

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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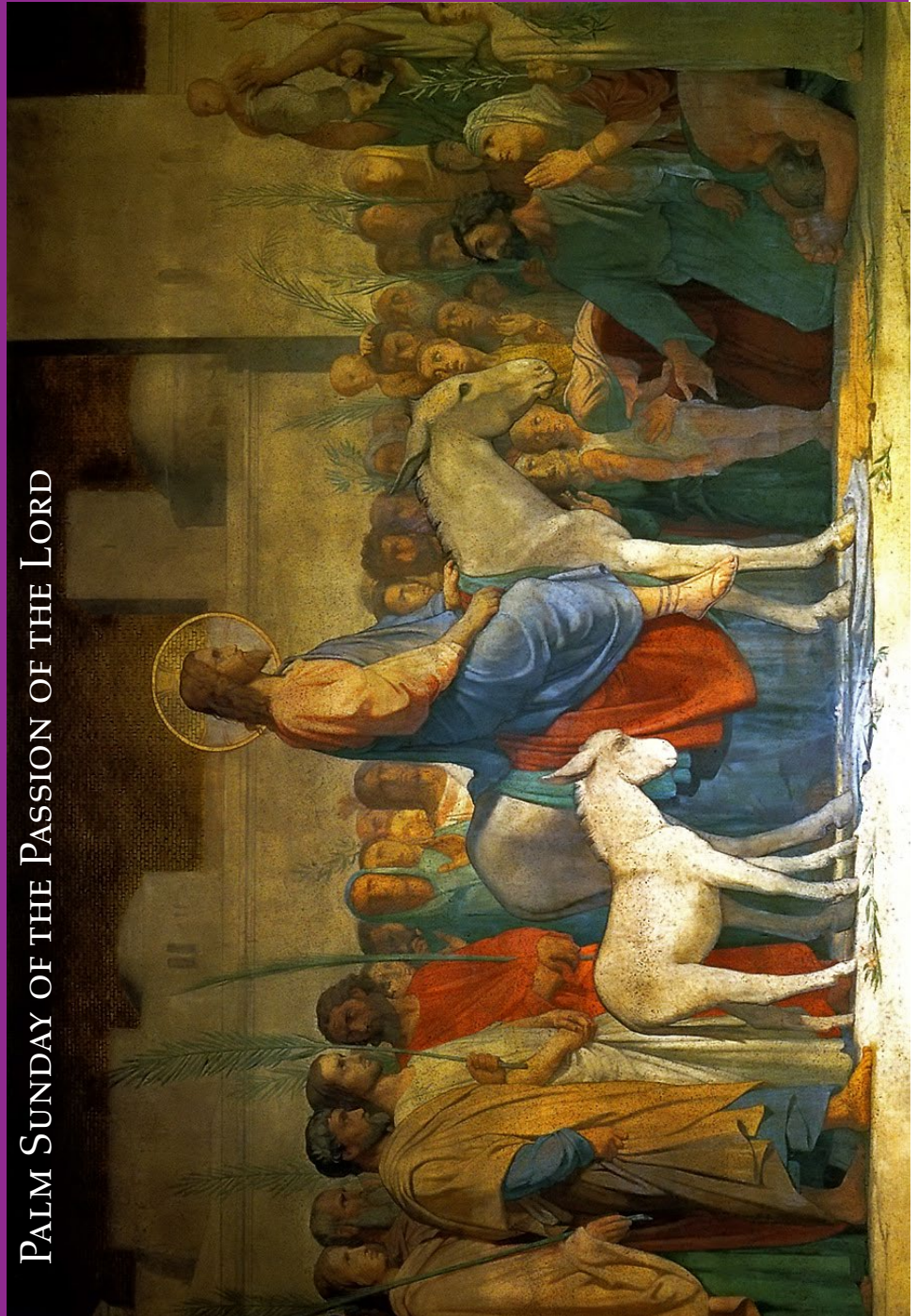


**March 20, 2016**

### *Our Lady of the Rosary Mission Statement*

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, are a pilgrim church. Under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we grow as a people of God following Jesus, celebrating the Eucharist, living apostolic service, continuing faith formation and Marian devotions. We strive to bring the joy of the gospel and imitate Jesus through compassion, mercy and love, especially for the poor and marginalized. We seek to be faithful stewards providing a heart and home for all.

