March 20, 2016
PALM SUNDAY

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.

Adita Claire, Jesse Fuette, Fr. Dustin Gorell, Jean Holt, Sharon Kielty, Tom Martinez, Julia Matos, Sal Miceli, Wanda Mower, Niloo Vahid

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

Ben Tower
Maddie Tower
Sam Tower
Claire Paysee
Jean Roybal

Mass Intentions March 19 to March 27

BC: Fr. Brian Costello  ME: Fr. Manuel Estrada
NH: Fr. Neil Healy
Fasting and Abstinence for Catholics in the U.S.

During Lent, Catholics in the United States are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and 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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday
THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday, 3/21: Middle school classes meet in the convent from 7-8:30.
Thursday, 3/24: OLL YM will be attending the Mass of the Last Supper. This is not an organized event, but all teens and families are encouraged to attend the liturgies of Holy Week. Please join us.

PASSION

The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Schedule Change
The second collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up the weekend of April 9th and 10th.

Mark your calendars for Our Lady of Loretto’s 12th Annual Youth Ministry Golf Tournament to be held Thursday, June 23rd, at Indian Valley Golf Club. We hope each and every parishioner will support this very important fund raiser by being a sponsor, playing a round of golf, purchasing a raffle ticket, and/or attending the delicious dinner in the church hall following the tournament. With your generous support, we continue to provide much-needed funds for Youth Ministry, an ever-expanding program for the teens and young adults of our parish.

Thank you! 12th Annual Golf Committee

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

March 19th-20th
Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19th
Confessions from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
5:00pm English Vigil Mass—7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 20th
8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses in English
12 Noon in Spanish
Blessed Palms will be distributed after all the Masses

March 24th
Holy Thursday
No 9am Mass today
7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Bi-lingual)
Altar of Repose / Adoration
In Parish Hall until 10 pm

March 25th
Good Friday
No 9am Mass today
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm—School Passion Play
1:00pm—Choir: “Whispers of the Passion”
2pm: Liturgical Service: Veneration of the Cross and Communion
7:00 pm Spanish Stations of the Cross
8pm Spanish Liturgical Service: Veneration of the Cross and Communion

March 26th
Holy Saturday
No 9am Mass
No Confessions and No Spanish Mass
8:00pm - Easter Vigil (Bi-lingual)

March 27th
Easter Sunday
Masses 8:00am and 10:00am in English
12 Noon in Spanish

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 1, 2016, 12th Annual Picnic and Bocce Tournament benefiting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Raphael and St. Isabella Conferences.

Please join us for a day of fun, including a great BBQ lunch with all of the fixings’. Most importantly you will be helping a worthy cause with 100% of the proceeds supporting the St. Vincent de Paul charity activities. Entrance forms are available. Thank you for your continued support. For more information, please contact Dean DiGiovanni @ 415 585 3855 or Joe Martino @ 415 479 8477
March 1, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is once again time to invite you to participate in our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. During this the Holy Year of Mercy, our theme is taken from the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Christ teaches us to be just and merciful servants, prepared to care for even our enemies, without counting the cost.

Every year I am moved deeply by the generosity of our Catholic faithful in support of the work of the Archdiocese. The Annual Appeal video this year will focus upon Restorative Justice, Religious Education, and seminary formation. As I think of those served by each of these ministries I am so grateful to those who have made it possible for the mercy of Christ to be made manifest to those in need: victims, perpetrators, and their families; young children learning about the faith; and all those who encounter Christ in our priests. We are a blessed Archdiocese.

I am grateful as well for all that you do to bring life to others, in your families, in your neighborhoods, and in your local parishes. As the Archdiocese embarks on this Annual Appeal, I urge you to be as generous as you can be in support of our ministries.

With my gratitude for your continued support of our Archdiocese, and with my prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in our Lord,
This Week at OLL
March 20—March 27

Sun.   PALM SUNDAY
Mon.   SVDP—Library –7pm
Tue.   Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
      Al-Anon—Convent – 7:15pm
Wed.   Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
Thurs. HOLY THURSDAY
Fri.    GOOD FRIDAY
Sat.    HOLY SATURDAY
      EASTER VIGIL
Sun.    EASTER SUNDAY

LILIES FOR EASTER
We appreciate your donation of Easter Lilies fro our
Church environment this Easter.  Please bring your Easter
lilies and calla lilies to the Church after 3pm on Good
Friday.  On behalf of the Altar Society we wish you all a
very Happy and Holy Easter.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home
from church today and they will reply “Palm Sunday.”
Not too long ago, today was known as the “Second Sun-
day of the Passion,” and in 1970 it was renamed “Passion
Sunday.” This made some sense, since the procession re-
calling Christ’s entry into Jerusalem is usually only cele-
brated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is pro-
claimed solemnly at every liturgy. In its most recent in-
carnarion, the name for this day includes both aspects of
the celebration: “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the
Lord.” In the United States today, most worshipers are
provided with palm branches, although in northern Eu-
rope pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branch-
es are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure
of the week to come was revised even as the traditional
name, “Holy Week,” was retained. The major benefit of
the restructuing of our calendar is to help us see that the
Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this
Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is
at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord’s Passion, you may
consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago,
good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem.
Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to partici-
pate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church’s
annual baptismal retreat: don’t be left out!

