Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 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.


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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**Mass Intentions**

**January 28 to February 5**

BC: Fr. Brian Costello  
JML: Fr. Juan Manuel Lopez  
JA: Fr. Jorge Aria, MR Fr. Mark Reburiano

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

Richard O’Brien  
Benedicto Moreano  
Dino Bertolozzi  
Nestor Geli  
Richard McClean
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
  Saturday 3:00pm-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

Visit us on the Web www.ollnovato.org
E-mail us:
  church@ollnovato.org

MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM
THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

OVER THE COURSE OF THIS PAST YEAR WE NOTICED THAT VERY FEW OF YOU WERE UTILIZING THE BLUE ENVELOPES WE SENT HOME. WE DECIDED NOT TO SEND OUT THE BLUE ENVELOPES THIS JANUARY BUT WE ARE HAPPY PROVIDE THEM TO YOU IF YOU WISH TO USE THEM.

PLEASE CALL ERIN TROY AT THE RECTORY.
415-897-2171 EXT 222

SAVE THE DATE
Catholic Daughters High Tea
Sunday February 26
  2pm to 4pm
  OLL Parish Hall

PRIEST EMERGENCY NUMBER
  415-301-0514
  EMERGENCIES ONLY PLEASE
Dear Friends,

Hard to believe its been one year since we lost two giants of the Catholic Church here in Novato: Msgr. Jim Keane of OLL (1975 to 1996) and Father Kevin Gaffey of St. Anthony’s (1986 to 2003). These two men, in a most selfless and giving way, laid the foundations of our present day parishes here in Novato. Even though they are gone, they are still missed.

We had two buses of people leave from here for the Walk for Life in San Francisco last Saturday. Thank you. Erin and Veronica, for putting all this together. The Walk went well, people seemed to be happy, and there was plenty of food and drinks on the bus. Standing up for Life, in all its many forms, is what we Catholics are all about.

Next Sunday, February 5th, begins our Annual Appeal Talks. The Appeal lasts 3 weeks. Our appeal Goal for this year is $141,000. I promise you that after Sunday, February 19th, you will not hear the AAA talked about from the pulpit until next year. Last year about 30% of the parish participated in the AAA. Indeed, those 30% are keeping the parish going. Wouldn’t it be great if we could get the other 70% involved? I can dream, can’t I!

Without getting into politics, someone told me this past week, let’s “Make OLL Great Again.” I’ve been thinking about that statement quite a bit. Again, without getting into politics, we are a great parish and it has nothing to do with me. It’s all about you, the good people of OLL. We educate our young in the ways of the Faith, we stand up for Life, and we come together, daily and weekly, to listen to God’s word and receive Him in the Eucharist. Our parishioners give their time, talent, and treasure to both our parish and school. You should have seen our Parish Hall and how beautifully it was decorated last Saturday for the School’s “A Night at the Races.” For those who have little, we have the SVDOP and Helping Hands. Groups who help those who need help, no questions asked. I could go on and on, but you get the point. We are a great parish because we are a good parish and don’t let anyone tell you any differently. Of course, there are things that we could be doing better, but we are a great parish, not a perfect parish. Perfection can only be found in heaven. My hope and prayer is that we continue to be the great parish that we are.

Have a Good Week,

Father Brian
RCIA/Adult Education

Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday, upstairs in the Convent. The topic on January 31 is: The Ministry of Christ: The Call to Disciples. All adults are invited to participate.

BOOK CLUB

Our book club meets again February 1 at 10am in the convent library for discussion of Sheldon Vanauken's book "A Severe Mercy". Please come and join us for fellowship, coffee and treats. Our next book will be William P. Young's "The Shack". Please see the church website for a complete list of books and discussion dates.

From Parish Religious Education

The students of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

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
(415) 892-2348
nelson7773@gmail.com

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY:

Monday, 1/30: Middle School classes meet in the convent from 7-8:30
Thursday, 2/2: High School classes meet in the convent at 7pm. SPONSOR MEETING in the convent, 7:30-8:30. Every 2017 Confirmation candidate must be represented, so if your sponsor is unable to attend, a parent should come in their place.
Saturday, 2/4: Middle & High School ministries group Mass @ 5pm in the church.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP TO BEGIN:

A grief support group for anyone impacted by loss, through death of a loved one will be offered at Our Lady of Loretto Parish. This support group affords a “safe” environment to explore and articulate feelings, expand support network, and facilitate the process of healing and growth.

A series of eight consecutive meetings on Wednesday’s from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm will begin February 8, 2017, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. There are some flyers available at the Church exits. For more information, those interested may leave a message for Sr. Jeanette at 897-2171, ext. 226 for an interview prior to attendance.

