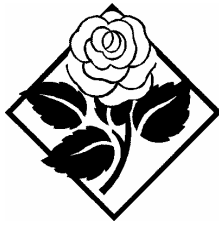


# The Rose



## Our Mission Statement

A place of open doors inviting all to experience the joy of belonging to Christ's family, becoming whole as we grow in the knowledge of God and His will for our lives.

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## New Annual Thanksgiving Ceremony!!!!

Hello family,

It is almost that time of the year, the time Americans celebrate what is considered to be their most important holiday, Thanksgiving! What a beautiful time to reflect on all the blessings we are thankful for, right through the year!



**THANKSGIVING**

I am appealing to each and every member of our parish to look back and count all our blessings and then also remember where all those blessings come from! We all are very grateful to Almighty God for all that we are, all that we have and all that we can ever be!

This is why as your vestry, we have agreed to start celebrating Thanksgiving by bringing in our gifts to show our gratitude to God to a special bilingual service to be held every Thanksgiving, starting this year. As you know we have many different talents and gifts that we have been blessed with and we are asking that you each can make, bake, cook or buy special gifts that you will bring to offer for Thanksgiving to be presented at the Altar on **November 22nd for Mass at 11:00am**. The Mass will then be followed by a sale and auction of all the gifts and all proceeds will be for the glory of God towards the new building!

We encourage all to participate in this event and would very much welcome your support in making this a success. Remember this is a joyful event and let us all come and have fun thanking and praising our great Creator and Almighty Father!

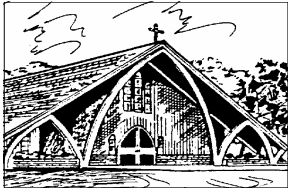


Respectively submitted by Lorraine Mundangepfufu, on behalf of the vestry.

Please contact me at 214 432 5393 for any help or questions.

**"I have  
hidden <sup>YOUR</sup>  
in my heart  
that I might  
not sin  
against you."**

Psalm 119:11



# St. Mary's Parish Life



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**October**

## October Birthdays

- 4 Bridgett Lowman
- 15 Chindinma Umeh
- 16 Caroline Krause  
Jim Childs
- 20 Don Gardner
- 23 Marv Kontak
- 24 Suzanne Greenwood
- 25 Anthony Greenwood  
Samuel Chime



Altar Guild .....	Judith Chapa
Outreach .....	Jackie Acres
Choir/English.....	Karen Lowman
Choir/Spanish.....	Oscar Joya
	Martha García
Order of Saint Luke's.....	Priscilla Clark
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	Bertha Abundiz
	Lorena Palacios
	Martha García
	Luis Orellana
	Ramiro Navarro
	Elvia Orozco
Prayer Teams .....	Available
Lectors .....	Judith Chapa
Lay Eucharist Ministry (LEM) .....	Available
Evangelism .....	Available
Children's Education PM.....	Olinda Sheppard
	María Aquilla
	Janie Martinez
	Josefina Diaz
	Bertha
	Rosemary
Daughters of the King.....	Paula Meeks

# St. Mary's Parish Life Continued.

<i>Church School Schedule:</i>			<i>Youth:</i> Don Gardner <i>Children's Chapel:</i> Barbara Gardner	<i>Adults:</i> Barbara Gardner
<b>October 4</b> <i>LEM:</i> Donnie Meeks <i>2nd Chalice:</i> Kitty Kontak <i>Reader:</i> Marv Kontak <i>Prayer T. :</i> Dolly & Kathe M. <i>Ushers:</i> Olu Whitehead <i>Coffee:</i> Kitty Kontak <i>Altar Guild:</i> Lorraine M.	<b>October Servant Schedule</b>		<b>October 11</b> <i>LEM:</i> Kitty Kontak <i>2nd Chalice:</i> Priscilla Clark <i>Reader:</i> Don Gardner <i>Prayer T.:</i> Paula M. & Eileen <i>Ushers:</i> Sandra B. and Marv K. <i>Coffee:</i> Olu Whitehead <i>Altar Guild:</i> Jackie Acres	
<b>October 18</b> <i>LEM:</i> Priscilla Clark <i>2nd Chalice:</i> Jim Childs <i>Reader:</i> Louise Childs <i>Prayer T. :</i> Kitty & Barbara <i>Ushers:</i> Larry & Daniel Orges <i>Coffee:</i> Edith Todd <i>Altar Guild:</i> Judith Chapa			<b>October 25</b> <i>LEM:</i> Kitty Kontak <i>2nd Chalice:</i> Priscilla Clark <i>Reader:</i> Judith <i>Prayer T. :</i> Judith & Kathe M. <i>Ushers:</i> Sandra B. and Marv K. <i>Coffee:</i> Louise Childs <i>Altar Guild:</i> Louise Childs	



## OSL Order of St. Luke the Physician

The Order of St. Luke will meet on the 3rd Saturday in October at 10AM since the garage sale is on the 10th. We look forward to seeing you at the October meeting on the 17th .Come and Learn! The September meeting consisted of a healing services for St. Mary's, parish members, families and friends. The service was very powerful as members asked for prayers and each person was prayed over by our prayer team. The prayer team included Priscilla Clark, Lorraine M., Kitty Kontak and Sandra Barton. Twenty-two people attended the service. We plan to hold a healing service every two months. The next service is tentatively planned for January 9, 2010.

