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MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend (Sunday) Masses
Saturday
5:00 p.m.—English
6:15 p.m.—Cantones

Sunday
6:45 a.m.—Spanish
8:15 a.m.—English
9:45 a.m.—Spanish
11:30 a.m.—English

Youth Mass
6:00 p.m.—Bi-lingual, on the second Sunday of each month

Weekday Masses
Tue.-Fri., 8:15 a.m., Sat., 9:00 a.m.
Mondays — Communion Service, 8:15 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
In Private
Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

APRIL 12, 2015
Second Sunday of Easter

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Passion Mime —
The Faces Behind the Paint
By Donald Marquez

The Passion Mime is a long-standing tradition at Our Lady of the Rosary. The unique preaching of Matthew’s Gospel—which begins with the Last Supper and concludes with the Crucifixion—was derived from the theatrical mind of our parish’s previous Pastor, Father José M. León.

The mime communicates powerfully to all languages and cultures, and has seen many different parishioners take their shot onstage over the years. Some have appeared in the production just once; others several times, including most of this year’s cast.

Last year marked the 25th anniversary of the Passion Mime, and it was assumed that it would be retired with Father José, who closed out his 33 years at the parish last September.

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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.

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

Inserts and Flyers: Non-profit organizations can have approved flyers included in the Bulletin. Inserts should be printed on two sides — English on one side and Spanish on the other. Flyers are to be delivered to the Parish Office by Thursday morning for inclusion in the Bulletin of the following Sunday. The Parish can also print a flyer as a full page in the Bulletin if costs are reimbursed by the organization. Contact the Parish Office by calling 510.471.2609 or e-mail bulletin@olrchurch.org
Mime
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Susana Peinado, a participant in the mime for many years, had never seen it from the church pews. She made the decision to take on the director's role that Father José had held for all these years, and sent out a bulletin invitation in hopes of "resurrecting" the custom.

Eight "apostles" showed up.

The work for these modern-day evangelists begins long before Good Friday. Every Sunday afternoon during Lent they go through intense two-hour rehearsals, working on both technical and spiritual movements.

On Holy Thursday they have their first dress rehearsal. It is a late-night practice that follows the Mass of the Lord's Supper. While they apply makeup, fellow parishioners set up the stage that will be used for the last two rehearsals and the live performance.

Rehearsals are intentionally closed to the public to ensure the actors' anonymity, while keeping the solemnity of the Gospel message intact.

The roles in the mime are as follows: Jesus, John, Peter, Judas, Pontius Pilate, Caiphas (introduced last year), and two "men or women" who perform various duties, such as taking Jesus to various stations on the road to Calvary. Members take on multiple roles. One minute you are the "beloved apostle," the next you might be asked to "condemn" Jesus to his death.

Below are profiles from this year's cast:

Brian Rodriguez

If you think the role of Jesus can be stressful, try sitting on a wooden bench for 45 minutes, in the dark, playing the same tune over and over again. And yet the mime would lose its rhythm were it not for Brian's brilliance on the piano:

"I have been a part of the Passion Mime for many, many years, ever since I was in elementary school here at OLR. My mentor, best friend, and OLR icon, Margaret Williams, wanted me to be a part of the mime for two reasons: to help the actors up and down the stairs in the dark, and to learn the mime so I could take over when she retired!"

"Being part of this large production experience is something unimaginable. It brings me closer to God as I play the story of the Passion of Jesus in my head as they are portraying it on stage and I get to bring the emotions of the story to the congregation through music. It is very satisfying when people tell me after it's all said and done that they could feel the very many and different emotions that Jesus felt during his hours before death."

Donald Marquez

This was Donald's second year. One of his favorite parts about being in the mime has nothing to do with acting.

"About an hour before we go on stage, we are stuffed into a tiny room. During those last moments, it doesn't matter how old we are, how many years we have done this or what role we are playing. We are just eight people who have made the same six-week commitment, sharing the same nervousness about to take on the same responsibility for preaching the Gospel. It is powerful beyond words."

