MAY 31, 2015
The Most Holy Trinity

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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.
Donna Marinez Writes . . .

Final Installment on
My Jamaica Immersion Trip

In addition to the many opportunities to pray, worship, sing, and reflect, we also learned. We were educated on the country’s origins, as well as the history of politics, tourism, and Christianity in Jamaica. Our gracious host, Deacon Baldwin Powell introduced a detailed and ambitious evangelization plan in hopes of increasing the number of Catholics in Jamaica from its current total of 4 percent.

We were treated to amazing stories from extraordinary people. “Auntie” Delta gave a rousing testimony of her conversion to Catholicism, and how it launched the beginning of St. Paul’s church. We climbed into the pain of Joe James’ slave-period paintings, and the artist impressed us further with how he defied the odds to hold off the wrath of prostate cancer. Rita Hilton, displaying incredible energy for someone who has lived three quarters of a century, gushed at the entrepreneurial opportunities in Jamaica, she herself managing director of a produce company.

But it was the mission aspect of our journey that tugged at our heartstrings and raised questions about our brokenness.

I think for those actively involved in the parish life, there is a tendency to get “caught in the trappings”, as Father Jeff Finley referred to during a Lenten Mission earlier this year at Holy Spirit in Fremont.

For most of us, this was our first immersion trip, and we arrived not knowing what to expect. But this much was clear from the outset: God is alive and well in Jamaica.

Through each person we met and interacted with—including the unsung angels, the caregivers—we not only encountered God, we discovered our own disabilities and vulnerabilities.

But here is something we didn’t expect, something that caught us off guard: despite the systematic breakdown of the family in Jamaica, the discouraging numbers among Catholics, and the multitudes of dismayed and downtrodden people as well as Blessed Assurance, there is much joy in Jamaica.

As “Auntie” Delta crooned inside that tiny church on the hill, “Once you walk with the Lord, there is joy!” Indeed, they walk with the Lord in Jamaica, even those whose steps are laborious, if not impossible.

— Continued. See “Jamaica” on the next page

Our Lady’s Pantry:
Food for Those in Need

Have you hit a rough spot? Do you know someone that is 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 Dobreec 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 on Thursday morning for inclusion in the Bulletin 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
Henri Nouwen wrote in The Return of the Prodigal Son, “There, in the midst of the dreadful emptiness was complete joy. Death no longer was the enemy. Love was victorious.”

It was so refreshing to see the priority that worship has on daily life in Jamaica, even in the “dreadful emptiness.” In every word of praise, in every hymn, joy shone through.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to the Apostles, “I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.” (John 15:11).

Jamaica lacks many things but His joy is not one of them; there are many unfinished things about Jamaica, but its joy is genuine, it is contagious, and it is surely complete.

I was approached last Sunday by two parishioners who have followed my story closely. The first one appreciates the work being done in other countries, but noted that we shouldn’t forget our brothers and sisters in the US. Agreed, but sometimes we become immune to the issues that are directly in front of us. Jamaica shook us from our slumber, and re-opened our eyes.

The other parishioner asked what is next for the eleven Maryknoll pilgrims. By answering this second question, I covered the first parishioner’s concern: the next step is simply to apply the experiences of Jamaica to our lives at home; to “be present” in our families, parishes, and communities.

Best of all, Maryknoll is not restricted to faraway countries. In fact, its next immersion trip is at the Tenderloin in San Francisco, from June 7-12.

Indeed, Maryknoll spreads the Gospel to all nations (Mark 16:15).
Sundown Praise: Tickets for Summer Concert Now Being Sold

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.

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.

Engage Your Heart Through Service To Others

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality (www.ignatiancompanions.org) is a unique program that engages women and men, retired and semi-retired, who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities while deepening their spiritual foundations. They are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 program year and will be welcoming new participants until the program is filled to capacity.

If you are interested and want more information, we invite you to attend our upcoming “Come and See” session on Saturday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Jenny Girard Malley at ignatiancompanions@gmail.com or call 415.575.0622. If you would like to talk to OLR parishioners who are a part of this program, call Ron and Lorrie Wenzler at (510) 400-9045.

Schedules for Lay Ministers Now Available

Attention Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The ministry schedule for June 13, 1959 through September 13, 2015 is now available in both sacristies in the church and in the Parish Office. The schedule can also be viewed on Our Lady of the Rosary Church’s website at www.olrchurch.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Generosity—our ability to offer the best of who we are and what we have for the benefit of one another—is perhaps our most valuable human attribute. In fact, it may be the singular quality we possess that has the capacity to transform the world.

