Programs

"Totally Catholic," a pop-up store of imported hand-crafted items from Italy, Mexico and Bethlehem, operated last weekend after all Masses and will return next weekend for its final sale. Proceeds help support our Youth and Confirmation programs.

Items being sold include olive wood rosaries, medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith-inspired necklaces. There will also be an assortment of gift items for First Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA.

Wearing items such as Catholic jewelry, medals and crucifixes is an outward sign of faith and hope. We are sure that we will have something to meet your taste and needs.

Thank you for supporting our youth programs. You will find a flyer with more information included in this Bulletin.

Prayers and Responses In our PowerPoint Projections at Mass Have Gone... And Come Back

You might have noticed, and then again maybe not. We were projecting many of the prayers and responses used during our Masses on the screen, and then we stopped doing it. We removed them as some parishioners said they thought it was “unnecessary,” “distracting,” and even a couple were offended as they thought we should all know them already. However, after having removed the prayers and responses, other parishioners came forward. Their concerns were that it became more difficult to follow where we are in the Mass for those who have difficulty hearing. A member of the RCIA team said she liked the prayers and responses projected as it helped new Catholics learn the Mass. And then, parents of young children told us that they like the projection of prayers and responses so that their children would memorize the things they need to say in participating at Mass.

So as a result, after weighing the reasons for doing it and not doing it, and the number of people who have commented on either side of the issue, we have decided to add the prayers and responses back in to the material being projected during the Mass — thinking that it probably is doing more “good” than “harm.” If you are a member of the “No Projection Party,” we hope you will understand.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of James and Catherine Vasaturo

WINE: Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of James and Catherine Vasaturo

CANDLES: Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of James and Catherine Vasaturo

Flowers: Sponsored by Our Lady’s Guild

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

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH, UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 10, 2016

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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/Acct. # __________________________

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.
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:

**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.

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.

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**

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
- Deliver it to the Parish Office
- E-mail it to bulletin@olrchurch.org

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- Do not send your bulletin articles to other e-mail addresses.
- Use this e-mail address only for bulletin-related correspondence.

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