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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.
The Confirmation Retreat:
One of The Steps
Along the Faith Journey of our Youth

By: Donald Marquez

Last weekend, twelve courageous high school students left the comfort and security of their families and homes — and their mobile devices! — to embark on a three-day Confirmation retreat at Mission Springs Christian Conference Center in Scotts Valley.

This was the first year in roughly two decades that the retreat was not led by Sheryl Bartlett, who retired last April. Brian Rodriguez assumed the role this year and was assisted by several young leaders-in-training, all of whom have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Rosary.

The candidates and team left the parish grounds at 4:30 p.m. last Friday, filled with the Spirit after a prayerful (and rainy) send-off by Father Jesús, and returned to Union City in time to join their families for 11:30 Mass on Sunday.

In between they engaged in prayer, Scripture readings, and soul-searching. These activities took place in both small-group and large-group settings — the smaller groups allowed for more personal and open conversation.

The “teams” also “competed” for a prize to be awarded at the end of the Confirmation year. They were issued ribbons for promptness, volunteering to lead the large group in grace before meals, and for showing off their talents in various activities and games.

On Saturday night, after a powerful prayer service — their meeting room was turned into a “church” — each candidate was able to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and were granted absolution by our very own Father Jesús.

The evening ended as all evenings should end: with a movie and ice cream.

I was privileged to be invited by Brian, who joked that the retreat needed “a real adult.” In my opinion, the real adults were Brian and his disciples, who put a lot of preparation into the retreat, and executed it perfectly.

The word of the weekend — from the mouths of the candidates — was “bonding.” Indeed, they did plenty of that. No one was left out.

Maybe we “adults” can learn a thing or two from them.

Our candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Michael Barber on Sunday June 5 at 2:00 p.m. at OLR. This year’s candidates are Jonathan Day, Huy Do (St. Anne’s Parish, UC), Lila Guerrero, Carlos Pérez-González, Rosa Ibarra, Virginia Ibarra, Elizabeth Kwong, Nicholas Kwong, Stephanie Moreno, Sean Nhem, David Ramírez, and Ricardo Reynoso.

8th Grade to Have Food Sale
Next Sunday

Next Sunday the 8th Grade Class of the parish school will have a food sale after all of the Masses. If will be in front of the Church, but look for them inside the Parish Hall if it is raining.

Proceeds will help the 8th Grade class cover graduation expenses.

Thank you for your support.
Meetings of the Evangelization (EVAC) And Stewardship (STWC) Clusters This Week

This Tuesday, April 19, 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, April 20, 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.

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.

MAC Called Something To Our Attention: Lucky Supermarket Now Part of eScrip — SHARES Cards No Longer Work

There’s a lot of news in the Scrip world, but here is something we did not know about until one of our parishioners, M.A.C., told us about.

Lucky Supermarkets has joined the eScrip program and has discontinued its SHARES program. So if you have a SHARES card for Our Lady of the Rosary it will no longer work and earn money for us from your purchases.

Here is what to do: register your Lucky Rewards Card for eScrip, in much the same way you used to register your Safeway Club Card. Visit luckysupermarkets.com/shares. The OLR eScrip ID number is 136952612.

Safeway, on the other hand, recently left the eScrip program, and has joined the Scripsense program. We are currently enrolling in the Scripsense program, but there is a slight delay. We will keep you informed when we are ready to start having our parishioners and school families participate in Scripsense, and when we fully roll out all of the other enhancements that we are making to our Scrip program this spring.

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For Sunday, April 10, 2016 — Third Sunday of Easter
Plate Collection (Including EFT) ........................................ 9,393.50
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection ......................... 10,700.00
Children’s Envelopes .................................................. 41.00

Thank you for your support!
Join Joann, Dave, Elizabeth, 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:


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 online as part of the team.

A Word of Thanks To Our Volunteer Gardeners

This week we would like to thank our volunteer gardening Team #4 who will be working on Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m.: Alejandro Ibarra, Felipe Molina and Ignacio 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!
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, Linda C. Jacob Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Carr, Patty Carrillo, Anita Castillo, Bonnie Chagolla, Richard Chavez, Grace Continelli, Maria DeAraujo, Jennie DeCosta, Irene Drouin, Jeanette Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, Kelly Enginer, Teresa Enriquez, Juanita Estrellas, Pauline Fahman, James Finnigan, Jose Franco, Angela Gallegos, Nellie Gallegus, Hector Gaytan, Randy Gonzalez, Reynaldo Gonzalez, Pat Gowin, Deanna Graves, Ronnie Graves, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Angelica Herrera, Brigitte Himmler, Ernesto Inzunza, Margaret K., Ron Krzyzowski, Shirley Lee, Fernando Loera, Cora Lorenz, Tom Lorimer Jr., Jesus Loza, Francisco Lozano, Evan Medelos, Maria Mederos-Romero, Joe Morales, Richard Nelson, Mary O'Neil, Ma. Elena Ochoa, Manuel Antonio Orellana, Chuy Ornelas, Luis Ruben Peinado, Anita Perkins, Alexander Ramos, Monica Raynoza, Benjamin Renteria, Vida Rivera, Deacon Gus Roemers, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Maccy Savage, Jayne Tavres-Arregui, Vivianlee Tonry, Fernando Trujillo, Jose Valdez, Maria Valdez, Mary Ybarra.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Pilgrim Statue to Visit OLR
On Friday, May 6

