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MAY 24, 2015
Pentecost Sunday

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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.

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.
Donald Marquez Writes . . .
More Reflections from My Jamaica Immersion Trip

Thanks to Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, I had the opportunity to embark on an immersion trip to Jamaica from April 29 to May 5. In the coming weeks, beginning today, I would like to share some of my experiences with my fellow parishioners.

The mission of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers is to emulate the words of Pope Francis, who “prefers a church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been in the streets”, and to become like “shepherds living with the smell of the sheep.”

As we reflected each night on what we had experienced during the day’s activities, most of us struggled with the guilt of our privileged lives, and a sense of helplessness to adequately care for the “sheep.” And always we were reminded that the first duty of the “shepherd” is to be present. Simply that.

What we didn’t expect was how present the people we encountered would be to us.

— Continued. See “Jamaica” on the next page

JAMES, a 101-year-old man at Hope Hospice.

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 both 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.
On the second day of our trip, we visited Hope Hospice, a home for men and women, mostly seniors, suffering from a variety of illnesses, both physical and mental. Unlike our visit to Blessed Assurance, where the children had difficulty expressing themselves verbally, the patients at Hope shared much of themselves, and were genuinely happy that we had dropped in to interrupt their daily routine.

We met “Mickey” who earned the name through his love of cheese. An HIV-victim, Mickey has a heart of gold, and told us how he came to speak fluent Spanish while studying in Cuba.

There was a gentleman by the name of James, who is 101 years old and has a unique gift for handcrafting “ropes” out of old plastic grocery bags. He was thrilled to share his talent with us. James has also memorized Psalm 23 (as we all should!) and he kindly recited it to our great joy.

Sharing a room with James was a man named Ernest who has probably never walked in his life. But he sat cheerfully on his bed singing along to the gospel music that blared from his humble CD player, seemingly without a single concern for his troubles.

We also met a woman who, it was noted from a previous immersion trip, could neither see nor walk. Six months later, she was able to do both.

At the end of our visit we sat in the lobby with patients and caregivers, singing hymns and praising a God who is good all the time and never outdone in giving, while discovering that disabilities come in many forms, including from deep within, and that we are all sheep in need of the tender, loving care of the Shepherd.

Recommended Reading
By Don

Along my spiritual journey, I have discovered the blessings of the immense amount of Catholic books that are available to God’s children. These books enlighten and challenge us, encourage and strengthen us, console us, and bring us joy, and ultimately lead us to walk closer with Christ.

In this area of the bulletin, we will recommend one book each month for spiritual reading and development. This month’s feature is called, The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming, a remarkable piece of writing by Henri J. M. Nouwen, a Catholic priest.

Inspired by Rembrandt’s painting of the son coming home to the father, Nouwen brilliantly and sometimes painfully demonstrates how all of us, at one time or another, have been—and more than likely continue to be—both sons, while striving to live a life as a beloved child of the Almighty God, and eventually grow into the role of an unconditionally forgiving Father.

Available at Amazon.com

Second Collection for Catholic Charities Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is the annual appeal for Catholic Charities of the East Bay.

This collection, originally scheduled for May 16 and 17, was moved to next weekend since last weekend was our parish’s Commitment Weekend for the Diocesan-Wide Capital Campaign.

If you already have placed your collection envelope for Catholic Charities in the collection, your donation has already been credited towards Catholic Charities and you need do nothing further. If you have not given yet, next weekend is your opportunity to do so.

Catholic Charities is our church’s local service organization that provides assistance to people so that they will have the resources to help themselves.

If You Haven’t Given Towards Nepal Earthquake Relief It’s Not Too Late

This weekend we are taking a special collection to help those affected by the earthquake in Nepal.

If you have not contributed to this collection and want to make a donation, we will still accept it in the coming weeks. Simply place it in an envelope marked “Earthquake Relief” and place it in the collection boxes located at the doors to the Church. So that the donation will appear on your year-end statement of donations, be sure to include your account number on the envelope.

Funds collected will be remitted to Catholic Relief Services which is managing the church’s relief effort in Nepal.
Thanks to the Diocese . . .
OLR Is Now “BEAMING” With Joy!

OUR THANKS GO OUT TO THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND. They have lent us a helping hand, big time!

You might have heard Fr. Jesús talking at some of our Masses about the two reasons why a section of pews in front of the church has been “roped off.” The first reason was because we had to remove some tiles that were popping off of the floor — the tiles were causing a tripping hazard. Then another reason came about that happened to affect the same area of the church — one of the beams supporting the roof is cracking, and this crack is causing the beam and the roof to sag. Until we received a professional opinion, we tried to avoid using this section in case there would be some type of collapse.

The Diocese send an engineer out to assess the situation. These are the findings in “layman’s terms:”

- Serious, yes, but dangerous, no. It is a problem that has to be fixed, but the roof will not collapse suddenly. This is because of the way the individual planks that make up the roof deck are staggered — they help support each other.

