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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.

MAY 10, 2015

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Meet One of Our Friends: Sayed

In the Bulletin of April 16 we told you a little about our parish’s SPRED program. SPRED stands for Special Religious Education, and it is a specialized CCD program for young people with significant developmental disabilities, such as autism. As the best way to know about a program is to know about its people, we want to introduce you to some of its participants, known as “Friends.” This week we introduce you to Sayed Espinosa.

Sayed is the son of Ismael and Rosio Espinosa. He just turned 13 years old; his birthday was last Tuesday on Cinco de Mayo. He has an older brother Josue, and they can all be seen attending the 9:45 a.m. Spanish Mass every Sunday. Sayed has been in the OLR SPRED program for four years, and his spiritual growth has been phenomenal as a result. Sayed has disabilities such as involuntary movements, which makes it difficult for him to sit still for very long. He also is challenged with uncontrollable laughter. Despite these challenges, SPRED has enabled him to focus on his spiritual growth. Once unable to sit still through an entire Mass, he is now able to do so, and is eagerly awaiting the day when he can receive Communion.

That day will come soon. Through the SPRED program, he is now prepared to celebrate the sacrament of his First Holy Eucharist. The sacrament will be administered on May 30 at the 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass here at OLR.

We ask that you keep Sayed in prayer and welcome him into our community.

We want to welcome you into our community of friends as well. This year’s SPRED program is drawing to a close but we are starting to look at how we can serve more Friends next year. As this is a one-on-one program, we can only have as many Friends as we have catechists. If you want more information on being a catechist, please contact Mariana Carrillo, our local SPRED Leader, at 510.431.3076, or Rosa Jimenez at 510.750.9606.

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 Dobrek Room. All are welcome.

Sacrements

**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@olschurch.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@olschurch.org
**It's Not Too Late to Donate . . .**
Update on last Saturday's FESCO Shelter Shuffle Walkathon

At the FESCO Shelter Shuffle Walk-a-Thon last Saturday, Our Lady of the Rosary’s team had more participants than any other church. OLR had over 30 human and canine walkers. So far our team has raised over $6,200.00 to help homeless families — this amount exceeds what had been collected at this point of time last year by about $2,000.00. You can still sponsor any of the members of our OLR team by doing one of the following:

1. Go online to http://www.firstgiving.com/21524/18th-annual-fesco-shuffle
   When that screen opens scroll down to “Our Lady of the Rosary” on the right under “Top Teams” and click on our church’s name. You will then be able to view the team members, and then you can select one to sponsor and make your donation using a credit card.

2. You write a check made payable to FESCO and mail it in or drop it by their office, which is located at 21455 Birch St., #5 Hayward, CA 94541. Be sure and specify the name of the person you are sponsoring and that he or she is on the Our Lady of the Rosary Team.

3. Turn in or mail an envelope marked “FESCO Shelter Shuffle” with a cash or check donation to the OLR Parish Office — it will be taken to FESCO. Remember to make the check payable to “FESCO” and to include the team name and the name of the person you are sponsoring.

Contact OLR Team Captain Ron Wenzler at 510-400-9045 to answer questions or to make arrangements to pick up your donation.

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**Starting This Wednesday**
Monthly Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima

On the 13th day of the month from May through October there is a rosary prayer honoring Our Lady of Fatima. We’ll meet at Our Lady’s Grotto between the Church and Rectory next Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. If you speak Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese, English or Tagalog and would like to join our multi-lingual rosary prayer, come pray with us this Wednesday!

**Consider Becoming a Minister to the Sick**

We would like to welcome parishioners to join this important and rewarding ministry, which allows those who are ill or cannot come to church to receive the Body of Christ. If you are interested or want more information, please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609. You would be provided training before serving in this ministry.

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**A “Thank You” From the Family of Deacon Luis**

“We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary who either walked in last weekend’s FESCO Shelter Shuffle in memory of Luis, or who sponsored a walker or made a donation in his memory. It is all very much appreciated.”

— Virginia Truecos and Family

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**Monthly Meeting of the OLR COR-LOC This Wednesday**

The monthly General Meeting of the OLR-COR LOC will be held this Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 107 of the Parish Office Building (First Floor Conference Room). At this meeting, we’ll continue discussing community concerns, including immigration and local issues, and commence action for 2015.

We invite new and past members to join us as we discuss these and other issues. Your opinions and ideas are important to us. For more information, please contact Mary at 510.366.3757, or via email at mlscharb@gmail.com.

**Word of “Thanks” to Our Volunteer Church Cleaners**

This week we would like to acknowledge cleaning Team 1, which will be cleaning our Church this Tuesday and Friday at 4:00 p.m. This team is comprised of the members of the Knights of Columbus. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

“Man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.”

— Pope Paul VI

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

For Sunday, May 3, 2015 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Plate Collection (including EFT) ........................................ $10,260.00
- Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection .................................. 10,700.00
- Children’s Envelopes .................................................................. 80.00

Thank you for your support!!!
Principal Selection and Search Committee Formed

The Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary School, Maureen Christensen, has accepted the Principal’s position at Holy Spirit School in Fremont. As a result, we are starting the selection process for our school’s Principal. The members of the selection and search committee met for the first time this Thursday. The members are Alan Balbasas, Robert Clark, Martha Estrella, Joann Matsumoto, Jose Mascoro, Fr. Jesus, Claudia Orozco and Leila Verzola. The Diocesan School Department is also placing a principal from another Catholic School on the committee. We will keep you updated on future developments. Keep the committee in your prayers that they may be guided by God and the needs of our community during this process.

