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Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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, 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.

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.
Relay for Life Union City a Rousing Success

By: Donald Márquez

As little as three weeks ago, the goal of $75,000 that Relay for Life Union City set forth at the beginning of its fundraising campaign for 2015 seemed out of reach.

And then, suddenly it wasn’t.

Relying heavily on donations through its website, the goal of $75,000 was not only achieved, it was squashed. As of this writing, the campaign had raised over $92,000 (net gain).

The American Cancer Society’s premier fundraising experience originated from one man’s fight against the disease in 1985, and has grown leaps and bounds in the thirty years since: Relay for Life overnight events are held in over 5,000 communities worldwide.

This was Union City’s tenth year hosting the event. Our Lady of the Rosary has been faithfully represented by two long-time parishioners: Donald Marquez (team: gothope?) and Pat Martinez (team: Angels of Courage).

The event’s motto is Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back. It is a day to celebrate its survivors, remember lost loved ones, and fight for those who are battling cancer. While it is difficult to pinpoint to what degree cancer can be considered an environmental disease, Pope Francis is clear on his views of how pollution and a “throwaway culture” can have a negative impact on our health. From his recent encyclical, LAUDATO SI’:

“Some forms of pollution are part of people’s daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrotoxins in general. Technology, which, linked to business interests, is presented as the only way of solving these problems, in fact proves incapable of seeing the mysterious network of relations between things and so sometimes solves one problem only to create others.”

According to the American Cancer Society, About 1,658,370 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2015, and about 589,430 Americans are expected to die of cancer this year, or about 1,620 people per day. Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the US, exceeded only by heart disease, and accounts for nearly 1 of every 4 deaths.

Among new cancer cases, prostate cancer is the leading cancer among men (26%); breast cancer among women (29%). Of the estimated deaths in 2015; the leading cancer for both men and women is lung and bronchus (28% in men; 26% in women).

There is reason to hope: The 5-year relative survival rate for all cancers diagnosed in 2004-2010 was 68%, up from 49% in 1975-1977 (see page 18). The improvement in survival reflects both the earlier diagnosis of certain cancers and improvements in treatment.

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Donald Marquez’ oldest sister Tonianne Nemeth was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 29 in 1989. Now 56 years old, the 26-year survivor says she never once questioned God’s motives; never once asked the follower’s favorite question: “why?” Instead, she surrendered, as Mary did, to God’s will, and simply asked, “OK, what’s next?”

And even though the answer to “what’s next?” was hair loss, miscarriages, and eventually the loss of her breast, Tonianne carried on. And her husband Michael never left her side. The sorrow of never being able to give their son Patrick a sibling to play with has given way to the joy of a grandson, Liam. Tonianne is appreciative of the American Cancer Society’s efforts to create a cancer-free world, and has been a generous supporter of those family members who participate in Relay for Life (in addition to Donald’s team in Union City, her niece Kimberly participates in Union City, and niece Vanessa in San Lorenzo).

The American Cancer Society has many programs to assist cancer patients, such as Hope Lodge, Road to Recovery, and Look Good...Feel Better. For more information on the American Cancer Society, visit www.cancer.org or visit www.relay.acsevents.org for more information on Relay for Life.

Reflection: how do you respond to the news that a family member or friend is ill? How do you offer support? Not everyone has the financial means to donate to a cause, but research, presence, and prayer are all positive alternatives.

Meetings of Cluster Groups Start This Week:
SVCC (Service) and SCHC (School)

As it was announced at the Parish Summit meeting held on June 16, each parish organization is to select a representative or two who will attend a meeting of representatives from other organizations and ministries that are involved in similar work. This will allow our various organizations and ministries to support each other and better coordinate their efforts. This will also provide a forum to promote social justice, prayer and reflection in the governance of our parish.

