

Welcome to Our Lady of the Rosary Church

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May 8, 2016

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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



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.



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 May 8, 2016

Date for Mass request

Requested by

Saturday May 7

7:30 am *Perpetual Membership*

12:00 pm *Societa del Santo Rosario*

5:30 pm *Andrew DeMaria †*

Ann DeMaria

Sunday May 8

7:30 am *Intentions of Deacon Stephen O'Riordan* Vickie O'Riordan

9:00 am *People of the parish
Mothers Day Novena*

10:30 am *Matilda Vattuone †*

Carolann Calabria

12:00 pm *Nilsa Calabria †*

Barbara Calabria

4:00 pm *Fr. Steven Grancini †*

Paul Franco

Monday May 9

7:30 am *Mothers Day Novena
Jorge DelRosario †*

Delacruz & Bautista Family

12:00 pm *Ma Hong †*

Paul Franco

12:00 pm *Mary Ros †*

Michael & Mary Ford

Tuesday May 10

7:30 am *Mothers Day Novena
Joseph D'Acquisto †*

Rosalie Tarantino

12:00 pm *Dick Prior †*

John Hiegel

Antoinette Guidi †

Joe & Tina Principato

Wednesday May 11

7:30 am *Mothers Day Novena
Francesco Crivello †*

Pat & Cathy LoCoco

12:00 pm *Louisa Czaplá †*

Paul Franco

Mary Ros †

Thursday May 12

7:30 am *Mothers Day Novena
Francesco Crivello †*

Angelo Storniolo

12:00 pm *Laura & Maria Jimenez †*

Ernst Jimenez

Ida Russo †

Eunice Ventura

Friday May 13

7:30 am *Mothers Day Novena
Regina Caputo Welsh †* Mr. & Mrs. Christina Busalacchi

12:00 pm *Joseph O'Connor †* George & Ellen O'Connor

Steve Brunetto †

Antonina Giarratano and Family

Saturday May 14

7:30 am *Mothers Day Novena
Perpetual Membership*

12:00 pm *Leslie Paoluccio †*

Lori Lopez

5:30 pm *Anthony Michael Sanfilippo †*

Deacon Stephen &
Vickie O'Riordan

Pastor's Corner

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heaven assures us that we can now have access to the Father in heaven. Jesus is not only our savior, but he is also our own mediator to the Father. He will bring all our needs and prayers to the Father in heaven. In him we become adopted children of the Father, therefore Jesus is also our own brother who will mediate for us to our Father.

That is why in our prayers we always conclude in the words "***we ask this, or grant this through Christ our Lord***" because he is there sitting at the right hand of the Father. Also, it is not the nature of the Father to disappoint His only begotten Son, and it is also not the nature of the Son to disappoint his beloved brothers and sisters who are his disciples.

So let us rejoice and be glad that our brother and mediator is now ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of "***our Father in Heaven***". Amen

Sanctuary Candle Memorial



Our Lady of the Rosary is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the church. Two types of candles are available. First, the red sanctuary lamps are available to be lit for a week, with a donation of \$75. The second are the altar candles for a Mass, with a donation of \$15.

The intentions will be placed in the weekly bulletin, and a special card is available at the parish office.

**Please remember our recently
deceased in your prayers.**

Mary Balistreri, Thomas Gibaldi,
Mary Golar, Fred Hill,
Martina Chiappara

St. Charles Borromeo Academy (SCBA) Open House is Thursday, May 12th, 5:30 to 7pm. Join us for light refreshments and student led tours. [RSVP online](#) today. SCBA is also offering summer camps with daycare. Kindergarten readiness, art and science camps are available. **You do not need to be enrolled at SCBA to participate!** Visit us: SaintCharlesAcademy.com, learn more at vimeo.com/SCBASanDiego or call (619) 223-8271.



Below is the thank you letter from Father Joe's Village, for our donation of the profits from Supper and Stations of the Cross.

Father Joe's Villages

To Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,

Thank you for Our Lady of the Rosary Church's generous donation to help Father Joe's Villages render life-changing services to our neighbors in need. This generous gift will help us inspire and support our neighbors who are homeless.

