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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.—Bilingual, on the second Sunday of each month, Sept.—May

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.

JULY 26, 2015
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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• Feature Article: Brian Rodriguez Takes the Reins of Our Confirmation Program
• It’s Time to Think “FESTIVAL” and “FLEA MARKET”
• RCIA Program to Start Taking Sign-Ups Next Weekend

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.
Brian Rodriguez Takes the Reins of Our Confirmation Program

By: Donald Marquez

Last Saturday, the Young Adult Group was asked this question: What do you like best about being Catholic? One of the responses was that “our faith is always current.” Yes! One way God keeps our faith in the “now” is by calling on earthly ambassadors to carry on the message of salvation. This was evident long before the dawning of Christianity.

After Adam was exiled from the Garden and sinfulness spread throughout the land, God looked to Noah to usher in a new age. Moses was instrumental in freeing the chosen ones from slavery, but it was Joshua who led the Israelites into the Promised Land.

In the case of Jesus, we see who prepared the way (John the Baptist), and who took the Gospel to the world (Peter and Paul, among others).

The faith has been kept alive and passed on by human hands, even if at times those hands were reluctant. God is always looking to fill old shoes with new feet.

Our Lady of the Rosary parish is no exception. This coming fall, someone other than Sheryl Bartlett will lead the Confirmation Program for the first time in some twenty years. That someone is Brian Rodriguez.

You might recognize him as the young man playing sweet music during Mass.

But the piano isn’t the only thing with Brian’s fingerprints on it. He has been involved with youth-related activities for several years, mostly as a member of the Confirmation team, including retreats (he helped create the current format).

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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 “D” 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.

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
Brian —

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I had a chance to sit down with Brian over coffee. He paid.

DM: Why was leading the Confirmation program a goal for you?

BR: I wouldn’t say leading Confirmation was a personal goal of mine, but more of a random call from God saying, “Hey, can you do something for me?” As you once put it: “accepting a call you weren’t expecting.” After Sheryl left, I wanted to know what the plans were for Confirmation, who would take over and the vision for the program. The next thing I know my name is on the front of the Bulletin, under Coordinator for Confirmation.

DM: Describe the path that has led you to this point.

BR: I honestly could not give you a specific path that has led me here. Ever since I was young I was so amazed with our Church. My favorite class at OLR was religion! I asked to be an altar server in fourth grade, because I thought it was the coolest thing to hold the book for Fr. José, and was crazy angry when they said I had to wait two more years! I ran for the “religious officer” (I forget what it’s called now) for student council here at OLR. I took theology classes all four years at Moreau, including being part of the Campus Ministry Team, and continued on with various other ministries at OLR including Confirmation Youth. I don’t know what it is about OLR and our Catholic faith but it has always had my attention and always kept my interest. I have learned a lot over many years and just want to share it with our youth.

DM: What are some of your plans and goals for the program in 2015-2016 and beyond?

BR: This is our trial year. Our goals are to unite our youth and have a strong faith-filled youth community. As for Confirmation, it’s to challenge these young people in their faith, to experience God in different ways, and to help them see who they are and what their capabilities so they can say, “This is my faith. This is my Church and I am proud to be Catholic.” To become modern day apostles, leaders for our church, parish, and community.

DM: How do you plan to incorporate your experiences and gifts (music for example) into the program?

BR: I believe what has brought me closer to God has been service and ministry, and I think most of those who are in ministry would agree. Music has been my main ministry since I was in the sixth grade, but I have ventured out beyond that. There is a lot of young talent at OLR, and we want to nurture and fine-tune those talents so that they God and grow closer to him in a powerful way.

I think it’s safe to say that our youth are in very capable and caring hands, and we look forward to seeing the progress of the program this year and beyond. Please join me in offering congratulations to Brian for this new and important role at OLR.

