APRIL 26, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

What's Inside...

• Feature Article: Meet SPRED and Its Friends
• Confirmation Mass Later Today
• School Fiesta Next Saturday
• FESCO’s Shelter Shuffle next Saturday
• Mother’s Day Remembrance Envelopes Now Available

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.
Get To Know Our SPRED Program
And Its Friends

SPRED is an acronym for SPecial Religious EDucation. It is a very specialized Religious Education or CCD program for those with significant developmental disabilities such as autism. The Diocese provides the program guidelines and trains the parish volunteers that serve as its catechists.

The goal of SPRED is to provide the best possible context for those with developmental disabilities to experience an on-going education in our faith. During the course of a month, catechists meet together to plan the curriculum, and then meet a second time to work with their students, who are known as “Friends.” Each student receives one-on-one instruction, which means that there is one catechist for every student.

At OLR, our SPRED group, known as a “SPRED Center,” serves young people ages 11 through 16. In the coming weeks we will highlight some of the Friends in our program. It is our hope that our parishioners will become familiar with the program and its participants and will offer themselves in service to welcome these individuals into an environment where anyone, regardless of their ability, can become aware of God’s love.

OUR SPRED FRIENDS at our Christmas Session. From left to right: Steven Cisneros, Edwin Cerritos, Mariana Pantoja, Sayed Espinosa, Rogelio Mercado (Eric Maycotte not shown).

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
EASTER MEDITATION

There is no great mystery about today’s readings. The focus, as it should always be, is on Christ. In Acts we read “There is no salvation through anyone else” (Acts 4:12). The psalmist writes that the rejected stone has become the cornerstone. In the first letter of John, we are warned about the perils of replacing God’s love with earthly desires: “the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him” (1 John 3:1). And finally in today’s Gospel, Jesus claims the role of the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep.

Throughout the Gospels, we are constantly focused on other, and often trivial, things. But Jesus is always redirecting the attention back to him, and to ourselves. When we get upset about how much work there is to do with so little help, Jesus offers us to “choose the best part.” (Luke 10:42). When we judge others and bring their sinfulness before him, Jesus dares “those without sin to throw the first stone” (John 8:7) and urges us to “first take the plank out of our own eye, before removing the speck from our brother’s eye” (Matthew 7:5). When we argue over seating at his Father’s table, Jesus reminds us “whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant” (Matthew 20:26).

In order to get the world right, we must first get ourselves right, while never forgetting that there is “no salvation through anyone” but Jesus.

— Donald Marquez

Envelopes for Mother’s Day Remembrances Are Now Available

Envelopes for Mother’s Day Remembrances are now available. These envelopes are used in much the same way as the All Souls envelopes. You can write the name of your mother (whether living or deceased) on the envelope, and the envelope will be present on the Altar during the month of May so that she will be remembered during our Masses in a special way. Simply complete an envelope and deposit it in the collection boxes located at the doors of the church. Please do this as soon as you can so that your envelope will be on the altar in time for Mother’s Day.

Our Tradition of a Rosary And Flowers for Mary Continued in May

Since May is the “Month of Mary,” our tradition of recognizing her in a special way during our daily Rosary Nights continues this year. The Rosary will begin in front of Mary’s shrine.

We would like for children to attend, and for them to bring flowers for Mary.

This special devotion will take place seven days a week during the month of May, at 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date

OLR Ballet Folklórico To Celebrate MOM

The OLR Ballet Folklórico will be having a “Kermes” to celebrate mom on May 9, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. OLR’s own Artemio Zambrano will be performing as well as OLR’s Ballet Folklórico. The event is free. There will be food for sale. Come and enjoy $1.00 tacos, corn on the cob, buñuelos, nachos tamales, aguas frescas and coffee with Mexican sweet bread. We will also have Mother’s Day flowers for sale as well as a Raffle. Money raised will be used to purchase regional clothing from the various states of Mexico. For more information please call Elida Padilla at 510.708.9622.

Anyone Can Come Meeting for Our New St. Vincent de Paul Conference This Thursday

This Thursday, April 30, there will be a meeting to organize our parish’s new St. Vincent de Paul Conference at 7:00 p.m. in the Eddie Dobrec Room.

A number of parishioners who have shown interest in being members of this new conference have already attended a formation session. If you are one of these people who have attended one of these initial meetings, you should definitely attend this meeting on Thursday.

If you have not yet signed up to show interest in St. Vincent de Paul or have not attended a meeting, and if you have some interest or curiosity concerning this new conference, you are most welcome to attend this meeting to learn more about St. Vincent de Paul.

Bake Sale Next Weekend By the 8th Grade Of Our Parish School

Next weekend after all Masses the 8th grade of our parish school will hold a bake sale in front of the Church in order to raise funds to cover their graduation expenses. Thank you in advance for satisfying your sweet teeth and supporting our 8th graders at the same time.

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.

Confirmation Mass Celebrated Later Today

Fr. George E. Mbeckel, the Vicar General of the Diocese, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 29 of our parish youth today at a Mass at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.
What will we do with our portion of the campaign proceeds?

Support of Local Parish Projects

One of the major case elements of our Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign is the Support of our Local Parish projects.