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD





Pope Francis

## We Welcome All Visitors to Our Celebration

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Catholics, for our non-Catholic guests you are welcome to join the line to walk towards the priest or deacon to receive a special blessing: Simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Bishop Robert McElroy  
Diocese of San Diego

## Masses for the Week of March 20, 2016

### Date for Mass request

### Requested by

#### Saturday March 19

7:30 am **Perpetual Membership**

12:00 pm **Souls in Purgatory**

5:30 pm **Mike Fiorentino †**

Anna Fiorentino & Family

#### Sunday March 20

7:30 am **People of the Parish**

9:00 am **Andrew DeMaria †**

Anna DeMaria

10:30 am **Laura Leal †**

Manno Family

12:00 pm **Onofrio & Ignazia Pecoraro †**

Pete & Lisa Principato

#### Monday March 21

7:30 am **Frank Crivello †**

Franco Damato

12:00 pm **Lilian Taylor †**

Jeanne M. Auger

**Dolores Falatyn**

Lynn Mishky

#### Tuesday March 22

7:30 am **Perpetual Membership**

12:00 pm **Carthy Bygland †**

Norma & Gabriel Michel

**Mark Jeong †**

Hermisa

#### Wednesday March 23

7:30 am **John Pecoraro †**

Evelyn Itammock

**Laura Massa †**

Dorothy & Nino Zizzo

12:00 pm **Frank Falatyn †**

Lynn Mishky

**Crisanto Mangaliag †**

Mananzan & Macapagal Families

### **No Intentions during the Triduum and Easter Saturday.**

Our Mass Calendar fills rapidly and the current wait is eight to 10 months. If you hope to have a Mass celebrated on a special date, please plan ahead.

Our Lady of The Rosary Church is a Hearing Loop equipped building to aid in hearing.



## Pastor's Corner

Palm Sunday leads us to remember the triumphant entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem. He is ***"the king who comes in the name of the Lord"*** who arrives in their midst. He is a king who chooses the simplicity of riding on a borrowed colt ***"which no one has ever sat"*** - a sign of purity.

So let us strive to be like the colt beginning this Palm Sunday and for the rest of our lives so that Jesus can ride on our simple and pure heart. Let us allow him to triumphantly enter into our life.

Amen.

## Prayer Intentions

We are listing the names of those who are sick, and need prayers.

### Remember in your prayers

George Hogan, Gary Dozila, Pat Land, Gregory Simon and Mark Cruz.

To submit a name of a relative or friend, you may call the office with the name, or send an e-mail to [parish@olrsd.org](mailto:parish@olrsd.org). Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless otherwise requested.

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**A big thank you to the Maria Madonna del Paradiso Society for hosting Supper & Stations. The shrimp lasagna was amazing and everyone enjoyed themselves and stayed for a while. This year's profits are designated to help Fr. Joe's Villages.**

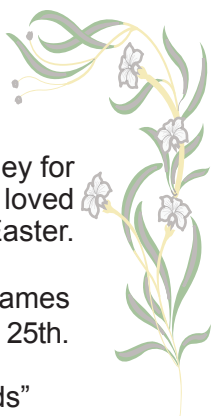


### ALTAR SOCIETY EASTER LILY DONATIONS \$15 each

We are accepting donations of money for Easter Lilies in honor or memory of loved ones to be placed on the altars for Easter.

Please turn in or mail money and names into the OLR Office by Friday, March 25th.

"God Bless the work of our hands"



### Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Visit Our Lady's Gift Store for books and devotionals about the Divine Mercy.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Celebrate with us Jesus' merciful love in the Eucharist, on the Cross, and in His Glorious Resurrection

#### Holy Thursday - March 24

##### **Confessions**

11:00 am - 12 noon

##### **Mass of the Lord's Supper at**

7:30 pm

##### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till**

10:00 pm

#### Good Friday - March 25 - Day of Fast and Abstinence

##### **Confessions**

11:00 am - 12 noon

##### **Stations of the Cross**

12 noon

##### **Confessions**

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

##### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Cross**

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

#### Holy Saturday - March 26

##### **Confessions**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

##### **Celebration of the Easter Vigil**

7:30 pm

#### Easter Sunday - March 27

##### **Masses in Main Church**

7:30am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,

12 noon (*Italian*), 6:00 pm

##### **Overflow Mass in Church Hall**

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 noon (*English*)

**Easter Duty:** All Catholics must receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season ending on Trinity Sunday, May 22nd, 2016.