Sign-Ups for Our RCIA Program Start Next Weekend

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will now be taking sign-ups for new candidates after all of the Masses starting next weekend. If you are an adult who wants to receive one or more of the sacraments (Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation), the RCIA program is for you. In addition, if you know of someone who is considering becoming a Catholic, tell them to enquire about RCIA. There will be a booth in front of the Church next weekend that will be staffed by an RCIA team member who can answer questions about the program and take signups.

A Word of “Thanks” To Our Volunteer Church Cleaners

This week we would like to acknowledge cleaning Team #2, which will be cleaning our Church this Tuesday and Friday at 4:00 p.m. The members of this team are: Beatriz Enos and Family, Maria Gallo and Family and Rosa Gonzalez and Family. We thank them for their hard work and dedication. If anyone else would like to join them to help, please meet them at the Church at 4:00 on Tuesday or Friday.

Stewardship Corner

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, July 19, 2015 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Plate Collection (Including EFT) ........................................... $9,641.50
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection ................................ 10,700.00
Children’s Envelopes ................................................................ 18.00

Thank you for your support!!!
Starting in Spanish
In August...
TOV Prayer Group
Returns to OLR

Do you want to grow in your faith? Talleres de Oración y Vida (TOV), has had a program in Spanish at OLR in the past, and it will be returning on Wednesdays starting in August. The program was developed by Ignacio Larrañaga, a Capuchin Franciscan Priest from Spain who has worked in evangelization for 30 years in Latin America, North America and Europe. TOV dates back to 1984.

The program will run for 15 weeks and start on August 5 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Dobree Room of the Parish Hall.

The program enables participants to learn how to listen, meditate, and speak with God through the Bible, and build a more personal relationship with God. It also enables us to overcome our insecurities and traumas, control our nerves and regain happiness in our lives.

You are most welcome to participate in TOV, the new Evangelization.

For more information contact Rosario Martinez at 415.896.4829.

Starting Now
Registration for CCD
(Grades 1-6)
For the Coming School Year

The process of registering students in Grades 1 through 6 for our CCD program is starting now. Both new students and those returning to class in the fall must register.

You will find a flyer as a page in this Bulletin describing our new registration process for this year.

Unlike years past, registration will not take place all summer, but primarily during the month of August. However, you can obtain the necessary forms now and start filling them out. Forms are available on a table in the main vestibule of the Church. They are also available in the Parish Office.

The Religious Education Office is closed during the month of July — you can start filling the forms out but you will not be able to return them and formally register until August. In August there will be people in front of the Church after all weekend Masses to accept your registration.

Attention Our Lady of the Rosary Youth:
Youth Summer Activities Program
For Grades 7 – 12
Is Now Happenin’

Join us for some fellowship, praise, service, and of course, fun — come to our Youth Summer Activities program for Grades 7 through 12 on FRIDAYS. Meetings are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Parish Hall. For more information contact Susana Peinado at 510.579.9877, Julian Padilla at 510.909.6017, Brian Rodriguez at 510.709.9537, or Don Marquez at 510.259.8596.

A Word of Thanks To our Volunteer Gardeners

This week we would like to thank our volunteer gardening Team #4 who will be working on Saturday, July 25 at 8:00 a.m.: Emerita Alvarado, Enrique Alvarado, Gabriela Carrillo, Gerardo Ramirez, Jose Rodriguez, and Reynalda Agredano. We thank them very much for their hard work and dedication.

Should you want to lend a hand, stop by on Saturday. We’ll be working from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Don’t forget to bring your tools!

**Sponsorships for the Week**

**HOSTS:** Sponsored by Dolores Loera in loving memory of her father, Gilbert Medelin

**WINE:** Sponsored by Dolores Loera in loving memory of her father, Gilbert Medelin

*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.”
“Look, 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.*
It’s Time to Think “FESTIVAL” – We’re Now Accepting Flea Market Items

It’s time to bring up four words that we haven’t used in this Bulletin for quite some time. They are “FESTIVAL,” “RAFFLE” and “FLEA MARKET.” Let’s talk about them now.

The dates of the Festival will be Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4. Be sure to save the dates.

