Velcome to Our Lady of the Rosary Church Italian National Catholic Parish



1668 State St., San Diego, 92101 • Phone (619) 234-4820 • www.olrsd.org • parish@olrsd.org

August 21, 2016

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

Mass Times

Daily (Monday - Saturday)

7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil

5:30 pm

Sunday

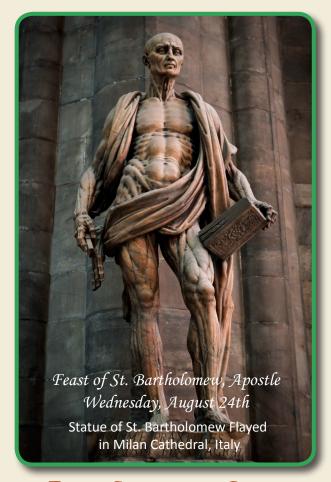
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Italian Mass First Sunday 12:00 pm

Holy Days

7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

2nd Sunday



Gregorian Chant Latin Mass 4:00 pm TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



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.



Masses for the Week of August 21, 2016

<u>Date for Mass request</u> <u>Requested by</u>

Saturday August 20

5:30 pm Andrew DeMaria † John & Rose Cefalu

Sunday August 21

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Francesco Crivello † Salvatore & Susan LoCoco 10:30 am Cathy Bygland Norma & Gabriel Michel

12:00 pm Madonna del Paradiso

Monday August 22

7:30 am Joseph Tarantino Sr. His Wife

12:00 pm Rose Giacalone † Family

Jack McManus † Mr. & Mrs Gaddi

Tuesday August 23

7:30 am Terri DeBellis The Office

12:00 pm Stefano LoCoco † Suli Crivello & Family 12:00 pm Lorraine Nelson † Andrea Rainero

Wednesday August 24

7:30 am Sam DiNatale Tina Farce & Family

12:00 pm Jack, Lily, and Frank Tarantino Doug, Joann & Nick Pecoraro

12:00 pm Sara Sabatini Bruno & Gilda & Joe

Mario Sanfilippo † Sanfilippo Family

Thursday August 25

7:30 am Peter Piconi Piconi Family
12:00 pm Matina Shiappara † Francesca Sciuto
12:00 pm Giovanna Brunetto Spencer Brunetto

Friday August 26

7:30 am George Lemus † Sherry Thurston
12:00 pm Angelo Scardina † Giordano Family
12:00 pm Antoinette Guidi † Angie Crisci

Saturday August 27

7:30 am Perpetual Membership

12:00 pm Andrew DeMaria † John & Rose Cefalu 5:30 pm Rosella and William Gallo † Jane and Marilyn Park

Sunday August 28

7:30 am Frank Crivello † Frank & Anna Zizzo

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Sam & Kathleen Navarra Massa & Navarra Family

12:00 pm Francesco Crivello † Rosanna, Vince & Nicky Battaglia

Pastor's Corner

People experience unexpected tragedies in life. It could be that one is a passenger on a ship and in the middle of the ocean something happens. Maybe the ship is burning, or sinking or tossed by big waves. The most common wish of all on the ship would be to escape tragedy. Salvation from this tragedy is what they would want. Nobody would want to die at that moment.

The Liturgy of the word this Sunday also wishes and wants salvation for us from the tragedy of eternal damnation. In our Gospel this Sunday Jesus passes through towns and villages teaching spiritual matters for salvation as he makes his way to Jerusalem. In our first reading God comes to gather nations of every language so that they shall come and see his glory. And because of his love he also disciplines those whom he treats as his children as the second reading would remind us.

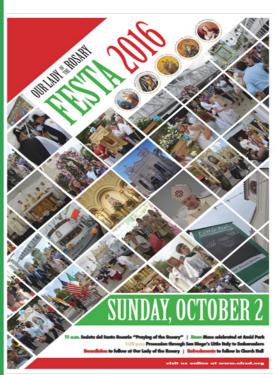
So, if we want to achieve the Salvation offered to us by God, then, let us strive to enter the narrow gate, by enduring our journey in life towards perfection and holiness and not making ourselves become evildoers in the sight of God. Otherwise he will say to us "depart from me, all you evildoers; I do not know where you are from."

Prayer Intentions

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

Remember in your prayers

Maria Tollefson, Amelia Cassady, Diane House, Jason Williamson



Festa 2016 is Coming!!!

Festa 2016 will be on October 2, 2016. This is one of the best annual events at our parish. This year, Bishop McElroy will celebrate Mass in Amici Park.