This Spring marks the end of my first year at Father Joe's Villages. I am still impressed every day by the success stories that come from The Villages. Recently I have found inspiration in Terry's story. Like so many of our clients, Terry came to us with mental health issues that were preventing her from finishing school. At Father Joe's Villages, Terry received the counseling and medical care which have enabled her to manage her depression. She now rents an apartment, has found a source of income and frequently talks about the bonds she is forming with her neighbors, something she once found impossible.

Terry is an inspiration. Her success story is yours to share as well. We would not be able to provide her with the resources she needs to turn her life around without your generosity. Thank you for your contribution to our mission.

Yours in God's service of our neighbors in need,
Deacon Jim

Happy Mothers' Day



Father Joe, Father Louis, Father Albino, and Deacon Stephen would like to wish all our Mothers a Happy and Blessed Mothers' Day.

Our Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors Saturday, May 14

Join others at OLR on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in El Centro to pass through its "Holy Doors".

Time: Meet at 8:00 am in front of the OLR Church. The bus will depart from the front of the church promptly at 8:30 am.

Cost is \$38. Mail check to 1629 Columbia St. San Diego, CA 92101 made payable to Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Write "pilgrimage" in the memo line, or pay online at www.olrsd.org.

To confirm, email: parish@olrsd.org asap. For more information call Patricia Kaszas at (619) 408-5298 or email her at pjkaszas@cox.net.

OLR Photo Directory

Photo appointments continue this week. Due to the demand, two additional dates have been added. Every family that is photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait, and a copy of the directory at no cost.

- No cost to parishioners to be photographed.
- Sessions will take place May 10th thru May 14th.
- Just added: June 2nd and 3rd.
- Sign up is available on our website.

Volunteers are needed for check-in on photo days, any amount of time is appreciated. Call Bill Smirniotis, Business Manager at (619) 248-4820.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 10 - RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets in the church hall at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, May 11 - Bible Study

Bible study class meets to study the Life of Jesus with Fr. Louis Solcia. The class meets in the upper church hall at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 12 - Baptism Class

The Baptism class will be at 6:30 PM in the St. Gianna Room of the Pastoral Center.

Thursday, May 12 - Marriage Encounter

Will meet in the Padre Pio room of the Pastoral Center from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Thursday, May 12 - Mercy Class

Meets on Thursdays in the upper church hall at 6:30 pm.

Friday, May 13 - Mazara Meeting

Meets in the lower church hall at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, May 14 - Holy Door Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Joe Tabigue and others on a pilgrimage to pass through the Holy Doors of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in El Centro. See bulletin announcement on page 3 for more information.

Saturday, May 14 - Fishmongers Event

The Sons of Fishmongers meet in the church hall at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, May 15 - Photo Directory

Photos taken for the parish directory in the upper church hall from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Sunday, May 15 - Ultreya at OLR

Join Ultreya for a social for fellowship, worship and song from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Potluck dinner starts at 5:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Monday, May 16 - ICF District Meeting

Meets in the lower church hall at 6:30 pm.

Monday, May 16 - KoC Officers Meeting

Meets in the upper church hall at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, May 17 - PPC Meeting

Meets in the Gianna Room at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 18 - Bible Study

Bible study class meets to study the Life of Jesus with Fr. Louis Solcia. The class meets in the upper church hall at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 19 - Mercy Class

Meets in the lower church hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00

pm.

Friday, May 20th - ICF Event, Lasagna Dinner

ICF invites you to their event that includes live music, dinner, and camaraderie. 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. RSVP with Del Centanni (619) 313-3142.

Saturday, May 21st - Our Lady of the Rosary Tea - "Honoring the Ladies of the Parish"

The Hospitality Cafe requests the honor of your presence at the annual OLR Tea event on Saturday, May 21st at 2:00 pm. The event will take place in the downstairs hall. There is no cost for the event. Seating is limited, please RSVP before Sunday, May 15th at the Sunday Hospitality Table or via email at olr.hospitality.cafe@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 22 - Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Membership drive from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in front of the church.

Sunday, May 22 - Photo Directory

Group Photos taken for the parish directory in the upper church hall from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Sunday, May 22 - Baptism Reception

Reception after baptism in the lower church hall from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

pm.