- The beam is sagging because the crack is right at a large knot in the wood. Some of the other beams have cracking too, but the cracks are shorter, running in a different direction, and not near a knot. The cracking is actually a natural occurrence that shows up over time and is not normally a problem. The cracks occur as the beams in our church were cut from “heart wood,” or wood close to the center of the tree.

- The beam should be replaced as soon as possible. It could have been fixed instead of replaced, but fixing would be advised as only a temporary solution.

- To replace the beam, not only will the old beam have to be lowered from inside the Church and a new one hoisted up and secured at the ends, but a section of tile on the roof will have to be removed and reinstalled as well. This is because the nails attaching the roof decking to the beam will have to be pulled out before the old beam is removed and the roof will have to be re-nailed to the new beam.

A structural engineer, a building contractor and a roofing contractor will all be involved. And then there is the cost of materials. No one knows how much this cost — not even the Diocese. We will only know when the engineer and building contractor make up the plans to do the work. But we can be certain that it will cost somewhere between $10,000.00 and $20,000.00.

And this is why we are “BEAMING” with JOY: The Diocese has offered to pay for the repair!

They are well aware of our financial situation, and are taking account the importance of taking care of this problem. We are very grateful to them for helping us out in this time of need.

And in a way this turns us back to the Diocesan Capital Campaign. The campaign helps our parish, as it helps the Diocese fund emergency repairs to parish buildings, like this one. From time to time all parishes have major “emergency repairs,” and the Diocese often helps those that cannot afford them with the funds and expertise to get the job done.

Now that you know this, if you haven’t thought about supporting the campaign, maybe your support could be a your expression of thanks to the Diocese for “having our back.”

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**SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK**

**HOSTS:** Sponsored by the Greg Stewart Family in loving memory of Gilbert and Dorothy Stewart and Frances Morales

**WINE:** Sponsored by the Greg Stewart Family in loving memory of Gilbert and Dorothy Stewart and Frances Morales

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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 ___________________________________________ Envelope/Account. # ____________________

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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.
CYO to Have Signups for its Upcoming Cross Country Program

Our Lady of the Rosary CYO is having signups for its Cross Country Program. It is open to all students in grades 3 through 8 who reside within our parish boundaries. There will be two signup sessions:

Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00
In the Eddie Dobrec Room

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
In the Eddie Dobrec Room.

The participation fee for the first member of a family is $50.00, and $25.00 for each additional family member. When coming to the signups, be sure to bring a copy of each participant’s birth or baptismal certificate to verify age, and a recent copy of a utility bill (e.g. PG&E, ACWD, AT&T, Comcast, etc.) to verify residency.

For more information call Rudy at 510.909.5453, e-mail info@olrcyo.org or visit www.olrcyo.org

Bake Sale Next Sunday For the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life

This year Our Lady of the Rosary is having two teams participate in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life.

In order to provide our teams “seed money” to cover expenses associated with their participation in the event, they are having a bake sale after all of the Masses next Sunday.

For more information, please see the enclosed page appearing as a flyer in this bulletin.

Sundown Praise: Tickets for Summer Concert Now Being Sold Every Weekend

Sundown Praise, a concert featuring Jesse Manibusan, is being held on Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 p.m. at OLR. It will draw participants from all the southern Alameda County bayshore communities, from San Leandro to Fremont. Youth ministers from parishes in these communities are organizing and promoting this event, which will awaken the faith and spirit of our youth and all of the faithful.

Other participants are recording artist Amanda Vernon and her group All Saints Unplugged, and members of the various youth choirs in the area.

Tickets will be sold in front of the Church after all weekend Masses from how until the day of the concert. Advance tickets 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.

New Principal Named For Our Lady of the Rosary School

Susan Garcia

The Principal of our parish School, Maureen Christensen, has accepted the position of Principal at Holy Spirit School where she went to school as a child. Fr. Jesús convened a selection committee to choose a new Principal, and the committee selected Susan Garcia — a former teacher at OLR and a member of our parish community for many years.

You will find an open letter from Fr. Jesús on the next two pages of this Bulletin formally announcing the change in leadership and providing some background on Mrs. Garcia.

So we thank Ms. Christensen for her two years of service and wish her the best in her new position. We also welcome Sue as a member of our staff.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a gift that sticks to the fingers.

- From Living the Generous Life: Reflections on Giving and Receiving

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, May 17, 2015 — Ascension of the Lord

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Thank you for your support!
May 21, 2015

Dear members of the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and School Community:

Our school Principal, Maureen Christensen, recently sent an announcement to the families in our school stating that she accepted the position of Principal at Holy Spirit School in Fremont, and, as a result, she would be leaving our school as of June 30.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Christensen for the dedicated service she has provided our school during the past two years. She has had a number of accomplishments here at OLR: improved technology, enhanced curriculum, established our school library and implemented the steps necessary for the installation of the new Kindergarten classroom, to name a few. Students for years to come will benefit from her efforts. I wish Ms. Christensen the best and offer her my congratulations on her new position. She attended elementary school at Holy Spirit as a child and now is returning there as its chief administrator – leading the school that you once attended is both a dream and an honor.