**Confessions:** OLR Priests are always available for confessions especially before services.

**Easter Baskets:** We ask the children to bring their Easter Baskets to Church on Easter Sunday and we will be happy to bless them at every Mass.



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### Saturday, April 30th - Socieity of Maria Stantissima Laurentana Dinner.

Mostaccioli and Homemade Sausage Dinner (Salad and Dessert included). Come for a delicious Italian meal. Door opens at 4:00 pm and closes at 9:00 pm. Price for adults is \$15 and \$6 for children. Tickets are sold at the door. Prepare to have an authentic Italian meal.

### Friday, May 20th - ICF Dinner

ICF invites you to their dinner that includes Maria's delicious lasagna, garden salad, Italian bread, dessert, coffee and tea, wine and beverages. Social starts at 6:00 pm and dinner begins at 6:30 pm. Price is \$12 per person. Brief ICF forum follows dinner that gives a quick overview of their work. Reservations required. RSVP with Del Centanni (619) 313-3142.

## Igniting the Spirit

I won't dare question God why I undergo trials and challenges because I never question Him when I experience joy and victory.



## Downtown Ultreya

### Today at OLR

All Cursillistas are welcome and are encouraged to bring a guest.

Join us Sunday, March 20th here at Our Lady of the Rosary, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for fellowship, Worship and song. Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 pm - please bring a dish/dessert/drink to share, if possible.

## Readings for the Week

**Sun** LK 19:28-40; IS 50:4-7; PHIL 2:6-11;  
LK 22:14--23:56

**Mon** IS 49:1-6; JN 12:1-11

**Tues** IS 49:1-6; JN 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wed** IS 50:4-9a; MT 26:14-25

**Thurs** Chrism Mass IS 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, RV 1:5-8/  
LK 4:16-21. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
EX 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/JN 13:1-15

**Fri** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)  
IS 52:13--53:12; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; JN 18:1--19:42

**Sat** Easter Vigil GN 1:1--2:2 or :1, 26-31a; GN 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; EX 14:15--15:1; IS 54:5-14; IS 55:1-11; BAR 3:9-15, 32--4:4; EZ 36:16-17a, 18-28; ROM 6:3-11; LK 24:1-12

**Next Sun** ACTS 10:34a, 37-43; COL 3:1-4 or 1 COR 5:6b-8; JN 20:1-9, or LK 24:1-12 or at an afternoon or evening Mass, LK 24:13-35

## BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

We may never know exactly what happened on the first Palm Sunday. Since this is so, let us first look at the Jewish background and of the symbolism found in the gospels. Then we shall consider the particular emphasis of the Scripture lessons today in the light of the "Paschal Mystery."

At the time of Jesus, observant Jews believed that the Messiah would be a triumphant person whom the Lord would send to deliver Israel. He would destroy the Lord's enemies, establish his perpetual kingdom with capital in Jerusalem, bring perfect justice and peace, put an end to all disease and suffering and death. And at his coming, the dead would rise to share in the glory of his kingdom. They imagined that the Messiah would come across the Mount of Olives, cross the Kidron Valley, enter Jerusalem by the beautiful gate, and take possession of the temple and of the city.

Palms do not grow naturally in Jerusalem (whose elevation is 2,700 feet). The "city of palms" is Jericho, fifteen miles from Jerusalem and at an elevation of 850 feet below sea level! Palms were used in the most glorious of Jewish festivals, Succoth (Tabernacles or Booths). Succoth was the thanksgiving festival for the full harvest. Some of the prophets had spoken of the "ingathering of the Gentiles" as part of the final harvest.

From Maccabean times, palms had been associated with independence and nationalism. They were a symbol of Israel's freedom from foreign domination. We should note here that only John's gospel speaks of palms, in the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem; the other gospels simply say "branches."

Very likely John intends to conjure up the symbolism both of Succoth (absolute joy and thanksgiving with overtones of Gentiles,) and also the new independence of spiritual Israel. Jesus enters the city on a donkey. In ancient times, when a ruler wished to enter a city in peace, he entered without army and without military display, and seated on a donkey.

In Matthew, Mark, and John, the people cry out "Hosanna!". The word was used as an acclamation, but its real meaning is "Save us, now!". Very likely this is an allusion to the hope that Jesus will be the mighty messianic deliverer. He was and is but in an entirely different sense.

Sunday six days before Jesus is crucified. The other gospels imply that there was a longer period of time between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the Passion narrative.