Sunday, June 19th - Sacred Heart Mass

Sacred Heart Mass at 10:30 am with the Society of the Sacred Heart and all who would want to give thanks to the merciful Heart of Jesus.

Visit the parish's website for the complete calendar.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Kelly Vane

Troy Darrock

Karin and Jerome Ingrande and Family

Maria and David Magno

Faith Formation Corner

Registration for CCD 2016-2017

Registration forms are available in the Pastoral Center. Please register your child for 2016- 2017 by May 31st.

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

Ascension of Our Lord

The implications of the ascension of Jesus are many and varied: He has returned to the Father to prepare a place for us. He has entered the Father's glory, and his sacrifice for us is accepted. He is at the Father's right hand, ever to be our mediator and our Paraclete.

He expects us to stand on our own two faith feet, faithful to the gospel even when we do not see a vision or hear a voice. He has not departed from us; he remains with us in the Holy Spirit. Even though unseen, he is very close to us. These are but a few areas for our meditation. Let us first look at the Scripture readings.

It is quaint that the first reading is the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles while the gospel is the end of the gospel according to Luke! Acts begins where the gospel ends. Acts is the gospel of the Spirit just as Luke (or Matthew or Mark or John) is the gospel of Jesus.

"Theophilus" is probably not a real person; it was customary to address a book to a real or imaginary person. Luke addresses both the gospel and Acts to "Lover of God" ("Theophilus" in Greek). Acts begins in the same way that the gospel begins.

Luke states that Jesus instructs his apostles not to leave Jerusalem before the coming of the Holy Spirit. This contradicts the account in Matthew and Mark, where the apostles are told to go to Galilee. Luke is the only person who tells of the ascension of Jesus. Mark says nothing (except in the "longer ending"). Luke is also the only writer who says that Jesus appeared to the apostles through forty days.

The number is symbolic. Forty days was the time given by the rabbis for a student to master his teacher's teaching. The implication is that the apostles are "ready" to proclaim the Good News. Jesus sends the apostles forth; they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The reading then states that he was lifted up in a cloud which took him from their sight. It does not say that he rose on a cloud. The image is that Jesus entered the cloud of the Father's glory. It is the same cloud which engulfed the tabernacle in the desert, the cloud which engulfed the temple when it was dedicated, and the cloud of Transfiguration.

The verb "taken up" is different from Mark's longer version. It is the Greek word *anaphereto* which has connotations of the acceptance of a sacrifice by the deity. The connotation here is that Jesus' sacrificial death has been accepted by the Father, and we are reconciled to him.

The apostles who are probably gawking at the ascension are told by two angels to "get cracking!" They must not be idle; there is work to do in witnessing to the whole world for Christ.

The second reading alludes to the role of Christ as Mediator at the Father's right hand. There, he is in control. Apocalyptic groups thought that the world and all its forces were under the dominion of angelic spirits. The visible universe was sort of a plaything of these spirits.

The spirits were the paracletes in charge of the forces of nature. There was a battle between the good spirits and the bad spirits, and eventually this warfare would spill over onto earth. Then would come the final cataclysm, the great trial or distress which would precede the decisive triumph of God. That would be the end of "this world" and the beginning of the "world to come."

But in the mind of Paul (and of Luke), "this world" has already ended; we are now living in the "world to come." Christ has conquered all angelic spirits. He is superior to them all, high above every Principality and Power, Virtue and Domination. (These are categories of the spirits.) He has put them all beneath his feet. He alone is our paraclete at the Father's right hand; the Holy Spirit is our paraclete here.

The end of the reading speaks of Christ as the fullness of the Father. The Greek word is *pleroma*. This is a profound theological concept. Its origin probably comes from Greek philosophy. The ancients (like the moderns!) thought that action at a distance was impossible. How, then, could there be gravity in a vacuum? How could there be light in a vacuum? Something had to "fill the void" in order that there be an action.

The ancients invented the concept of "ether" which filled the void and made such action possible. The Jews were not much at philosophy, but they also believed that some agent had to enable action at a distance. Some

Jewish groups believed that the angels were in charge of the forces of nature — light, gravity, etc., etc. These angelic agents filled the universe.

