**Mass Intentions**

**December 31 to January 8**

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

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


**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**
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PRIEST EMERGENCY NUMBER  
415-301-0514  
EMERGENCIES ONLY PLEASE

Mass Times  
Monday—Friday  9:00 am  
Saturday 9:00am  
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)  
7pm Spanish Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12 Noon 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

Our Lady of Loretto  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
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SAVE THE DATE  
ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE  
WEST COAST JANUARY 21, 2017

Join OLL parishioners & youth for the Annual Walk for Life.  
Our Lady of Loretto has a bus that will leave at 11:00am  
from the church parking lot for Civic Center Plaza in San  
Francisco.  The price is $20 per person or any  
donation appreciated.

To RSVP or for more information, please call Erin Troy at the Rectory  
897-2171 or by email erin@ollnovato.org
Dear Friends,

I read this Dear Abby Column a number of years ago and I couldn’t think of a better way to start off the New Year than by reprinting it here. If only we could put some of these “Just for Today’s” in our life, what a difference it would make. Happy New Year to you and yours.

Father Brian

“JUST FOR TODAY, I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once.

I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I will eat healthfully -- if only for today. And not only that, I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.”

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God’s loving kindness, the shining glory of God’s face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God’s own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God’s face is shown to us and God’s presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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PASSIONS

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

—Richard Steele
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man in his own images.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth a sign of the covenant,

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years form the time of Ruth and the Judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR WITH JESUS

Our Lady of Loretto will have Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday evening, December 31 beginning at 9:00pm and ending at 12:01am.

Jesus showed His great love for us by His crucifixion on the cross to pay for our sins and give us eternal life. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return? Through adoration we strengthen our personal relationship with God and give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling within all of us. Every hour you spend time with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven. What a great way to start the New Year!! Please join us.

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

High School classes & OLL YM will resume on January 12.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

PLEASE NOTE

BULLETIN PRODUCTION DATES ARE MOVED UP DURING THE HOLIDAYS. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY OMISSIONS THAT MAY OCCUR
This Week at OLL
January 1 - January 8

**NEW YEAR’S DAY**
**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

| Sun. | SVDP—Library—7pm |
| Mon. | Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church |
| Tue. | Helping Hands Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel |
| Wed. | Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel |
|       | Al-Anon—Convent—7:15pm |
| Thurs. | Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm |
| Fri. | Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm |
| Sat. | K of C—7:30pm—Hall |
| Sun. | Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm |

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY DECEMBER 26th THROUGH MONDAY JANUARY 2nd. WE WILL RETURN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd AT 9AM.
THE PARISH STAFF WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**Epiphany of the Lord**

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**
“Octave”
comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

**BIENVENIDOS EN EL AÑO NUEVO CON JESÚS**
Nuestra Señora de Loretto tendrá Adoración Eucarística el sábado por la noche, 31 de diciembre comenzando a las 9:00 pm y terminando a las 12:01 am.

Jesús mostró Su gran amor por nosotros por Su crucifixión en la cruz para pagar nuestros pecados y darnos vida eterna. ¿No podemos darle a Jesús unos minutos de amor y adoración a cambio? A través de la adoración fortalecemos nuestra relación personal con Dios y damos testimonio de nuestra creencia de que Dios está viviendo verdaderamente dentro de todos nosotros. Cada hora que pasa con Jesús en la tierra dejará su alma eternamente más hermosa y gloriosa en el cielo. ¡Qué gran manera de comenzar el Año Nuevo!! Por favor únete a nosotros.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — El Señor te bendiga y te proteja. Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

**Salmo** — El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama “¡Abá!” (Gálatas 4:4-7)

**Evangelio** — Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).
LA PROCLAMACIÓN DEL NACIMIENTO DE CRISTO
Hoy, el día veinticinco de diciembre de edades desconocidas desde el momento en que Dios creó los cielos y la tierra y luego formó al hombre en sus propias imágenes.

Varios miles de años después del diluvio, cuando Dios hizo el arco iris brille una señal del pacto.

Veintiún siglos desde los tiempos de Abraham y Sara; trece siglos después de que Moisés condujo al pueblo de Israel de Egipto.

De once siglos forman el momento de Ruth y los jueces; mil años a partir de la unción de David como rey; en el sexagésimo quinto semanas de acuerdo con la profecía de Daniel.

En el 1940 Olimpiada; el setecientos cincuenta y dos años desde la fundación de la ciudad de Roma.

El cuadragésimo segundo año del reinado de Octavio Augusto; todo el mundo estar en paz, Jesucristo, Dios y el Hijo eterno del Padre eterno, con el deseo de santificar el mundo con su más misericordioso que viene, siendo concebido por el Espíritu Santo, y habiendo pasado nueve meses desde su concepción, nació en Belén de Judea de la Virgen María.

Hoy es el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según la carne.

LA BENDICIÓN QUE RECIBIMOS
La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se celebra el final de un año con la “quema del año viejo”. Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril).

Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del “hombre viejo”. Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios.

PASIONES
Debemos poner nuestras pasiones al servicio de la vida, y no malgastar nuestra vida en servir a nuestras pasiones.
—Richard Steele