Join us in praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on February 4 & 5.

On the weekend of February 4 & 5, the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be praying a 24 Hour Devotion for Vocations. Sign up for an hour with the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and spend some time asking the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers.
To sign up for a particular hour, go to sfarch.org/prayforvocations. See the flyers in the vestibules for more information and locations.
This Week at OLL
January 29 - February 5

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Sun.** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Mon.** Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
- **Tue.** Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
  Al-Anon—Convent – 7:15pm
- **Wed.** Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
- **Thurs.** Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm
- **Fri.** Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5:00pm
- **Sat.** Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
- **Sun.** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OLL School Open House
Sunday, January 29
11:00-12:30

Our Lady of Loretto School is kicking off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week with our annual Open House this Sunday, January 29th. Please join us over in the school courtyard between 11:00 and 12:30 and see what the OLL advantage is all about. Come and enjoy a breakfast treat while checking out what is going on in our classrooms. We are still accepting applications for our transitional kindergarten and kindergarten classes as well as having room in grades first through seventh. Come and find out how you can be a part of the OLL school family.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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**THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL**

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton

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Esta semana en OLL
29 enero — 5 Febrero

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario
**Martes:** Helping Hands Grupo de Oración por la Iglesia-1pm
**JPC Discípulos—Capilla del Convento —7pm**
**Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro-Chapel-6pm**
**Al-Anon-Convento - 7:15 pm**
**Miércoles:** Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración- Capilla– 7:30pm
**Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm**

**Jueves:**
**Viernes:** Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5pm
**Sab:** Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am

**Domingo:** Quinto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

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**EL IDEAL CRISTIANO**

El ideal cristiano no se ha probado y encontrado deficiente. Se ha encontrado difícil y se ha dejado sin probar.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton
Queridos amigos,

Es difícil creer que ha pasado un año desde que perdimos a dos gigantes de la Iglesia Católica aquí en Novato: Mons. Jim Keane de OLL (1975 a 1996) y el padre Kevin Gaffey de St. Anthony's (1986 a 2003). Estos dos hombres, de una manera muy desinteresada y dando paso, sentaron las bases de nuestras parroquias actuales en Novato. Aunque se han ido, todavía se pierden.

Tuvimos dos autobuses de gente salir de aquí para el Paseo por la Vida en San Francisco el sábado pasado. Gracias. Erin y Verónica, por reunir todo esto. El paseo fue bien, la gente parecía ser feliz, y había un montón de comida y bebidas en el autobús. Ponerse de pie por la Vida, en todas sus formas, es lo que nosotros, católicos, somos.

El próximo domingo, 5 de febrero, comienzan nuestras Charlas Anuales de Apelaciones. La apelación dura 3 semanas. Nuestra apelación La meta para este año es de $141,000. Te prometo que después del domingo, 19 de febrero, no escucharás el AAA hablado desde el púlpito hasta el próximo año. El año pasado, alrededor del 30% de la parroquia participaron en la AAA. De hecho, esos 30% están manteniendo la parroquia. ¿No sería genial si pudiéramos conseguir el otro 70%? Puedo soñar, no puedo!

Sin entrar en la política, alguien me dijo que la semana pasada, vamos a "hacer OLL grande otra vez." He estado pensando en esa declaración un poco. Una vez más, sin entrar en la política, somos una gran parroquia y no tiene nada que ver conmigo. Es todo sobre ti, la buena gente de OLL. Educamos a nuestros jóvenes en los caminos de la Fe, luchamos por la vida, y nos reunimos, todos los días y semanalmente, para escuchar la Palabra de Dios y recibirlo en la Eucaristía. Nuestros feligreses dan su tiempo, talento y tesoro a nuestra parroquia y escuela. Usted debe haber visto nuestro Salón de la Parroquia y lo bien que fue decorado el pasado sábado para la Escuela de "Una noche en las carreras". Para los que tienen poco, tenemos el SVDOP y Helping Hands. Grupos que ayudan a aquellos que necesitan ayuda, sin hacer preguntas. Podría seguir y seguir, pero usted consigue el punto. Somos una gran parroquia porque somos una buena parroquia y no dejes que nadie te diga nada diferente. Por supuesto, hay cosas que podríamos estar haciendo mejor, pero somos una gran parroquia, no una parroquia perfecta. La perfección sólo se puede encontrar en el cielo. Mi esperanza y oración es que sigamos siendo la gran parroquia que somos.

Ten una buena semana,

Padre Brian