March 8, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent

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

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up
John 2:13-25
**Mass Intentions**  
*March 7 to March 15*

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

*Elena Turroni Bernadette Murphy*

**Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering that they may know the embrace of Christ’s healing love.**

Paulette Borg, Sue Castillo, Drago Dolar, Mary Lou Fuette, Thelma Graves, Fr. Tom Hamilton, Martin Keaney, Bridie Keenan, Jim Lang, Samuel Morris, Judy Nygard, Bob Rowden

We are updating our prayer list and have removed names which have been on the list for some time. Please call the Rectory to have someone
Mass Times
See separate article regarding
Lenten observances
Monday—Friday
7:00am During Lent, 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00am
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
12pm Spanish Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday
9:30am-5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross
7pm Friday During Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday3:00pm-4:00pm
Rosary
Monday—Thursday after
9am Mass and 5:30pm
Friday after 9am Mass and at 5pm
Sunday at 3:30pm
Baptisms
Please contact the Rectory-
Catechesis Required
Marriages
Please contact the Rectory at least
6 months in advance
Our Lady of Loretto
St. Vincent de Paul Society
415-497-5090
Visit us on the Web www.ollnovato.org
E-mail us: church@ollnovato.org

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
Monday, 3/9: Middle School Classes meet in the convent from 7-8:30
Thursday, 3/12: High School Classes will meet IN THE CHURCH at 7pm for class, followed by a reconciliation service.
Please pray for our teens as they encounter the loving mercy of God.
**Students preparing for First Communion, please remember to meet in the YM office at 6:30pm on your respective class nights.**

OLL YOUTH MINISTRY is excited to announce that our trip to Steubenville San Diego is FULL! If you are interested in learning more about what our teens will experience during this powerful weekend, please visit www.allforgodcatholic.org and click on the “Steubenville San Diego” tab. To our dear parishioners: we have many students attending this trip who are eager to work hard to earn the funds needed to cover their travel expenses. While we will be fundraising in the months to come, each family is responsible for contributing $500 – this works out to be about 2/3 of their total trip cost. We have already had requests from parishioners looking to hire out yard help, set-up/clean-up for events, etc. If you have any opportunities for our teens, please contact the youth ministry office. (annie@ollnovato.org; 897-2171 x277) Thanks!
Collections Report

February Collection Totals

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Marin Catholic Fashion Show

The Marin Catholic Parents Association invites you to join us for “The Great Gatsby”, the school’s annual fundraising and auction on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael. The luncheon and dinner shows will feature more than 250 Marin Catholic students on the catwalk, modeling clothes from local boutiques and stores throughout Marin.

The luncheon event begins at 10:00 a.m., with the Marin marketplace filled with unique gift items followed by a luncheon catered by Il Fornaio and fashion show. The dinner show starts at 5:00 p.m. and features both silent and live auctions, a sit-down dinner by Il Fornaio, fashion show, live music and dancing. Luncheon tickets are $75.00, dinner show tickets are $165.00. The MC Marketplace is open to the public and free from 10:00-3:00 p.m. and is comprised of local vendors including Kathy Kamei designs, Kiki Bean and Beadhead and Lynn Tallerico designs.

Event sponsors include Hartman Studios, Il Fornaio, Bradley Real Estate, Bob and Shannon Altman, Mark Michna, DDS, and Kevin and Christine Sharps.

Online bidding for an array of auction items opens to the public on February 23, 2015 at www.biddingforgood.com/

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Weekday Mass was only at designated “stations.” The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord’s Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

Marin Catholic Golf Club. We hope each and every parishioner will support this very special fund raiser by being a sponsor, playing a round of golf, purchasing a raffle ticket, and/or attending the dinner in the church hall following the tournament. With your continued generous support, we can provide much-needed funds for Youth Ministry, a most important program for the teens and young adults of our parish. Thank you!

11th Annual Golf Committee

Novena to St. Joseph

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns cordially invite you to attend their annual Novena to St. Joseph from March 11 to the 19th, with Mass and Vespers, at 4 p.m. each afternoon, in the Monastery Chapel.

This year’s Novena will be conducted by Rev. Thomas Koller, OCD. Fr. Thomas is a Discalced Carmelite Friar and is from the California/Arizona Province. He is also Parochial Vicar for Santa Cruz Church in Tucson, Arizona. Father gave us an excellent Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel this past year. We are so grateful that he will be able to return now for the Novena to St. Joseph as well. We hope you will join us for these nine days of prayer and reflection.

Thank you very much and God bless you!

Sister Anna Marie, OCD, and Sisters

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Dear Friends,

**God is good! Indeed, God is very good!**

I can’t believe how things are coming together here:

1) The 7am Morning Mass for Lent is well attended.
2) The SSS (Soup, Supper, and Stations) on Friday, beginning at 6pm, are bringing the English and Spanish Communities closer together.
3) We have almost reached our AAA goal of $107,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
4) WASC was here at our school this past week. WASC is a group that accredits our school. They are very pleased with what’s going on in our school. The only negative is that we need more students.
5) Plans are being made for our Summer Project List which will spruce up the parish and school. I think you will be pleased with what we are planning to do.
6) Bishop Bob McElroy, the Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, was named this past week, the new Bishop of San Diego. Bob and I went to grade school and high school together and this honor couldn’t happen to a nicer guy. Good luck, Bishop Bob! San Francisco’s loss is definitely San Diego’s gain.

