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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.
Part Two: More News About the “Big Meeting”

In last week’s Bulletin the feature article was about the “Big Meeting” to which parishioners in ministry were invited, in order to refine the work of cluster groups in the parish and begin to explore work we plan to do in the future. At the end of the meeting Armenak Hermez gave closing reflections and prayer that were very well received. Here we present Part 2 of the article, which are the reflections and prayer given by Armenak.

Closing Reflections and Prayer
Armenak K. Hermez
Parish Ministry and Cluster Planning Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Do you know what the most important commandment for a Christian is? The most important commandment that our Lord gives us is to love as he loves. How does he love? He loves willingly, unconditionally, wholeheartedly, compassionately, and eternally; and he commands us to do likewise—to love God, love others, even our enemies, and especially ourselves—not in a narcissistic, egotistical way, of course, but in an honest, selfless kind of way. Love is never selfish or self-centered. Love always looks for the interest of others, and is never blind to the needs of others.

When we love, we are nearest to God and know God, for, as St. John put it in his First Letter, “God is love” (1 John 4:8). Whoever, therefore, does not love, does not know God. Consequently, our mission and self-identity as the disciples of Jesus are intertwined with love, and the world will know who we are, as the old hymn goes, by our love: “Yes, they’ll know that we’re Christians by your love.”

Now, do you know what the opposite of love is? You might think it’s hate, but it is not. The opposite of love is indifference. With hate there is at least a feeling there—albeit, a feeling of anger or animus, often disguising fear, but a feeling nonetheless—that can be resolved or channeled toward something positive. But with indifference there almost seems to be no feeling there; it is “feelingless.” Indifferent people don’t care about others or what happens to them, and are seemingly oblivious of the existence of the need or plight of others; they are concerned only about themselves and their needs; nobody else matters. Indifference is bred in selfish people—the I, I, me, me kind—who care for no body but themselves and who ironically as a result end up not even genuinely caring for themselves.

Do you know what our Lord was trying to teach us in the story of the Good Samaritan? He was trying to teach us not to be indifferent. Not only did the others who passed by the fallen man didn’t care whether the man lived or died, they didn’t seem to even recognize his existence. That’s sin. The Good Samaritan instead, not only cared about the fallen man, he tended to his needs. That is an entirely different kind of human being and the kind that our Lord wants us to be like.

Indifference can creep into our lives—at home, at work or in our parish—if we are not careful. If you don’t care about your family, friends, colleagues or fellow parishioners, your life will not bear fruit. If you are not involved in the life of others, your life will not make a difference, and the tragedy is that those of whom you are a part—who need you and are reliant on you as a parent, a partner, a friend, a parishioner—will diminish as well.

— See “The Big Meeting” on the next page.

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READEINGS FOR THIS WEEK’S MASSES

| Monday, May 2 | First reading: Acts 16:11-15  
|               | Psalm: 149:1-6, 9  
|               | Gospel: John 15:26—16:4 |
| Tuesday, May 3 | First reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8  
|               | Psalm: 19:2-5  
|               | Gospel: John 14:6-14 |
| Wednesday, May 4 | First reading: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
|               | Psalm: 148:1-2, 11-14  
|               | Gospel: John 16:12-15 |
| Thursday, May 5 | First reading: Acts 18:1-8  
|               | Psalm: 98:1-4  
|               | Gospel: John 16:16-20 |
| Friday, May 6  | First reading: Acts 18:9-18  
|               | Psalm: 47:2-7  
|               | Gospel: John 16:20-23 |
| Saturday, May 7 | First reading: Acts 18:23-28  
|               | Psalm: 47:2-3, 8-10  
|               | Gospel: John 16:23-28 |
| Sunday, May 8  | First reading: Acts 1:1-11  
|               | Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
|               | Second reading: Ephesians 1:17-23  

Next Sunday is U.S. Mother’s Day
So No Scrip Sales or Other Sales Next Week

Next Sunday is Mother’s Day.
Since many people will be heading for the restaurant right after Mass, we will not have any sales of Scrip, religious articles, or food after Mass that day.
Have a Happy Mother’s Day!
The Big Meeting
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For example, if you don’t care about what we are going through as a parish today, the communication system we are trying to establish among those who minister to the needs of the parish will suffer, because we are all interconnected as parishioners. We are all parts of one body, and these parts must work together to achieve common goals. This is true at a parish as it is at home or at work.

