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**MSS 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.

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**NOVEMBER 22, 2015**
Thirty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**What's Inside . . .**

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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.
Nati Canales
She Has the Power To Make You Sing

Like a number of our parishioners who perform volunteer work at the parish, you might not recognize Nati Canales — however, if you attend the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, you definitely see her work — every week. Nati is the person who puts the Power Point presentations together for the 9:45 a.m. Mass. She also sits in the chair behind the computer during the Mass to advance the slides as well.

We had a number of training sessions at OLR for our volunteers who have been building the Power Point presentations, but Nati was able to build them for us with very little training. That is because she is familiar with Microsoft products in her career as a bookkeeper. Even though she might not use Power Point at her job, her familiarity with other Microsoft products caused her to become skilled at Power Point. She says that she uses it for her “personal use” — her and her son Nicholas, who incidentally is a student at Our Lady of the Rosary School, have put together Power Point presentations of family photos and they use these presentations to share their photos with other family members. They can send their “Power Point Photo Albums” by e-mail back home to their family in Peru.

Nati was born Lima Peru, and has been in the US since 1998. She came to the US to be re-united with her father who already was living and working in the United States. She met her husband, Leo, in Peru, when she went back there for one of her annual vacations, and she brought him back to the US. They have one child, Nicholas, who is 10 years old.

One reason why she decided to volunteer for this ministry as she knew how to work with the software. In addition, at Mass one day Fr. Jesus was asking for volunteers for this ministry, and she thought this would be a good fit for her as she wanted to “give back” to God and the Church for all of the blessings she has received: health, family, and good careers.

So we thank Nati for her dedication, hard work, and appreciate her talent — a talent that is for sure evident to many.

The Our Lady of the Rosary Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society — Helping Those in Need

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLR is available to help those who are in need. It runs a food pantry out of the trailer that is located near the B Street gate where food is provided to those who are going hungry or are having a difficult time making ends meet. SVDP can also either help, or offer referrals to, those with other needs related to finances, counseling, health, furniture, clothing, and other necessary living expenses.

If you need help, or know of someone who does and might be too proud to ask for it, give us a call. A parish SVDP representative is available to lend a hand and offer support any day. Call 510.706.5852. In addition, you can stop by the trailer on the following days and times:

Wednesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Thursdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Fridays, 7:00—8:00 p.m.

So if there is a need, you now know who to call. We’re here to help.

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 Dobrec Room. All are welcome.
The FESCO “Homes for the Homeless Project” Starts Next Week

FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) is a program that has been helping homeless families in Southern Alameda County since the late 1980’s. Over time the program has grown to where it now has a 24 bed shelter, a 4-unit long-term housing building and a Transitional Housing multi-unit community living center that provides services to homeless and low income families in Southern Alameda County. In 2012 OLR joined FESCO as a board member organization in support of this worthwhile program. Since our parish is a member of the board, it is responsible for participating in FESCO’s annual Shelter Shuffle walkathon. In the four years our parish has participated in the walkathon it has raised over $20,000.00 for FESCO to help homeless families. In addition, OLR is expected to conduct a second fundraising project to benefit FESCO each year — this project is our “Homes for the Homeless” project. THIS IS THE FUNDRAISER THAT WILL START IN TWO WEEKS.

In this project several hundred little cardboard boxes are colored and decorated to resemble “Little Homes” for the homeless. The decorating is done mainly by students from OLR School, the OLR Religious Education Program, the Confirmation Class and the members of the OLR Youth Groups. On the weekend after Thanksgiving (November 28 and 29) these boxes will be available at tables outside church and we will ask parishioners to take one home. During Advent parishioners are requested to make “small sacrifices” and put any money saved into their Little Home. The Little Homes are to be returned starting on the weekend after Christmas (December 26 and 27). All money collected will go to FESCO to help them provide services to needy families.

This year we are trying something new. In addition to distributing decorated boxes, we will also have undecorated boxes available. You can take one of the plain boxes if you need an additional box. You can also have some fun and use your creativity to decorate it yourself.

Last year 221 Little Homes and envelopes were returned and a total of $4,927.27 was raised and given to FESCO. This year we would like to set a goal of having 250 Little Homes returned and a total of $5,000.00 collected to help homeless families. WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN REACH THESE GOALS!

If you have questions, or if you would like to help us by passing out the Little Homes outside of the Church next weekend, please call the OLR FESCO Parish Representative, Ron Wenzler, at 510.400.9045.