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, May 24, 2015 — Pentecost

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Thank you for your support!!!
Special Masses for First Holy Communion
Celebrated This Weekend and Next

In the past children in our parish who would receive their First Holy Communion would receive the sacrament at one of our weekend Masses. This year we are having two special Masses for our children to receive the sacrament. One of the Masses was in Spanish and took place at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday. The other Mass will be bilingual and will take place next Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Below you will find a listing of the children who are receiving the sacrament at each Mass.

**Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Fernanda Acosta
- Ramíses Agredano
- Darleen Amaya
- Josué Antonio-Luis
- Arturo Anaya
- Michelle Cabrera
- Dana Castellanos
- Celeste Contreras
- Adilene Cruz
- Itzel Cruz
- Mónica de la Paz
- Mía Delgadillo
- Briseida Flores
- Alex González
- Enrique González
- Francisco González
- Verónica González
- Angel Gutiérrez
- Isaac Gutiérrez
- Jade López Hermosillo
- Bruno Hernández
- Maria Hernández
- Bryan León

**Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Alan Luis
- Briseida Núñez
- Joanna Núñez
- Jacqueline Ortiz
- Osvaldo Pérez
- Vanessa Ramírez
- Brian Retana
- Fernando Rivas
- Alessandra Robles
- Camila Rodríguez
- José Rodríguez
- Monserrat Silva Arangure
- Efrén Tapia Silva
- Elizabeth Tapia Silva
- Alexander Torres
- Christopher Uribe
- Amy B. Vásquez
- Dayana Esqueda
- Javier Esqueda
- Kyla Asuncion
- Marissa Almaguer
- Ella Blanco
- Araceli Chávez
- Yanaris Cisneros
- Yanexia Cisneros
- Diana Contreras
- Cierra Gallardo
- Myah Gallardo
- Fabián Gutiérrez
- Ricardo Hermosillo
- Eduardo López
- Alexandra González
- Franco González
- Alonzo Márquez
- Nikolas Monarrez
- Fernando Moreno
- Leticia Moreno
- Isabella Moussavi
- Maribel Muñoz
- Janessa Nava
- Shia Nhém
- Christopher Ornelas
- Ethan Pitta
- Ava Rodríguez
- Alfredo Tovar
- Gabriella Tovar
- Mele Vaka
- Yasin Zavala

Congratulations to all of these children! We thank their families, friends and teachers who helped to prepare them for the sacrament. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK**

HOSTS: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

WINE: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

CANDLES: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

FLOWERS: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all deceased members of the Knights of Columbus.

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.**
WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION
IN THE CAMPAIGN

As part of the Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together campaign, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has been given a goal of $553,508. Our parish will receive 25 percent of all monies collected up to our goal. Once we exceed our goal, we will receive 50 percent of all monies collected over our goal.

By achieving our goal we can raise approximately $138,377 for our parish. The parish share of the funds raised through Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together campaign will remain in our parish for use in the following areas:

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

Our projects are an important part of this campaign. To complete all the projects, we need strong participation in order to reach and hopefully exceed our overall goal and raise maximum funds for our parish.

Please remember that we are not asking for the same size gift from every family, but we are looking for the same size sacrifice. We thank everyone for their prayerful consideration and support of this historic effort in our Diocese.

In appreciation of God’s gifts, I/ We pledge the following monthly amount:

- [ ] $20 per month for 48 months for a total of $960
- [ ] $25 per month for 48 months for a total of $1,200
- [ ] $30 per month for 48 months for a total of $1,440
- [ ] $35 per month for 48 months for a total of $1,680
- [ ] Other: $_____ per month for ____ months

Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
City: _______________ St: _______ Zip: _______
Email: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Comments: ___________________________

Parish: Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City Payments to begin on: (Month)_______ (Year)_________

Signature: _________________________ Date: _________________

Please make checks payable to Reclaiming Christ’s Mission Together

For more information on the campaign and online giving, please visit reclamtogether.org or call (510) 267-8358
Tuesday, June 2
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  Knights of Columbus Meeting, Eddie Dobrec Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  Parish Finance Committee Meeting, Office Downstairs Conference Room 107, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 5
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.
  Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 7
  Second Collection for Catholic Communications and Social Concerns