Each year our expenses increase for this event. So this year we our asking for benefactors to underwrite various costs related to the event. These benefactors will be acknowledged in the program, or you may remain anonymous.

Below are the opportunities. If you are interested, contact Father Joe or Bill Smirniotis, the Business Manager, to discuss your interest. Any portion of an opportunity will also be appreciated.

Festa 2016 Opportunities

Amici Park Tent (Five Donors)	\$1,000 each
Worship Aids/Programs	\$1,000
High School Bands (One Donor left)	\$500 each
two received	
Sound Systems	\$750
Safety Equipment	\$250
Golf Cart for Father Louis	\$200
Festa Supporters (Unlimited Donors)	\$100 each

Welcome to New Parishioners

Rebecca Irene Lopez
Jonathan Havlicek
Peter Nguyen
Jerett Boskovich
Tony Greco
Jorge Velderram
Maggie Vandura
Ann Balas
Sarah Donaldson

Religious Education (CCD)

Sign-Up is Now Open

If you have not yet registered your children for CCD, time is running out. You may pick up a form at the parish center, on the tables in the back of church, or you may register, and pay online.

To register online go to www.olrsd.org, you will find a block on the home page with the sign links, or use the "Catholic Faith" drop down menu to "Faith Formation". When completing your online registration, you will have the option to pay for the registration.

Summer Meeting for all Religious Formation Ministries

There will be an important meeting for all our CCD, Confirmation, Parish Youth Ministry and RCIA staff, to prepare for the reopening of our Faith Formation Program. Father Joe will be the meetings facilitator.

Please make every effort to be present for this important meeting set for the following date:

Monday, August 22nd, 6:30 p.m. OLR Pastoral Center – (Padre Pio Room) Refreshments will be served.

OLR RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Instructions for Adults desiring to receive the
Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/
or Holy Eucharist begin Tuesday, September
13th, in the Lower Church Hall at
7 PM, and meets every Tuesday from that day
on (excluding holidays).
For more information please contact
Bill Basile at (858) 245-6103.

CALENDAR



Sunday August 21 - Annual OLR BBQ Annual OLR BBQ for the ministers of the church at 4:00 pm in the lower church hall.

Monday August 22 - KofC General Meeting Meets in the upper church hall at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday August 24 - Bible Study (Cancelled)
Bible study class is cancelled for August 24th.

Thursday August 25 - Baptism Class

Baptism class begins at 6:30 pm and is conducted by Deacon Stephen O'Riordan. The class meets in the Pastoral Center of OLR.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FATHER JOE'S VILLAGE LUNCHEON: Father Joe's Village Ladies Guild cordially invites you to attend our annual MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON on Monday, September 12th, at 11:00 a.m. at All Hallows Catholic Church at 6602 La Jolla Scenic Drive La Jolla, CA. Parking Is Provided.

Join us at our Membership Luncheon and find out more information about volunteering with our Ladies Guild to assist the children at Father Joe's Village. Special Guest Speaker will be President and CEO of Father Joe's Village, Deacon Jim Vargas. Free gift baskets to win. Our Ladies Guild is a group of terrific women who really care about bringing some happiness to children that find themselves in living conditions not of their own making. As Father Joe says, "It is for the children." Hope you will join us. For more information, contact Janet Salus at 858-483-7911 or jsbolts@san.rr.com no later than September 5, 2016. 2016 SCRC CATHOLIC

RENEWAL CONVENTION: The 45th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day Weekend, September 2 - 4, 2016 at the Anaheim Convention Center & Day Arena. This year's theme is: "Merciful and Gracious is the Lord". Over 50 Catholic Speakers & 70 Presentations! Spiritually enriching for all ages! For brochure/info, contact 818-771- 1361 or email spirit@scrc.org. For online information and registration visit www.scrc.org.

Bishop Makes Recommendations on State Ballot Measures

SAN DIEGO — Bishop Robert W. McElroy on July 14 issued the following statement about Props. 62 and 66, which deal with the state's death penalty:

This fall, voters in California will be asked to decide on two propositions regarding the death penalty. Proposition 62, which would eliminate the death penalty in California, and Proposition 66, which would expedite the death penalty process and make it easier to carry out executions.

The Catholic Bishops of California are strongly united in opposing the death penalty and are urging voters to join us in supporting Proposition 62 and opposing Proposition 66.

I am proud to lend my voice to this effort.

