He said to them in reply, “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.

Lk 13:8-9

February 28, 2016
Third Sunday of Lent

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.

Wayne Beckmann, Margaret Bohan, Jean Emma Bova, Gary Campaue, Mel Cardenas, Frankie Caza, Adita Claire, John Coffman, Michelle Deprez, Bridget Fenker, Terry Finn, Jesse Fuette, Vivian Girard, Fr. Dustin Gorell, John Hansen, Mark Harlen, Florence Haron, Patrick Haugh, Rene Haverluck, Don Hiner, Mary-Louise Huppert DeFever, Greer Goebel, Jean Gross, Renea Haverluck, Jean Holt, Jim Horan, Bea Horan, Victor Iacovetto, Victoria Iacovetto, Bob Jordan, Martin Keaney, Margaret Keith, Norma Lombardi, Patrick Melis Haugh, Sal Miceli, Roy Michon, Gloria Mock, Joan Moss, Wanda Mower, James Murphy, Jim Murphy, Peggy Murphy, Ray Ostertag, Alberto Palpallatoc, Jr., Elizabeth Rigney, Margarita Ruiz, Nancy Sammon, Coleen Schmidt, Benjamin Schober, Ed Schober, Richard Stafford, Patrick Kevin Tirk, Pat U’ Ren, Niloo Vahid, Michelle Wisniewski, Tim Wright

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.
Fasting and Abstinence for Catholics in the U.S.

During Lent, Catholics in the United States abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. They fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent means to not eat meat on those days. It does not intend the omission of eggs or dairy products.

The required fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday involves eating only one full meal on those days. One or two smaller meals may be taken on those days, but may not total one full meal. The required fast does not allow eating anything between meals.

“All Catholics who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year.

Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.”

- Code of Canon Law, #1252

Marin Catholic Presents “Havana Nights” Fashion Show & Auction March 12, 2016

KENTFIELD, CA – The Marin Catholic Parents Association will present “Havana Nights,” the school’s annual fashion show and fundraising auction on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Marin Civic Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael.

Two shows will be presented. The luncheon event begins at 10:00 a.m. with a boutique of local vendors, lunch catered by Il Fornaio and the fashion show. The evening event starts at 5:00 pm, with cocktails, silent and live auctions, sit-down dinner by Il Fornaio, fashion show and dancing. Tickets for the luncheon are $75.00, dinner show tickets are $165.00.

For tickets or more information call 415.464.3800 or visit www.marin catholic.org
The Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Sausalito Parish invites all Marin County parishioners to hear Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone speak on his role as the Archbishop of the San Francisco Archdiocese. The event is sponsored by the Men’s Club at our March meeting on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30pm in Duggan Hall, 180 Harrison Avenue.

- The meeting will be start at 6:30pm with beverages and hors d'oeuvres.
- At 7:00pm the Archbishop will speak for approximately 30 minutes.
- The talk will be followed for a short question and answer period.
- A donation would be appreciated but not required.

RSVP to staroftheseamensclub@gmail.com

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The Lord God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE TO SPEAK

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ash Wednesday is not observed by Eastern Christians, perhaps because, at least in Orthodox practice, weekdays are not proper days for the Divine Liturgy. Typically, “Great Lent” has a bit of a prelude. On “Meatfare Sunday” the faithful have their last chance to eat meat for the entire period of Great Lent. A week later, “Cheesefare Sunday” has dairy on the menu for the last time until Pascha (Easter). At twilight on Cheesefare Sunday, officially called “Sunday of Forgiveness.” the church gathers for “Forgiveness Vespers.” The faithful identify with Adam and Eve, forgiving one another in order to experience God’s forgiveness. The desire to set aside all bitterness, and to achieve harmony and reconciliation in the family and with one’s neighbors gives a remarkable energy to the transition into the days of penitence. At the end of the vespers liturgy, the décor of the church is changed to reflect the new season.

How is your Lenten fast going? Imagine the Eastern tradition. No meat, no fish, no dairy, no wine or oil. Some traditions permit vegetable oil; everyone goes without olive oil. Happily, strict fasting is not permitted on the Sabbath or the Lord’s Day, so on Saturday and Sunday the fast is somewhat mitigated, and wine and oil are allowed. If the

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; 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: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Dear Friends,

We are now well into Lent. My hope and prayer is that each of us is doing “a little something extra” during this holy season.

During Fridays of Lent, we continue to have our Soup/Salad Suppers at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, the Directiva and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for hosting these suppers.

Beginning last Wednesday and continuing through the Wednesday’s until March 23rd, we are having a Bible Study in the school at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Lastly, in regards to Lent, we have a combined Lenten Reconciliation Service here at OLL on Tuesday, March 15th, at 10:30am and 7pm.

Our AAA Fund Drive begins Sunday, March 6th and ends on Sunday, March 13th. Last year we raised $40,000 over our goal, which meant we get this money back from the Archdiocese. This year our goal is $135,000 which is almost $30,000 more than last year. The good news is that our collections are up. The bad news is that we are being taxed on your generosity. Because of your generosity, we have the largest goal in Marin County. I have no doubts that we can raise this goal and then some. You continue to be a good and generous people!

Happy Lent!