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Pilgrim Virgin Statue will visit our parish on Friday, May 6. You and your family and friends are invited to come to the parish that day for a day of prayer, meditation and veneration. A schedule of the observances to take place that day will be published in future editions of the Bulletin.

The statue was blessed by Pope Francis at the Vatican on October 23, 2013, and has since been visiting parishes in the US. The statue will be in our area from May 5 through May 25, and can be visited at most of our neighboring parishes during that time.

We Did it for Father's Last Year
Now It's "Mom's Turn"
Make Your Submissions To Our Mothers Day
Digital Photo Gallery

Last year on Father's Day we projected a "Digital Photo Gallery" on the screen in front of the Church as we recognized our fathers towards the end of Mass. This year we are planning to do the same both for Mothers Day and Father's Day.

Since Mother's Day is three weeks away, we are now asking parishioners to submit to us any photos they would like to include in the gallery. The photos we would like to display are those of members of our parishioners families with their mothers. The mothers can be either living or deceased.

If you want to submit a photo, here is what you need to know:

We would like digital photos or photos that have been scanned into a .jpg format. If you don't have a scanner, you can take a photo of a printed photo with your smartphone and e-mail it to us — when doing this, if your phone gives you an option for file size, choose "large" or "actual size."

Send your photo to bulletin@olrchurch.org by Tuesday, May 3. Be sure to send it to this e-mail rather than any other as your photo's chance of getting "lost in the shuffle" will be minimized.

We hope that when you come to Mass on Mothers Day that the memories you share in photos will result in a rewarding experience.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by Ida Cabrera, in loving memory of her grandson, Mario Cabrera's, 15-year death anniversary.

WINE: Sponsored by Ida Cabrera, in loving memory of her grandson, Mario Cabrera's, 15-year death anniversary.

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 __________________________ Envelope/Act. # __________________________

Name __________________________ Phone __________________________

Address __________________________

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.
HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CHILDREN

Apply now for emergency Medi-Cal to get full Medi-Cal in the Summer 2016.

Make sure your child gets full Medi-Cal coverage!

You don’t need immigration papers for your children and it does NOT affect your application for residency.

Apply at:
- Any Alameda County Social Services office, or
- Your local health clinic.

Or apply by calling:
- (510) 777-2300, or
- (800) 422-9495.

Or apply online at:
- www.MyBenefitsCalWIN.org or
We Have Star Jasmine On Our Mind
With Your Support
The Summer Breeze Can Make Us Feel Fine

We are planting 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 Rodríguez, 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 an 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 at Mass, parish families can sponsor a plant at the cost of about $15.00 each, split the sponsorship between two families, or sponsor more than one plant.

So if 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 offertory envelopes.

Thank you very much for your consideration and 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 Landez 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.

American Cancer Society’s Annual “Ride the Rails” Fundraiser this Month

Ride a vintage train on the Niles Canyon Railway AND Support American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life. Here are the details on this event:

- Date:
  Saturday April 23
- Departure Times:
  10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - SHARP!
- Depart From:
  Sunol Depot, 6 Kilkare Rd., Sunol
- Features:
  - Live entertainment and free wine tasting (each ticket-holding adult will be given two drink tickets) on board
  - Snacks and beverages available for purchase on board — HOWEVER, you may also bring YOUR OWN FOOD and DRINKS on board
  - There is a picnic area at the depot if you prefer to set up outdoors
- Ticket Information:
  - Adults, $25; Child 2-12, $15; under two ride free
  - For every five tickets purchased, you receive one "Survivor" ticket — invite a cancer survivor (or caregiver) to ride free!
  - You may purchase a ticket up to the day of the event.
  - Tickets are only valid for the day of the event.
- Payment Info:
  - Make checks out to the “American Cancer Society”
  - Pay on line to the personal page of Donald Marquez — be sure to mention “Ride the Rails” in the comments section and how many total tickets purchased: http://main.acsevents.org/goto/gothopedon
  - Please contact Donald Marquez with any questions, 510.259.8596.
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](http://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.
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:

**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

In order for us to track bulletin article requests efficiently, please...  
- Do not send your bulletin articles to other e-mail addresses.
- Use this e-mail address only for bulletin-related correspondence.

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

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