OCTOBER 25, 2015
Thirtieth 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

Weekday Masses
Tue.- Sat., 8:00 a.m.
Mondays — Communion Service, 8:00 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.
Deacon Dick Folger Provides Parishioners A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

Deacon Dick Folger gave the Homily at the Masses in English last weekend, and it will probably turn out to be one of his most memorable ones. He provided us a special opportunity to have our photos taken with a "special person" — photos we will cherish for the rest of our lives.

The Homily highlighted the Gospel's theme of "Make me a servant," and he used the opportunity of Pope Francis' recent trip to the U.S. to illustrate the uniqueness of our Pope in truly following the path of servanthood. When visiting the U.S., the Pope came close to the people, and many of them were taking "selfies" with him.

Deacon Dick said that just a few years ago, no one knew what a "selfie" was. He said that if you would have said that you were going to take a selfie, people perhaps would have thought that you were going to take a laxative, an Alka Seltzer or something like that.

What really "brought down the house" was when he announced that he actually arranged for Pope Francis to visit us at OLR. He then summoned the Altar Servers to assist him in bringing the Pope into the Church from the Sacristy — of course it wasn't really Pope Francis, but was a life-size cardboard-mounted photo of him. He then proceeded to take a photo of a few parishioners with "The Pope," right in front of the altar. After Mass, many took selfies and Dick took photos of other parishioners with "The Pope" in front of the Church — some of these photos appear with this article.

Selfie
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Over the years Dick, a master story teller, has had other memorable homilies. In one, he was demonstrating that only God can create life. He learned this the hard way when he was as a young child in L.A. Dick and his friend thought that if they killed his pet hamster, then they could use electricity to shock the hamster back to life - after all, this worked in the Frankenstein movies, why wouldn't it work with the hamster?

On another occasion, at a children's Mass on Christmas Eve, he had Margaret Williams, our organist, make sounds with the pedals of the organ to mimic the descent of a spacecraft, which would deliver Baby Jesus to our Earth.

Then there was the time when he was a young child when he learned right from wrong. He told of the time when he was in the toy store coveting a lead soldier to add to his collection. He proceeded to "lift the item" from the display case and slyly slip it into his back pocket. Little did he know that he was under the watchful eye of the store owner who was standing directly behind him. The man grabbed Dick's arm and pulled his hand, and the toy, out of his pocket.

And who can forget the many times that he had Jesus (better known as "Jay") visiting Union City to be right among us, getting a cup of coffee at the local McDonald's on Decoto Road? Through this series of visits we learned that Jesus can be found all around us - walking down the street, sleeping in the park, and struggling to find his next meal.

So we thank God for providing our Deacon Dick and for giving him the great talent which he has effectively used to bring us a better understanding of God, his love, and God's hope for what we are to become as his followers and servants.

Knights of Columbus To Have a Casino Bus Trip

The Knights of Columbus will be having a trip to Red Hawk Casino as a fundraiser on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:15 a.m. sharp. The bus should be back at the church around 6:30 p.m. The cost of tickets is $35.00 per person. Each person will receive either $20.00 in table play money or $15.00 for slot play. Each person will also receive a $5.00 meal credit. For more information call Solomon at 510.507.1911. He will also be selling tickets in front of the church.

Stewardship Corner
Sacrificial Giving Report

For Sunday, October 18, 2015 — Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thank you for your support!!!
Meetings of the Formation (FORC) And Finance (FINC) Clusters This Week

This Tuesday, October 27, the Formation Cluster will hold its monthly meeting 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:

- BFE - Baptism Formation, English
- BFS - Baptism Formation, Spanish
- CCD - Religious Education
- CFC - Couples for Christ
- CNF - Confirmation Team
- ECE - Engaged Couples, English
- ECS - Engaged Couples, Spanish
- FCI - Families in Christ Jesus Commun.
- MEE - Marriage Encounter, English
- MES - Marriage Encounter, Spanish
- RCI - RCIA Team
- RET - Retrouvaille Team
- SPR - SPRED Team
- XVN - Quinceañera Team
- YVO - Youth Group Team

This Wednesday, October 28, the Finance Cluster will hold its monthly meeting. 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:

- COL - Collection Counters
- FES - Festival Committee
- FIN - Finance Committee, Parish
- SFC - School Finance Committee

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

Our Volunteer Gardeners Get This Weekend Off

Since this coming Saturday is the fifth Saturday of the month, there is no gardening team for that day — so gardening work will take a break for this weekend. This will give everyone more time to prepare for trick-or-treating that evening.

Old, Worn-Out Fridge Makes Us Spend Some Cold, Hard Cash

A number of years ago (probably 20) Our Lady’s Guild purchased a double-wide commercial refrigerator for the Kitchen in the Parish Hall. In recent years, however, it has had a couple of breakdowns. The first time it broke down it cost $2,000.00 to repair, and the second repair wasn’t that expensive but it was costly enough. Right before the festival it suffered its third breakdown in the past five years. Our Hall’s broken water heater and now the refrigerator were competing for our sympathy. Having nursed the refrigerator along for a while, we thought it is time to put it to rest and purchase a new one as the cost of repairs were approaching the price of a new one. In addition, a new one would smell better and be more energy-efficient.