Every parish will have a financial goal equal to 110 percent of the offertory average for 2010, 2011 and 2012. Through the parish share component of the campaign, 25 percent of all funds generated up to the parish goal will be returned to the parish to be used for identified individual needs. Additionally, once a parish surpasses its goal, 50 percent of the funds raised over the goal will be returned. Through the parish share component, we hope to realize at least $12.7 million in funding for parish needs.

These local parish projects can include maintaining parish and church structures, reducing parish debt, establishing endowments to generate income for the parish, pastoral ministries or schools and increasing personnel or resources for faith formation, social justice and outreach to the poor, needy and vulnerable.

Our Lady of the Rosary Participation in the Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign:

Total Campaign Goal: $553,508

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will receive 25% of every dollar raised up to our campaign goal of $553,508 and 50% of every dollar raised over our goal to address local parish needs.

Here at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, we have the potential of receiving $138,377 over the next four years if we meet our total campaign goal.

We will use our proceeds to address the following needs:

- Repave the parish parking lot
- Repair the sewer lines of the parish office and parish hall

As a good Steward, you are called to reflect on the abundant gifts of God, to consider all the ways that your life has been blessed and to return to God in the same measure that He has given to you.
Our Lady of the Rosary School
Invites You to a FIESTA!

NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 2
10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Here on the Parish Grounds

*** FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY ***

Join us for authentic Mexican, Filipino, and American food, refreshing drinks, carnival games, music, entertainment, and plenty of fun for all!
**This Coming Saturday . . .
Our Parish School
To Hold a Fiesta**

Our Lady of the Rosary School will
hold a one-day Fiesta on this coming
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.

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**SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK**

**HOSTS:** Sponsored by Margarita Tijero, in
loving memory of Rafael Tijero, on the
occasion of his birthday and the 6th
month anniversary of his passing.

**WINE:** Sponsored by Margarita Tijero, in
loving memory of Rafael Tijero, on the
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month anniversary of his passing.

*Thank you for your support.*

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**A Word of Thanks To Our
Volunteer Church Cleaners**

This week we would like to
acknowledge cleaning Team #4, which
will be cleaning our Church this
Tuesday and Friday at 4:00 p.m. The
members of this team are Ida Cabrera,
Adrian Martinez, Jasmine Martinez,
Pat Martinez and Norma Stabile.

Thank you for your hard work and
dedication.

If anyone else would like to join them
to help, please meet them at the Church
at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday or Friday.

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**Final Information Before the FESCO Shuffle Walkathon
On Saturday, May 2**

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO:**

- Walk
- Have Fun
- Support our team by making a donation in memory of Deacon Luis Trucios.

**TO WALK,** you can do any of the following to sign up:

- Register at one of the tables outside of the church this weekend
- Sign up online at http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/18th-annual-fesco-
  shuffle
- Call Ron, the OLR Team Captain at 510.400.9045, who will register you
  online.
- Go to the San Leandro Marina and sign up at the walk between 8:30 and
  9:30 p.m. on May 2.

*When signing up to walk, remember to sign up on the OLR team.*

**YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION (PLEDGE) in any of the following ways:**

- Put it in one of the marked donation containers outside the Church this week-
  end.
- Pick up a donation envelope marked “FESCO Shuffle,” place your donation
  in it, and place the envelope in the collection at Mass or take it to the Parish
  Office in the course of the next two weeks.
- Call Ron, the Team Captain, at 510.400.9045, and he will make arrangements
to pick up your donation.

*When donating by check, please make it payable to “FESCO.”*

**SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR WALKERS**

- An optional carpool from OLR to the San Leandro Marina will be available.
  Due to the construction on “C” Street we will meet on “B” Street in front of
  the OLR School Office between 8:00 and 8:15 a.m. We will leave OLR at
  8:15.
- The OLR Team prayer will start at 9:15, immediately followed by team
  pictures. This will take place near the sign-in tables (look for the Our Lady
  of the Rosary sign).
- This year, all walkers who sign a waiver will receive an event T-shirt.
- Any additional money collected can be turned in on the day of the walk.

For any other questions of information please contact Team Captain Ron Wenzler
at 510.400.9045 or e-mail him at ron4138@aol.com

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*"In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own
talent, our spiritual, intellectual, and material riches, everything that the Lord has given
us; but, rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your
stakes on great ideals, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make
your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is
given to us so that we may give it in turn.”*

— Pope Francis, to an audience on April 24, 2013

**SACRIFICAL GIVING REPORT**

_For Sunday, April 19, 2015 — Third Sunday of Easter_

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*Thank you for your support!!!*

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
Tuesday, April 28
   Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
   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.
   Liturgy Committee Meeting, Office Conference Room #107, 7:30 p.m.
   7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29
   Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
   Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 30
   Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
   Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
   St. Vincent de Paul Organizing Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1
   Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
   Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 2
   Our Lady of the Rosary School Fiesta, Parish Grounds, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
   Bake Sale, after Mass, by the 8th Grade Class of the School
   Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
   Couples for Christ Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 3
   Bake Sale, after Mass, by the 8th Grade Class of the School
   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.