John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him.”

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

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.**

Darlene Bellumoni, Al Budzeleski, Betty Burke, Adita Claire, Janeen Corda-Brady, Maureen Crist, Paula DiStefano, Bunny Dodson, Jeff Drucker, Ann English, Gennaro Fiorentino, Jesse Fuette, Henry Haase, Margaret Hamlett, Andy Hansen, Florence Haron, Mary Ann Holtom, Kiera Hynes, Johnny Johnston, Bridie Keenan, Sharon Kielty, Tom Knego, Marjorie Lane, Julia Matos, Sal Miceli, Wanda Mower, Catherine O’Brien, Ray Ostertag, Dalton O’Sullivan, Cindy Paladin, Gabriella Passa, Alice Rosaire, Alex Ruiz, Margarita Ruiz, Arlene Schober, Lauren and Janice Seale, Louise Shipman, Matt Sowick, Dick Steinbach, Paula and Dan Stillings, David Strongin, Sarah Stryker, Mary Stryker, John Stuber, Niloo Vahid, Loretta Van Vleck, Kathy Weddle, 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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May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of Christ especially:

Sally McGillis
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Leonard Humphrey
Annie Tubby
Judy France
Maria Cresine
Joseph Derrough
David Schober
Rev. Brian Costello
frbrian@ollnovato.org Ext.227
Pastor

Rev. Juan Manuel Lopez
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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
415-497-5090

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church@ollnovato.org

13th 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

CAN’T JOIN THE WALK??
Come to “Adoration for Life” in the Church
on Wednesday January, 18th from 6pm to 7pm.
There will be quiet time as well as prayerful music and reflection.
Dear Friends,

Maria Cresine died this past week at the age of 93. She was a long time parishioner who cleaned the candles in the church. She also worked as a volunteer at the Novato Library. Maria was a very private person who let her actions do the talking for her. She reminds me of so many parishioners I have known over the years who live a life of service without wanting to be noticed or thanked. I will miss Maria. I will miss her long, braided hair, her bright shining eyes and her ready smile. If we had more Maria’s in this world, the world would be a much better place. Well done, good and faithful servant, and go to the place God has prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

I found this prayer which I would like to share with you. It’s a wonderful prayer to start the New Year off.

A prayer

Where should I begin, Jesus, to unclutter my life?
I have yielded to temptation and filled my days
with more commitments than I can comfortably manage.
Help me to make myself a little less busy.
Free my time.
I have crowded my space with too much baggage:
With gadgets and conveniences and possessions.
Help me to let go of whatever I cling to.
Free my hands.
I have filled my head with trivial distractions.
News and weather. Gossip and prejudices.
Help me to focus on more important concerns.
Free my mind.
Jesus, my life is filled with more idols than I realized.
I have given the reverence they do not deserve.
Teach me to renounce their claim on me,
and end my divided allegiance.
Guide me to a simpler life and more generous service.

Amen

Have a great week in ordinary time,
Father Brian
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today’s shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple “low” Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

—Rev. James Field

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.
**This Week at OLL**  
January 15 - January 22

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**THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Monday, January 16:** No Middle School Classes due to NUSD observance of MLK Jr. Day. Class resumes January 23!

**Thursday, January 19:** High School classes meet in Convent 7-8:30; YM Leadership meets 7:30-9.

**Saturday, January 21:** OLL YM is Walking For Life! Any teens who would like to attend, sign up with Annie! PARENTS & ADULTS - WE NEED CHAPERONES. If you are planning to attend the walk and wouldn't mind helping us ensure everyone's safety, please call the YM office. Thanks!

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**Experience the gift of God’s love in unimaginable ways by making a Cursillo**

Applications are now available for Men's Weekend:
 Thurs. evening March 23 through Sun. afternoon, March 26

Women’s Weekend:
 Thurs. evening March 30 to Sun. afternoon, April 2

Contact
Jean & Tom Nelson
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**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Al escribir Tradiciones de nuestra fe me he encontrado con muchas fiestas patronales en España, Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos de América. Muchas de ellas mantienen su carácter religioso mientras que otras son simplemente una excusa para festear, mejorar la economía local o hacer política, pero no por estas razones deben ser descartadas.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la fiesta de san Sebastián de las Ovejas en la frontera entre Argentina y Chile. Esta fiesta es más vieja que ambas naciones y su peregrinación pisó los dos suelos. A lo largo del tiempo, esta fiesta ha sufrido por razones políticas entre ambas naciones y desde 1980 las autoridades eclesiásticas, civiles y gubernamentales han intentado revitalizar esta fiesta por varios motivos.

Las autoridades eclesiásticas la usan para renovar el cristianismo añadiendo las enseñanzas y prácticas del Concilio Vaticano II a las tradiciones antiguas. Las autoridades civiles la utilizan para incrementar el comercio y el turismo en la región. Los gobiernos de Chile y Argentina la ven como un enlace benéfico entre ambas naciones.

Las fiestas patronales buscan integrar todos los aspectos del ser humano, su política, economía, cultura, celebración y religión.

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Tú eres mi servidor, Israel. Te voy a poner como una luz para el mundo (Isaías 49:3, 5-6).

**Salmo** — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

**Segunda lectura** — A los que Dios santificó en Cristo Jesús . . . tengan bendición y paz, de parte de Dios Padre y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor (1 Corintios 1:1-3).

**Evangelio** — Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo. Él es el Hijo de Dios (Juan 1:29-34).
Queridos amigos,

María Cresine murió la semana pasada a la edad de 93 años. Ella era una parroquiana de mucho tiempo que limpiaba las velas en la iglesia. También trabajó como voluntaria en la Biblioteca de Novato. María era una persona muy privada que dejaba que sus acciones hablaran por ella. Ella me recuerda a tantos feligreses que he conocido a través de los años que viven una vida de servicio sin querer ser notado o agradecido. Extrañaré a María. La extrañare mucho. Sus cabellos trenzados, sus brillantes ojos brillantes y su sonrisa lista. Si tuviéramos más María en este mundo, el mundo sería un lugar mucho mejor. Bien hecho, siervo bueno y fiel, e ir al lugar que Dios te ha preparado desde la fundación del mundo.

Encontré esta oración que quisiera compartir con ustedes. Es una oración maravillosa para empezar el Año Nuevo.

Una oración

¿Dónde debo empezar, Jesús, a despejar mi vida?
He cedido a la tentación y he llenado mis días
Con más compromisos de los que puedo manejar cómodamente.
Ayúdame a hacerme un poco menos ocupado.
Libera mi tiempo.
He llenado mi espacio con demasiado equipaje:
Con gadgets y conveniencias y posesiones.
Ayúdame a dejar ir lo que me apego.
Libera mis manos.
He llenado mi cabeza de distracciones triviales.
Noticias y tiempo. Chismes y prejuicios.
Ayúdame a concentrarme en asuntos más importantes.
Libera mi mente.
Jesús, mi vida está llena de más ídolos de lo que me di cuenta.
He dado la reverencia que no merecen.
Enséñame a renunciar a su reclamación sobre mí,
Y terminar mi lealtad dividida.
Guíame a una vida más simple y un servicio más generoso.

Amén

Tener una gran semana en el tiempo ordinario,
Padre Brian