

## OLR Site report to the PSC Mar 11, 2009

### Quick update on John Martin

John's heart valve replacement surgery was successful and the wound is healing nicely. He also contracted pneumonia but is finishing his antibiotics and should be out of ICU by now. Micky hopes to be able to resume her normal activities in a couple of months and she wants to thank everybody's prayers for them.

### In the meantime....

- Carole Brown has taken over the scheduling of our ministries at the site and we have all gotten our assignments for April, May & June.
- Daria Walsh has taken over the scheduling of the altar servers.
- Several ladies have stepped forward to take over the sacristan's duties for the five daily masses while Mike Veuve is now the main sacristan for the Sunday Masses with Ed Brown also helping out.
- For the next upcoming liturgical meeting, which is on the first Sat of April, if Micky cannot attend, Laura Chiu will be her substitute.

### On-going activities

- With October's Time & Talent, we have welcome and trained 2 new Eucharistic Ministers and one volunteer for the environment team.
- Robert Uebbing and Don and Elaine Andrews are signing up new comers to our site twice a month and so far we have had 7 or 8 new families since July 08.
- The November Food drive coordinated by Eileen Freyre was a huge success. No actual "tonnage" was recorded but both rooms in the Dermody center, which had been emptied just prior to the start of the drive, are now completely full again. Additionally, cash donations from several parishioners have been used to re-stock the ready-to-serve pop top cans for the homeless folks. For the sorting and transporting event, so many volunteers came to the first Sunday that we did not need the second scheduled event. A new innovation this year is the creation of wallet size food drive cards. These cards serve as a friendly reminder throughout the year that hunger is more than a seasonal thing. Eileen is now looking to get a **large** quantity of the re-usable bags that are increasingly popular, and incorporate these into the 2009 Food Drive. The idea would be to hand them out instead of the brown paper bags, and have the parishioners fill and return them. Then we'd keep cycling them through our food drive efforts. This approach, along with the wallet size cards will go a long way towards greater environmental stewardship within the food drive. If anyone of the PSC, or within the Parish knows of a possible donor of these bags, or a way to procure them cheaply, please contact Eileen.
- On ALL the Wednesdays during Lent (Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25), parishioners are especially invited to come to our 6 pm S.O.U.P. to share a simple meal. Three delicious soups are provided, and all you need bring is your bowl and spoon (and perhaps some bread or

cheese to share). Then you donate the amount you would spend to eat at home or eat out, to a very worthy cause. During Lent, the proceeds will go to Father Jack Donald who works in a very needy area in Honduras. Donations throughout the year are given to various charities such as: Fr. Ed Figueroa in Brazil (who provides shelter and schooling for orphaned children and was able to have a well dug with our donations), Urban Ministry of Palo Alto, St. Anthony of Padua Dining Room, Ecumenical Hunger Program and the St. Joseph Day Worker Center. S.O.U.P. next week will be a special event hosted by the S.T.A.Y. with parent Vicky Howard coordinating.

- Anne & Bill Morrison made an introduction visit to the Palo Alto Nursing Home and will start taking communion to the Home later this month. The recently prepared Communion kits with detailed instructions and official pyxes are being put to good use.
- We have a list of potential volunteers to be trained on disaster preparedness:
  - Laura Chiu - site rep to PSC, hospitality
  - Aleksander Ornaf - lector, greeter
  - Mary Beth Chu - Eucharistic minister
  - Mark Kreutzer - Eucharistic minister
  - Mary Fong - pastoral home ministry, greeter
  - Hong-Ha Vuong -- lector, hospitality
  - Laisz Lam - environment
  - Ray and Virginia Mensing -- lectors, Eucharistic ministers
  - Vincent and Mary Beth Lefebvre -- Vincent is Music minister, Mary Beth is Youth minister and archivist.

### **Upcoming events**

Palm Sunday – we will have Micky’s pictures of past years’ decorations as guidelines, and with Nora and Chris Lundin’s help, there should be no problem.

Seder Dinner – will be on Tues of Holy Week, with Fr. George being the host instead of John Martin; Nora is helping with the planning of the liturgy with Community Life being the main organizer. Ticket sale will be by R.S.V.P. and all proceeds will go to Fr. Donald as well.

Other Holy Week events – Nora will keep us informed of what needs to be done specifically at our site.