Paola Alvarado

Although she is still in high school, Paola performs with the calmness as someone twice her age. This was her third year on the OLR stage.

Enrique Alvarado

The older brother of Paula, this was also Enrique's third year in the mime:

"Through the different characters I have played, I've been able to experience the meaning of lent, not only emotionally, but spiritually. This experience allows me to live more intimately the passion and death of our lord Christ and to be a witness of his unconditional love toward us."

Emerita Alvarado

Yes, there is a pattern here. Emerita is the older sister of Enrique and Paola, and she has performed in the mime for nearly ten years.

"The mime is my way to close Lent and all this time of reflection. It helps me live the Gospel in a whole new and amazing way! I can feel the presence of God in that moment and I can say that I haven't felt more like a creation of God than during those moments when we are turned into the word of God! I feel like I am the word and I feel that I'm definitely an instrument God has created for his ends. I cannot be happier for that! I feel useful to God's will and to his project of redemption!"

Jeremy Gutierrez

Another high school student, Jeremy made a big splash on stage last year in the role of Jesus. He enjoyed the experience so much that it didn't take much arm twisting to bring him back this year:

"I've been a part of the passion mime for two years now. I feel from participating in this production, it has given me a true understanding and connection to the passion and what Jesus went through for us. I feel extremely honored to give the word of The Lord through my personal interpretation and actions."

Octavio Amezgua

The only new member on this year's cast, Octavio fearlessly fit right in with the group:

"Acting in the mime was a blessing to have been invited to participate and spend time with my OLR brothers and sisters."

Miguel Vazquez

No stranger to the Passion Mime, Miguel has played every significant role, and he was a powerful presence once again this year:

"In the seven years that I represent the mime, each time has been a different experience. Reading emotions is something wonderful and allows others feel what Jesus felt. It makes me reflect on how much he loves us. Interpretation of each character is something beautiful and interesting."

Gary Arroyo

As much as he does for our parish, Gary can't seem to say no when the mime comes calling each spring. He has literally lost count as to how many times he has appeared in the mime.

If performed truthfully and passionately, the mime can move its audience (and its members) to tears. A long-time parishioner was inspired to send his gratitude via email:

I hope you have received abundant praise for the 2015 mime. It was spectacular. I noted some changes that were introduced. Jesus' eyes were powerful expressions of the performance. It was the eloquence of underplay.

The sleeping disciples were good.

The pillar of cloth as Jesus wound it tight to endure the scourging ...

The fighting as Jesus died and His mournful eyes uplifted to an unrelenting God the Father ...

The fighting throughout ...

I only wished that Fr. José could have passed on a Charlie Chaplin moustache and slipped into a back pew so that he could see his mime legacy living on in the hands of a new generation.

Really good.

Really thank you.

(Deacon) Dick
Enclosed
2014 Annual Financial Report to the Faithful

The large sheet of paper in the center of this Bulletin is our parish’s “2014 Annual Financial Report to the Faithful.” Canon Law, the law of the Church, specifies that this financial report be made by the governance of the parish to parishioners at least on an annual basis. In years past this report has been made in various ways at OLR and in various forms. Sometimes it has been included in the Bulletin, other times in a Stewardship Newsletter, and other times it was included in a report made part of an increased offertory campaign. Since it appeared in different ways and in different forms, perhaps you didn’t even know that you received it. In order to provide information consistently and offer more financial transparency, this report will now be placed in the Bulletin in the first quarter of every year using the same format. Its timing coincides with the parish’s financial report to the Diocese, which is due on March 31 of every year.

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, 2014.

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:

- The parish does not have much cash on hand, considering the size of its budget – all that we receive in the collection we spend to pay the bills, and there are no savings to speak of.

- The parish is over $1.3 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.

- We ended last year with a small surplus of cash: what we took in exceeded what we paid out by $17,889.00. However, this is not really the case, as we did not pay our Diocesan Assessment or all of our insurance premiums last year, either. However, this year we have made changes to our budget which is enabling us to make these payments and cover our current obligations.

