OUR LADY OF LORETTO
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1806 Novato Blvd., Novato, CA 94947
Established 1892

“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”

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Mass Times
Monday—Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am, 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 7:30, 9, 10:30, 12 noon (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday 9:30 am-5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00-4:00

Baptisms
Please contact the Rectory-Catechesis Required

Marriages
Please contact the Rectory at least 6 months in advance

Pastor’s Letter

Dear friends,

I still can’t get over the warm welcome you have given me and Father Manuel. When people tell me how happy they are that I am here, I tell them you will never know how happy I am that I am here.

Father Junior had his heart surgery this past week. He is out of the hospital and recuperating at a friend’s house in Pleasant Hill. He is not out of the woods yet, so please continue to remember him in your prayers. Last time I talked with Father Junior, prior to his surgery, he told me that he would be going back home to the Philippines sometime in October.

When I asked for a transfer from my last parish, I asked for two things: 1) I wanted out of San Francisco and 2) I wanted a parish with a school. I got that and then some. I thank Archbishop and the Personnel Board for honoring my request. Among priests, I am most highly blest.

Have a great week!
Father Brian

FLOWERS FOR ALTAR DURING SUMMER
Thank you to those signing up to do flowers for the main altar. There is a calendar in the sacristy flower room. Please sign the weekend that you are providing flowers so that others are aware and that there is no confusion. Thank you so much. We appreciate your generosity. Sister Jeanette and Altar Society

WORDS AND WEEDS
A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

Help Requested
An 85 year old woman who lives near Paradise Cay, near Corte Madera, is requesting help with light housekeeping, shopping and errands on Tuesday’s and Friday’s from 9 am to 1 pm. Times and days are probably negotiable. If interested please call, Jackie at 435-3778.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is on a hiatus until the Fall.
We hope you all have a very safe and restful summer.
GOLF NEWS

Youth Ministry Golf: Golfers are reminded to complete and return their reservation form ASAP! For those of you who do not golf, please consider being a sponsor, attending a delicious dinner in the church hall the night of the tournament, and/or buying one or more raffle tickets, which will go on sale the first two weekends in July. Golf, sponsorship, and dinner reservation forms are available at all church exits. Your participation in any way is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

FROM OLL YOUTH MINISTRY

This coming Thursday-Sunday, 35 of our teens will be joining 5,000 other young people on the University of San Diego campus for the Steubenville San Diego conference and retreat. We’d like to take you and your intentions along with us on our journey! Please take a moment to fill out a prayer intention card, located in the church entrances. Leave it in the box on the table and we will take those cards with us, offering our prayers, Masses and Eucharistic Adoration for your needs. This is a small, yet powerful, way that we can thank you for your ongoing support of our OLL teens.

If you would like to follow us on our journey, tune into the parish Facebook page (Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church) or Instagram (@lorettoym) for photos and updates.

St. Anthony’s Church Annual Rummage Sale
July 31st –August 3rd

St. Anthony’s Church in Novato is having its Annual Rummage Sale starting Thursday, July 31st through Sunday, August 3rd beginning with a Preview Night on Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. ($10 admission adults only). The sale continues with free admission on Friday from 10-6, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday from 10-3. Thousands of items at great prices.

If you wish to make a tax deductible contribution, items may be taken to the church hall at 1000 Cambridge Street. Please bear in mind that the sale cannot accept computers, TV’s, Mattresses, stuffed animals, magazines, textbooks, exercise equipment, or obsolete sporting goods. All other items in good or workable condition are most welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

We will be having an 8-week Grief Support Group beginning September 10th. The group will meet on Wednesday’s from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. If anyone is interested in participating or knows someone who is, please contact Sister Jeanette at 897-2171, ext. 226. We will need five to six to make the group viable and up to eight to ten maximum. The support group affords a “safe” environment to explore and articulate feelings, expand a support network, and facilitate the process of healing and growth. Please call ahead for more details or if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sister Jeanette, osu

DOING OUR PART TO SAVE WATER

The Parish will be reducing our water usage by drastically cutting back water used for the lawns, the Good Shepherd Grotto and other landscaping. We must do our part as a member of the community to conserve where we can. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support. During this statewide crisis.

PATIENTLY AWAITING JUDGMENT

Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seems to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house-teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today.

COLLECTION REPORT FOR JULY 13, 2014

Amount Collected—$10,882
Budgeted Amount—$11,500
Surplus/deficit—<$618>

Thank you all for your continued stewardship of Our Lady of Loretto through your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of God, especially:

Juliana Snodgrass
Bud Lingo
Dorothy Gilmour

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19—July 26

Mass Intentions for the week

Sat. 5pm Martina O’Donovan +

Sun. 7:30am Joyce and Dave Meyer (L)
6am Ellen and Fred Vitorelo +
10:30am OLL Parishioners
12 Noon Luis Solagre +

Mon. 9am Kramer & Illig Families (L) and +

Tues. 9am Gary Burris +

Wed 9am Jesuina Rodriguez +

Thurs. 9am Claire Troy (L)

Fri. 9am All Victims of Disasters +

Sat. 9am Dan Towns +