So, please take opportunity of what was presented to you here tonight, act on it and get involved. The ministries that you’ve heard about and the clusters under which they are grouped are there for you to utilize, in order to accomplish God’s work here on earth.

Let us pray.
Good and gracious God, Father of mercies and compassion.
We adore you and glorify you and give you thanks for all that you do for us every second of our life. You are the beginning and the end, the reason for our being, and the ultimate agent of change.

You know, Lord, the growing pains a child suffers as it grows. With the coming of our pastor and friend, Fr. Jesus, we have been born anew as a parish, and need your guidance to cope with our growing pains. Hold our hands Lord and lead us on your way. Though we may not clearly see the path that lies ahead, we believe in you and trust that you will always be at our side to keep us from going astray.

For over a year now, we have turned a new chapter, Lord, in our life as a community of faith: in how we worship you and serve the needs of your people. You know, Lord, how we need each other now more than ever before; how we need to work together and support each other; how we need to cooperate with each other, in order to be an effective sign of your presence in the world.

We besiege you, Lord, to dispel the doubts and cynicism of our former selves; deepen our faith in you and rescue us from ourselves and the mire of pride and delusions into which we fall; strengthen our resolve to commit ourselves to become a community of believers united by our love for you and each other as your people.

Lead us, Lord, to understand that one ministry alone does not a church make, as one person alone does not constitute the Body of Christ; that as your body we are made up of many parts; that as members of ministries we need to work together, cooperate with each other, know each other and become familiar with the mission and purpose of each other, so that in the end we may be better able to serve our church and grow our faith.

We implore you, Lord, to build us into a solid, caring Christian community worthy of your name. Recreate in your image, so that where there is despair we may bring hope, where there is suffering we may bring comfort, where there is conflict we may bring peace, and where there is indifference we may bring love.

We ask for all of this through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Here at OLR on May 15
An Opportunity to Provide the City and Police Department Feedback on Public Safety

The City of Union City and the Union City Police Department are soliciting community feedback about the priorities for Public Safety services. Under the Leadership of Chief Darryl McAllister, UCMPD has implemented various outreach programs in our neighborhoods and schools.

After Mass on Sunday, May 15 in the Parish Hall, the Union City Police Department will be conducting a brief presentation to and will meet with our parishioners.

There will be sessions both in English and Spanish:

- In Spanish, after the 9:45 a.m. Mass (around 11:00 a.m.)
- In English, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass (around 12:45 p.m.)

We hope to see you all there!

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, June 11. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. sharp. The bus should be back at the church around 6:30 p.m.

The cost of tickets is $35.00 per person. Each person will receive either $20.00 in table play money or $15.00 for slot play. Each person will also receive a $5.00 meal credit. For more information call Solomon at 510.507.1911. He will also be selling tickets in front of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
SACRIFICAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, April 24, 2016 — Fifth Sunday of Easter
Plate Collection (Including EFT) .......................................................... 8,362.00
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection ........................................ 10,700.00
Children’s Envelopes ........................................................................ 9.00

Thank you for your support!
You Can STILL Sponsor a Walker...
The FESCO Shelter Shuffle Walk-a-thon Was Last Saturday...
But in a Way, It's Not Over Yet

THE LADIES SHOWN ABOVE are members of Our Lady of the Rosary team who attended the 19th Annual FESCO SHUFFLE WALK-A-THON. The walk-a-thon was held last Saturday, April 30. However, it is not too late to sponsor Fr. Jesús or any of the other OLR team members in their efforts to support FESCO to help homeless families.

You can still sponsor any member of our OLR team by doing one of the following things:

1. Go online to http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/19th-annual-fesco-shuffle. When that screen opens scroll down to the Our Lady of the Rosary team members. Once there, you can use your credit card to support any member of the OLR team.

2. You can bring, or mail, a check made out to FESCO to their office at 21455 Birch St. #5 Hayward, CA 94541. Be sure to indicate the person you are sponsoring and this person is a member of the Our Lady of the Rosary Team.

3. Turn in an envelope marked “FESCO Shuffle” with a cash or check donation to the OLR Parish Office and these will be taken to FESCO. Remember to make checks payable to FESCO and include the name of who you are sponsoring for the Walk-A-Thon and indicate that this person is a member of the OLR Team.

