
August 30, 2015
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH
“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”
Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering that they may know the embrace of Christ’s healing love.


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 included on the Prayer List.

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

Bernice Wusz

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**Mass Intentions**

*August 29 to September 6*

BC: Fr. Brian Costello  ME: Fr. Manuel Estrada

NH: Fr. Neil Healy

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FROM OLL YOUTH MINISTRY:
Registration is OPEN for all grade levels in our Confirmation preparation program. The process for Confirmation at OLL is three years, typically beginning in the 7th grade, so please get your middle and high school students signed up ASAP! We also offer Baptism (RCIA) and First Holy Communion preparation for this age group and look forward to working with your families to bring your teens into the life of the Church. Registration forms are available in all church entrances, at the rectory or on the “religious education” page of our parish website: www.ollnovato.org.

All TEENS who are interested in committing to be part of this year’s Core Leadership Youth Ministry Team: we’ll meet in the convent on Thursday, 9/3, at 7pm. Come ready to pray, plan and celebrate the year ahead. All high school aged teens are welcome to come and learn about what OLL YM has to offer for everything from service hours to fun and fellowship throughout the year.

Attention Young Adults! Have you been looking for an opportunity to go deeper in your faith? Have you been feeling a call to volunteer your time in your parish? Do you want to be a part of our growing ministry without the burden of having to TEACH the Faith or manage a classroom? Our YM adult team is looking for help! Call Annie Troy in the YM office for more information on how you can meet other young adults in the parish while giving back at the same time. 415-897-2171; annie@ollnovato.org.
### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The OLL Religious Education Office is currently accepting registrations for classes for the 2015-2016 school year. Registration forms are available on our website. Please visit www.ollnovato.org and click on the religious education tab where you will be able to print the registration form at home and either mail it in or drop it off to the rectory office. Registration forms are also available at the entrances to the church. Please register early.

### Have You Been Thinking About Possibly Becoming Catholic?

- Are you not baptized but seeking spirituality in your life?
- Have you come from a different faith background and would like to learn more about what Catholics believe and why?
- Are you an adult who was baptized in the Catholic Church but never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?

If any of these apply to you, we would love to help you in your faith journey through a process that is known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

We joyfully welcome you as you begin your journey to explore the Catholic Faith and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to walk with you during this most important part of your life.

### What is RCIA?

It is a process of prayer, discussions, study, and celebration. RCIA is the Church’s way of helping people become members of the Catholic Church and assimilating them into a Catholic way of life, by coming to an understanding of the Church and its doctrines, beliefs, and practices so that they can comfortably pray and serve with the Catholic community. It is not a hurried process, but a deliberate, personal process of growth and understanding that takes as long as it takes. Typically, the process is about 9 months – but it may be longer if that is what a person is more comfortable with.

### How Can I Learn More?

- Come to an initial meeting on Monday, September 21st, at 7:00 PM in the School Library or contact the Rectory at 415-897-2171 for more information.

### This Week at OLL

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### A Short History of the Roof

In 1983-84, our community put a new wing on top of the original monastery’s first floor, built in 1965. A tar and gravel roof was installed and lasted until now. Most tar and gravel roofs last twenty years. Ours has lasted for 32 years!! It is now definitely showing it’s age. Not only the actual roof needs to be replaced but all the wood trimmings, which is now beyond repair. We received four bids and the price for everything is about $32,000. We have so far received about $17,000. So in order to complete the roof we need another $15,000. We are hoping to begin the work this next month of September, in order to have it finished by winter time. Heavy rains are being predicted, which is good news, as we desperately need rain, but not such good news with a bad roof. Thank you for any help you can give us to bring this project to completion.

In honor of our Jubilee Year of Foundation, we wish to thank everyone who has helped us in any way, to continue our life of prayer for these past Fifty Years! May Our Lord bless what He and His Mother have begun in us and also ask our Holy Mother St. Teresa, in this 500th anniversary of her birth, to bless the vine she has planted here in San Rafael.

With Much Gratitude and Prayers,

Your Carmelite Sisters of the Mother of God

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Our Parish Financial Report will be completed as soon as possible. Several delays have occurred and we want to be sure all the information is accurate. We apologize for the delay.
Dear Friends,

Patrick Reeder, OLL’s Parish Manager wrote a letter to the teachers and staff at the beginning of the new School Year which started last Wednesday. I will publish Patrick’s letter in full following my letter. Before I do that, though, I would like to add something about OLL’s Parishioners.