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 Committee will contact you. Please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 and leave a message for the Finance Committee, or e-mail admin@olrchurch.org.

Thank you very much for your support of our parish.

Easter Scripture Series
At Holy Family Motherhouse Starts This Week

The sisters of the Holy Family are sponsoring a scripture series entitled “Easter Reflections from the Acts of the Apostles — Reflections in Light of the Emerging Worldwide Church of Mercy.” It will take place on four Monday evenings starting this Monday, April 13. It will be held from 7:30—9:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Motherhouse, 159 Washington Blvd. in Fremont. The presenter will be Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information call the Motherhouse at 510.656.2331.

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.

Stewardship Corner

"It is better to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35).

"The more we are mindful of how much we have received, the more we are inclined to look for opportunities to give. God is the supreme giver, and whenever we give, we grow in the image of God, become a better-version-of-ourselves, and live holy lives."

- Matthew Kelly, author of “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic”

Sacrificial Giving Report

For Thursday, April 2, 2015 — Holy Thursday
Collection ........................................................................ $1,285.25

For Friday, April 3, 2015 — Good Friday
Holy Land Collection ......................................................... $1,291.20

For Sunday, April 5, 2015 — Easter Sunday
Plate Collection (Including EFT) ....................................... $18,046.05
Children’s Envelopes ....................................................... 130.00

Thank you for your support!!!
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!
Online team sign-up at:
http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/18th-annual-fesco-shuffle

www.fescofamilyshelter.org

For more information call:
Joy Vail, Office Manager, 510-886-5473, x105
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.

Deacon Dick and Pat Folger — Walkers in the FESCO Shuffle Walkathon

You’re invited to walk as members of the Our Lady of the Rosary team in this year’s FESCO Shuffle Walk-A-Thon, to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

You can sign up online now and you can start emailing your friends to support you in the event. Remember to sign up as a member of the OLR Team.

Tables will be set up outside the church before and after Masses during the next two weekends. At these tables we will be registering walkers and requesting donations to support our team’s designated walkers, Deacon Dick and Pat Folger.

Please contact our Parish FESCO Representative, Ron Wenzler 510.400.9045 if you have any question or for more information.

An Invitation . . .

Fr. Jesús Nieto-Ruiz and the Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign Leadership Committee cordially requests your company at one of the following receptions, to learn more about the campaign and how it will advance the goals of both our Diocese and Parish.

In English:

This Tuesday, April 14, 12:00 Noon, in the Parish Hall
This Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall

In Spanish:

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

If you attended the reception held in conjunction with the Soup and Bread Supper on March 25, we thank you — and need not attend one of the above receptions.

Please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609 if you plan to attend one of the above receptions. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you very much!
Sorry to Disappoint You: BART is Not Coming to OLR

Bart is not going to be coming to the church and the parking lot. The city of Union City has added a new restriction on the parking lot that makes it impossible for Bart to come. The church has also been told that they cannot use the parking lot for events.

New Ministry at OLR: “The PowerPoint Ministry”

As Fr. Jesus mentioned at Mass last weekend, we are starting a new ministry, being called the “PowerPoint Ministry” for the lack of a better name. Starting with our Easter Sunday Masses, we are eliminating the use of songbooks at our Masses and are projecting the songs we sing up on a screen for all to see. In addition to the songs, the readings and responses are being projected, so, in a way, it will serve as an “electronic missalette.”

In order not to burden our staff with the additional work it takes to make this happen, we are asking for volunteers to perform two tasks:

1. To prepare the presentations. There will be one for Masses in English and another one for the Spanish Masses. This work will be done during the week.

2. To run the presentations at the Sunday Masses. We need one person at each Mass to start the computer program and then advance the “slides” during the course of the readings and the songs.

If you can help with any of these two tasks, please contact Robert at the Parish Office, 510.471.2609.

