“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

Luke 10:41-42

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016
Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering that they may know the embrace of Christ’s healing love.

Betty Burke, Adita Claire, Paula DiStefano, Jesse Fuette, Vivian Girard, Fr. Dustin Gorell, Pete Hanley, Henry Haase, Reniea Haverluck, Walt Heim, Jean Holt, Johnny Johnston, Sharon Kiely, Marjorie Lane, Julia Matos, Sal Miceli, Wanda Mower, Ray Ostertag, Dalton O’Sullivan, Cindy Paladini, Alice Rosaire, Margarita Ruiz, Louise Shipman, Paula and Dan Stilling, Mary Stryker, Pat U’Ren, Niloo Vahid, Teresa Welsch, Cathy Westover, Dory Wivens

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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TODAY’S READINGS  
First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the Lord (Genesis 18:1-10a).  
Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).  
Second Reading — Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).  
Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES  
Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis  
Wednesday: St. Apollinaris  
Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
Friday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Saturday: St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary
Dear Friends,

Archbishop Cordileone will be visiting us on the weekend of October 9th. He has already visited over half of the 97 parishes in the Archdiocese. He will be celebrating Mass for the school on Friday, October 7th and will be celebrating one of the evening Masses on Saturday, October 8th and one of the Sunday Masses on October 9th. What an honor to have our chief shepherd with us for a whole weekend. Archbishop, you are most welcome!

Father Juan Manuel, our new, part time associate, will be here all day Wednesday and parts of Tuesday and Thursday. He will be celebrating the weekday Masses on Wednesday and Thursday, as well as the 7pm Saturday Mass and the 12 Noon Sunday Mass. If you would like to go to Confession in Spanish, Father Juan Manuel will be hearing Confessions right after the 7pm Spanish Mass on Saturday. He will also be doing Spanish Baptisms on the Fourth Sunday of the Month at 1:30pm.

Last Sunday in my Bulletin Letter, I mentioned the garbage in the pews people leave behind. I want to thank the over 90% of the people who keep their pews clean and tidy for the next group coming to Mass.

All hours were covered for the 24 Hour Adoration we had on Friday and Saturday. More about that adoration in next week’s letter.

Have a Great Week!

Father Brian

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**From OLL Confirmation & Youth Ministry**
Registration is OPEN for 2016-17 Confirmation classes. The preparation process for this sacrament takes place over three years, typically starting in 7th grade. Even if your son or daughter does not fit this model, we encourage you to register! Forms have been sent by mail to returning families, and are available in the church entrances & on the parish website. During these Summer months, please direct any questions to the youth ministry office by email: annie@ollnovato.org. Thank you!

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**NFP (Natural Family Planning) friends and family picnic.** Come celebrate the US Bishops’ National NFP Awareness week by joining us for a bilingual Mass and picnic on July 30 at St Raymond’s parish in Menlo Park (1100 Santa Cruz Avenue). Mass is at 10am with Fr Francis Goode, and will be followed by a potluck picnic. The Archdiocese, will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, utensils… please bring drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Ed Hopfner at HopfnerE@SFArch.org or (415) 614-5547 so we know how much food to purchase.

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**PRAY DAILY**
Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.
—St. Francis de Sales

**MERCY**
Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance than justice.
—Miguel de Cervantes
NINE DAY PARISH NOVENA
JULY 18-28

Join us for a 9-day Parish Novena to Mary for guidance for our 2016 Presidential Election.

A novena is a traditional form of prayer either in private or public which takes place over nine days (the number of days which Mary and the Apostles spent in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost). FOR PRIVATE PARTICIPATION - spend time during the nine days in prayer by saying the following:

Opening Prayer: COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND EN-KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.

Novena Prayer:
O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God’s law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

The novena prayers will be recited at the daily 9am Mass and at all the Sunday Masses (except the 12noon Spanish Mass).

PERSONS ARE GIFTS

Persons are gifts of God to me. They are already wrapped, some beautifully and others less attractively. Some have been mishandled in the mail; others come, “special delivery”. Some are loosely wrapped; others are tightly enclosed.

But the wrapping is not the gift, and this is an important realization. It is so easy to make a mistake in this regard, to judge the contents by the cover.

Sometimes the gift is opened easily; sometimes the help of others is needed. Maybe it is because they are afraid. Maybe they have been hurt before and don't want to be hurt again. It could be that they were once opened and then discarded. They may now feel more like “things” than human persons.

I am a person; like everyone else I too am a gift. God filled me with a goodness that is only mine. And yet sometimes I am afraid to look inside my wrapping. Maybe I am afraid I would be disappointed. Maybe I don't trust my own contents. Or it may be that I never really accepted the gift that I am.