## Sewing Group

The sewing group will meet on Saturday, October 18th at 9AM in the parish hall. We continue to work on our basic sewing skills such as hemming pants, making jackets and hats, and working on our patterns. Beginners are always welcome.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II said)  
9:00 AM Christian Education  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II sung)  
11:45 AM Catecismo  
1:00 PM La Santa Misa (cantada)  
6:00 PM La Santa Misa (Rezada)

## WEEKLY SERVICES

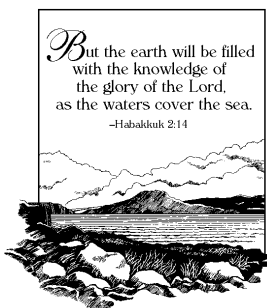
12: 00 Noon H.E. W/Uncion  
7:00 PM—Santa Misa C/ Unción

## Learn to Quilt

The Quilting Group met on Tuesday, September 8th. We plan to continue to meet the last Tuesday of the month. Please join us to learn a new hobby.

# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7pm Choir (am)	<b>2</b> 7pm Small Group	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>The eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  EYC after 10:30am service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Bible Study  7pm Choir (pm) 7pm Small Group	<b>7</b> 12 noon HC w/unction (English) followed by lunch  7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	<b>8</b> 7pm Choir (am)	<b>9</b> 7pm Small Group	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>The nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  EYC after 10:30am service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10am Bible Study  7pm Choir (pm)  7pm Small Group	<b>14</b> 12 noon HC w/unction (English) followed by lunch  7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	<b>15</b> 7pm Choir (am)	<b>16</b> 7pm Small Group	<b>17</b> OSL 10AM DOK 10AM
<b>18</b> <b>The twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  EYC after 10:30am service  Vestry Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10am Bible Study  7pm Choir (pm)  7pm Small Group	<b>21</b> 12 noon HC w/unction (English) followed by lunch  7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	<b>22</b> 7pm Choir (am)	<b>23</b> 7pm Small Group	<b>24</b> Sewing Group 9AM
<b>25</b> <b>The twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b>  EYC after 10:30am service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10am Bible Study  7pm Choir (pm) 7pm Small Group 6p Quilting group	<b>28</b> 12 noon HC w/ unction (English) followed by lunch  7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	<b>29</b> 7pm Choir (am)	<b>30</b> 7pm Small Group	<b>31</b> Halloween  Church Garage Sale

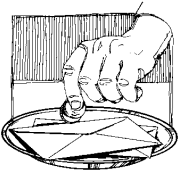


Many thanks to DuWayne Fischer for acquiring (for free) all the parking bumpers and hauling them to the church and to him and Jim Childs for putting them into place.

## SEPTEMBER VESTRY MINUTES

In response to our concern about the spread of the H1N1 virus, there is hand sanitizer available in the narthex for all who wish to use it. See Fr. JJ's article for more information.

Please keep our Diocesan Convention in your prayers, that all delegates be open to hear God's will and open to His instructions as to how we are to carry out that will. Our delegates are: Lorraine Mundangephupu, Priscilla Clark, Kitty Kontak, Marta Garcia and Bertha Navarro. Olu Whitehead is alternate if any of these are not able to attend.



A TIME FOR  
GIVING

Our annual stewardship campaign will be getting under way soon. This is a time for us to think about all the blessings God has given each of us, especially those through St. Mary's, and make a decision about how we will support His work through St. Mary's in the coming year. A celebration of our pledges for 2010 will be held in conjunction with our Thanksgiving Sunday Ceremony on Nov. 22. That Sunday we will have a bi-lingual service at 11AM so that we will be able to join together for the lunch and auction.

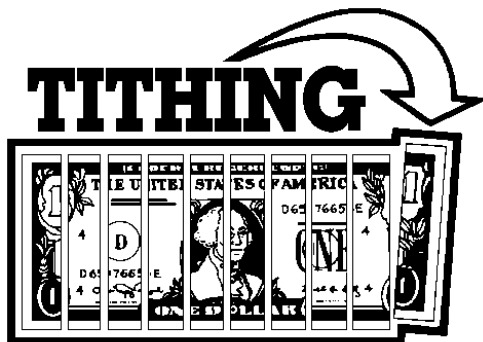
**Father J.J. Report:** Father J.J. has found a house and he will be moving Oct. 10-15. Halloween celebration is being planned for the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup>. The Bishop is concerned for flu prevention, and has a big push to have all congregations attend to sanitation in and around the church. Garage Sale has been set for October 31 instead of October 10<sup>th</sup>, as Father and his family will be moving that weekend. Father J.J.'s moving expenses are to be covered by the parish.