JOB OPENING
St. Anthony of Padua Parish-Novato is seeking a
Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization to
oversee catechetical programs. Applicants must be
practicing Catholics with religious education experi-
ence and passion for formation & evangelization.
Send resume or questions to Father Felix Lim at
felix_lim@yahoo.com.

Esta semana en OLL
Marzo 20 — 27 Marzo

Domingo:  DOMINGO DE RAMOS
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
      Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves:   Jueves Santo
Viernes:  Viernes Santo
Sábado:   Sabado Santo
Domingo:  PASQUA

PASIÓN
La palabra “pasión” conlleva un profundo y determi-
nado compromiso. Pero es interesante que tambien tiene
relación a la pasividad. La persona profundamente apasion-
ada del relato evangélico de Lucas es Jesús. Parece pasi-
vo pero no lo es. Está totalmente consciente de sí mismo y
totalmente presente al día que comienza el jueves por la
noche en su última cena con los apóstoles y termina con su
entierro antes de la puesta del sol el día siguiente. En-
tonces le sigue el largo silencio del sábado.

El relato de la pasión se lee entero y sin pausa el Do-
mindo de Ramos en la Pasión. Esta historia, que se en-
cuentra en cada uno de los evangelios, no cambia. Somos
nosotros los que cambiamos. Cada año, nos presentamos
con otro año de historia para escuchar y hacerle caso a
esta historia que tanta falta nos hace. La vida nos traque-
tea y de nuevo volvemos a los relatos de la Pasión para
aprender a seguirle.

LECTURAS DE HOY
Evangelio para la procesión de los ramos — ¡Bendito
el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)
Primera lectura — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no que-
daré confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).
Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abando-
nado? (Salmo 22 [21]).
Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios
lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).
Evangelio — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según

REDUCCIÓN ESENCIAL
Toda mi teología se reduce a este estrecho compás:
“Jesucristo vino al mundo para salvar a los pecadores”.
—Archibald Alexander
Triduo Pascual significa "tres días". Para el pueblo judío, la Pascua celebra el gran acontecimiento cuando Dios liberó al pueblo de Israel de la esclavitud. Los seguidores de Jesús proclaman que en la vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús, Dios ha liberado y nos ha salvado.

Cuando termina la Cuaresma, nos encontramos en el corazón del año litúrgico. En la noche del Sábado Santo y el Domingo de Pascua, observamos la Vigilia de Pascua. Nos reunimos para encender un gran fuego y una vela se eleva, para escuchar a nuestros máspreciados escrituras, cantar salmos y otras canciones. Luego nos reunimos en torno a las aguas de la fuente como los que se han estado preparando para una nueva vida en Cristo reciben los sacramentos de iniciación. Nuestro recién bautizados son ungidos con aceite fragante llamado crisma, y, por último, el recientemente bautizado, que ahora se llama neófitos, celebrar la Eucaristía con toda la Nuestra Señora de Loreto Comunidad.

Nos preparamos para esta Vigilia celebrando la institución de la Santa Eucaristía el Jueves Santo y conmemorando la Pasión del Señor venerando la cruz el Viernes Santo. También preparamos manteniendo la Vigilia Pascual, el ayuno especial de Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo. Los ayunos de la Iglesia - de los alimentos, de entretenimiento, de la charla, del trabajo - así que tienen tiempo para reflexionar profundamente la muerte y resurrección del Señor, el misterio de la fe que celebraremos en nuestra Vigilia.

Feliz Pascua
Padre Brian

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1 de marzo de, el año 2016

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Es una vez más tiempo para invitarle a participar en nuestro Apelación Anual de la Arquidiócesis. Durante este Año Santo de la Merced, nuestro tema es tomado del Sermón de la Montaña: "Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque ellos alcanzarán misericordia" (Mateo 5: 7). Cristo nos enseña a ser justo y misericordioso, servidores preparados para cuidar a nuestros enemigos, sin contar el costo.

Cada año estoy profundamente conmovido por la generosidad de nuestros fieles católicos en apoyo de la labor de la Arquidiócesis. El video de la Campaña Anual de este año se centrará en la justicia restaurativa, la educación religiosa y formación en el seminario. Al pensar en los que cubre cada uno de nuestros ministerios Estoy muy agradecido a los que han hecho posible que la misericordia de Cristo de ser manifestado a los necesitados: las víctimas, los autores, y sus familias; los niños pequeños que están aprendiendo acerca de la fe; y los que encuentran a Cristo en nuestros sacerdotes. Somos una bendita Arquidiócesis.

Estoy agradecido, así como para todo lo que hacen para dar vida a los demás, en sus familias, en sus barrios y en sus parroquias locales. A medida que la Arquidiócesis se embarca en esta Campaña Anual, yo insto a ser tan generoso como puede ser en apoyo de nuestros ministerios.

Con mi agradecimiento por su apoyo continuo de nuestra Arquidiócesis, y con mis mejores deseos de oración, yo soy,

Sinceramente suyo en el Señor,