Commitment. I love to be in a parish where people are totally committed to the Church. Week in and week out you come to Mass; support your parish through your offerings and volunteer work, which help makes OLL the gem of Marin County Parishes. You truly love your parish and are committed to it for the long run. Even though some of you might disagree with me, I will never question your love and commitment to OLL. That’s what commitment is all about: hanging in there during the good times and especially the bad. Thanks for being such a good, committed people.

Have a great week!
Father Brian

Some Thoughts as we begin our new school year.

Commitment. Fr. Brian spoke of commitment during his homily Saturday evening and even made it the secret word we were all asked to remember. Yes, there was a test at the end of Mass. He spoke of how God was committed to the chosen people and despite God’s commitment they, the Israelites, turned away from Him. He then spoke of Jesus and the many disciples He had gathered during His earthly ministry. Many of his followers decided His teachings were too hard to follow and left Him. It was only the Twelve who remained. And in one of my favorite verses in the Gospel this is what happens after many of those who were following Jesus left:

Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”
Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Commitment. Peter is telling Jesus that they are committed to spreading the Word of eternal life and to following Him wherever He may go, but there are three words in there that strike me. We have come to believe. It wasn’t an instantaneous commitment. They had come to believe. Peter was called by Jesus from his fishing boat in Galilee. What if Jesus called me while I was trying to do my work at OLL over the summer….would I be able to say yes Lord? Would I be able to drop everything and follow someone whom I did not know, leave everything behind and put all my trust in this man like Peter did? That’s a commitment! Thank God for St. Peter and his example of commitment.

This homily really stuck with me and as I thought about it I realized that in the course of my duties I see great examples of commitment which inspire me and show me the face of Jesus in others.

I see our Priests committed to ministering to our people. Visiting the sick, making hard and often unpopular decisions for the common good, consoling the bereaved, celebrating the Sacraments joyfully, and most often simply being present to those who want or need to be heard. Good, good men. Committed.

I see our Parish staff who often go under appreciated, under the radar and behind the scenes. I see them doing much more than the job descriptions would indicate. Taking extra time with people who need us or just want to speak with
someone who is kind and will listen when nobody else will. Extra hours, extra duties and extra stress is the norm, but the work is always done with the knowledge that we are "Workers in the vineyard of the Lord" and are bringing the light of Christ to others. Committed.

I see our School Administrators and Office Crew working many long hours to ensure we are prepared to start the new school year with new enthusiasm, new ideas and new outlooks on how we can best serve our children. I see them learning new skills and taking on new tasks with new energy. I see them recognizing that some of our brothers and sisters in Christ may not speak English and now have someone available with a welcoming and loving face for them to speak with in their native language. This reminds me of Jesus saying, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Imagine being in a country where you knew very little of the native language and needed to make decisions about your children. I would thank God for someone who spoke my language and could help me. I see healing and sadness for a lost friend, but much more healing than sadness. The sadness is tempered by love and the greatest of these is love. I see new faces which bring new life and energy to our school. Long hours, willingly worked. Going the extra mile. Welcoming the stranger. Working tirelessly to get students the resources they need to be successful. Listening with a loving ear. Commitment.

I see those who provide our parents an ability to work. Two working parents are the norm these days and they couldn't do it without a safe and loving place for their children to go before and after school. A group of people who do much with little but always with love. They provide a welcoming environment.....a home. Smiling faces who help with homework, play games and watch over the kids as if they were their own. Commitment.

I see the educators. I see the focus and anticipation of those entrusted with educating our children as they prepare for a new year. I see them meticulously arranging their classrooms in ways I can't comprehend or appreciate. The kids will appreciate and understand it and that's what matters most. Classrooms which are more like extensions of each person's personality. Fun, funky, simple. Far from the austere classrooms I remember. Different looks but the same focus, the kids. I see the teamwork between aides and teachers. Two minds working as one to help our children grow in knowledge. Waiting for the classrooms to once again be filled with their charges. I see those who chose a profession not for the big bucks.....but to make a difference in the lives of children. Commitment.

We wouldn't be here if God wasn't committed to us. So committed that He sent his only Son into the world who died for us, to save us from our sins and whose death makes it possible for us to have eternal life. This is the commitment which we share and pass on to all the children at school, with each other and with anyone who wishes to hear the Good News. Our faith is our commitment to God and our most important task as members of this OLL community.