Every meeting and sharing of persons is an exchange of gifts. My gift is me; your gift is you. We are gifts to each other.

(Paraphrase on 'Persons Are Gifts, John Powell SJ.)
### This Week at OLL  
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### FACILITIES UPDATE

Work is continuing on our Hall Bathrooms. There have been some unanticipated delays with both the City of Novato and the Archdiocese Building Department but things are moving along. We will keep you updated weekly with our progress.

The school portable classrooms required some fairly extensive **dry-rot repair** which has been completed.

The Parish Religious Education Offices have been relocated to the Convent. Our Spanish Religious Education office will be located at the Rectory. This move is allowing us to repurpose the old PRE office to a school multimedia and computer lab. Renovations are in process.

This is the time of year we get most of our projects completed and we do appreciate your patience with the disruptions that are likely to occur with meetings and other parish gatherings.

### Actualización de instalaciones

Se sigue trabajando en nuestra sala de baños. Ha habido algunos retrasos imprevistos tanto con la Ciudad de Novato y el Departamento de Construcción Arquidiócesis pero las cosas se están moviendo a lo largo. Le mantendremos actualizada semanalmente con nuestro progreso.

Los salones portátiles escolares requieren algunos bastante extensa reparación de la pudrición seca que ha sido completado.

La parroquia Oficinas de educación religiosa han sido reubicados en el Convento. Nuestra oficina de Educación Religiosa española se encuentra en la Rectoría. Este movimiento es lo que nos permite cambiar la finalidad de la antigua oficina de PRE a un laboratorio de múltiples medios de la escuela y equipo. Las reformas están en proceso.

Esta es la época del año obtenemos la mayor parte de nuestros proyectos terminados y apreciamos su paciencia con las interrupciones que pueden ocurrir con las reuniones y otras reuniones parroquiales.

### Misa y picnic para familias y amigos de la Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN)

Celebren la ‘Semana de Reconocimiento Nacional de la PFN por los Obispos de la EEUU. Están invitados a una Misa Bilingüe y picnic el 30 de Julio en la parroquia de San Ramon en Menlo Park (1100 Santa Cruz Avenue). La Misa empieza a las 10 de la mañana con el Padre Goode, con el picnic después. La Oficina de Vida Familiar ofrecerá hamburguesas, hot dogs, platos, condimentos, etc – trae para compartir por favor algo para beber, postres, ensalada, vegetales etc. Avise por favor a Ed Hopfner a HopfnerE@SFArch.org o (415) 614-5547 para saber cuánto comida tenemos que preparar.
Queridos amigos,

Arzobispo Codileone nos estará visitando en el fin de semana del 9 de octubre. Ya ha visitado más de la mitad de las 97 parroquias de la Arquidiócesis. Él estará celebrando la misa para la escuela el viernes, 7 de octubre y estará celebrando una de las misas de la tarde el sábado de octubre de 8 y una de las misas del domingo 9 de octubre. Qué honor tener nuestro principal pastor con nosotros durante todo un fin de semana. Arzobispo, son muy bienvenidos!

P. Juan Manuel, nuestro nuevo, asociado a tiempo parcial, estará aquí todo el día miércoles y partes de los martes y jueves. Él estará celebrando las misas entre semana el miércoles y jueves, así como la 19:00 misa del sábado y la 12 del mediodía la misa del domingo. Si le gustaría ir a la confesión en español, el padre Juan Manuel estará oyendo confesiones justo después de la 19:00 misa en español en sábado. También estará haciendo bautismos españolas en el cuarto domingo del mes a las 1:30 pm.

El domingo pasado en la carta Boletín, que menciona la basura en las bancas personas dejan atrás. Quiero agradecer a los más de 90% de las personas que mantienen sus Clen bancas y ordenado para el siguiente grupo de venir a misa.

Todas las horas se cubrieron para la Adoración 24 horas, tuvimos el viernes y sábado. Más información acerca de que la adoración en la carta de la próxima semana.

¡Que tengas una buena semana!

Padre Brian

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abraham y Sara muestran hospitalidad a los mensajeros del Señor (Génesis 18:1-10a).

Salmos — ¿Quién será grato a tus ojos, Señor? (Salmo 15 [14])

Segunda lectura — Pablo habla de la responsabilidad que se le ha encomendado de completar la Palabra de Dios (Colosenses 1:24-28).

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Camilo de Lelis
Miércoles: San Apolinar
Jueves: San Lorenzo de Brindisi
Viernes: Santa María Magdalena
Sábado: Santa Brigida de Suecia; Santa María Virgen