December 13, 2015
Third Sunday of Advent

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

JUBILEE YEAR
OF MERCY
Dec. 8, 2015
to
Nov. 20, 2016

"Merciful Like the Father, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."
**Mass Intentions**  
*December 12 to December 20*

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<td>Barbara Burke +, George Schilling +, Maria Lupe Garcia +</td>
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**May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of God:**

*Mike Doolittle  
Maribeth Gleeson*

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

Wayne Beckmann, Margaret Bohan, Gary Campaue, Mel Cardenas, Frankie Caza, John Coffman, Bridget Fenker, Vivian Girard, Fr. Dustin Gorell, John Hansen, Mark Harlen, Florence Haron, Patrick Haugh, Rene Haverluck, Mary-Louise Huppert DeFevever, Greer Goebel, Jim Horan, Bea Horan, Victor Iacovetto, Victoria Iacovetto, Martin Keaney, Margaret Keith, Norma Lombardi, Patrick Melis Haugh, Jim Horan, Sal Miceli, Roy Michon, Gloria Mock, Joan Moss, James Murphy, Jim Murphy, Peggy Murphy, Ray Ostertag, Alberto Palpallatoc, Jr., Elizabeth Rigney, Margarita Ruiz, Nancy Sammon, Coleen Schmidt, Benjamin Schober, Richard Stafford, Patrick Kevin Tirk, Niloo Vahid, Michelle Wisniewski, Tim Wright, Henry Yee

*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.*
Mass Times
Monday—Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
7:00 pm (Spanish Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12 Noon Spanish Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday
9:30 am-5:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
Rosary
Monday—Thursday after
9am Mass and 5:30 pm
Friday after 9 am Mass and at
5 pm
Sunday at 3:00 pm
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

Christmas Concert Bring your family and friends on Sunday, December 20 to a joyful re-telling of the nativity story. The adult choir and special children’s chorus tell of Christ’s birth in both word and song. Times are 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm at the church with a reception following.

Parishioner Available for Care-giver Position
A parishioner is available for full-time or part-time in home care-giver position. She has been devotedly caring several years for a recently deceased resident. If you are in need of home care, please contact Sister Jeanette, ext. 226 at 415-897-2171.
Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dear Friends-

As we begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy, take some time to say this prayer. Hopefully during this special year, we can all know better the gift of God.

Have a Great Week,

Father Brian
As we move into the busiest time of the year, please calendar these dates into your busy schedule:

**December 12th**
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Procession from Downtown Novato to Church Meet at Machin and Grant Avenue (Novato Police Station) 5:00pm
Mass - 7:00pm
Reception in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass

**December 17th**
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 17th
6:30pm: School Christmas Concert

December 20th:
Bring all baby Jesus statues to be blessed at Mass.
Parish Christmas Concert. 4pm and 7:30pm

**December 24th to January 3rd**
Parish Offices will be closed. Priests are on-site for any emergencies.

**December 24th—Christmas Eve**
Mass Times— 5pm (Children’s Mass in both Church and Hall), 7pm (English), 9pm (Spanish)

**December 25th—Christmas**
Masses at 8am, 10am, and 12 Noon (Spanish)

**January 1st**
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. (Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses at 10am (English) 12 Noon (Spanish)

AN ADVENT PRAYER
May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

Compassion, Forgiveness, Peace through the Infant Jesus

*Saint Isabella Church cordially invites you to the annual SIMBANG GABI in the North Bay*

**December 17th – 21st 2015**
6:30 pm – Reconciliation
6:45 pm – Holy Rosary
7:00 pm — Mass

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).
### This Week at OLL
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### CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 14-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Queridos amigos-

Al comenzar este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, tomar algún tiempo para decir esta oración. Esperemos que durante este año especial, todos podemos conocer mejor el don de Dios

Que tengas una buena semana,

Padre Brian

Señor Jesucristo,

tú nos has enseñado a ser misericordiosos como el Padre del cielo,
y nos has dicho que quien te ve, lo ve también a Él.
Muéstranos tu rostro y obtendremos la salvación.
Tu mirada llena de amor liberó a Zaqueo y a Mateo de la esclavitud del dinero;
a la adúltera y a la Magdalena del buscar la felicidad solamente en una criatura;
hizo llorar a Pedro luego de la traición,
y aseguró el Paraíso al ladrón arrepentido.

Haz que cada uno de nosotros escuche como propia la palabra que dijiste a la samaritana:
¡Si conocieras el don de Dios!

Tú eres el rostro visible del Padre invisible,
del Dios que manifiesta su omnipotencia sobre todo con el perdón y la misericordia:
haz que, en el mundo, la Iglesia sea el rostro visible de Ti, su Señor, resucitado y glorioso.
Tú has querido que también tus ministros fueran revestidos de debilidad
para que sientan sincera compasión por los que se encuentran en la ignorancia o en el error; haz que quien se acerque a uno de ellos se sienta esperado, amado y perdonado por Dios.

Manda tu Espíritu y conságranos a todos con su unción
para que el Jubileo de la Misericordia sea un año de gracia del Señor
y tu Iglesia pueda, con renovado entusiasmo, llevar la Buena Nueva a los pobres
proclamar la libertad a los prisioneros y oprimidos
y restituir la vista a los ciegos.

Te lo pedimos por intercesión de María, Madre de la Misericordia,
a ti que vives y reinas con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén