

# *Welcome to Our Lady of the Rosary Church*

**Italian National Catholic Parish**



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**January 8, 2017**

## **Pastor**

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## **Associate Pastors**

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

## **Deacon**

Stephen O'Riordan



**THE EPIPHANY 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 January 8, 2017

**Date for Mass request**

**Requested by**

**Saturday January 7**

5:30 pm Francesca Battaglia † John & MaryAnn Orlando

**Sunday January 8**

7:30 am Antionette Guidi † Salvatore & Josephine Scafidi

9:00 am Pietro Vanella Family

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Tom Gibaldi † St. Joseph Society

12:00 pm Rosa Sanfilippo † Joan & Maria Pena

4:00 pm Joseph Howard † The Grimm Family

**Monday January 9**

7:30 am Vito DeMaria † Joe & Tina Principato

12:00 pm Therese Redlinger Susan Redlinger

12:00 pm Louise Martone † Betty Heilig

**Tuesday January 10**

7:30 am Sam and Mary Contasti DeMaria † Niece & Family

12:00 pm Marcos Michel Mares † Gabriel & Norma Michel

12:00 pm Marcella Weisbruch The LiMandri Family

**Wednesday January 11**

7:30 am Guissapina D'Amato † Guiseppe & Graziella Sanfilippo

12:00 pm Jack, Lily, & Frank Tarantino Joan & Nick Pecoraro

12:00 pm George Hogan † Marie DeSanti

**Thursday January 12**

7:30 am Frank Race † Joseph & Corrinna Scafidi

12:00 pm Vincenzo Corso † Guiseppe & Graziella Sanfilippo

12:00 pm Christine Amante Franz Amante

**Friday January 13**

7:30 am Nilsa Calabria † Barbara Calabria

12:00 pm Vito DeMaria † Wife Rosalia & Family

12:00 pm Conversion of Sinners Betty Heilig

**Saturday January 14**

7:30 am Joseph Amante Franz Amante

12:00 pm Francesco Crivello † Rosalia Crivello

5:30 pm Margherita Carini † Giuseppe Carini & Family

**Sunday January 15**

7:30 am Antoinette Guidi † Ann DeMaria

9:00 am Maria Sanfilippo Carlo Sanfilippo

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Tom Gibaldi † ICF 230

12:00 pm Vincenzo Fazio † Christina Busalacchi

### Pastor's Corner

When people become so attached to their comfort zone in life they can't let go. We are so attached to people, our ego, power, praise from others, pursuit of notoriety, trying to be the center of attraction, etc. If we move out of our comfort zone it is a big, big crisis for us. Then we allow ourselves to be mastered and dictated by evils.

Our Gospel this Sunday proves that our attachments will lead us to be mastered and conquered by evils. Herod, who enjoys his attachments, comfortability in life, and power as a king didn't appreciate the news from the magi that the king of the Jews is already borne. Upon hearing this he is greatly troubled and thinks immediately of killing the baby. He doesn't want to lose his power, his comfort zone, and his attachments in life. But no evil desire or evil thought are hidden from the knowledge of God. In a dream God speaks to the Magi instructing them not to go back to Herod to save the baby from his evil plan. God makes his own way to block our evil desire and plan towards someone whom we think is the cause of putting us outside of our comfort zone. And God's will is always done.

### Prayer Intentions

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

**Remember in your prayers**

Thomas Duplessie, Donnah Rey Locsin,  
Philomena Stendaro, Maria Tollefson,  
Amelia Adel Buono





***Eucharistic Adoration at OLR for the New Year - Your time will be rewarded.***

Our Lady of the Rosary church established a small adoration chapel to allow you to spend more time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Commitments for adoration begin at, but not

limited to, one hour per week. Adoration chapels are a great blessing for parishes and it is a way for you to enter more deeply into your faith. The best starting point to become more Christ-like in your daily life is to spend more time with him. You will gradually be transformed and experience unexpected blessings. You will become more who God made you to become and advance more surely along that path as you become transformed through your faithfulness to the graces that you receive.

The Year of Grace inaugurated by Pope Francis is a gift for all in the church. You can participate more fully in the Year of Grace by spending more time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel whose rewards are more than you can imagine or hope for and are all perfectly timed.

**Fr. Louis' Class on the Life of Jesus Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm**



What can a study on the life of Jesus do for you? Come to Fr. Louis' class and find out! Becoming disciples takes ongoing formation. Wherever you are on that road taking this class is sure to be beneficial. Class meets in the lower church hall.

**Becoming a part of the parish community  
Registration key to participative community membership**

Dear friends, old and new,  
For those not registered as a parishioner we encourage you come to the parish office as soon as possible to register. Come in person and say hi while filling out your registration. If time does not permit, you may register online as a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church at [www.olrsd.org](http://www.olrsd.org) under About Parish. In certain cases, official letters produced by Our Lady of the Rosary for becoming a godparent, sponsoring someone for confirmation, getting married and other things reserved for parishioners are dependent upon your registration as a parishioner. Everyone 18 years old and older is eligible to register. As an important part of your spiritual life, register today and become part of the Our Lady of the Rosary parish community.