Sundown Praise: A Summer Concert to Sing Praise to Our God

Our Lady of the Rosary will host a summer concert to sing praise to our God and provide an opportunity to engage our youth and deepen their faith. The concert will take place on Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 p.m. Called Sundown Praise, it will draw participants from all the Southern Alameda County bayshore communities, from San Leandro to Fremont. Members of the youth choirs from parishes in this area will be invited to sing.

The featured performer is Jesse Manibusan. He will be joined by recording artist Amanda Vernon and her group All Saints Unplugged.

Concert organizers include OLR Youth Leader Susana Peinado, Don Marquez, Mario Castellanos, Deacon Dick Folger and St. Anne’s youth minister Jim Soltau. Youth ministers from a dozen parishes will help with the promotion.

Advance tickets will be sold after all the Masses and are $7.00 for adults and $5.00 for those under 12. Tickets at the door will be $10.00. Proceeds will help to fund this event for the following year.

The Road to God Can Be Full of Bumps — We Just Got Rid of One For You

When visiting our Church, or “God’s House” on Sunday, you probably hit a bump in the road — to be more specific, the driveway on “C” street leading to the parking lot. When many people drove into this driveway, they would have to slow way, way down, enter it at an angle, or both, in order to avoid being shaken or having their car scraped along the bottom. This is because the incline between the gutter and the driveway was not gradual, but a sudden rounded shape. At the top of this bump you could see many scrape marks where the concrete had been scraped away by low cars.

As you are undoubtedly aware, this driveway has been closed for several weeks as the city works on its Green Streets Project, the project to divert storm water from the gutters into percolation areas. We asked the city if the driveway could be fixed while the adjacent sidewalk was being removed and reconfigured. They said yes, but at the parish’s expense. Since the work would be done in conjunction with the concrete work of the Green Streets Project, the price of the work would be at a significantly-lower cost than market value. Market value would have been over $10,000.00. The cost to us is $6,080.00. We had to make a fast decision on this matter, as the city would be pouring the adjacent concrete areas at any time. We decided to go ahead with the work, as its benefits should last at least another 50 years, which is the age of the old driveway.

So now there is a gradual lift to our parking lot from the street where formerly there was a hard bump. However, one hard bump remains — the bump in our budget. So if you have any extra cash that is, perhaps, placing a “bump” in your pocket and you would like to donate towards this expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Simply “bump” Fr. Jesus or Robert after Mass and tell them you can help cover this expense, or place an envelope in the collection or donation boxes labeled “Driveway Replacement.”
This Weekend Is Commitment Weekend!

Our Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together Campaign Commitment Weekend takes place this weekend here at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church. Please consider your pledge to the campaign today.

If you have not already turned in your pledge, please remember to return your commitment envelope at Mass next weekend. It can be placed in the collection.

Why is Pledging Vital?

† A pledge allows you to make a continuous sacrifice that adds up to a significant contribution over a period of time.
† A pledge makes payments less of a burden than a one-time gift.
† A pledge gives the parish and Diocese an accurate estimate for future planning.

Your pledge is a statement of your intent to give to the best of your ability. Bishop Michael Barber and Father Jesus Nieto know that when you make your pledge, you will do your best to fulfill it. A 10% down payment is encouraged but not necessary.

How do I make my Gift?

To assist you in making your decision, suggested gift plans are presented below. Keep in mind that while no pledge is too small or too large, it should have some relationship to how generous God has been to you and your family.

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All OLR CDD Families Can Send their Children To Our Summer School At No Cost

Our Lady of the Rosary School is having its Summer School from June 15 through July 17. All students who have been enrolled in the parish’s CCD program during the past year can attend the Summer School at no cost. Classes will be in session from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The summer school will have a Disney theme, and will have an academic focus in Language Arts, Math and Science. Attending Summer School is a good way to ensure that students retain the skills they learned during the previous year.

The summer school includes light meals and snacks, and field trips on Fridays.

Applications are available in the Parish and School offices.

For more information call Miss Vanessa at 510.471.3765.

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.

Coffee and Donut Fellowship And Sales of Gift Cards And Religious Articles Next Weekend

This would have been the weekend that we would have had our monthly Coffee and Donut Fellowship and the sales of fundraising gift cards and religious articles — the second Sunday of the Month. However, since this Sunday is Mother’s Day, we have postponed these two things a week. They will both take place next weekend instead.

We thank Robert Trujillo and family, the owner of Roberto’s Donuts at the intersection of Harder and Santa Clara in Hayward, for donating dozens and dozens of donuts to us for this event for many, many years.

A Call for New Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Please consider serving our liturgical worship by proclaiming the Word of God as a Lector or by distributing Holy Communion as a Eucharistic Minister. Eucharistic Ministers are especially needed for the 8:15 Mass. To serve our community as a Lector, contact George Siegmann at 510.792.0684 or gsieg@comcast.net. To serve as a Eucharistic Minister contact Lucy Tejada at 510.471.5894. Your service to OLR is much appreciated.

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.

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.

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 ________________________________ Envelope/Account # ________________
Address ________________________________ 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.
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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.
Tuesday, May 12
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  Liturgy Committee Meeting, Office Downstairs Conference Room #107, 7:30 p.m.
  7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13
  Rosary and prayer honoring Our Lady of Fatima, between the Church and Rectory, 6:30 p.m.
  Meeting of the OLR-COR LOC, Office Downstairs Conference Room, #107, 7:00 p.m.
  Finance Committee Meeting, Office Upstairs Conference Room #206, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16
  Coffee and Donut Fellowship
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Couples for Christ Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:30 p.m.
  Young Adults Group, Upper Room, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 17
  Coffee and Donut Fellowship
  Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold in front of the Church after Mass
  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.