A Thank You to Our Parishioners and The “Birthday Girl”

Vivianlee Tonry, a long-time parishioner who has been active in Our Lady’s Guild for a number of years, celebrated her 90th birthday at an event on Saturday, November 14. At the event, as a birthday gift, guests were asked to bring non-perishable food which would be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. A considerable amount of food was collected for the pantry, for which we are most grateful, particularly at this time of the year when the need is greater and as we begin to prepare for helping those in need at Christmas. We thank both Vivianlee’s guests who donated the food, as well as Vivianlee for offering to support the Pantry in this way. ... And by the way, Happy Birthday, Vivianlee!

Thanksgiving Mass This Thursday

Our Traditional Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated this Thursday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. It will be bi-lingual.

Remember that there are some changes this year with regards how you will present your food donations and the food and wine you want blessed for your Thanksgiving meal.

- Donations of food for those in need: place it in the containers located at the entrance of the Church.
- Bread and wine to be blessed for your Thanksgiving Meal: Before sitting in your pew, place your bread and wine to be blessed in front of the altar during Mass. After Mass you may come up to the altar to pick up your bread and wine.

There will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass that day.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Is Ready For Action: Want to Join Us for the Big Stuff?

Christmas is coming — and that means that there is a lot of work ahead for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Why? Because the OLR Conference is getting off the ground and starting its regular operations to help those in need. At the same time it is ramping up for Christmas, to help serve over 120 families in need with gifts of food, toys and clothing for the holidays. We need the help of more parishioners to assist us. If you would like to join St. Vincent de Paul, we welcome you — you can serve in a number of ways, whether it be hands on in the pantry, with administrative duties, doing home visits, sorting food, or just attending a monthly meeting and helping with planning and taking minutes. The only requirement to becoming a member is that a person must be over 18 years of age. If you can help, please call SVDP at 510.706.5852.
Parish Office To Be Closed This Thursday

The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, November 26, to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. As no one in our office shops at any Black Friday events or is planning to camp out in front of Best Buy overnight, they will be eager and willing to serve you at the Office when it reopens on Friday morning.

In the event of an emergency, please call the Parish Office number and select option 2 at the menu — you will be connected to the answering service who will find us for you.

Don’t gobble-gobble too much food on Thursday!

Meetings of the Cluster Groups Not to Take Place This Week

The meetings for the Formation (FORC) and Finance (FINC) Cluster groups were supposed to take place this week. Due to the fact that the Thanksgiving holiday is this week, these meetings will be postponed and rescheduled. Please refer to this bulletin to determine the dates to which these meetings are being moved.

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 Idá Cabrera, Adrian Martínez, Jasmine Martínez, Pat Martínez 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.

Taco Sale Next Sunday

Next Sunday after Mass there will be a taco sale to raise funds to cover the expenses incurred by the group of COR members and parish representatives who travelled to Philadelphia and Washington DC during the Pope’s visit to the United States. This trip enabled our team to prepare for our parish’s participation in activities and reflections related to the “Year of Mercy” which will commence as Advent begins next week.

Holy Spirit’s Pastor Writes a Book
Book Reading and Signing Next Saturday

Pastor, Fr. Mathew Vellankal, from Holy Spirit Church in Fremont will host a book reading and signing from his new book, “from Humor to Inspiration.” Along with the reading, Fr. Mat will be happy to answer questions about the book and the journey of writing it. This book is a great Christmas gift for family and friends for only $15.

The signing will take place next Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the De Sousa House at Holy Spirit Church, located at 37648 Fremont Blvd.

Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteer Gardeners Given This Weekend Off

Due to the fact that it will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we will be giving our volunteer gardeners the day off next Saturday, November 28.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast Saturday, December 5

Magnificat, the Servants of the Immaculata Chapter of the Oakland Diocese, invites all Catholic Women to its Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, December 5, from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive in Concord. Fr. Jerry Brown will be the speaker. He will share his inspirational journey from Episcopal priest to Catholic pastor.

Reservations by mail or on-line (visit magnificatsoti.org) must be made by November 28. These breakfasts sell out and they sell out very quickly. When registering my mail include your name, address, telephone, e-mail and a check for $28.00 per person made payable to Magnificat SOTI, and send it to Magnificat SOTI, PO Box 4626, Walnut Creek CA 94596. Reservations after November 28 will be at $35.00 per person and can only be made by phone by calling Maribel at 925.788.7762.