With the Lady’s Guild Salad Bar Luncheon taking place next Tuesday, we had to act fast as they rely on the refrigerator to keep their salads crispy. So we bought a new one — it cost just over $3,400.00.

So, it was suggested to us that we “think out of the box” and ask parish organizations who use the refrigerator, and parishioners in general, if they would warm up to the idea of donating some cold cash to help cover the cost of this expense.

If you would like to make a donation to the cause, you can place it in the collection in an envelope labeled “Refrigerator Donation,” or leave it at the Parish Office.

Thank you very much for your consideration.
THREE GROUP ONLINE SESSIONS REMAIN —
TWO ARE TODAY, ONE ON THURSDAY
Lay Ministers, Volunteers, and Members of Parish Groups:
You Must Renew Your “Safe Environment”
Continuing Education Requirement
By This Friday

During the month of October we have been reaching out to parish volunteers and members of parish organizations to ensure that all of them have refreshed their Safe Environment Training for the next three years. Safe Environment Training is required for all parish volunteers regardless of whether or not they interact with children in the course of their work.

Unfortunately, since each parish is placed on a three-year training cycle, if a parisioner became active in parish ministry in the past year or so and had taken Safe Environment Training before this July, he or she will still have to renew it now. Once renewed, the certification will be in effect for three more years.

Starting this year all training must be done online. If you are familiar with computers and have Internet access at home, you can do it at home. However, if you do not have Internet access or if you are unfamiliar with how to use a computer, we have group sessions here at OLR to help you.

If you trained online in the past, use your old user name and password and take any available adult course.

If you never took an online training, visit the site and request a username and password. Register as an adult user, select Catholic Dioceses, and then select Oakland Diocese. First time users must take course #706, Protect Children.

Once you take the course, we ask that you print out your compliance certificate and submit it to the head of your ministry or to the Parish Office.

For those who do not have a computer at home or are unfamiliar with computers . . .

THERE ARE THREE MORE GROUP SESSIONS AVAILABLE WHERE WE CAN HELP YOU.
TWO ARE TODAY!

You may come to our Parish School during the following dates and times to take the course. Multiple computers will be up and running simultaneously and a proctor will guide you through the process. These are sessions that are scheduled:

TODAY (SUNDAY)
11:00 a.m. in Spanish
1:00 p.m. in English

THIS THURSDAY, OCT. 29
7:00 p.m. in Spanish.

Be prepared to spend approximately 2 1/2 hours.

If you have not yet completed your training, please make sure that you do before this coming Friday.

Thank you very much for satisfying this requirement.
NEW INFORMATION

Starting Next Sunday
An Opportunity to Host
Our Lady of Guadalupe
In Your Home

As we have mentioned the past several weeks, the Guadalupe Society has a ministry where an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit parishioner’s homes for a week. We are reaching out to our parish families with this ministry in order to offer them an opportunity to pray the Rosary at home and better know Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The visitations will begin at the 9:45 a.m. Mass next Sunday. A special blessing will be given at the end of Mass, and a parish family will take possession of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The family will have Our Lady at home from that Sunday through Saturday. The family can invite friends, family and neighbors to visit their home and pray the Rosary with them. A guide for praying the Rosary will be provided, which includes a narrative of each apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The following Sunday the family will return the image when they attend the 9:45 Mass, and at the end of this Mass another parish family will take Our Lady home with them. This process will repeat week to week.

Even though this devotion is starting at the 9:45 a.m. Mass next Sunday, our intention is not to limit it to the parishioners who attend this Mass — this is only a starting point. People who speak both English and Spanish can take part, as the guide is bilingual. People who normally attend other Masses can participate — initially by attending the 9:45 a.m. Mass to take possession of Our Lady after the blessing, and later at other Masses as the ministry grows.

Depending on what the future holds, other similar ministries could develop at OLR.

If you would like to schedule a week for the image to reside in your home, please contact Minnie Gutierrez at 510.471.4782 or Rosa Jimenez at 510.750.9606.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CORNER

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Youth group members, disciples hard at work — brainstorming ideas for homeless project. We were approached about a serious concern in Union City and the youth quickly rallied to come up with ideas for the need in the community! God’s grace ...

Confirmation group learning about where everything is in the Sacristy.

The Youth Group is already off to an amazing start with so many of Christ’s disciples at work! Our Youth Group will be participating in National Day of Service, which will be a re-modeling project for Cesar Chavez Middle School. Look for pictures next time!

Registrations for youth group are now closed — we are sorry we missed you and hope that you can join us next year!

THE DECADES CORNER!