**Senior Warden:** Alicia Thornton is to audit the church books. The drum for the choir is now in place and David very pleased.

**Junior Warden:** Concerns : Spare lamps to be purchased for the buildings. The Bishop noted that our front porch needs to be refinished and Rosario will take on the challenge.

**Old Business:** Elvia Orozco has resigned from the vestry. Father J.J. has her letter in the office. Moved by Lorraine, seconded by Sandra that Priscilla Clark be assigned this position. Father J.J. will take care of appointing her. Diocesan training will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm by order of the Bishop. All vestry members are to be in attendance. The storage problem is still to be addressed.

**New Business:** There was lengthy discussion of a proposal for a Special Fund Raiser Thanksgiving service on November 22<sup>nd</sup> that is to be a combined service. The idea is for each attending parishioner or family to bring a special offering item to be blessed at the altar during the service and then auctioned off after service in the Hall during lunch. Funds raised from this effort are to go into the building fund. Stewardship was discussed and James Childs was asked to lead this again with help from Lorena Franco and Jackie Acres. The upcoming convention is October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Barton has been excused from this duty and Priscilla Clark will be taking her place. Judith Chapa is medically excused as an alternate. It was moved by Jim Childs, seconded by Rosario that the Memorial Funds for Dillon and Bocchieri Memorials are to be put into the Jim Blackburn Garden Memorial.



## Kids Are Quick

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

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TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

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TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

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TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

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TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I '

MILLIE: I is..

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

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TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

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TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

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TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

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TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

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"The Room" was actually written by speaker and author Joshua Harris and is in his book "I Kissed Dating Good-bye." He says it was something that he put on paper as the result of a dream he had while in Puerto Rico for the 1995 Billy Graham Crusade and published in his magazine the same year.

### The Room

In that place between wakefulness and dreams, I found myself in the room. There were no distinguishing features save for the one wall covered with small index card files. They were like the ones in libraries that list titles by author or subject in alphabetical order. But these files, which stretched from floor to ceiling and right to left as far as the eye could see, had very different headings.

As I walked up to the wall of files, the first to catch my attention was one that read, "People I Have Liked." I opened it and began flipping through the cards. I quickly shut it, shocked to realize that I recognized the names written on each one. And then, without being told, I knew exactly where I was.

This lifeless room with its small files was a crude catalog system for my entire life. The actions of my every moment, big and small, were written in a detail my memory couldn't match. A sense of wonder and curiosity, mixed with horror, stirred within me as I began randomly opening files and exploring their content. Some brought joy and sweet memories, others a sense of shame and regret so intense that I would look over my shoulder to see if anyone was watching.

A file named "Friends" was next to one marked "Friends I have betrayed". The titles ranged from common, everyday things to the not-so-common-"Books I Have Read", "Lies I Have Told", "Comfort I Have Given", "Jokes I Have Laughed At". Some were almost hilarious in their exactness: "Things I Have Yelled At My Brothers and Sisters." Others I couldn't laugh at: "Things I Have Done in Anger", "Things I Have Muttered Under My Breath at My Parents". I never ceased to be surprised by the contents. Often there were many more cards than I expected. Sometimes less than I had hoped.

The sheer volume of the life I had lived overwhelmed me. Could it be possible that I had time in my 17 years to write each of these thousands or millions of cards? But each card confirmed the truth. Each card was written in my own handwriting. Each card was signed with my signature. When I pulled out the file marked "Songs I Have Listened To", I realized the files grew to contain their contents. The cards were packed tightly, and yet after two or three yards, I hadn't found the end of the file. I shut it, shamed, not so much by the quality of music, but more by the vast amount of time I knew that file represented. When I came to the file marked "Lustful

Thoughts"; I felt a chill run through my body. I pulled the file out only an inch, not willing to test its size, and drew out a card. I shuddered at its detailed content. I felt sick to think such a moment had been recorded.

A feeling of humiliation and anger ran through my body. One thought dominated my mind: "No one must ever see these cards! No one must ever see this room! I have to destroy them!" In an insane frenzy, I yanked the file out. Its size didn't matter now. I had to empty it and burn the cards. But as I took the file at one end and began pounding it on the floor, I could not dislodge a single card. I became desperate and pulled out a card, only to find it as strong as steel when I tried to tear it. Defeated and utterly helpless, I returned the file to its slot. Leaning my forehead against the wall, I let out a long, self-pitying sigh.