Paul names some of them: Principalities, Powers, Virtues and Dominations. Through adaptation, these have become part of the “nine choirs of angels!” Very likely the Colossians and the recipients of Ephesians worshiped these spirits. For Paul, this detracted from the glory due to Christ. Paul therefore develops his theology of the cosmic Christ.

Christ, not the spirits, fills the universe in all its parts. Christ is the fullness of the Father. Everything that makes the Father to be the Father resides bodily in Christ. And the Church is the fullness of Christ. Everything that makes Christ to be Christ resides bodily in the Church.

Christ fills the universe. But in and through his Body the Church, he changes this world. Christ has despoiled the nondescript spirits; the Father has put them under the feet of Christ, and has exalted Christ above all.

The above theology tells us one implication of the ascension: Jesus now is glorified with cosmic dimensions because he has departed from our sight. Not only is he taken to the Father’s glory, but he fills the universe.

We have already mentioned Luke’s statements that Jesus ascended from Jerusalem. In the gospel, he tells his apostles that they are to be his witnesses throughout the world. Very likely this is Luke’s reason for locating the ascension at Jerusalem: Both of Luke’s works are travelogues.

Jerusalem represents Judaism. Rome represents the entire world. Jesus journeys to Jerusalem for his “passage” or Passover in, the gospel. From Jerusalem, the Church will journey to Rome. By this device, Luke shows how the Church began from an ideal synagogue of Jews and grew intensively and extensively until it encompassed all people of all nations. This is represented by Rome. When the Church arrives at Rome, it is universal. No other “starting point” would give his travelogue the impact that Jerusalem does.

(Of course, the above assumes that neither Luke nor longer Mark knew exactly from where Jesus ascended. It may very well be that Luke is right, and that Mark is wrong and that Matthew is also mistaken in the statements about “seeing you in Galilee”).

In the beginning of these notes we mentioned some implications of the ascension. Jesus has returned to the Father to prepare a place for us. This is what

he said in the long Last Supper discourse in John. We must not imagine that place to be billions of light years away. Rather the place is the Father’s glory. The Father’s glory is right here — although in another “dimension.” The Lord is right with us, even though we do not see him.

Another implication or teaching is that the sacrifice of Jesus is accepted. This is indicated by the verb used by Luke: *Anaphereto*. We do not know how this might be better rendered in translation, but somehow it should express that Jesus’ sacrificial life is now fully accepted by the Father and we are totally redeemed.

The Father does not have a “right hand,” but this expression tells us that Jesus is right with the Father to plead our case. The Father, of course, loves us with an everlasting love. But we have a hard time visualizing this. We find it much better to imagine that we are accepted by the Father because his Son is right with him ever pleading our case. Jesus is our eternal high priest and mediator. We can have confidence in approaching the Father because of him.

One implication which is often overlooked is the fact that we should not expect any more signs or wonders or visions or voices. While on earth he went about doing good. He worked many signs and wonders. But we expect no new revelation from him; the time of revealing is ended; he has been glorified and has returned to the Father.

He now expects us to stand on our own two God-given feet and operate in a natural world with natural insights elevated by grace. We shall not hear a voice nor see a miracle. We should not look intently for the miracle. Our task is to proclaim as witnesses, not to search for the weird and the spectacular.

Remember the old Latin axiom; “*Gratia supponit naturam*.” “Grace presupposes and builds upon nature.” The Lord operates through very natural and down-to-earth things. We need to “see” him with eyes of faith, and not seek him in visions and voices.

Put another way: Why do people flock to a faith healer when the Lord Jesus Christ is always present in the tabernacle? Why do they go elsewhere when Jesus is ever present to be our priest and mediator? The Lord has gone from our sight. We have work to do. Let us be faithful witnesses.

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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

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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 [New to OLR](#) tab. You may also copy the form and mail it to the office at 1629 Columbia St., San Diego 92101.

Readings for the Week

Sunday

Acts 7:55-60; RV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; JN 17:20-26

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; JN 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; JN 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; JN 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22-30; 23:6-11; JN 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; JN 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-16; JN 15:9-17

Next Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 COR 12:3b-7, 12-13 or ROM 8:8-17; JN 20:19-23 or JN 14:15-16, 23b-26

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.