"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

MT 5: 44-45

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 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.
FROM OLL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KID SAFETY

In 2003, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote a charter for the protection of children and young people titled “Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal”. This charter was written in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. We value the trust you put in us in placing your children in our care. Keeping them safe is of utmost importance to us. We cannot take back the past, but we can put programs and procedures in place that keep our children and young people as safe as possible. In support of this effort the Archdiocese provides training for grades 1-6 students as follows:

Kid Safety (online Shield the Vulnerable) 4th - 6th Grade - completed in class. We affirm parents as the first educators of their children. 4th-6th grade parents and students are encouraged to take the online training. These courses are accessed by going to www.shieldthevulnerable.org - If you do not have access to a computer, please contact OLL Religious Education and we will make arrangements for you to take the course at the parish.

Kid Safety (Talking About Touching program) 1st-3rd grade completed in class.

Our Lady of Loretto School is dedicated to excellence in education that is Christ centered and rich in Catholic tradition. With Christ as the model and teacher, we foster the development of students who are: Compassionate, Humble, Responsible, Involved, Spiritual, and Thinkers.

We are currently accepting applications in grades TK—7th.

Our Lady of Loretto School admits students of any race, color, nationality and religious affiliation.
Dear Friends,

As you know, I started our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal two weekends ago and we are now on our third, and final, weekend.

This year the Archdiocesan Appeal goal is $6,720,000. Each parish has been asked to raise a percentage of that goal. OLL’s portion is $141,409.

The Appeal benefits all of the 93 parishes and missions that make up the Archdiocese:

- Helping those in need
- Teaching the faith
- Spreading the faith
- Celebrating the faith
- Witnessing the faith

Supporting the Appeal is a concrete way to witness to our unity as one local Church and to support the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Some Archdiocesan ministries benefit our parish directly, especially when funds are used for the training of future priests and for taking care of our retired priests and religious who have served us. Other Archdiocesan programs that benefit OLL are Catholic School tuition support, Religious Education programs, RCIA, Hispanic Ministry support, and Youth Ministries.

I urge you to think prayerfully about what you can give the appeal this year. Please be prepared to make a commitment during Mass on this Pledge Sunday.

Thank you for listening to what I have to say and thank you for your prayerful and generous support.

Have a Great President’s Day!

Father Brian

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**2017 Special Collections Schedule**

- March 26—Catholic Relief Services
- April 14—Holy Land (Good Friday)
- April 23—Black and Indian Home Missions/Catholic Home Missions
- May 14—Catholic Charities CYO appeal
- May 28—Catholic Communication Campaign
- June 25—Peter’s Pence (Holy Father)
- September 17—Priest’s Retirement Fund
- October 22—World Mission Sunday
- November 5—St. Patrick’s Seminary
- November 19—Campaign for Human Development
- December 10—Retirement for Religious

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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**THE HEAVIEST LOAD**

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous
**RCIA/Adult Education**  
Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday, upstairs in the Convent. The topic on February 21 is: *The Public Ministry of Christ: Other Major Teachings.* All adults are invited to participate.

**OLL Adult Faith Formation**  
Please join us for our Lenten Series *Road to Coronation* which we are presenting to registered participants on Wednesdays at 10am in the convent chapel during Lent. *Road to Coronation* presents a vivid portrait of Jesus the Servant King — who welcomed outcasts as family, touched and raised the dead, performed miracles that made astonishing theological statements, and confounded the spiritual authorities of His day. Five days after Jesus entered Jerusalem, the center of religious and political power, His "coronation" took place ... on a cross. Vindicated in the resurrection and enthroned in the ascension, Jesus calls us to listen, believe, and follow. The dates for the classes are as follows: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, & 4/5. For more information, please contact Amy Reeder at (415) 897-6714 or by email to amy@ollnovato.org or Annie Troy (415) 897-2171 x 277 or by email to annie@ollnovato.org. Registration is required and open to the first 30 participants.

Our next meeting of the OLL Book Club is taking place on Thursday March 2 at 10am in the Convent Chapel. We will discuss William P. Young's novel *The Shack.* Please join us for coffee, treats, discussion, and fellowship. If you are not currently on our email list, please contact amy@ollnovato.org and I'll send you the discussion questions ahead of time.

**THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**  
There will be no Confirmation or Youth Ministry events on Monday & Thursday of this week, due to the NUSD February Break. Enjoy your time off & we'll see you back at the convent on February 27 and March 2!

The *OLL YOUTH MINISTRY GIFT SHOP* will be open again this spring for a two-week fundraising event! Mark your calendars for the weekends of March 4/5 and March 18/19. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase your First Communion and Confirmation gifts as well as Mother's Day and any other special occasion! Your purchases will go toward supporting our youth ministry teens who will be traveling again this year to Steubenville San Diego.

**Catholic Daughters**  
**High Tea**

**Sunday February 26**  
2pm to 4pm  
OLL Parish Hall  
See vestibule for flyers

HAPPY 71st ANNIVERSARY  
TO JIM AND PEGGY MURPHY. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND BE ASSURED OF OUR PRAYERS FOR MANY MORE HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER

**Carmelite Monastery**

530 Blackstone Drive  
San Rafael, CA  94903

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns cordially invite you to attend their annual Novena to St. Joseph from March 11th to March 19th, with Mass and Vespers celebrated at 4:00 p.m. each afternoon, in the Monastery Chapel.