That was when I saw it. The file bore "People I Have Shared the Gospel With". The handle was brighter than those around it, newer, almost unused. I pulled on its handle and a small box not more than 3 inches long fell into my hands. I could count the cards it contained on one hand. And then the tears came. I began to weep. Sobs so deep that the hurt started in my stomach and shook through me. I fell on my knees and cried. I cried out of shame, from the overwhelming shame of it all. The rows of file shelves swirled in my tear-filled eyes. No one must ever, ever know of this room. I must lock it up and hide the key.

Then as I looked up through my tears, I saw Him enter the room. No, please not Him. Not here. Anyone but Jesus. I watched helplessly as He began to open the files and read the cards. I couldn't bear to watch His response. The few times I looked at His face I saw such sadness that it tore at my heart. He seemed to intuitively go to the worst boxes. Why did he have to read every one?

Finally, He turned and looked at me from across the room. He looked at me with pity in His eyes. But this was a pity that didn't anger me. I dropped my head, covered my face with my hands and began to cry again. He walked over and put his arm around me. He could have said so many things. But He didn't say a word. He just cried with me.

Then He got up and walked back to the wall of files. Starting at one end of the room, He took out a file, and, one by one began to sign His name over mine on each card. "No!" I shouted, rushing to Him. All I could find to say was "No, no", as I pulled the card from Him. His name shouldn't be on these cards. But there it was, written in red so rich, so dark, so alive. The name of Jesus covered mine. It was written in blood.

He gently took the card back. He smiled a sad smile and began to sign the cards. I don't think I'll ever understand how He did it so quickly, but the next instant it seemed I heard Him close the last file and walk back to my side. He placed His hand on my shoulder and said, "It is finished." I stood up, and He led me out of the room. There was no lock on the door. There were still cards to be written.



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

## CARES, PRAYERS AND JOYS

**For all those in serving in the Military especially:** Michael, Esther, James M., David, Jesse S, John, Jerry, Jonathan, Ben F., Lisa, Ryan, Jason W, Frederick. Shannon, Yuri, Manuel, Javier, Shawn, Robert, Eric, Richard, Mark G., Jad, Joe, Nathan K, David, Keoki, Steve, Paul, Mark B., Mark C., Brandon A., Josh & the K-9 Units, Daniel W



**Good jobs** for Pat and all the unemployed

**Healing** Josephine K., Loni Dollahite, Kay Hodges, Bill Ross, Paula Meeks, Rita S and Reagen M. fighting cancer,  
Judith Chapa for surgery on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Sarah,

**Please keep all the members of our parish in your daily prayers. The following members are in need of special prayers:** Nancy, Al, Susie, Catherina, Mary, Gene, Ro, Jackie, Fr. Damian, Sally, Jan, Steve. Ronald, Greg H., Larry, Julia, Don, Jennifer, Samantha F., Lloyd D., Dolly, Priscilla, Bruce, Bill M., Noris, Marv, Kathe, DuWayne

**The following friends have asked for prayers:** Roy, Mark & Wendy, Zewdito, Pat, Paul, Mary S, Kent, Michelle, Fran, Regina, Aldren, Ginny, Tricia, Stanley M, Donna, John, Allen, Jennifer B, Matthew & Ashley, Wendy, Brandy, Joshua, Chrissie, Justin T. Steven, Susan, Dorothy, Edward, Marcus, Mildred, Don, Clyde, Lynne B., Martha, Laura, Eric I., Bridget, Sue, Ruth, Suzann, Daphne, Terry, Antonio, Megan, Judy C, June, Regan, Jim A, Donna, Shellie H., Kenneth, James, Rick, Inez, Karen, Cyndi, Marie, Greg O, Amando, Joyce, Emmie, Keith, Dill Family, Kelly, Daniel B, Mark, Everett, Michael, Mindy, Betty G, Sam, Ruby S, Todd, JoAnne, Betty G, Linda, Sam, Tyler, Rodney, LeeRoy S. Laura. Bill R, Daisy Lee, Dianne D, Lynn B., Daniel H., Doris, Karen, Clyde E., Billy C., Vickie R., Noaha, Midia, Gladys, Jack S., Jeff D, Marylyn, Jennifer, Roberta, Clayton B, Chrissie, The Mundangepfupfu family in Zimbabwe & England, Mania family in Kenya, Eric A, Roberta

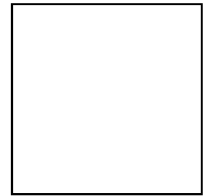
**For our Mothers-to-be and their babies:** Reagan M.

**Those in jail or prison:** Lori, Lester, & Max

**JOYS AND THANKSGIVINGS:** Wonderful healing service, Brandon Moore, Sandra Barton's grandson, has been adopted, The whole family is elated.



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## The Woodpecker Might have to go!