Volunteer sign-ups will be taken at our sign-up tables in front of the Church starting in August. Look for the tables – we will announce at our Masses when you will be expecting to see them in front of the Church.

Tickets for our Fall Drawing will be available soon. The prizes will be much the same as they were last year, and the tickets will still be $2.00 each. However, before Fr. Jesús left for his vacation, he mentioned a couple of key differences in this year’s drawing at our Masses. These changes are being made as our drawing makes much less than the drawings of other parishes. This year, instead of the tickets being distributed in books of 15, there will be 25 tickets per booklet. In addition, we are asking parishioners not to buy the tickets themselves, but to sell them to other people they know – particularly to non-parishioners, such as coworkers. In this way, our parishioners will have more money to spend at the festival, and they will enjoy themselves, while our drawing will be more profitable at the same time. Tickets will be distributed to families in our CCD program, our school, and to members of our ministries first, and then to all other parishioners. Tickets will be distributed starting in August.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR OUR FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET. We ask that, if at all possible, you bring your donations during the week when the Office is open (Tuesday – Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.) and after Mass on Sundays. Please try to avoid bringing items at other times, or leaving items outside of the containers or the office door, so that we can keep “losses” to a minimum.

These are our guidelines for the donations we can accept:

We can use:
- Household items, such as kitchen pots and utensils; furniture; knick knacks; tools; most appliances; linens and drapes; area rugs; framed art).

Please do not bring:
- Clothing and shoes; mattresses; paints and cleaning products; furniture or appliances in need of repair; electronics such as televisions, computers, printers and monitors; automobile parts and accessories; and infant and toddler accessories such as strollers, jumpers, cribs, and car safety seats.

The Festival can also use donations of the following items:
- Books for the book booth; new hand-crafted boutique items;
glassware for the dime toss booth. If you donate books, boutique items, or glassware, please place them in separate boxes from your flea market donations and mark the boxes with the words “Books,” “Boutique,” or “Dime Toss glassware.”

IF YOU NEED ITEMS PICKED UP FROM YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS, we will be doing this on Saturdays from now until the Festival. Please call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609, and leave a message including a description of the items to be picked up. Someone will contact you to arrange a day and time for pick-up.

Thank you very much for your support of our Flea Market.

That’s all for now on the Festival – but, of course, it’s only the beginning.

We Need the Advice Of a Mechanic

A parish family wants to donate a car to the parish to sell as a donation to the parish, but we need a mechanic to give his opinion as to the condition of the vehicle. If you are a mechanic and can lend your expertise, please call our office at 510.471.2609.
HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6 FOR THE CCD PROGRAM FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR (2015-2016)

Both new and returning students in the CCD Program must be registered before the program begins in September.

To register, you should do the following:

1. Pick up your registration packet
   Starting in July you may obtain registration forms to register your children for the program from the following locations:
   - They will be available in the vestibules of the Church
   - You may pick them up at the Parish Office. The office is open on Tuesdays through Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2. Return the completed registration forms with your tuition
   Starting in August we will begin accepting completed registration forms. You may turn them in:
   - In front of the Church after all Weekend Masses
   - On Saturdays in the CCD office. The office is on the second floor of the Parish Office Building and is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Tuition rates can be found on the registration form. Tuition should be paid in full at time of registration. If full payment would be a financial hardship the registration form will still be accepted – speak to Camila. Payment can be made in cash, or by check made payable to "Our Lady of the Rosary Church."

God Bless,
Camila Magdaleno,
Director
OLR Now Selling DVDs of a Marian Docudrama

Our parish is now selling copies of Mary's Land, or "Tierra de Maria," a docudrama directed by Juan Manuel Cotelo, a journalist who had a conversion experience and then dedicated his life to Mary and Jesus. He characterizes the production as part documentary and part fiction. Being a journalist, he has interviewing skills which he put to use in making the movie. He interviewed "real people" from all over the world who had a spiritual conversion—a conversion that was brought about by our Blessed Mother. Each of the people being interviewed speaks in his or her own language, and subtitles are provided in English and Spanish.