This year’s Novena will be conducted by Rev Jose Luis Ferroni, OCD, a Carmelite Friar of the California/Arizona Province of St. Joseph. Father is in residence at the Monastery of Mount St. Joseph in San Jose. Father is an outstanding homilist and will share with us his great love of St. Joseph. We hope you will join us for these nine days of prayer and reflection.

**CYO Track**

Registration is now open! CYO track is open to boys and girls in grades 3-8. Practices will be held twice a week beginning in mid-March. There are two meets and the season goes through May 21st. Registration ends March 1st. Contact Marie Tyler and Mary Ann Hayes at cyotrack@ollnovato.org with questions. Eligibility requirements can be found at https://ollnovato.org/cyo-athletics under documents. You can register online at https://school.ollnovato.org (click on OLL Community tab, then Athletics).
This Week at OLL
February 19- February 26

Sun.  Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.  SVDP—Library—7pm
Tue.  Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
      Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
      Al-Anon—Convent – 7:15pm
      Helping Hands Meeting—Library—7pm
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.  Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Esta semana en OLL
19 Febrero — 26 Febrero

Domingo: Septimo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario
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: Nuestra Señora Grupo de
          Oración- Capilla— 7:30pm
          Ensayo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves: Viernes: Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5pm
Sab:    Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: Octavo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

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

SABIDURÍA DIVINA
El mensaje del Señor, por medio de Moisés, fue “no te vengarás ni guardarás rencor . . . , ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo” (Levítico 19:18).
Podríamos pensar, “Excelente enseñanza pero no es muy realista”.

Y en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se adelanta. ¿Si te golpean, pon la otra mejilla? ¿Tratar a los enemigos como si fueran amigos? Y así otra vez, estamos tentados a pensar que son bonitos ideales, pero no muy prácticos en el “mundo real”.

Pablo hace eco a las palabras de Jesús cuando les dice a los corintios que lo que parece ser sabiduría de los hombres es absurdo para Dios. La sabiduría divina brilla sobre los buenos y los malos, llueve sobre los honestos y deshonestos, sin distinción. Debemos examinar nuestra sabiduría y sentido común para ver cómo estos se comparan con la sabiduría de Dios, y hacer los ajustes correspondientes.
Queridos amigos,

Como ustedes saben, empecé la Apelación Anual de la Arquidiócesis 2017 hace dos fines de semana y ahora estamos en nuestro tercer y último fin de semana.

Este año, la meta de la Apelación Arquidiocesana es $ 6,720,000. Se ha pedido a cada parroquia que eleve un porcentaje de esa meta. La porción de OLL es de $ 141,409.

La Apelación beneficia a todas las 93 parroquias y misiones que conforman la Arquidiócesis:

- Ayudar a los necesitados
- Enseñanza de la fe
- Difundir la fe
- Celebrando la fe
- Viendo la fe

Apoyar la Apelación es una manera concreta de testimoniar nuestra unidad como una Iglesia local y apoyar los ministerios y servicios de la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco.

Algunos ministerios de la Arquidiócesis benefician directamente a nuestra parroquia, especialmente cuando se usan fondos para la formación de futuros sacerdotes y para el cuidado de nuestros sacerdotes y religiosos jubilados que nos han servido. Otros programas de la Arquidiócesis que benefician a OLL son Apoyo escolar de la Escuela Católica, programas de Educación Religiosa, RCIA, apoyo del Ministerio Hispano y Ministerios de la Juventud.

Les pido que piensen en oración acerca de lo que pueden dar la apelación este año. Por favor esté preparado para comprometerse durante la misa en este domingo de promesas.

Gracias por escuchar lo que tengo que decir y gracias por su apoyo generoso y de oración.

¡Tenga un gran día del presidente!

Padre Brian

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — No te vengues ni guardes ren¬
cor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Salmo** — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

**Segunda lectura** — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

**Evangelio** — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Aún lo recuerdo, estaba viajando en el metro de la ciudad de Roma cuando subieron dos mujeres con niños. Vestían como si fueran a una fiesta de disfraces. Noté que todas las personas las evitaban. Eran gitanas, esas a las que mi mamá y mis tías me iban a dar si no me portaba bien. Los gitanos no tienen una buena reputación entre las naciones. Se piensa que son ladrones e inmorales, gente a la que hay que tenerle miedo.

Sin embargo, decimos que Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor. En Jesús, todas las personas que jamás creeríamos capaces de alcanzar la santidad, lo logran. Tal es el caso del Pelé o Zeferino Jiménez, un gitano que en 1936 fue fusilado por militares españoles. El motivo de su muerte fue la enseñanza y difusión de la fe en Cristo. Su muerte fue la cumbre de una vida de fe como franciscano seglar. El ejemplo de vida que este gitano nos dio, logró hacer que los españoles lo respetaran y olvidaran sus prejuicios en contra de su gente. Además de eso, evangelizó a sus hermanos gitanos.