As I said at the beginning of my letter, things are coming together. I thank you, the parishioners of OLL, for your generosity and I thank God for bringing me back to Novato.

**God is good! Indeed, God is very good!!**

Happy Lent!
Father Brian

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

**Psalm** — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

**Second Reading** — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

**Gospel** — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- **Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
- **Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- **Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- **Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- **Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- **Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**HEAVEN**

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

—Blessed John Henry Newman
Monday through Friday of Lent:
Masses are at 7am and 9am

Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday):
Soup and Salad Supper in the
Hall at 6pm
Bilingual Stations of the Cross in the
Church at 7pm

During the Fridays of Lent, we abstain from meat

This Week at OLL
March 8— March 15
Sun. The Third Sunday of Lent
Mon. Our Mother of Perpetual Help—Chapel—6pm
      Al-Anon—Convent – 7:15pm
      ICF—Hall –5:30pm
Tues. Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
      CDA—Hall—6:00pm
Wed. Choir Practice– Choir Room—6:30pm
Thurs. Eucharistic Adoration—Chapel—9:30am—5pm
      Soup, Salad and Stations
      6pm—Parish Hall and Church
Fri. Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
      K of C St. Pat’s Dinner—Hall—6:00pm
Sat. Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE PATH TO FREEDOM
Most of us, if we were asked “Does the phrase ‘the Ten Commandments’ appear in the Bible?” would likely get it wrong, because the answer is “no.” “The Ten Commandments” is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today’s passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God’s law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God’s path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God’s freedom through Christ.

Esta semana en OLL
8 Marzo —15 Marzo
Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma
Lunes: Coro de JPC—Cuarto de Coro—7pm
Martes: Helping Hands Grupo de Oración por la Iglesia-1pm
      JPC Discípulos—Capilla del Convento –7pm
      Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro-Chapel-6pm
      Al-Anon-Convento - 7:15 pm
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración—Capilla—7:30pm
      Ensayo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves: Ensayo del Coro-Iglesia-6:30pm
Viernes: Adoración Eucarística-Capilla 9:30am a 5pm
      JPC—Bibliotecca—7pm
Sabado: Cenáculo-Chapel-9: 30am
Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-7 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o Éxodo 17:3-7.
Salmo — Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o Salmo 95 (94).
Segunda lectura — Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8.
Evangelio — Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 40-42].

CAMINO A LA LIBERTAD
La mayoría de nosotros, si nos preguntaran “¿Aparece la frase ‘los Diez Mandamientos’ en la Biblia?” daríamos la respuestaída, pues la respuesta es “no”. “Los diez mandamientos” es una frase post bíblica, que se desarrolló junto con una imagen de Dios como ‘policía’ la cual no se encuentra en el pasaje de hoy del libro de Éxodo. La primera frase es clave: Dios es el que nos sacó de la esclavitud; cumplir las leyes o mandamientos de Dios es nuestro camino a la libertad. Los cambistas a quienes Jesús echó del templo no estaban violando ninguno de los mandamientos, pero tampoco estaban ayudando a la gente a encontrar el camino hacia la libertad de Dios cuando llegaban al Templo a rezar. Esta es una lección de la Cuaresma importante para nosotros. Tenemos que dejar de preguntarnos si estamos o no violando alguna regla o reglamento específico, y en cambio examinar nuestra vida para ver si verdaderamente estamos siguiendo un camino hacia la libertad de Dios por medio de Cristo.
Queridos amigos,

**Dios es bueno! De hecho, Dios es muy bueno!**

No puedo creer cómo las cosas se están reuniendo aquí:

1) El 07 a.m. Misa de la mañana por la Cuaresma está bien atendido.
2) El SSS (sopa, cena, y Estaciones) el viernes, a partir de las 18:00, están trayendo las Comunidades españolas Inglés y más seguidas.
3) Casi hemos alcanzado nuestra meta de AAA de $ 107.000. Gracias, gracias, gracias!
4) WASC fue aquí en nuestra escuela la semana pasada. WASC es un grupo que acredita nuestra escuela. Ellos están muy contentos con lo que está pasando en nuestra escuela. El único aspecto negativo es que necesitamos más estudiantes.
5) Se están haciendo planes para nuestra Lista de Proyectos de Verano que arreglar la parroquia y la escuela. Creo que usted estará satisfecho con lo que estamos planeando hacer.

Como dije al principio de mi carta, las cosas se están uniendo. Le doy las gracias, los feligreses de OLL, por su generosidad y doy gracias a Dios por traerme de nuevo a Novato.

**Dios es bueno! De hecho, Dios es muy bueno !!**

Feliz Cuaresma!
Padre Brian

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**Sopa, Ensalada y Estaciones de la Cruz**

El viernes de la Cuaresma que estamos teniendo una sopa y ensalada "simple" de la cena en el Salón a las 6 pm seguida de las estaciones bilingües de la Cruz en la Iglesia a las 7pm. Esto le brindará la oportunidad para que nos unamos como parroquia en el ayuno, la oración y la limosna durante la Cuaresma