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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.
The Thanksgiving Feast Brings People Together for Both Service and Fellowship
By: Donald Marquez

When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. (Luke 14:12-14)

And with those words in mind, Our Lady of the Rosary held its sixth annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Parish Hall. This year the invitation was not only for the hungry, the poor, and the lonely, but for any “individuals and families that would like to share a meal with others.”

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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. SVP 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:

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

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK’S MASSES

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Thanksgiving — Continued from previous page

There are many hands that make a meal of this magnitude possible.

The turkeys are donated by Richard Valle and Tri-CED Community Recycling, and are prepared by the staff at Crowne Plaza in Union City (this year stuffing was included!).

All other donations of talent, time, and treasure come directly from parish volunteers, some of whom trade in their Thanksgiving family gatherings to spend the day with a much larger family.

Fifteen turkeys are delivered to Crowne Plaza on the Monday night before the event, picked up early Thursday morning, and delivered to a room connected to the hall where dinner is served. There a staff is waiting to carve up the turkeys, while others prepare salads in large bowls.

The side dishes of mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, and (more) stuffing are cooked by volunteers who pick up the ingredients on Tuesday night, and then drop them off to other volunteers on Thanksgiving morning whose role is to keep the food warm until serving begins at 1:00 p.m.

On the evening before the dinner, the tables and chairs are set up restaurant-style, and the hall is decorated in Thanksgiving array to properly set the mood. Side tables are lined with water, sodas, and coffee.

At about 12:45, the kitchen servers take their places at the table where trays of carved up turkeys and side dishes await the first customers. Outside the kitchen, waiters receive directions on how to properly greet and seat their guests.

Father Jesus gave the blessing, reminding us the importance of being present to our brothers and sisters, and that they should be treated with the dignity that is deserving of a child of God.

At 1:00 p.m. the first guests were greeted with smiles before being seated and served a turkey plate with all the fixings, followed by a slice of pumpkin pie. Many of them left with a to-go container filled with more holiday goodness.

About 100 guests were served. They came for a hot meal and left with warm memories. Throughout the afternoon, Father Jesus and his parishioners sat and chatted with members of the community who may never be able to “repay” the hospitality they received on this day.

As they broke bread together, the privileged and the impoverished, it became difficult to distinguish between the two. After all, privilege and poverty come in many forms, and there is a little of both in all of us.

And as the famous hymn reminds us, in the end, we are all of one Bread and one Body.

Thank you to all who participated!

New Expanded Schedule For the Parish Office

In last week’s Bulletin we reported that our Parish Office hours have been expanded to serve you better. We are mentioning it again here in case you were not in town last weekend and did not get a copy of the Bulletin.

The new schedule of the Parish Office is as follows (it’s easy to remember):

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

To help us cover the hours, we are adding a second person to the office staff: Carmen Chavez. The e-mail addresses for both Carmen Chavez and Donna Ramos now appear on the cover of the Bulletin.

Schedules for Lay Ministers Now Available

Attention Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The ministry schedule for December 8, 2015 through March 13, 2016 is now available in the sacristy of the church and in the Parish Office. It is also up on the parish website at www.olchurch.org

Brochure in the Center Of this Bulletin
As Advent Begins, So Does the Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the next twelve months as “The Year of Mercy.” During the coming year, we are asked to be merciful as God is merciful, and to see God in all of our brothers and sisters, particularly in those who are facing difficult circumstances or are on the fringes of society.

Our parish will be hosting a number of events where we can study more deeply how we can bring the Pope’s vision of mercy to reality and will incorporate prayer and acts of mercy in its various meetings and activities.

In addition, the Diocese is planning a number of events to celebrate this jubilee year. The brochure that is included in the center of this Bulletin contains a schedule of events in the Diocese and in our area during this year of jubilee, as well as a message from Bishop Barber, a prayer of Pope Francis, and websites with resources offering more information or showing how you can become involved.
A Holy Day of Obligation
This Tuesday
Is the Solemnity of
The Immaculate
Conception

This Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated bi-lingually at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Parish Clusters and Most Committees
Taking a Rest
For the Remainder
Of the Year

Since we are all very busy during this time of the year and as we want our parishioners to enjoy all of the activities they are having with their families and take part in other parish activities as well (e.g. Las Posadas), we will not be having any meetings of the Cluster Groups for the remainder of this month. The Cluster meeting schedule will resume on Tuesday, January 6. Most parish organizations and committees are also not having any of their meetings until January — If you are not sure, check with your President or the head of your group.

