September 20, 2015
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF LORETTA PARISH
“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”
### Mass Intentions
#### September 19 to September 27

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

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

Ruth Beckman, Wayne Beckmann, Margaret Bohan, Gary Campaue, Vivian Girard, Fr. Dustin Gorell, Mark Harlen, Florence Haron, Patrick Haugh, Mae Haught, Rene Haverluck, John Henry, Al Labourette, Mary-Louise Huppert DeFever, Victor Iacovetto, Martin Keaney, Margaret Keith, Norma Lombardi, Patrick Melis Haugh, James Murphy, Jim Murphy, Peggy Murphy, Alberto Palpallatoc, Jr., Elizabeth Rigney, Margarita Ruiz, Nancy Sammon, Benjamin Schober, Edward Schober, Virginia Schober, Bridget Senker, Niloo Vahid, Michelle Wisniewski

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.
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Mass Times
Monday—Friday  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

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 3:00pm

Baptisms  
Please contact the Rectory-  
Catechesis Required

Marriages  
Please contact the Rectory at least  
6 months in advance

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).
Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).
Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).
Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).
Dear Friends,

The Pope is coming! The Pope is coming! How excited all of us American Catholics should be to have the Holy Father with us for the next six days. Even though Pope Francis will only be visiting three cities on the East Coast, we should all be very happy to have the holy Father with us he makes this long awaited pilgrimage to the U.S.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, he will arrive in Washington, D.C., meet with President Obama at the White House, speak to a joint session of the U.S. Congress, and canonize Father Junipero Serra at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Father Serra, an eighteenth century missionary to California, will become America’s first Latino saint. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Pope Francis will be in New York to pray at Ground Zero and will speak before the United Nations. Next Saturday and Sunday, Pope Francis will be in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families and will celebrate Mass for an estimated two million people. Not bad for our 78 year old Holy Father.

I leave you with Pope Francis’ favorite prayer. It is called “Prayer to Mary Untier of Knots”. He prays it every day. Maybe you could pray this prayer while the Pope is here in America.

Enjoy this Very Special Week,
Father Brian

Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.

You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life.

No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot….I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope.

O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains.

Hear my plea.
Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.
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.

WORD OF LIFE
“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.” — Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage 2014-15 Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

St. Vincent de Paul High School Open House
Join us on October 18, from 11:00am to 1:30pm
100 Years of Excellence in College Preparatory Education
This is your opportunity to tour the school, meet the faculty, get your questions answered and take the first step in securing a spot for your child’s high school experience.
For more information, contact Deb Sammon at 707-763-1032 ext 113 or go to our website at www.svhs-pet.org

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE
The Shaker hymn describes a circular journey from innocence to innocence with characteristic brevity:
'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.
This journey is easier sung about than done. It takes humility and time to recover a second innocence. Titles, positions of honor, money, and power are not requirements of the kingdom of God. Jesus says and demonstrates in today’s Gospel that members of God’s kingdom must hold in their embrace the most inconsequential of persons, for that person is identified with Jesus. This attitude ran counter to the intuition of the world of Jesus’ time, as it does in ours.
The simplicity set forth by Jesus requires the shedding of unnecessary, unimportant, false, and burdensome attachments that earthly power demands. Membership in the Kingdom is light enough to put a song in our heart.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: St. Matthew
Tuesday: World Meeting of Families begins; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Eid al Adha (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio);
Autumn begins
Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;
Blessed Virgin Mary

"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person."
This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and will focus on the theme “Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person.” Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.
Thank you to all those who bring Jesus to others in a special way as teachers of His word here at OLL.
God Bless You.
Thank you!

“Thank you” does not begin to adequately express my gratitude for the beautiful Mass and reception on August 30th. I am so grateful for all who have expressed prayer and good wishes, and who were able to attend the Mass and/or reception. Thank you to each one for all the preparations of food, venue and behind the scene tasks that went into making Sunday such a beautiful and humbling experience. What a surprise to see Msgr. Keane in attendance and to be able to wish him a blessed 95th Birthday. My only regret was not to be able speak and thank each one personally. Know of my appreciation and gratitude and of my on-going prayer for you as we continue to share life together in the days ahead. May God continue to bless you daily.

Love, Sister Jeanette

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Toward the end of the second century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat’s hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn’t tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.

LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** —Los impíos dirán: Probemos y sometamos al justo; condenémoslo a una muerte infame, pues, según sus propias palabras, Dios lo ayudará y lo librará (Sabiduría 2:12, 17-20).

**Salmo** — El Señor es quien me ayuda (Salmo 54 [53]).

**Segunda lectura** — Donde hay envidia y ambición habrá también inestabilidad y muchas cosas malas. La sabiduría trae consigo muchas bendiciones (Santiago 3:16 — 4:3).

**Evangelio** — Jesús les advierte a sus discípulos que viene su pasión y resurrección, luego les enseña a tener humildad y sencillez como la de un niño.
Queridos amigos,

El Papa se acerca! El Papa se acerca! Cómo emocionados todos nosotros los católicos estadounidenses debe haber para que el Santo Padre con nosotros durante los próximos seis días. A pesar de que Francisco sólo visitará tres ciudades de la costa este, todos debemos estar muy contentos de tener al Padre santo con nosotros hace esta peregrinación tan esperada de los EE.UU.

El martes, miércoles y jueves, se llegará a Washington, DC, se reunirá con el presidente Obama en la Casa Blanca, hablará ante una sesión conjunta del Congreso de Estados Unidos, y canonizar a Fray Junípero Serra en el Shine Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción. Padre Serra, misionero del siglo XVIII a California, se convertirá en la primera santa de América latina. El jueves, el viernes y el sábado, Francisco estará en Nueva York para orar en la Zona Cero y hablar ante las Naciones Unidas. El próximo sábado y domingo, Francisco estará en Filadelfia para la Reunión Mundo de Familias y celebrará la Santa Misa para un estimado de dos millones de personas. No está mal para nuestra 78 años Santo Padre.

Os dejo con la oración favorita Francisco '. Se llama "Oración a María que Desata los Nudos". Él ora todos los días. Tal vez usted podría esta oración mientras que el Papa está aquí en Estados Unidos.

Disfrute de esta semana muy especial,

Padre Brian

Oración a María, que Desata los Nudos

Virgen María, Madre del amor hermoso, Madre que nunca se niega a acudir en ayuda de un niño necesitado, Madre cuyas manos no dejan de servir a sus amados hijos, ya que son movidos por el amor divino y la inmensa misericordia que existe en su corazón, pon vuestros ojos compasivos sobre mí y ver la maraña de nudos que existen en mi vida.

Usted sabe muy bien lo desesperada que soy, mi dolor, y cómo me veo obligado por estos nudos. María, Madre a quien Dios confió la ruina de los nudos en la vida de sus hijos, yo confío en vuestras manos la cinta de mi vida.

Nadie, ni siquiera el propio Diablo, lo puede quitar de su cuidado precioso.

En sus manos no hay nudo que no se puede deshacer.

Madre de gran alcance, por tu gracia y poder de intercesión con Su Hijo y mi libertador, Jesús, ten en tus manos hoy este nudo ... Yo ruego los deshagas para la gloria de Dios, una vez por todas. Eres mi esperanza.

¡Oh, mi Señora, usted es el único consuelo que Dios me da, la fortificación de mi fuerza débil, el enriquecimiento de mi miseria, y, con Cristo, la libertad de mis cadenas.

Escucha mi súplica. Guárdame, guíame, protegerme, o refugio seguro! María, Desatadora de nudos, ruega por mí.