State-sponsored killing perpetuates the very cycle of violence that it professes to end. It applies the ultimate sanction of death in a manner that is racially and economically biased. Most chillingly of all, in recent years, more than 100 individuals on death row in the United States have been released from prison because they were innocent of the crime for which they were convicted; thus, even here in America, the death penalty inevitably brings with it the reality of killing innocent people.

It is for these reasons that Pope Francis has called upon the world to recognize that the death penalty "is an offense against the inviolability of life and the dignity of the human person which contradicts God's plan for man and society. ... It does not render justice to the victims but rather fosters vengeance."

For us as Catholics, there could be few greater contradictions to God's mercy than to have California reaffirm or even increase the use of the death penalty in this Year of Mercy. It is essential that we, as a society, follow the counsel of Pope Francis to guarantee vigorously the security of our citizens, but to do so in a manner designed to foster respect for human life rather than to undercut it.

In November, as we come to the end of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, I urge Californians to embrace both justice and mercy to support Prop. 62 and oppose Prop. 66.

The Southern Cross

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's liturgy presents a glory and a challenge. The glory is that the Church is "Catholic." It is universal. It is intended for all peoples of all times and of all places. The challenge for us is that we must make it so! Recall the pictures of the bishops of the world gathered at the Second Vatican Council. They were from every nation, race, and people. And they were from every "rite." We tend to think that "Catholic" is co-extensive with our "Roman Rite." It is not; it includes all those in twenty-two different rites of the Church.

In this small diocese, we are currently aided by the services of priests from Burma, and Sisters from India and Korea. Among our diocesan priests are many from Ireland, some from the Philippines, Venezuela, Mexico, Vietnam, and all parts of the United States. It is probably the same in your diocese.

No other organization, secular or religious, can claim to be universal except the Catholic Church. Some might say that the United Nations shows universality. Not so. The United Nations has representatives from all over the globe, but they are not united. In the Catholic Church there is unity in faith and morals and structure. Catholics may differ greatly in their politics, but there is basic unity in our belief. Take for example, a pastor of a small town in which a school bond issue was being debated. The debate was fierce between those who wanted to build a new high school, those who wanted to remodel the old one, and those who wanted to do nothing. There was the usual recrimination and demonizing of the opposition.

At one Saturday Vigil Mass, by chance (or Providence), his altar servers (father and son) were the leaders of the "pro bond issue." his lector and Eucharistic Minister were the leaders of the "anti-bond issue." It could happen only in the Catholic Church! It is the same today. We have liberals and conservatives; we have those who take "The Wanderer" as gospel and those whose Scripture is the "National Catholic Reporter." Universality or catholicity is one of the great glories of the Catholic Church. But it is also one of our challenges. If we are called to be Catholic, then we must support each other and seek reconciliation with each other. We must stop sniping and demonizing, and seek what we hold and cherish in common.

But the challenge is also greater: If Christ intended his Church for all people of all times and all places, what are we doing to proclaim him? How have we tried to spread the message of Jesus Christ to all people everywhere? Before we preach further, let us look at today's Scriptures.

The first reading is taken from the last chapter of Isaiah. This section comes from the time immediately after the release of the Jews from captivity at Babylon, i.e. after 532 B.C. The Jews were expecting the coming of the Messiah and a "golden age." That golden age would somehow include even the Gentiles! The strange names given in today's reading come from Genesis 10, the "Table of Nations."

The "Table of Nations" was a popular (but, unscientific) explanation of the relationship of all peoples of the earth who were descended from Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The descendants of Shem, of course, are the Semites; the Hebrews, the Chosen People. Tarshish is the son of Javan. Javan, Tubal, and Mosoch (Meschech) are the sons of Japheth. Put and Lud are descendants of Ham. Thus the names given in the reading represent all the peoples of the world. By the time this section of Isaiah was written, very likely the names also represented geographical areas, i.e. the whole world.

The reading means that all the peoples of the world will be gathered into one when the Messiah comes. All will worship the one true God. The reading concludes with the startling statement that many of these will be priests and levites. (In Judaism, only those descended from Aaron and from the tribe of Levi could be priests').

The Responsorial Psalm echoes this universal spirit: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!" Not only are we called to be catholic in our outlook; we are called to do something about it Proclaim the Good

News throughout the world so that what God intends will be accomplished!

In its original context, the gospel selection probably refers to the final cataclysm or upheaval which was expected just before the glorious triumph of the Messiah. It would be a terrible time; the horrors are given in the "eschatalogical" sermon of Jesus in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, Everyone prayed to be delivered (or "saved") from that ordeal of suffering. Thus the question of the apostles, "Are many going to be saved" does not refer to eternal salvation. Rather, it refers to salvation from the ordeal of suffering of the final cataclysm. (Incidentally, this is what the final petition of the Lord's Prayer refers to: "Deliver us from evil" in its original context meant the evil of the expected apocalyptic cataclysm.)