A Word of “Thanks”
To Our Volunteer
Church Cleaners

This week we would like to acknowledge cleaning Team I, which will be cleaning our Church this Tuesday and Friday at 4:00 p.m. This team is comprised of the members of the Knights of Columbus. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

This Saturday . . .
Join Us for the Celebration
Of the Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe takes place THIS SATURDAY, December 12.
These are the events that will take place that day:
5:00 a.m.- Mañanitas and Rosary
8:00 a.m.- Mass in English
2:00 p.m.- Mass in Spanish, followed by entertainment in the Hall.
Everyone is invited to join us!

A “Thank You” for
Our Beautiful “Advent Tree”

We would like to thank Tom Mederos for donating the very beautiful tree that adorns our Sanctuary. He has been donating a large tree to us for a countless number of years. He does this in loving memory of his parents, Earl and Florence Mederos, and his brothers Larry Mederos and Earl Mederos Jr. Tom owns Tom’s Flower Stop and runs Tom’s Christmas Trees, which is located at the corner of Mission Blvd. and Tamarack Drive between the Abe gasoline retailer and the cemetery. He has a large selection of trees to choose from. When you visit his lot to purchase your tree, be sure to thank him for his gift to our parish.

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Fundraising Gift Cards
And Religious Articles
Sold Every Weekend
From Now Until Christmas

To make it convenient for you to make your Christmas purchases, we will be selling fundraising gift cards and religious articles every weekend from December 6 through December 20. We will be in front of the Church unless it is jolly cold or wet - if these are indeed the conditions of the day you will find us in the little room on the side of the main vestibule.

Remember that gift cards make great gifts, but they are much more than that. Consider buying gift cards for those stores that you will shop at this Christmas season, and use them as cash to make your purchases.

Please see the listing of gift cards that we have available for various stores and businesses included in this Bulletin.

A Choir is a First Step . . .
Join Us As We Develop
Our Music Ministry

We are starting to develop our Music Ministry at our Masses in English. This work will not take place overnight, but will be done in small steps over a period of many months.

We need to find a starting point, and it was decided at a recent meeting that developing a choir or choirs would be a good place to start. We would like to “grow” the existing choirs we have at the 5:00, 8:15 and 11:30 Masses, and then have the ability to bring their members together to form one larger choir for Holy Days and special celebrations.

Since Christmas is just around the corner, we would like to grow our choirs as soon as possible.

So, if you would like to join us in song, please contact us and let us know. When we have a number of new volunteers, we will hold a meeting and then start holding practices. Don’t be shy — be proud and feel good that you are enhancing our worship experience.

Please contact Dave Capelli at 510.471.6693 — remember, the sooner the better!!

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**Stewardship Corner**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

*For Thursday, November 26, 2015*

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Thank you for your support!!
Our Lady of the Rosary Church
GIFT CARDS WE SELL TO RAISE FUNDS

HOW DO WE RAISE FUNDS SELLING GIFT CARDS?
Our church purchases gift cards for a variety of stores, restaurants, and other retailers at a discount. When you buy gift cards from us, you purchase them at face value, and then you spend them at face value - there is no extra cost to you when you participate in this program. The difference between the price we pay for a card and its face value is what we earn.

GIFT CARDS THAT WE HAVE IN STOCK AT ALL TIMES

SUPERMARKETS
99 Ranch Market $25, $100 (49)
Lucky / Food Maxx / Save Mart $25, $50, $100 (29)
Marina Food $10 (59)
Raley's / Nob Hill $25, $50, $100 (49)
Safeway / Pak 'n Save / VONS $25, $50, $100 (49)
Smart & Final / Extra $25, $50, $100 (29)
Sprouts Farmer's Market $25, $50, $100 (49)
Whole Foods Market $25, $100 (23)