Our primary task over the past couple of weeks has been to develop the process of selecting Maureen’s successor. The first step was to form a selection committee that was representative of both the school and the parish. We worked to ensure that parents, alumni parents, parish staff members, school committees and faculty all had at least one representative on the selection committee so that we could include each of these group’s perspectives during the selection process. We also worked to make the committee culturally diverse as well. The Diocesan School Department also assigned a principal from a neighboring school to be a part of the committee so that the group could draw upon a principal’s perspective when evaluating the various candidates. After meeting to determine its questions and the interview technique and then conducting interviews, the committee decided it was ready to make its recommendation as who should be selected to lead and support Our Lady of Rosary School in the coming years.

We have selected Susan Garcia to be the next Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary School. Mrs. Garcia’s father left the Philippines in 1920, meeting her mother, Venancia Palando in 1955 in San Francisco. They married and settled in the Bayview Hunter’s Point District. Mrs. Garcia attended All Hallows Catholic School and Presentation High School in San Francisco. She later moved to Union City, where she would become an integral part of both our parish and local community. At OLR, she has taught CCD in the past, attends Mass here on a weekly basis and frequently works at our Friday Night Dinners for the Needy, Lonely and Elderly.

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Letter Regarding Selection of New Principal 
For Our Lady of the Rosary School
May 21, 2015
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Serving as the 7th grade teacher at Our Lady of the Rosary School from the year 2000 to 2004 and her four children attended our school. Desiring to obtain her California Teaching Credential, she was required to give up her post at OLR. She performed her undergraduate and graduate work at California State University, East Bay. As current Curriculum Leader of 9th grade, lead Puente Teacher and past Department Head of Language Arts at James Logan High School, Mrs. Garcia has had many of the same responsibilities as a Principal of a smaller school. As a Curriculum Leader she has extensive experience creating lessons and curriculum that is cutting-edge and based on California State Standards which will bring our students into the 21st Century.

While at Logan, Mrs. Garcia has also gained additional skills and experience through her work in the Puente Program, where she learned to fundraise, manage students in a volunteer program and provide specialized services to those in need. She also has a good working knowledge of the greater community and the local public school system and will be able to work together with these entities for the common good.

Throughout all those 11 years working in public school, Mrs. Garcia has been longing to return to Our Lady of the Rosary, where our faith is integrated throughout the school and she would have the opportunity to work more closely with fellow staff members, parents and the community.

So I congratulate Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Garcia for the new roles they are assuming in Catholic Education. In the coming weeks I will be introducing her to our school staff, families and to our parishioners. In the meantime, I ask that you pray for both of them that they will be given God’s strength and guidance as they work to build a foundation upon which Catholic Education can grow and flourish for years to come. I ask you to support Mrs. Garcia as she comes on board and I am also asking the selection committee to remain intact as a way to offer her the support and information she will need as she starts this new dimension of her career.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jesús Nieto-Ruiz
Pastor

Principal Selection Committee (PSC) members: Alan Balasbas, Robert Clark, Martha Estrella, Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine (Principal, St. Bede School), José Mascorro, Joann Matsumoto, Fr. Jesús Nieto-Ruiz, Claudia Orozco, Leila Verzola (Chairperson)
It's a Bake Sale!

Relay for Life is celebrating its 10th anniversary in Union City, and our team "gothope?" is raising awareness and funds with a bake sale **after all Masses NEXT SUNDAY, May 31.**

Please stop by and support the fight against cancer!

*Our Lady of the Rosary is represented by two teams:*
  - Angels of Courage (team captain: Pat Martinez)
  - gothope? (team captain: Donald Marquez)

If you are interested in joining one of our teams or creating a team of your own, please contact: Donald Marquez 510-259-8596 or donald_marquez@yahoo.com.

Or stop by at our Bake Sale to talk to Donald in person.
Thank you to all those who made a pledge!

The Campaign Committee would like to thank all the families who have contributed to date and have made the campaign a great success. We still have yet to hear from many households in our parish. We need everyone’s help to reach our goal. We hope to hear from those families very soon. Please keep in mind that we will receive 25% of all monies collected up to our campaign target of $553,508 and 50% of all funds raised above and beyond that target.

One of our goals is to have 100% participation.
If you have not yet responded, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Our campaign is based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support this campaign for both our Parish and our Diocese. Please respond generously. It is only through prayer and sacrifice that we can make this campaign successful. Make your gift today to help reduce the number of follow-up calls our Campaign Committee will have to make over the next few weeks.

Please detach the form below and submit through the Offertory collection.

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**RECLAIMING CHRIST’S MISSION TOGETHER**

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In appreciation for God’s gifts, I/we pledge the following: 

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Amount Enclosed: $ 

Balance Due: $ 

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together 

Please see reverse side for authorization forms for Credit Card and Direct Debit. 

For questions regarding gifts of stock, please contact the Office for Mission Advancement at (510) 893-4711.
Tuesday, May 26
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
  Liturgy Committee Meeting, Parish Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 29
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 30
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31
  Second collection for the Catholic Charities annual appeal
  Fundraising gift cards and religious articles sold after Mass
  High School Youth Group, Upper Room, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.