**CALENDAR**



- Tuesday January 10 - RCIA**  
Meets in the lower church hall at 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday January 11 - Bible Study**  
The class is conducted by Fr. Louis Solcia using the book "The Life of Christ". Class begins at 7:00 pm in the lower church hall.
- Thursday January 12 - Baptism Class**  
Baptism class to prepare parents and godparents for the responsibility of imparting the faith conducted by Deacon Stephen O'Riordan. The class meets at 6:30 pm in the Pastoral Center.
- Tuesday January 17 - RCIA**  
Meets in the lower church hall at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday January 17 - Stewardship Meeting**  
Meets in the Padre Pio room at 6:30 pm.
- Wednesday January 18 - Bible Study**  
The class is conducted by Fr. Louis Solcia using the book "The Life of Christ". Class begins at 7:00 pm in the lower church hall.



### Christmas Giving

This Christmas we were blessed with a collection of over \$38,000, with more being received daily. This out pouring of treasures will help Our Lady of the Rosary to continue its mission, while maintaining our facilities for future generations.

### Christmas Thank You

Many thanks to all who made our Christmas special. There are so many, not only who were visible at the celebrations, but the many who worked behind the scenes:

- Cleaning the church
- Preparing the flowers
- Donations for Christmas flowers
- Manger set-up
- Laundering of linens
- Altar servers
- Sacristans
- Readers
- Living Nativity members
- Choir rehearsals
- Hospitality Cafe
- Ministers of Hospitality
- Tree of Grace Committee
- Maintenance Staff
- All others that volunteered

And all our parishioners and guest who worshipped at OLR this Christmas season.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

### Calendar Scheduling Meeting

There will be a meeting for the parish groups to request dates for upcoming events on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the lower hall. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. One representative from each group is invited to attend. Have your dates planned out in advance to avoid disappointments when conflicts arise.

If you cannot attend, contact Bill in the parish office with the dates that you are requesting.

### Directory Pick-up

If you were entitled to a parish photo directory and you were not at the distribution day, you may pick yours up at the parish office during business hours.

### Tax Letters

Letters for your 2016 donations will be mailed prior to the end of January. If you have changed your address, please contact the parish office.



## 2016 Altar Christmas Flowers

### *In Memory of*

*Elvira Ma, Carol Suzanne Nelson, Rose & Julio Corsini, Peter & Rose Giacalone, John & Antoinette Canepa, Jerry Giacane Family, Antonio/Antonia Balistreri, Grandma Scerbo, Vic Coletti, Katie Asaro, Sharon Asaro, Frank L. Asaro, Maria Asaro, Andre Asaro, Matilda Vattuone, John B. Vattuone, Robert Lee & Cynthia Delaney, Angelo Scardia, Joann, Antoinette, Sallie, Andrew De Maria, Carol Nelson, Jim DeCaro, Vito & Lena Altieri, Henry & Antonia Mento, Tara Blasi Bohina, Antoinette Gallo, Michael & Jennie Blasi, Reed Albert Olmsted, Rosalba Ince, Ines Pojada, Mariela Pojada, M Pojada, Jan Hansen, Angelo Giolzetti, Sam & Isabella Crivello, Lorraine Dolly Corpora, Vito Santo Corpora, The Departed, Frank Garland, Eva garland, Cedric Garland, Rose Garland, Mary Viola, Gene Viola, Gracie McLeod, Margaret Elizabeth Reece Goebel, All my Family and Loved Ones, All Priests, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Marge Barker, Raymond Barker, Meade Massa, David Osuna, Francesca Sumner*

**Thank you to all who donated flowers this month and throughout the year.  
Every effort was made to copy the spelling of the names listed on the envelopes.  
Please excuse any incorrect spellings.**

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### THE BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY The Epiphany of the Lord

The word "epiphany" means "appearance" or "manifestation." It was used for a great display of power which a ruler made when he visited his provinces. There was a parade. Presumably courtiers threw coins to those who lined the parade route. There was an amnesty for some prisoners. There was a great banquet. In our times, we might call such a display as a "showing of the colors."

The Eastern Church was not concerned with actual calendar dates. "Epiphany" in the liturgy celebrated the coming of the Son of God in the flesh at the coming of the Magi, at his baptism, and at the Wedding festival of Cana. The Eastern Church did not seem much interested in the actual birth of Jesus as described in Luke. The glorious manifestation of God's glory was more important.

Nevertheless, both the celebration of Epiphany in the East and Nativity in the West seem to be tied to a celebration of the Annunciation. The East seems to have celebrated this on April 6; the West on March 25. Thus January 6 and December 25.