Jesus avoids answering the question. He simply tells them to enter through the narrow gate. The image is of a city protected by its wall. The devastating armies of the enemy (in the final onslaught) are approaching. Everyone outside the city hurries to get inside the city through the main gate before the gate is closed. But there is such a rush of people that this is impossible.

In such circumstances, a shrewd person would go around the wall to find a small, narrow gate. This gate has not been used, and is, probably rusted shut. But the shrewd person puts his shoulder to it; with all his might he struggles to open it and get inside.

This is the meaning of "strive to enter." It means "put all your strength and effort into it." Thus the context is much stronger than the rather weak "travel by the less traveled way" found in some translations.

Although this is the original context, by the time Luke wrote his gospel, the message had developed. In the gospel context, it probably does refer to eternal salvation. The Lord calls on us to use all our ingenuity and all our strength toward our eternal goal. And part of that ingenuity and strength is pointed toward universality!

We must seek with all our power to "make the Church catholic" — with an upper case and a lower case initial letter! If God wills the salvation

of all people of all times and all places in the Catholic Church, then we cannot be satisfied until all people hear the Good News.

The second reading (the continuous reading) does not fit the other two Scripture periscopes. But in the context of our obligation to struggle with all our might for the salvation of the entire world, we may see an accommodated meaning: Discipline is hard, but it is the only way to accomplish anything. We must keep struggling, always enduring our suffering, trials, and setbacks as our share in the discipline of God. We shall develop strength as we continue to push against the stuck door.

To sum up, today we emphasize the universality of the Church. How do we participate in the universal mission of the Church? How many of our neighbors have we invited to Mass? How many have we invited to the faith? Do we even care that the Lord wants all people to be Catholic? What kind of example do we give to others? Are we conscious that we are called to be light for the whole world? Let us struggle to be universal in our outlook and in our work

Sacrificial Giving for August 14



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

GBALDIS

Italian Bread FRANK'S BAKERY 3555 India St., B

urch) 296-0245

Filippis Pizza Grotto **FAMOUS FOODS**

SINCE 1950

(619) 232-5094 1747 INDIA STREET

ESTATE LIQUIDATORS Antiques • Coins • Jewelry Buy & Sell at Great Prices CALL (619) 283-7139 Jim/Martha Cardinale Hill **Parishioners**

3538 University Ave. BBB



LITTLE ITALY'S FIRST & FINEST 1704 INDIA STREET

Dominic Giordano

Contractor Lic#: C53-713305

Office: 619.286.0009 Cell: 619.857.3999

8626 Siesta Rd., Santee CA 92071 WWW.PARADISECUSTOMPOOLS.COM

Assentiš Pasta

HOMEMADE
RAVIOLI • TORTELLINI • GNOCCHI • FETTUCCINE
RETAIL / WHOLESALE • DELICATESSEN
2044 India Street • San Diego
210/2020 5117 619/239-5117

Catholic Cruises and Tours

Brian or Sally, coordinators 860.399.1785 an Official Travel Agency of Apostleship of the Sea-USA www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

MONA LISA

Italian Restaurant & Delicatessen

Ouality Italian
Food Products
Open Sundays

 $234-1927 \\ 239-5367$

San Diego, CA 92101

ONE PARISH

An App For Catholics GROW **YOUR FAITH Download TODAY** Download on the App Store Google play

ONEPARISH.COM Parish Info • Donate • Daily Faith

wings in Chings.

For a location nearest you visit www.wingsnthings.com

international hair, skin care & nail designers Nicholas & Marc-Anthony Bongiovanni

CUSTOM POOLS

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE

PUSH TALK 24/7 HELP

\$19.95*/Mo. + 1 FREE MONTH

➤ No Long-Term Contracts

➤ Price Guarantee ➤ American Made

TOLL FREE: 1-877-801-8608





Rei do Gado"

All You Can Eat Brazilian Steak House •20 kinds of premium meats ·Salad bar and Seafood bar Private/Banquet Room

·Live entertainment every night

939 Fourth Ave., San Diego CA 92101 619-702-8464



www.reidogado.net

FRANK STELLA, CPA

TAXES, ACCOUNTING, TRUST & ESTATE TAXATION AND COUNSULTING

2635 Camino Del Rio South, Ste 211

San Diego, CA 92108 (619) 280-7076 - Office (619) 293-0807 - Fax

E-MAIL: fstella@juno.com

patio Sanfilippo's Food

Fine Italian Cuisine & Pizza

2949 5th Avenue, San Diego



Bob Stivers Shell & Auto Service Center Brakes, Tune-Up, Oil Change,

Tires, Battery, Etc Jamin Henry Auto Technician 1011 A Street San Diego, CA 92101 **619-232-2906**

Consider Remembering

Your Parish in Your Will.