St. Peter said it perfectly..."Master, to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." Spreading the love of Christ that Peter and we have come to know is the foundation of our school and our faith.

I am grateful for all you do and for the commitment you have made to OLL and as a parent, I have seen the fruits of your commitment in my children who have grown in Faith and knowledge.

I pray that all of us have a great school year.

Patrick
Esta semana en OLL
30 Agosto — 6 Septiembre
Domingo: Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Coro de JPC—Cuarto de Coro—7pm
Martes: Helping Hands Grupo de Oración por la Iglesia-1pm
JPC Discípulados—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
Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves:
Viernes: JPC—Biblioteca—7pm
Sabado: Cenaculo—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: Vigesimo tercer Tiempo Ordinario

Una breve historia de la Azotea
En 1983-1984, podés poner una nueva ala en la parte superior de la planta Frist del monasterio original, construida en 1965. Se instaló un techo de alquitrán y grava y se prolongó hasta ahora. La mayoría de los techos de alquitrán y grava últimos veinte años. La nuestra ha durado 32 años !! En la actualidad se duda mostrando su edad. No sólo el techo real necesita ser reemplazado, pero todos los adornos de madera, lo que es ahora la reparación beyoine. Hemos recibido cuatro ofertas y el precio de todo es alrededor de $ 32,000. Tenemos hasta el momento recibedabout $ 17,000. Así que con el fin de completar el techo necesitamos otros $ 15,000. Estamos esperando para comenzar el trabajo el próximo mes de septiembre, con el fin de tenerlo terminado para el invierno. Las fuertes lluvias se predijeron, que es una buena noticia, ya que necesitamos desesperadamente la lluvia, pero no tan buenas noticias con un mal de la azotea. Gracias por cualquier ayuda que nos pueda dar para llevar este proyecto hasta su finalización ti.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Pobres fariseos, cómo les echamos piedras. Durante el ministerio público de Jesús los fariseos no tenían mucho poder, pues la clase sacerdotal era la que dominaba la vida religiosa de los hebreos. Los fariseos eran gente común: eran laicos. No obstante, estos laicos no se conformaban con sólo cumplir el requisito de la oración y asistir a la sinagoga. Los fariseos pueden compararse con los carismáticos, ministros de la comunión y otros cristianos laicos que no se conforman sólo con asistir a la misa cada semana. Los fariseos también deseaban aprender más acerca de la Palabra de Dios y practicar su fe en todas partes. Probablemente, Jesús mismo, en algún momento perteneció al grupo de los fariseos.

Entonces ¿de dónde viene el pleito cristiano con los fariseos? Con la destrucción del Templo judío (año 70 d.C.) se acabó la clase sacerdotal. Cuando se escribieron los cuatro evangelios, quienes estaban al frente de la religión hebrea eran los fariseos, no los sacerdotes. Ellos, en su afán de preservar la fe judía, no permitían novedades como las de los judíos cristianos. Por esto se creó una división entre los fariseos y los cristianos, división que aparece en los evangelios una y otra vez.

TRADICIÓN
La tradición es la memoria humana a largo plazo, mantenida no en piedra sino en la interrelación humana. Sin esta memoria activa, los lazos de relaciones y de afecto se debilitan y se deshacen. Las comunidades se separan tan de seguro como caen los edificios abandonados. Después de participar en acontecimientos, celebraciones y hasta en pequeños ritos, comentamos lo bueno que es el reunirnos y recordar.

Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan aquellos fundamentos que van más hondo que la voluntad humana para relacionarse. Hoy escuchamos sobre la voluntad divina de relacionarse con nosotros —de ser nuestro Dios tal como nosotros somos llamados a ser el pueblo amado de Dios.

Hoy recordamos en tres lecturas y de tres maneras los lazos de la alianza que nos establece como pueblo, y las obligaciones y responsabilidades que expresan lo más hondo del alma. Tú eres mío. Yo soy tuya. Estas son palabras de Dios que crearon a un pueblo, tan seguramente como “Hágase la luz” creó el sol y la luna y todas las estrellas.

EL VALOR DEL TRABAJO
El cielo está bendecido con descanso eterno pero la bendición de la tierra es el trabajo.
—Henry Van Dyke