At some time in history, East and West exchanged festivals: The West began celebrating Epiphany, and the East began celebrating Nativity. The days between Christmas and Epiphany influenced literature and the secular world: These were the "twelve days of Christmas."

Shakespeare's play "Twelfth Night" was performed on Epiphany night. Coupled with the above, the Church seems to have followed an ancient Jewish custom: of honoring a person on his birthday and his death day — the same day.

In modern times, Epiphany in the West has acquired an additional meaning. It is a kind of "Mission Sunday," a day when we celebrate, the Church universal, the day when we remember that the Lord came for all peoples of all times and all places.

Thus the readings of today's Mass: The first reading was written after the Jews had returned from captivity in Babylon, i.e. after 538 B.C. They fully expected the glorious coming of the Messiah at that time. His light, justice, and truth would shine on all. The reading speaks of caravans of camels which would bring the wealth of the nations to Jerusalem.

The second reading speaks of the "mystery." When St. Paul uses this expression without any further qualification, he is referring to the union of Jew and Gentile in Christ. This was an almost impossible thing to imagine.

Jews thought Gentiles were completely immoral and corrupt. Further, Jews resented and hated the domination of their nation by Gentiles. Gentiles considered Jews to be hopeless fanatics. How could these two groups ever come together? Paul uses the expression "mystery" to describe what God could accomplish in Christ

The Gospel describes the adoration of the Magi. Some have calculated that it probably took about two years for the Magi to arrive at the house of the Holy Family at Bethlehem. (According to Matthew, Herod had all boys under two years of age killed, since he wanted no rivals.)

Sidelights of the celebration: The Scriptures do not say how many Magi there were. There were three gifts, but there is no indication how many Magi there were. The term "Magi" probably referred to a class of Persians who were learned astronomers. Just as the number is unknown, so also the names of the Magi are unknown.

In the middle Ages, they were given the names Balthazar, Caspar, and Melchior. In the 12th Century, Frederick Barbarossa brought the alleged relics of these Magi to Cologne, and the magnificent Cathedral was built to house the relics. Today, behind the high altar, there is a huge gold reliquary (about the size of a small coffin) which contains the relics.

In the old ritual, Epiphany was the day for the blessing of homes. Upon the blessing, the leader would inscribe in chalk on the doorpost of the house the initials for the Magi and the year. Thus today the inscription would be "20+C±M+B+14."

Many (perhaps most) Scripture scholars think that this section of Matthew is a midrash on Numbers 22-24, and is not to be taken as a true historical event.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, however, takes a different view. In his celebrated conclusion to the three-volume Jesus of Nazareth, "The Infancy Narratives," the Pope gives the four common ways of interpreting Matthew's story of the Magi.

In the first, the Magi are understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste. Then there are those who interpret the Magi as possessors and users of supernatural knowledge, or as magicians, or finally, as specialized deceivers.

In the Acts of the Apostles, there is the example of a "Magus" named Bar-Jesus who was described by St. Paul as a son of the devil and enemy of all righteousness (13:10).

In Pope Benedict's view, Matthew's Magi are of the first meaning, i.e., they are figures of religious and philosophical wisdom. In a way, they are to be taken as "successors of Abraham, who set off on a journey in response to God's call." In another way, "they are successors of Socrates and his habit of questioning above and beyond conventional religion toward higher truth."

The Church's tradition read the Magi story in conjunction with Psalm 72 and Isaiah 60; hence, the wise men from the East became "kings," and with them camels and dromedaries were added to the crib.

The key point is that the wise men from the East are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ. Quoting the eminent scholar, Jean Danielou, Pope Benedict expresses his view that the Magi story, though over laden with many theological levels of meaning, concerns historical events underneath it all.

The Pope states: "The two chapters of Matthew's Gospel devoted to the infancy narratives are not a meditation presented under - the guise of stories, but the converse: Matthew is recounting real history, theologically thought through and interpreted, and thus he helps us to understand the mystery of Jesus more deeply."



*Our Lady's Gifts*

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

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

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**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**

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

**Blessed Mother Devotion**

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

**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion**

Tuesday at 7:30 pm

**Goretti Mass & Devotion**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 6:30 pm

**St. Padre Pio Devotion**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

**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.

**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 or Deirdre Oakley at (619) 670-5114 to schedule receipt of Eucharist at home.

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**For bulletin announcements, accounting, Mass requests, funerals, or general information:** Call the office or email *parish@olrsd.org*.

**Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017**

**Sunday:** IS 60:1-6; EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

**Monday:** IS 42:1-4, 6-7; MT 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** HEB 2:5-12; MK 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** HEB 2:14-18; MK 1:29-39

**Thursday:** HEB 3:7-14; MK 1:40-45

**Friday:** HEB 4:1-5, 11; MK 2:1-12

**Saturday:** HEB 4:12-16; MK 2:13-17

**Sunday:** IS 49:3, 5-6; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34

**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.