RESTAURANTS
Applebee's $25, $50 (69)
Burger King $10 (39)
Chevy's $25 (69)
Chili's/Macaroni Grille On the Border/Magianos $25, $50 (99)
Chipotle Mexican Food $10 (59)
Claim Jumper $25, $100 (99)
Cold Stone Creamery $10 (69)
Denny's $10 (69)
IHOP $10, $25 (88)
Jack in the Box $10 (39)
Jamba Juice $10 (69)
KFC Kentucky Fried Chicken $5 (79)
McDonald's $5, $10 (109)
Mimi's Cafe $25 (88)
Outback Steakhouse/Carrabba's $25 (39)
PF Chang's $25 (59)
Panera Bread $5, $10, $25 (79)
Peet's Coffee and Tea $20 (69)
Pizza Hut $5, $10 (79)
Red Lobster / Olive Garden $25 (79)
Rose Garden $10, $25 (209)
Starbucks Coffee $10, $25 (59)
Subway $10, $50 (29)
TCI Friday's $25 (99)
Texas Roadhouse $25 (89)
Wendy's $10 (39)

GAS AND AUTOMOTIVE
ARCO $50, $100, $250 (19)
Chevron $50 (19)
Shell Oil $25, $50, $100 (159)
76 Gas $25, $100 (19)

OTHER STORES
Ace Hardware (Dale Hardware) $25, $100 (49)
Amazon.com $10, $25, $100 (29)
Bath & Body Works $10, $25 (119)
Bed Bath & Beyond $25, $100 (69)
Best Buy $25, $100, $250 (29)
Burlington Coat Factory $25 (89)
CVS/Pharmacy $10, $25, $100 (59)
Cineplex Theatres (Cinemark) $9.50 (108)
The Gap / Old Navy Banana Republic $25, $100 (79)
The Home Depot $25, $100 (29)
iTunes $15, $25 (39)
Jo-Anne Fabrics $25 (69)
Lowe's Home Improvement $25, $100, $500, $1000 (39)
Michaels $25 (49)
Payless ShoeSource $20 (139)
Regal Theaters (IMAX) / Edwards $10, $25 (89)
Rite Aid $25 (49)
See's Candy $18.50 (29)
Sports Authority $25 (69)
Supercuts $25, $100 (88)
Toys 'R Us / Babies 'R Us $20, $100 (19)
Walgreen's $25, $100 (49)

DEPARTMENT STORES
K-Mart $25, $50 (49)
Kohl's Department Store $25, $100 (39)
Macy's $25, $100 (109)
JC Penney $10, $25, $100 (59)
Ross Dress for Less $25 (89)
Sears $25, $100, $250 (39)
TJ Maxx / Marshalls / Homegoods $25 (68)
Target $10, $25, $50, $100 (159)
Wal-Mart / Sam's Club $10, $25, $100, $250 (159)
* Larger amounts also available by order

STORES WITH ELECTRONIC SCRIP
The following stores have electronic scrip programs:
- LUCKY / FOOD MAXX / SAVE MART (S.H.A.R.E.S. Card)
These programs have no cost to the participant. See us after Mass or at the Parish Office for assistance in enrolling.

GIFT CARDS THAT WE CAN ORDER FOR YOU. There are so many gift cards available we cannot afford to stock them all. Read the list below carefully. If you ever wish to purchase gift cards for any of these merchants, let us know and we will order it for you. It takes less than a week for us to order it, and we will call you when it comes in. For more details on the gift cards for these merchants, visit our website at www.olrchurch.org. If anyone tells you that they would purchase any of these gift cards on a regular basis, we would be willing to stock it – let us know. AMC Theatres, AT&T Prepaid Card, Arby's, Auto Zone, AVIS, Baja Fresh, Best Western Hotels, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Black Angus, Bloomingdale's, Boston Market, Brooks Bros, Budget Car Rental, Build-a-Bear Workshop, California Pizza Kitchen, Carl's Jr., Carnival Cruises, Carrows, Casual Male, Champs Sports, Cheesecake Factory, The Children's Place, Circle K, Claire's, Clarion Hotels, Cogo's, Comfort Inn/Suites, Container Store, Cracker Barrel, Crate & Barrel, Dave & Busters, Del Taco, Dell Computer, Dillard's, Disney, Dress Barn, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, EB Games, Econo Lodge, Eddie Bauer, El Pollo Loco, Electronics Boutique, Express, Exxon, Fairmont Hotels, Foot Locker, GNC, GameStop, Golfsmith, Great Clips, Gymboree, Hallmark, Hard Rock Café, Harry & David, Honeymated Ham, Hyatt Hotels, J. Crew, J. Jill, Jiffy Lube, LL Bean, Land's End, Lane Bryant, Limited, Lion Food Center, Little Caesar's Pizza, Marriott Hotels (Courtyard/Fairfield/Renaissance/Residence Inn/Spring Hill/Towne Place), Men's Wearhouse, Mobil, Motherhood Maternity, Neiman Marcus, Office Depot, Office Max, Omaha Steaks, Overstock.com, Papa John's, Pep Boys, Petsmart, Pier 1, Pottery Barn, Quality Inn, REI Sporting Goods, Radio Shack, Red Robin, Regis Haircare, Restoration Hardware, Ritz Carlton Hotels, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Sally Beauty Supply, Sephora, Six Flags, Sleep Inn, Staples, Sunglass Hut, Sweet Tomatoes/Soup Plantation, Talbot's, Ulta Salon, United Artists Theatres, Williams Sonoma... AND MORE! You may purchase gift cards after Mass or at the Parish Office. Phone us to special order or email us at admin@olrchurch.org