\$10 Free Gas With Any Paid Auto Service: One coupon per customer, per visit

619.280.0101 Burials • Cremation • Pre Planning For a Special Offer Use Promo Code:

SAN DIEGO FUNERAL SERVICE FD 1964

AN EXCLUSIVE FULL SERVICE MORTUARY Jerry Balistreri Funeral Director 2911

Peter LoCoco • Billy Gigante

Bulletins

ACCREDITED A+ Sign Up Today

affire out

for Faith, Friendship, & Love

♥ CatholicSingles.com / SoCal

TAX AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES For the Family, Businesses and Estates



Your Most Trusted Advisor Since 1996

Italian Speaking Commercialista Available for Consultation

Specializing in Restaurants, Retail, **Dentists and Physicians**

6265 Greenwich Drive, Ste. 210 | San Diego, CA. 92122 Office: 858-623-0336 www.tommasino-cpa.com Brian@Tommasino-cpa.com

uzura Center Dr. Suite 702, Hazard Cente (619) 574–7895 VENETIAN

ITALIAN RESTAURANT Voltaire St. 223-8197 Parishioner



CatholicMatch[®] California

CatholicMatch.com/myCA

619-299-6080 www.sanfilippos.net Jojo Giordano realtor®



BERKSHIRE **HATHAWAY HomeServices**

1221 Rosecrans St., San Diego, CA 92106

619-995-5252 JoJoGiordano@cox.net

an independently owned and operated member of Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.





FOREIGN & DOMESTIC AUTO REPAIR

1125 Morena Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110 Complete Auto Repairs 619-276-3263

www.morenaautomotive.com Look us up on Yelp Tulio C. Torrinello Sr. - Owner

FINDaPARISH.com

Book your Baptism, Communion

& Confirmation Events. bucadibeppo.com

Check It Out Today!

The Most Complete **Online National** Directory of

di BEPPO



Catholic Parishes

LIFE WELL CELEBRATED" ⊱

MERKLEY MITCHELL

MORTUARY

SAN DIEGO

3655 5TH AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92103

619-295-2177 MerkleyMitchellMortuarySD.com FD119

BEARDSLEY-MITCHELL

FUNERAL HOME

SAN DIEGO

1818 SUNSET CLIFFS BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 619-223-8100

BeardsleyMitchell.com FD816

www.jspaluch.com

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).

Devotions

Sacred Heart Devotion

1st Friday at 7:30 am

Blessed Mother Devotion

1st Saturday at 7:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Goretti Mass & Devotion

1st Friday at 6:30 pm

St. Padre Pio Devotion

1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Baptism

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

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 - 7th Grade Classes are held Sundays, 9 – 11 AM. First Holy Communion is 1st and 2nd grades Confirmation is 8th and 9th 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.

Parish Office: 1629 Columbia St., San Diego 92101 Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Phone: (619) 234-4820 ~ Fax: (619) 234-3559

Pastor

Fr. Joseph M. Tabigue, C.R.S.P. josephcrsp@olrsd.org

Associate Pastors Fr. Louis M. Solcia, C.R.S.P. Fr. Albino M. Vecina, C.R.S.P. padreal@olrsd.org

Deacon

Stephen O'Riordan deaconstephen@olrsd.org

Business Manager Bill Smirniotis william@olrsd.org

For bulletin announcements, accounting, Mass requests, funerals, or general information: Call the office or email 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 <u>New to OLR</u> tab. You may also copy the form and mail it to the office at 1629 Columbia St., San Diego 92101.

Readings for the Week of August 21, 2016

Sunday: IS 66:18-21; HEB 12:5-7, 11-13; LK 13:22-30

Monday: 2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12; MT 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 THES 2:1-3a, 14-17; MT 23:23-26

Wednesday: RV 21:9b-14, JN 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 COR 1:1-9; MT 24:42-51

Friday: 1 COR 1:17-25; MT 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 COR 1:26-31; MT 25:14-30

Next Sunday: SIR: 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; HEB 12:18-

19; 22-24a; LK 14:1, 7-14

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, scantly 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.