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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.
Jesse Martinez: His Dedication To Our Parish Will Bring You To Your Knees

Jesse Martinez is one of our parishioners who does a “bang up job” at Our Lady of the Rosary — literally. When you are at Mass, you should thank him for making you as comfortable as possible.

Jesse has been a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary since 1949. He retired in 1950 from PG&E, where he worked in pipeline design in the East Bay. All of his life, he also worked in the business of pyrotechnics, and continues to work in the family business, Pyrospectaculars by Souza. He managed their Bay Area operations from 1990 to 1995. Pyrospectaculars has put on many famous fireworks shows. Jesse worked the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, various Superbowls including the one with the 49ers and Miami at Stanford. He also worked in fireworks shows at various A’s and Giants games, the Hong Kong new year’s celebration, and the Fourth of July show at Crissy Field. Perhaps he is best known, however, for the fireworks shows at OLR that his family donated to the parish — one for the parish’s Centennial celebration in 2007, and the other for Fr. Jose’s Gran Despedida.

Jesse takes the comfort of each parishioner very seriously. He is the person who you should thank for making sure that the kneelers in the church are in working order. We tell him when they break down and then he goes into his box of new parts and replaces those that are broken or bent. He also repairs pews as they break, ensuring that they are properly fastened to the floor and that any cracks in the wood are mended.

He is very handy, and has also done a number of other maintenance jobs around the parish, such as installing the stations of the cross in the Chapel, staining the benches in front of the church each year, installing shelves in closets, and many others. If you would ask why he is so dedicated to helping us out with maintenance, his answer is “I do these things because I love my parish.”

Jesse has also been an Usher at 8:15 Mass and has been a Lector for 15 years. He is a dedicated Lector, only if his lecturing assignment does not coincide with a Raider’s home game (he is a season ticket holder, after all). He is always willing to serve in lay ministry, accepting assignments for special Masses and proclaiming the Word of God at many funeral services.

Jesse’s wife Barbara has a role in all of this, too. She hands him his tools while he is working. In addition, she was the one who got him into the fireworks business, as he married into her family, the Sousa family, the founders of Pyrospectaculars.

We are indeed fortunate for Jesse’s dedication to our Parish, and for all that he does for us. Your dedication sparkles!
Youth Group and Confirmation
It's Time to Register for the 2015-2016 School Year!

**SCHEDULE OF GROUP MEETINGS**

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group
Meetings will be on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30.

High School and First Year Confirmation
This group is for those in 9th through 12th grade. Meetings will be on Fridays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This group is for those needing to complete their first year of Confirmation and for any high school youth who are interested in continuing their faith journey. The first session will be held on Friday, September 25.

**CONFIRMATION**
In order to participate in this group you must have participated in high school youth group for at least one year prior and be in either in the 11th or 12th grade. This group will hold its regular meetings on the first and second Sundays of every month from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. In addition, on the third Sunday of the month, there will be a Youth Mass at 11:30 a.m. Attendance at the Mass is a requirement for the candidates, and the candidates will have to stay for a meeting which is held immediately following the Mass. The first meeting of the Confirmation group will be on Sunday, October 11.

**FEES**

Fees for all Groups (Per Family)
- $40 for 1 youth
- $65 for 2 youth
- $80 for 3 or more youth

Additional Fee
For Confirmation Program
$50.00 per participant

*If paying by check, please make it out to “Our Lady of the Rosary Church.”*

**HOW TO REGISTER**
(Register before the first Class)
Registration for all programs will be taken on the following days and times:

**Friday, September 18, 7:00—9:00 p.m., Parish Office First Floor Conference Room**

**Tuesday, September 22, 7:00—9:00 p.m., Eddie Dobrec Room**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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**NEW – OLR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CORNER!!!**

Our Lady of the Rosary Youth Group will soon be having YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT CORNER – look for it in the bulletin and see what we’re up to!

**Thank You for Your Support**
The OLR Youth and Confirmation team would like to extend a sincere gratitude to all of our parishioners who supported our fundraisers this last month! With your contribution, the team participated in a mini retreat this past weekend to gear up for a great year working with the youth of our parish. We were blessed to have as a special Spiritual leader, Father Jeff, who led our retreat on Friday night and set the stage.

**Young Adult Group, “The Decades,” Meets this Saturday**

Are you 18 or older and want to continue meeting in a group setting with peers your age? Please join “The Decades.” Our next monthly meeting will be next Saturday, September 19, in the Upper Room from 6:30—8:30 p.m. We will have a special spiritual Guest, so don’t miss out!

This was our last brunch on Sunday after Mass to celebrate our retreat and coming together as a team. Some members are missing in this picture due to work commitments. We truly thank our OLR family for your support and prayers.
Meetings of the Evangelization (EVAC) And Stewardship (STWC) Clusters This Week

This Tuesday, September 15, we will have the first meeting of the Evangelization Cluster. It will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office First Floor Conference Room (Room 107). Each of the following organizations should send one or two representatives to this meeting:

CHI - Chinese Community
DFT - Directions for Our Times
DMM - Divine Mercy Ministry
GUA - Guadalupe Society
KOC - Knights of Columbus
LRS - Little Rock Scripture Study
OC - OLCP
OLF - Our Lady of Fatima Ministry
OLG - Our Lady's Guild
SCR - Scripture Study
SNM - Santo Niño Ministry
Renew Groups, Small Christian Communities, Comunidades de Base

This Wednesday, September 16, we will have the first meeting of the Stewardship Cluster. It will also take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office First Floor Conference Room. Each of the following organizations should send one or two representatives to this meeting:

BUL - Bulletin Stuffers
ENV - Envelope Stuffers
MAI - Maintenance
STW - Stewardship Committee
VMT - Volunteer Ministry Team

If you are the President or Chairperson of any of the above ministries or organizations, please make sure that your organization is represented at these meetings. Thank you.