12/02/2015
A Big “Thank You” to the Fremont Bank Foundation

For the last two years the Fremont Bank Foundation has been a major supporter of our Christmas food and gift program for those in need. This year, the bank is granting us the same support that it has in the past:

$5,000.00.

This gift is very much appreciated, and will enable us to serve the over 120 families that we expect to help this Christmas. A large portion of this gift will be used to purchase the “centerpiece” of the food baskets that our parishioners are putting together — the hams. In addition, it will help us to purchase any additional food that we need, as well as the gift cards that families will receive to purchase clothing, toiletries or toys, depending on their need.

Our Lady of the Rosary Church and our St. Vincent de Paul Society very much appreciates this generous gift. A number of other local non-profits serving those in need are receiving grants from the Fremont Bank Foundation to help them with their holiday food and gift programs. These grants range in size from $1,000.00 to $5,000.00.

Once again, “Thank you very much!” Fremont Bank and the Fremont Bank Foundation for your support.

A “Thank You” From the “Thanksgiving Dinner People

The committee that is in charge of putting on the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner would like to thank the many volunteers and donors who made this event a reality. We consider ourselves blessed, as this event is funded by donations of goods and services from individuals and businesses. It costs just over $1,000.00 to hold this event, and it seems that, each year, in the end, enough donors come forward to cover the cost. This year is no exception.

There were a number of cash donations, many in the hundreds of dollars. We are most appreciative of these as they help us buy food and supplies and pay for items we need obtain from a party rental store. In addition, there are a couple of local businesses we want to recognize. They are:

Richard Valle and Tri-Ced Community Recycling, for donating 17 turkeys.
The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Union City, for cooking the turkeys and preparing the stuffing.

We would like to also thank the numerous volunteers who cooked food before the dinner, others who went on shopping trips, and others who came early in the morning on Thanksgiving Day to carve the turkeys.

The parish youth once again took an active role in this event by setting up the tables and chairs in the Hall the day before the event, and for filling the role of servers during the dinner.

We hope that this meal made Thanksgiving Day special for those who wanted to share a meal with others.

We too have a lot to be thankful for, as we have the support of many people both in our parish and community who all work together to make this event possible.
The FESCO “Homes for the Homeless Project” Has Begun, Continues through Advent

The OLR FESCO “Homes for the Homeless” project going on now.

Remember to make small sacrifices and put money you save in your Little Houses to aid the homeless. This week, maybe you can do one or more of the following.

1. Give up treats during advent & put the money saved into your Little House.
2. Make a contract with your children that every time they do chores or homework without being asked — then put a donation in the Little House for them.
3. Take your family to a fast food restaurant instead of a fancier restaurant and donate the savings to your Little House.
4. At the end of each day in Advent put the change left in your pockets into your Little House.

The Little Houses are to be returned to church after Christmas starting on the weekend of December 26 and 27. For those who did not get a little house last week or need another one, you can obtain any which remain from the Parish Office starting on Monday, December 7.

If you have any question call Ron Wenzler, the OLR FESCO Parish Representative, at 510.400.9045.

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CORNER

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

The Diocese of Oakland is putting on its first diocese-wide Theology on Tap. Intended for young adults, ages 21-39, this is your opportunity to enjoy a drink with Bishop Michael, while listening to his talk on the effect of Pope Francis on the Church in America. Don't miss it!