John, of course, wants to emphasize what our liturgy emphasizes; the paradox and irony, acclamation and crucifixion, messiah who is defeated by death, glorification which comes through degradation. This is the agonizing mystery of this day.

The paradox is summed up in those many statements of Jesus; for example, The last shall be first...He who humbles himself will be exalted...Unless the seed falls to the ground and dies, it shall not live...If anyone would follow me, he must take up his cross. This week, we celebrate and renew and live this great mystery of the Lord's glorification.

Our first reading is the third of the Suffering Servant Songs in Isaiah. In the original context, probably Israel is the "Suffering Servant". Israel was to be the leaven of righteousness for the world, constantly put down and man-handled, but providing the world with knowledge of the all-loving God.

Jesus was designated as the Suffering Servant in his baptism. He took to himself all the agony and suffering and sin of the world. Now he will nail it all to the cross, and, through his resurrection, heal all. The primitive Church used the Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah to explain a real problem: How could Jesus be Messiah (a glorious figure) if he was defeated by death? The answer: Jesus is not only Messiah (by resurrection), but he fulfills the role of personified Israel as Suffering Servant of the Lord.

The Responsorial Psalm 22 echoes this Suffering Servant theme: "They have pierced my hands and feet...they divide my garments and cast lots for my clothing..." It should not be lost on us that we are called to share in the role of Jesus, Suffering Servant. We are to fill up in our bodies what is lacking in his sufferings (Colossians 1:24). We must carry our cross joyfully if we would share in his crown of victory.

Many scholars believe that the second reading was an ancient hymn long before Paul incorporated it into his epistle to the Philippians. The hymn proclaims the divinity of Jesus and his exaltation through suffering. Christ Jesus was in the form (*morphe*) of God, but did not cling to the glory of divinity; rather, he emptied himself.



The Greek is “*ekenosen*,” which means “he made himself as nothing” or “he became nothing”. He took the form (*morphe*) of a slave and became humbler yet: accepting death on a cross. Crucifixion was the worst possible suffering and degradation. It was so horrible that Roman law forbade the crucifixion of any Roman citizen, whatever he might have done.

Because of his humility and emptying, God exalted him and gave him the name (personhood, glory) above every other. At Jesus’ name every knee should bend and tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord! This proclamation is probably the oldest creed in the Church.

The Passion according to Luke has some incidents and details which are not found in the other gospels. Recall that Luke is the gospel of mercy and of delicateness. Only Luke has the meeting of Jesus with the women of Jerusalem on his way to crucifixion. Only Luke has one of the thieves ask (and receive) entrance into Jesus’ kingdom.

Only in Luke do we find Jesus asking the Father to forgive those who are crucifying him “for they know not what they do”. Only Luke has the deliberate act of the sacrifice of Jesus, saying “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”. Luke omits the agonizing cry of Jesus, “My God, why have you forsaken me?”.

Our celebration, like the real events, is filled with paradox and irony. The Mass is celebrated in red vestments. Red was the ancient festive color; but it is also the color of blood. With festive vestments, our Gospel nevertheless is the Passion according to Luke.

We begin the liturgy with the palm procession; it is supposed to be a joyful acclamation of Christ as our King. Yet the lessons of Mass speak of his suffering and death.

The paschal mystery of death and resurrection is a mystery. John’s gospel uses the expression “glory”. Jesus enters his glory through death and resurrection. But the glory includes both! It is not merely the question of having to suffer and then being rewarded with resurrection. Glory is in both.

That is most difficult for us to comprehend. But dying to self is real resurrection. Our lives must always seek to reflect this mystery. Daily we die to self in order to live to Christ. The very dying to self is the living in Christ. Too often we tend to emphasize either one or the other aspect of the paschal mystery. If we emphasize suffering and death, then we shall probably appear to be rather gloomy people.

All too often when we speak of “offering it up,” we really mean, deep down, that we can’t do anything

else, so we just as well “offer”. But the real sharing in the mystery is to offer willingly, joyfully, affirming God’s reign over our lives.

On the other hand, some people emphasize only the resurrection. They don’t want to hear about, talk about, and certainly not experience suffering or setback or dying to self. Their religion must always be on a “high” with no cross but only a crown. That, too, is unrealistic. Somehow, in faith, our lives must encompass and share both aspects of the paschal mystery at once. Today’s celebration charges us to do this.