Father Brian

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**Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee**

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.
This Week at OLL
February 28 — March 6

Sun. Third Sunday of Lent
Mon.  
Tue. Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
       Al-Anon—Convent – 7:15pm
Wed. Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
       K of C—Hall—7:30pm
Thurs. Choir Practice—Choir Room—6:30pm
Fri.  Adoration—Chapel—9:30am –5pm
       Stations—Church—7pm (bilingual)
Sat.  Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Sun. Fourth Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION
& YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday, 2/29: Middle School classes, 7-8:30 in the convent.
Baptism & First Communion students, please arrive at 6:30pm.
Thursday, 3/3: High School classes & OLL YM Core, 7-8:30 in the convent.
Saturday, 3/5: Confirmation & Youth Ministry Mass – 5pm in the church.

Registration is open for this year’s trip to Steubenville San Diego, but spaces are filling up fast! Visit www.steubenvillesd.com for more information on this wonderful opportunity to grow stronger in your faith and form meaningful, lasting relationships with other teens in our parish. Contact Annie Troy (annie@ollnovato.org; 897-2171) for more information.

Esta semana en OLL
28 Febrero — 6 Marzo

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma
Lunes:
Martes: Helping Hands Grupo de Oración por la Iglesia-1pm
       JPC Discipulados—Capilla del Convento –7pm
       Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro—Chapel-6pm
       Al-Anon-Convento - 7:15 pm
Miércoles: Miércoles de Ceniza
       Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración—Capilla—7:30pm
       Ensayo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves:
Viernes: Stations—Church—7pm (bilingual)
Sabado: Cenaculo—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

“YO SOY”
Lo que el pueblo esclavizado de Israel necesitaba era la bondad y misericordia de Dios, y esas dos cosas llegaron bajo la forma de una liberación. Llegaron por medio de un caudillo, Moisés, que cuando niño fue salvado de las aguas del Nilo, y ahora estaba pastoreando las ovejas de su suegro en el desierto. La zarza que ardía sin consumirse nos muestra que Dios es un misterio inagotable.

El temor y respeto de Moisés están mezclados con una confianza conmovedora, cuando trata de averiguar el Nombre del Señor. Y Dios le responde dulcemente con un Nombre —YO SOY— que distingue al Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob de los diosecitos de las naciones, que “no-son”. Esos diosecitos de nada son impotentes e inútiles. Moisés tiene que avanzar hacia un futuro increíble, y Dios lo espera allí con mano poderosa y brazo extendido. Es como si el Señor le dijera, “Ve, y verás”.

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — El Señor se aparece a Moisés y le indica que vaya a Moisés y libere a los israelitas de su opresión en Egipto (Éxodo 3:1-8a, 13-15) o Exodo 17:3-7.
Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]) o Salmo 95 (94).
Segunda lectura — No nos quejemos. El que se sienta seguro deberá cuidarse para no caer (1 Corintios 10:1-6, 10-12) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8.
Evangelio — Si no se arrepienten, todos perecerán (Lucas 13:1-9) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].
Estimados amigos,

Ahora estamos bien en la Cuaresma. Mi esperanza y oración es que cada uno de nosotros está haciendo "algo extra" durante este tiempo santo.

Durante viernes de Cuaresma, seguimos teniendo nuestras cenas / ensalada de sopa a las 6 pm seguido de Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7 pm. Gracias a los Caballeros de Colón, las Hijas Católicas, la directiva y el San Vicente de Paúl para la celebración de estas cenas.

A partir del miércoles pasado y continuando a través de los miércoles es hasta el 23 de marzo vamos a tener un estudio de la Biblia en la escuela a las 6:30 pm. Todos son bienvenidos!

Por último, en lo que respecta a la Cuaresma, tenemos un servicio de Cuaresma Reconciliación combinado aquí en OLL el martes, 15 de marzo a las 10:30 am y las 19:00.

Nuestro AAA impulsión del fondo se inicia el domingo 6to marzo y termina el domingo, 13 de marzo. El año pasado recaudamos $ 40,000 más de nuestro objetivo., lo que significaba que conseguimos este dinero formamos la Arquidiócesis. Este año nuestra meta es $ 135,000, que es casi $ 30,000 más que el año pasado. La buena noticia es que nuestras colecciones están arriba. La mala noticia es que estamos siendo grave su generosidad. Gracias a su generosidad, tenemos la meta más grande en el Condado de Marin. No tengo dudas de que podemos elevar esta meta y algo más. Usted continúa siendo un pueblo bueno y generoso!

Feliz Cuaresma!

Padre Brian

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchas naciones latinoamericanas son beneficiadas por organizaciones caritativas extranjeras. Pero estas organizaciones no siempre pueden suplir las necesidades de los pueblos latinoamericanos, por eso los obispos de Chile buscaron la manera de motivar a su pueblo para que ayude a sus propios desafortunados. En 1982 los obispos chilenos crearon una nueva práctica cuaresmal llamada la Campaña de Fraternidad. Esta Campaña se motiva en las observancias penitenciales de la oración, el ayuno y la caridad.

Esta práctica de la Iglesia chilena se basa en la tradición cristiana de las obras de caridad y la acción social. La Campaña de Fraternidad también se funda en la espiritualidad cristiana de la hermandad. Los que tienen la manera de ayudar han compartido a través de los proyectos de esta obra con jóvenes en riesgo social, madres solteras, ancianos, prisioneros y otros grupos marginados. Esto se hace en un espíritu de mutualidad entre los hijos e hijas del creador.

Esta campaña cuaresmal nos desafía a buscar la manera de ayudar a los pobres no como personas necesitada sino como hermanas y hermanos en Cristo a los cual debemos nuestra cooperación para mejorar sus vidas. Ellos en torno son la presencia de Cristo quién se encuentra en los más pequeños de la sociedad.