Director Cotelo says "So we talk to people who have lived without God for many many years and now they have God in their lives. They can compare their lives before and after.

"So the question is, how are things going for us? Has it been the right choice to take God out of our families, our education, our hobbies, culture, economics and politics? If things are going well, let's keep it that way, but I think that if we're honest with ourselves, the reality across the globe, is that something is missing. The courageous question to ask is, 'were we wrong to take God out of the equation?""

This movie originated in Spain where it received great reviews and popularity. In June it was distributed in various European countries, in Qatar, and in South America. Now it is in the US, including here at Our Lady of the Rosary.

We will be selling copies of the movie as a fundraiser for the parish. Each DVD sells for $20.00. They will be sold in front of the Church after our weekend Masses during the coming weeks.

New Ignatian Companions Program To Start in September

The Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality Program has intensified our appreciation of and desire to be more consistent in both our volunteer service and desire to make time daily to spend with God in reading and prayer.

"Companions" is a unique program that engages women and men, retired and semi-retired, and over 50, who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities while deepening their own spiritual foundations. Those involved in Ignatian Companions integrate their personal journey of faith with their own conviction to act for justice with the poor. It is a program that invites its participants to be "contemplatives in action," men and women who seek to grow in their relationship with God while engaging in meaningful service with and for those most needy in our Bay Area communities.

Companions are currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Program that will start September 10, 2015. You are welcome to consider being a part of our amazing program. New participants will be welcomed until our program communities are filled to capacity, usually by August 30. Applications and more information are available on our website, www.ignatiancompanions.org

Companions will be hosting Information Sessions in the East Bay this summer. Please come and learn about this amazing program! To find out more attend an information session at the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, July 28th at 11:00 a.m., at the Jesuit School of Theology, 1735 LeRoy Avenue, Berkeley.
- Wednesday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m., at the Jesuit School of Theology.
- Wednesday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. at St Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

To register for one of the above sessions eMail ignatiancompanions@gmail.com or call 415.375.0622. For more information you can talk with Ron and Lorrie Wenzler, OLR parishioners who are current Ignatian Companions, by calling 510.400.9045 or 510.432.4226.

THIS COMING SATURDAY Sundown Praise Concert With Jesse Manibusan

Passing the flame of faith from age to age means parishes must light the torches of today's youth and young adults. These young Catholics will soon be the Church of tomorrow. Since music is one of God's most powerful languages, a summer concert has been planned. The purpose is to call everyone to a deeper faith. This mid-summer concert will be the fire for these torches which will be passed to the new generation.

Sundown Praise, a summer concert to sing praise to our God, will bring together young adults and youth from all over the Diocese of Oakland. The event will be held at 8 p.m. THIS COMING SATURDAY, August 1 at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Featured performer is inter-nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Jesse Manibusan (Open My Eyes, Lord). Also on the program is recording artist Amanda Vernon with All Saints Unplugged.

Online tickets can be ordered at www.eventbrite.com/d/local/sundown-praise/ at $7 in advance; children $5. Tickets at the door are $10.

Refreshments will be on sale as well as a drawing to win a free concert by Jesse Manibusan.

Pastors and youth ministers are promoting the event and many will be offering tickets for sale. The Sundown Praise committee said: "This is not just a concert, it is an event! It is an event to let music deepen the faith of young adults and youth throughout the Diocese of Oakland. We are calling the young people of God together so that as we sing our Sundown Praise to him, he will let his power rain down upon us. May God let Sundown Praise light the fire of faith in our younger generation. They are God's new disciples who will carry the good news to the world."

For more information contact:
Deacon Dick Folger,
cell: 510-303-9533
Tuesday, July 28
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Zumba®, Parish Hall, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 30
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:30 p.m.
  Zumba®, Parish Hall, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 31
  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.
  Youth Summer Activities, Upper Room, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 1
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Sundown Praise Concert with Jesse Manibusan, Church, 8:00 p.m.