This week, let us reflect on the readings and psalm of today’s Mass. And daily let us seek to put into effect in our lives a complete sharing in the paschal mystery of the Lord.

### Some Pastoral Notes

Good processions are difficult. The singing seems to break down because of the length of the procession. And people in front can’t hear the people in back and vice versa.

Perhaps one solution would be to station our choir members strategically through the procession, have them listen to each other, and then lead their particular section of the procession. Another help would be for the cantor or director to use a bull horn (or other means of amplification) in order to lead the singing. An important ingredient will be the use of simple hymns or refrains in which people will want to participate.

Before the celebration, we need to make sure that our Ushers are well trained. They will need to distribute the palms before the celebration begins. (People hold them high for the blessing). Ushers will also need to station themselves strategically in church. People will tend to fill the back pews first or they will tend to go to their “favorite pew”. Ushers need to direct everyone to fill up the front pews first; they need to guard against the filling of the “favorite” or the last pews.

Very likely, most places will use the, three part division of the Passion. This is fine if lectors are well trained. If not, it will fall flat. Further, there needs to be “lead” voices in the congregation for the people’s parts. There is nothing to dampen the effectiveness of the Passion than to have half-hearted and weak responses of the people.



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### Mass Schedule

**Daily** (Monday - Saturday): 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm  
(12:00 pm in Italian on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month)

**Holy Days:** 7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday,** Gregorian Chant Latin Mass: 4:00 pm

### Devotions

**Sacred Heart:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 7:30 am

**Blessed Mother:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 7:30 am

**Mother of Perpetual Help:** Tuesday at 7:30 pm

**Goretti Mass & Devotions:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 6:30 pm

**St. Padre Pio:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

### Sacraments

**Baptism** ~ For registered parishioners. Parents and godparents must attend a Baptism class, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the Month, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Baptisms are done on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Register online.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** ~

Saturdays 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm,

Weekdays 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

30 minutes prior to each Mass (approach the altar and ask the priest).

**Matrimony** ~ Notice is required nine months in advance and before any other arrangements are made (i.e. hall rental, invitation printing, etc). Contact the office.

**Eucharist for the Homebound/Sick** ~ Contact the office to schedule receipt of Eucharist at home.

**CCD/Children's Faith Formation:** K - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Classes are held Sundays, 9 - 11 AM.

First Holy Communion is 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.

Confirmation is 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

(Please consult Pastor about special circumstances.)

**R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** ~

Instructions for Adults desiring to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist meet Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Downstairs Hall from *September to Pentecost*

### Pastor

**Fr. Joseph M. Tabigue, C.R.S.P.**

### Associate Pastors

**Fr. Louis M. Solcia, C.R.S.P.**

**Fr. Albino M. Vecina, C.R.S.P.**

### Deacon

**Stephen O'Riordan** ~ [deaconstephen@olrsd.org](mailto:deaconstephen@olrsd.org)

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(Contact for weddings and baptisms.)

### Business Manager

**Bill Smirniotis** ~ [william@olrsd.org](mailto:william@olrsd.org)

### Parish Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone: (619) 234-4820 ~ Fax: (619) 234-3559

**For bulletin announcements, accounting, Mass requests, funerals, or general information:**

Call the office or email [parish@olrsd.org](mailto:parish@olrsd.org)

### To Register as a Parishioner

The easiest way is to go to our website and fill out the form found in the "Contact Us" tab. You may also copy the form and mail it to the office at 1629 Columbia St., San Diego 92101.

[www.olrsd.org/contact-us/parishioner-registration](http://www.olrsd.org/contact-us/parishioner-registration)



### Our Lady's Gifts

Located in the  
Pastoral Center building.  
Enter from parking lot.

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

**(619) 234-0162 ~ [shop@olrsd.org](mailto:shop@olrsd.org)**

### Please, Come to Church Dressed Appropriately!

To be modestly and tastefully dressed is a sign of respect for God, for our selves, and for others. It's a false assumption that God does not care how we dress. Jesus told us, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do it to me." If our attire is indecently provocative (short shorts, strapless, backless, spaghetti strap dresses/tops, or displaying cleavage), displaying unwholesome graphics (skulls, advertisements, scantily clad people) or tattered, it becomes offensive to our brothers and sisters who are worshipping the Lord and therefore offensive to God's Majesty. Ask this question: "Would you dress this way before God?" You are! He sees everything and you are in His house.