There is no assigned seating so it is recommended that attendees arrive by 9:00 a.m.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE BULLETIN

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
- Deliver it to the Parish Office
- E-mail it to bulletin@olrchurch.org

In order for us to track bulletin article requests efficiently, please do:

- Do not send your bulletin articles to other e-mail addresses.
- Use this e-mail address only for bulletin-related correspondence.

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

Stewardship Corner

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

For Sunday, November 15, 2015 — Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Plate Collection (Including EFT) $8,832.36
Our budgeted goal for the Plate Collection 10,700.00
Children’s Envelopes 97.60

Thank you for your support!!!
UNWRAP THE GIFT OF

God’s Mercy THIS ADVENT

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever™ Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching that will help you rediscover God’s great mercy and show that mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life.

TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP, VISIT

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CORNER

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Who are all of our hard-working, dedicated and energetic young people who are thirsting to learn more about God's love and his plan for us?

Take a peek . . .

Please keep our youth in your prayers, so that they may continue to know God's love and support of their Parish Community.
Advent Begins Next Weekend
So Does our Christmas Gift Program

Our Christmas gift program, where we collect food and Christmas gifts for those in need, will begin next week.

There are a number of changes to the program this year compared to years past.

There will be a tree in the Sanctuary starting next week as is customary on the first week of Advent, however our families are not being asked to bring food or Christmas gifts to Mass. Instead, the tree will bear a number of ornaments resembling food baskets. Each of our families will be encouraged to take one of the ornaments home — each ornament will represent a family in need. If you took an ornament off of the tree, you are being asked to purchase the items on the shopping list included with the ornament, and to bring these items (exact date will be given next week). All of the families being served will receive this food as well as gifts for Christmas, but we are not asking our parishioners to purchase the gifts — we are obtaining the gifts from other sources.

All food and gifts will be given to those in need the week before Christmas, so that things will not be so hectic at the parish right before Christmas, and so that our parishioners will be able to spend more time with their families during the holidays.

More information on this will be provided during Mass in the coming weeks.

Thanksgiving Dinner This Thursday

LEND US A HAND

Things are beginning to take shape for our Thanksgiving Dinner which will take place this Thursday — on Thanksgiving Day — at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Supplies have been purchased, Tri-Ced Community Recycling is donating all of the Turkeys (don’t worry, they’re new ones, not recycled), and the Crowne Plaza Hotel has once again graciously offered to cook them for us.

However, we still can use your help and donations. Donations are coming in a little slower than in past years. So if you want to make a cash donation, there is still time — just drop it in the Parish Office, or you can come by the dinner on Thursday to drop it off.

We also need people to cook mashed potatoes, stuffing and help set up the Hall this Wednesday night and to clean up after the event.

If you can help with any of these things please call Martha Estrella at 510.816.6792 or e-mail her at mestrella@share.com.

SO WE CAN REACH OURS OUT TO OTHERS

We want to welcome as many of our parishioners, friends and neighbors as possible to share a meal with us. This meal is truly a community gathering and sharing.

It will be an early dinner starting at 1:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. It will be a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all of the trimmings.

Many people can enjoy and benefit from this meal and we would appreciate it if you can “get the word out” and invite them to come — and come yourself.

Who might want to come?
- Those who are facing financial hardship
- Those who are not able to cook a thanksgiving meal for their family
- The elderly
- Those who are alone
- We are also sending a special invitation to those who have lost a loved one this year to join us.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK

HOSTS: Sponsored by Francisco and Yolanda Garcia, in loving memory of Jesus and Carmen Mendez, Jose and Rosa Garcia, Chema and Olivia Sevilla and Richard Martinez

CANDLES: Sponsored by Francisco and Yolanda Garcia, in loving memory of Jesus and Carmen Mendez, Jose and Rosa Garcia, Chema and Olivia Sevilla and Richard Martinez

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 _____________________________ Envelope/Acct. # _________
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.”)

* 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, November 24
   Bible Study, English, home of Olive Riley-Stewart, 10:00 a.m.
   Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
   Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25
   Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
   Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26
   THANKSGIVING DAY
      Parish Office Closed
      Mass, Bi-lingual, 10:00 a.m.

      Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need, alone, elderly, and ... everyone else, Parish Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, November 27
   Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.
   Dinner for those in need, Eddie Dobrec Room, 6:00 p.m.
   Spanish Choir Practice, Church, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 28
   Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29
   Taco Sale, to help pay for expenses for COR members and Parishioners who attended events in Washington DC and Philadelphia during the Pope’s US visit