THIS TUESDAY, Sept 1 the Service Cluster will hold its first meeting in the First Floor Conference Room of the Parish Office. That means that the following organizations should send one or two representatives to this meeting:

- COR – OLR Local Organizing Committee
- FCO – FESCO
- FND – Friday Night Dinners for the Needy, Elderly and Lonely
- HON – Honorifica
- OLP – Our Lady’s Pantry
- STV – St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Charities
- Centro de Servicios Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center

THIS WEDNESDAY, Sept 2 the School Cluster will hold its first meeting in the First Floor Conference Room of the Parish Office. That means that the following organizations should send one or two representatives to this meeting:

- CYO
- PTC – Parent-Teacher Club
- SCB – School Board

If you are the President or Chairperson of one of the above ministries or organizations, please make sure that you are represented at your respective cluster meeting this Tuesday or Wednesday.

RCIA: "Fostering Intentional Catholicism"

In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees challenge Jesus, who they feel disregarded their hallowed traditions. Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah in his response: “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.”

In her book “Forming Intentional Disciples”, Sherry Weddell claims, “Cultural Catholicism is dead as a retention strategy...we have to foster intentional Catholicism rather than cultural Catholicism.”

This is where RCIA comes in! We reach far beyond “vain worship” and “cultural Catholicism”, bringing modern relevance to the Scriptures and planting the Word where it was most intended: people’s hearts.

If you or someone you know, over the age of 18, is in need of any of the sacraments to gain full initiation into the Church, or simply want to enhance your/their faith, there will be an RCIA team leader stationed outside of church (in the blue booth) with a sign-up sheet after all masses during the month of August. Or you may contact Joyce Mueller at 510-489-5557 or joycemueller09@comcast.net.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, August 2, 2015 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thank you for your support!!!
CDD Registrations
In Front of the Church
End . . .
Now What?

During the month of August we have been registering students for our CCD program in front of the Church after all weekend Masses. Now that Susana Peinado, the CCD Secretary and her helpers have all got bad sunburns, registrations are no longer being taken in front of the Church.

If you have not yet registered your children in grades 1-6 for our CCD program, you should do so at the Religious Education Office on the second floor of the Parish Office Building. The office is open on Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. You may stop by the office or call 510.471.7419.

Attention Ministers
The Schedule (Sept. 19 to Dec. 13) for ministers (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and altar Servers) are available in the sacristy.

A Word of Thanks
To our Volunteer Gardeners

This week we would like to thank our volunteer gardening Team #1 who will be working on Saturday, September 5 at 8:00 a.m.: Emerita Alvarado, Enrique Alvarado, Gabriela Carrillo, Gerardo Ramirez, Jose Rodriguez, and Reynaldo 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!

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.

Festival News

Believe it or not, the Festival is just over a month away! It will be held on October 3 and 4.

Next week, two “festival traditions” will start:

Drawing Tickets
Available Next Week

This year we are avoiding mailing out the tickets for our Fall Festival Drawing. Instead, we will be distributing them through our Parish School, the CCD program, and through our various ministries and organizations. Other parishioners can receiving their tickets by visiting the blue ticket booth in front of the Church after Mass. Tickets are $2.00 each, and come in books of 25. The Grand Prize is $2,000.00, the First Prize is $1,000.00, and there is a Second Prize of a ASUS laptop computer. We urge you to sell a book of 25 tickets as this is the fundraising component that is most vital to the success of our Festival.

Pre-Festival Sunday Donations
Start Next Weekend

For the last couple of years we have collected donations of supplies that we use in the Festival. We will start passing out those familiar donation slips at Mass starting next week. Items to be included on our wish list will be soda, water, and paper goods.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all their departed members
WINE: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all their departed members
CANDLES: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all their departed members
FLOWERS: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, in memory of all their departed members

To set up a sponsorship, use the form below. Thank you for your support.

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/Acct. # ____________________________
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.
Tuesday, September 1
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  Service Cluster Meeting, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 2
  Talleres de Oración y Vida (TOV), Eddie Dobrec Room, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  School Cluster Meeting, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 3
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 4
  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, September 5
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.