4. Contact the OLR Team Captain, Ron Wenzler, at 510.400.9045 if you have any questions or want to make arrangements for him to pick up your donations and take them to FESCO.

Thank you very much for your generous support of FESCO and helping many families in need of shelter and assistance.

Meetings of the Service (SVCC) and School (SCHC) Clusters This Week

This Tuesday, March 1, the Service 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:

- COR – OLR-COR Local Organizing Committee
- FCO – FESCO
- FND – Friday Night Dinners for those in need, the elderly or alone
- HON – Honorifics
- MSE – Ministers to the Sick, English
- MSS – Ministers to the Sick, Spanish
- OLP – Our Lady’s Pantry
- STV – St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Charities
- Centro de Servicios
- Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center

This Wednesday, March 2, the School Cluster will hold its monthly meeting. It will also take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office First Floor Conference Room.
This Friday:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Pilgrim Statue Visits OLR

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue will visit Our Lady of the Rosary Parish on Friday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come with your families and friends for a day of prayers, meditation and veneration.

This Statue was blessed by Pope Francis at the Vatican on October 20, 2013 and has been visiting Parishes in the U.S. since then.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:
May 6, 2016 — A “First Friday”

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.: Daily Mass, with CLR students in attendance. The students will welcome the Pilgrim Statue when it arrives at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.: Day of prayer
9:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Noon — 9:00 p.m.: Time to be in the presence of Our Lady
5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.: The Rosary in Spanish
6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.: The Rosary in English
7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.: Bilingual Mass

All are cordially invited to come join us for this special day. If any parish organization wishes to have a silent special observance, please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2069 to be added to the schedule.
KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

... those in our parish and families who are ill or homebound: Santa Alvarez, Santos Alvarez, Yvonne Alvirez, Josephine Bonfiglio, Elvamae Borghi, Frank Borghi, Lindy C., Jacob Cady, Maria Camarillo, Grace Carr, Patty Carrillo, Anita Castillo, Connie Chagolla, Richard Chavez, Grace Continelli, Maria DeAraujo, Jennie DeCesta, Irene Drouin, Jeanette Dunbar, Joseph Dunbar, Kelly Engineer, Teresa Enriquez, Juanita Estrellas, Pauline Fahlman, James Finnigan, Jose Franco, Angela Gallegos, Nellie Gallegus, Hector Gaytan, Randy Gonzales, Reynaldo Gonzalez, Pat Gwin, Deanna Graves, Ronnie Graves, Keith Gunter, Ethel Guerrero, Angelica Herrera, Brigitte Himmelt, 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, Clary Oronelas, Luis Ruben Peinado, Anita Perkins, Alexandra Ramos, Monica Raygoza, Benjamin Renteria, Vida Rivera, Deacon Gus Roemers, Joe Romero, Angel Salindong, Macca Savage, Jayne Tavres-Arreguin, Vivianlee Tonny, Fernando Trujillo, Jose Valdez, Maria Valdez, Mary Ybarra.

Catholic Charities News
An Opportunity to Learn More About Catholic Charities
Of the East Bay

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is offering "Transforming Lives" tours at its facility in Oakland. These tours are given twice per month (no tours in October) and are from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. During these tours you can learn more about the services that CCEB provides and listen to transformative testimonies from those who work/volunteer for, and/or have benefitted, from Catholic Charities.

The dates for next month's tours are May 10 and 17.

For more information contact Donald Marquez at 510.259.8596 or donald_marquez@yahoo.com, or Debra Gunn of Catholic Charities at 510.768.3142 or dgunn@ccerb.org.

(There have also been discussions about bringing the tour to Our Lady of the Rosary. Stay tuned.)

Lastly, Our Lady of the Rosary is in the beginning stages of co-sponsoring a refugee family. Check back here or contact Donald Marquez for more information.

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 smart phone 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 the Jaime Family, in loving memory of their parents, Maria Guadalupe Martinez and Tranquilo Jaime

**WINE:** Sponsored by the Jaime Family, in loving memory of their parents, Maria Guadalupe Martinez and Tranquilo Jaime

**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: 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.”)

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*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.

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**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 only one side — 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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