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THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
Office of Young Adults and Evangelization

Invites you to
THEOLOGY ON TAP
Friday, December 11, 7:30 p.m.
Eight Bridges Brewery, 332 Earhart Way, Livermore

The Challenge of Pope Francis

When Pope Francis visited the USA earlier this year, he left us full of joy . . . and facing many challenges. He made a particularly impassioned call on young people to face these challenges. He wanted us to cast off the "throw-away culture," to live the Joy of the Gospel, and to reject the fear of making commitments and starting families that the world tries to instill in us.

Bishop Michael C. Barber, a Jesuit just like Francis, wants to start a discussion about how Pope Francis is changing the American Church and how we are responding to him. Bring your opinions on Pope Francis, living as a Christian, and the challenge of being a faithful young person in the USA.

Many young people, in the context of this culture of discouragement, have yielded to a form of unconscious acquiescence. They are afraid, deep down, paralyzed before the beautiful, noble and truly necessary challenges.

-POPE FRANCIS
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 11TH
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

AN EVENT FOR CATHOLICS 21-39

"THE EFFECT OF POPE FRANCIS ON THE CHURCH IN AMERICA"
WITH BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.

FIRST 25 PEOPLE
GET A FREE BEER!

LIGHT BRIDGES BREWERY
332 LARBART WAY
LIVERMORE, CA

FOR MORE INFORMATION
STEVEN LEWIS
njewin@oakhollow.org
WWW.OAKHOLLOW.ORG
Most Current Information on Our Christmas Gift Program for Those in Need

Our Christmas gift program, where we collect food and Christmas gifts for those in need, is now underway. Now that it has begun, we have all of the details that you need to know.

This year we ask that you do not bring food or gifts with you to Mass.

What we are doing instead?
Last weekend we placed basket-shaped ornaments on the Advent Tree, and asked each family to take one. Each ornament represents a family in need. On the back of each ornament you will find a list of various food items. When these items are purchased, they will form a food basket that will provide a memorable breakfast and Christmas dinner for a family in need (the parish will purchase the centerpiece of the Christmas dinner, a ham).

Not all Masses Had Ornaments: Now What?
Unfortunately, at the 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Masses the ornaments were not replenished and there were no ornaments left to take — if you did not get one last weekend, take one in the coming weeks or contact the Parish Office.

When to bring your basket to Church
As the instructions included on the ornament indicate, your filled food basket, decorated for Christmas, should be delivered to the Parish Hall before you attend Mass on Saturday, December 19 and Sunday, December 20. Be sure to buy perishable food (such as dinner rolls) as late as possible, and keep cold items refrigerated until you are ready to bring your basket to the Church.

What about toys, clothes or other gifts?
Rather than have our parishioners provide Christmas gifts for our families in need as in years past (such as clothing and toys) we are doing two things. One of these is that we are providing each family with a $25.00 WalMart gift card. This will allow the family to choose what it needs most and when it comes to clothing, there will be no “mis-match” in terms of size. The other thing we are doing is seeking out organizations or groups that can donate toys to our program or can hold a toy drive.

The members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society and other parishioners will distribute the food and gifts to families in the afternoon on December 20.

We thank you very much for helping the members in our community who are in need so that they may have a brighter Christmas.

Are You in Need, Or Know Someone Who Is?

Some people are struggling to “make ends meet.” As often is the case, those who are most in need are the ones who find it most difficult to ask for help.

We hope that this will not be the case this Christmas season, for you or your friends. If you are having a hard time and could benefit from the food or gifts we are providing this Christmas, let us know. In addition, if you know of someone else who might not want to ask for help, call us and give us their contact information.

Need a little help this Christmas or know someone who does. Call the Parish Office at 510.471.2609.

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**SPONSORSHIPS FOR THE WEEK**

**HOSTS:** Sponsored by Martha Estrella, in loving memory of Solomon and Esperanza Estrella

**WINE:** Sponsored by Martha Estrella, in loving memory of Solomon and Esperanza Estrella

**CANDLES:** Sponsored by Martha Estrella, in loving memory of Solomon and Esperanza Estrella

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/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.")

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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**
Tuesday, December 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holyday of Obligation

Mass to be celebrated (bi-lingual) at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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, December 9

Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group, Upper Room, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10

Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Rosary, English 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 11

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.

High School Youth Group Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5:00 a.m. – Mañanitas and Rosary
8:00 a.m. – Mass in English
2:00 p.m. – Mass in Spanish, followed by entertainment in the Hall

Rosary, Spanish, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13

Confirmation Group Meeting, Church, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.