Youth Mass Later Today

Our monthly Youth Mass will be celebrated this evening at 6:00 p.m. It is bilingual. All are invited to attend — both the young and the young-at-heart.

Donut Fellowship is Today

But there is something else worth mentioning.

In our rush in trying to get the Bulletin printed early because of Easter, we forgot to include an article to “warn you” of the donut fellowship being held this weekend. Anyway, we hope you were pleasantly surprised by the donuts — they are always happy to see you! Anyway — congratulations are in order. Last Saturday, April 4, Roberto’s Donuts, our parishioners who have been donating donuts for this event for many years, celebrated its 10th anniversary of doing business at its current location where Santa Clara and Harder meet in Hayward (404 W. Harder Road). Having had two other locations previously as part of a franchise, they have actually been in business for over 25 years. We congratulate them and thank them very much for their supporting our parish during most of their 25 year history.

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

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.
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**ASSETS**
(What we have)

- Parish Cash on Hand - $24,016.07
- Cash, Parish Organizations - $21,645.43
- Fixed Assets - $72,954.45

**LIABILITIES**
(What we owe)

- Second Collections - $136,923.50
- Other Liabilities - $19,671.50
- Loans from Diocese for Building Renovations - $220,158.04
- Unpaid Diocesan Obligations From Previous Years - $1,111,012.81

**INCOME**
(Where our money came from)

- Programs (CCD, Youth, CYO) - $68,745.37
- Fundraising (Incl. Festival, Scrip) - $105,540.71
- Sacraments - $17,948.50
  (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals)
- Donations - $18,682.90
- Parish 2nd Collections - $64,740.48
  (Eliminated in 2015)
- Sunday & Holyday Collections - $494,725.04

**EXPENSES**
(What we spent our income on)

- All Other Expenses - $14,390.20
- Fundraising Expenses - $50,444.78
- Administration Salaries & Benefits - $123,382.50
- Office & Administration - $67,092.50
- Catholic Voice - $7,250.00
- Insurance & Taxes - $13,852.92
- Property & Maint. - $40,006.69
- Utilities - $38,317.74
- Pastor's Salary - $33,177.62
- Other Clergy-Related Expenses - $27,867.25
- Liturgy / Mass related Exp. - $14,222.15
- Music Salaries and Expenses - $82,760.21

**Total Income**
$789,548.86

**Total Expenses**
$771,659.86
SUMMARY

- **ASSETS:** At the end of the year the parish had $24,046.07 in cash in the bank. Not much, considering our annual budget is over three-quarters of a million dollars. Our Parish Organizations, like CYO, the CCD, Our Lady’s Guild, and others, had another $21,645.03 in cash in the bank, combined.

- **LIABILITIES:** Add them together, and the total is $1,331,170.85 – the parish well over a million dollars in debt. Why? While some of the debt, $220,158.04 results from building renovations, the vast majority of it results from our parish not paying its diocesan obligations for many, many years as there was not enough money. **However, your increased support, in addition to cost reductions we made to the budget, will enable us to keep our diocesan obligations current this year.** The budget cuts made included eliminating two paid positions, terminating the paid gardening service, terminating the paid bookkeeping service, not holding group reconciliation services during Advent and Lent, and a number of other cuts.

- **INCOME AND EXPENSES** are close together, and income exceeds expenses by $17,889.00. That would be a good thing, but our books are kept on a modified cash basis. They do not reflect the fact that we did not pay all of our diocesan obligations last year, either. So in reality, we had a loss last year – another $78,918.00 in unpaid assessment and insurance premiums will be added to our liabilities.

The Finance Committee: Martha Estrella (Chairperson), Mario Castellanos, Regina Garges, Mary Quan, Leila Verzola. Advisors: Fr. Jesús, Pastor; Robert Clark, Business Manager; Patricia Landavazo, Bookkeeper.

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**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**

- **SPRED Total Community Meeting**, Eddie Dobrec Room, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- **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.