The Young Adults had a special visitor this past Saturday! Steve Lewis, who is the Young Adult and Evangelization Coordinator for the Diocese of Oakland paid a visit to our Decades group. He shared his vision, his amazing trip to Philadelphia and his thoughts on Young adult ministry — plus how to evangelize! It was great to have him join our group and we look forward to many opportunities through the Diocese for our Young adults.

Don’t forget — CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND — Saturday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene in Berkeley. Look for the large posters on the doors as you exit the church! Catholic Underground is a wonderful way for adoration and prayer! First Catholic Underground is featuring Amanda Vernon, who came to play here at OLR for our Sundown Praise. Calling all Young adults, its sure to be an amazing night!
Latest News on Our Thanksgiving Dinner

As we have mentioned in the Bulletin the last two weeks we will again be sponsoring our Thanksgiving Day Dinner for those who are in need, elderly or alone or have no one share this special day.

The Service Cluster (SVCC) is taking the leadership in this annual tradition, but is welcoming all of those who worked on this dinner in the past to assume their roles again.

We are reaching out to you, our parish community, for help. Below are the areas in which we need help:

1. **Cooks** — We need cooks to prepare mashed potatoes, stuffing, and corn. We need 10 cooks to prepare mashed potatoes and 10 cooks to prepare stuffing. We need 6 cooks to prepare the corn (corn will either be in cans or frozen). All food items will be provided to the cooks. Food items can be picked up in the Dobrec Room on Tuesday, November 24 starting at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Kitchen Help** — We need 12 people to help in the kitchen by plating the food.

3. **Turkey Carvers** — We need 6 people to help carve the turkeys starting at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. If you are willing to help in this way we ask that you bring your own cutting board and knife.

4. **Preparation Team** — We need a group of 4 people to be in the Parish Hall on Thanksgiving morning to receive the food that has been cooked and to keep it warm.

5. **Set Up Crew** — We will need help to set up the Hall the night before on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m.

6. **Clean Up Crew** — We will need a clean-up crew after the event. We are estimating that we will begin cleaning up at 4:00 p.m.

People have been very generous in their support of this dinner in the past. Every year the entire cost of the event has been covered by donations. We are once again accepting cash to help us with the purchase of the food items.

If you can help in areas mentioned above or desire more information, please call Martha Estrella, 510.816.6792 or email at mestrellao@aol.com.

The next planning meeting will be on Friday, November 6, 2015 in the Parish Office First Floor Conference Room.

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**Time to Set Your Clocks Back**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend**

Daylight Savings Time ends and we return to Standard Time next Sunday, November 1. When you go to bed on Saturday, October 31 (Halloween night), be sure to set your clock ONE HOUR BACK. For example, if you go to bed at 11:00 p.m. next Saturday, change your clock to 10:00 p.m. before your head hits the pillow.

**Evening Rosaries Return to Their Winter Schedules**

Effective next week, with the change in time and as winter approaches, the starting times of our evening Rosary Nights will be one hour earlier. As a result, the Rosary in Spanish will start at 5:00 p.m. while the one in English will start at 6:00 p.m.

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**SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK**

**HOSTS:** Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of William and Pauline Rudolph and James and Catherine Vasaturo

**WINE:** Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of William and Pauline Rudolph and James and Catherine Vasaturo

**CANDLES:** Sponsored by Jeanne Rudolph, in loving memory of William and Pauline Rudolph and James and Catherine Vasaturo

**FLOWERS:** Sponsored by the Linson and Garcia Families in loving memory of John and Loretta Garcia and their siblings John, Janet and Joyce Garcia

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 # ____________

Address ____________________________ 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**
It's Story Time Español

@ your library™

Stories in Spanish and Time to Play

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For Children 0-5 years of age

This Story Time is conducted entirely in Spanish. The children have 60 minutes of stories, crafts and activities.

The library is wheelchair accessible. An ASL interpreter will be provided for this program if requested at least 7 days in advance.

For assistance call the library at the number below or TDD (888)653-0660

Newark Library 6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark Phone 510-284-0675
Union City Library 34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City Phone 510-745-1464

all library programs are FREE

www.aclibrary.org
Tuesday, October 27
- **Bible Study**, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
- **Our Lady's Guild Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo**, Parish Hall, 12:00 Noon
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- **Rosary**, English 7:00 p.m.
- **Meeting of the Formation Cluster (FORC)**, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28
- **Talleres de Oración y Vida (TOV)**, Eddie Dobrec Rm, 4 – 6 p.m.
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- **7th and 8th Grade Youth Group**, Upper Room, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Meeting of the Finance Cluster (FINC)**, Office First Floor Conference Room #107, 7:00 p.m.
- **Rosary**, English 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.
- **Rosary**, English 7:00 p.m.
- **Safe Environment Online Group Session in Spanish**, Parish School, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30
- **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.
- **High School Youth Group Meeting**, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS TONIGHT**
  - *Set clocks one hour BACK before going to bed.*
- **Rosary**, Spanish, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 1
- **ALL SAINTS DAY**
- **Confirmation Group Meeting**, Church, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.