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 Cabrerra, 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.

St. Anne Church Invites You To Its Parish Mission
Encountering God’s Love and Mercy, a parish mission conducted by Catholic Lay Evangelist Bill Wegner of Good News International, will be held at St. Anne Church, 32223 Cabello St. in Union City, starting on Sunday, September 20 and ending on Wednesday, September 23. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. each day. A special session will also be offered after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday through Wednesday. Everyone is welcome. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information call the Parish Office at 510.471.7766 or e-mail stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com.

Our Lady’s Guild Invites Parish Women To Become Members

As this year begins, Our Lady’s Guild, an organization with a long history in the parish, invites ladies in the parish to become members. The Guild Mission Statement provides that all the proceeds of the Guild’s fundraising activities be given to the church. Besides raising funds in support of the parish, the guild has two dinners for members each year — a Christmas Party in December and the Installation of New Officers with a dinner in June. New members are invested in the month of January. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the Dobreck Room at 7:00 p.m. Dues are $20.00 per year.

If you are interested in supporting our parish and joining a great social network of other ladies in the parish, consider membership in the Guild. Contact the Membership Chairperson, Madeline Meneze at 510.471.4744, or contact her at the Parish Office, 510.471.2609.

The Guild’s next fundraising event will be its Halloween Salad Bar Luncheon, which will take place on October 27 — read future editions of this Bulletin for more details.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK
HOSTS: Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of James and Catherine Vasaturo and John and Helen La Spina.
WINE: Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of James and Catherine Vasaturo and John and Helen La Spina.
CANDLES: Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of James and Catherine Vasaturo and John and Helen La Spina.
FLOWERS: Sponsored by Our Lady’s Guild.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
SACRIFICAL GIVING REPORT
For Sunday, September 6, 2015 — Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Plate Collection (Including EFT) .................................................. $9,855.50
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection .................................. 10,700.00
Second Collection: Priests’ Retirement ........................................ 2,410.00
Children’s Envelopes ................................................................. 35.00

Thank you for your support!!!
got tickets?

This year we are distributing our Fall Festival Raffle tickets in person rather than mailing them. So far we have passed them out to the families in our Parish School and to the parishioners attending Mass last weekend. We are also in the process of passing them out to the members of various ministries and organizations. We will also be passing them out to families in the CCD program when the classes are staged in the Parish Hall on the first day of classes.

If you did not get tickets at Mass this week or last week, and are not a member of a ministry or are a school or CCD family, please pick up a set. Each set has 25 tickets with a suggested donation of $2.00. Your selling a book brings in $50.00 to OLR. You may get a set at the Parish Office or at the blue ticket booth in front of the Church.

So far we have distributed 790 books of tickets! To those of you who have a book, please make every effort to sell your tickets to friends, family members and coworkers. If every ticket in these 790 books are sold, that means that our raffle would be bringing in $39,500.00!! Such an outcome would be a thing of wonder. It would also make our festival performance more like that of other parishes, where the raffle brings in most of the money, and the festival booths bring in a smaller portion (we have been the opposite for many years).

You can turn in the stubs of the tickets that you sell and the money you collect at the ticket booth in front of the church, at the Parish Office, or at the ticket booth at the Festival — however we would prefer that you return them to us before the Festival.

Thank you very much for your support of the Festival Raffle — by far the largest fund-raiser in our Festival — and hopefully even larger this year!

got stuff?

A few more flea market items came in this past week, but we still need a lot more donations to make our flea market a great success. With three weeks left until the festival we can still do it! Check your attics, garages, sheds, basements and storage rental units, and if you are in a “spring cleaning” kind of mood, consider our flea market as a place that will accept your stuff, if it falls within our guidelines.

We take are a wide variety of household items in good, working condition, but we cannot take electronic items, paints and chemicals, clothing and shoes, baby items (car seats, strollers and swings) and automotive products.

Items can be dropped off in front of the cargo containers near the Office after Mass, or at the Office during regular office hours.

Please call our office at 510.471.2609 if you need for us to pick up items at your home — thanks for your patience with this as we have not been able to secure someone with a truck yet to make pick-up runs.

Thank you very much for your support.

got time?

COME TO ONE OF OUR FESTIVAL MEETINGS

We have reserved two dates for General Festival Meetings. You should attend if:

- You worked the festival last year
- Plan to work the Festival this year
- Signed up to volunteer on the tables in front of the Church or through the Parish School
- If you want to learn more about the Festival and how you can help out.

The meetings are as follows:
Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings are in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendar!
Festival News

OLR Parish Festival — October 3 and 4

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This Week At O.L.R.

Tuesday, September 15
  Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  Evangelization Cluster Meeting, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16
  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.
  Stewardship Cluster Meeting, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
  Rosary, English 7:00 p.m.
  Festival General Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18
  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.
  Registration for Youth Groups and Confirmation, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19
  Rosary, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.