Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MT17:1

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH
“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”
**Mass Intentions**  
*March 11th through March 19th*  

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

*Kendall Nave*

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*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.*
**Catholic Charities Lenten Activities**

"Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly"

We invite you to join Catholic Charities to experience Lent in these concrete ways:

- Tour one of our programs to grow in awareness about the needs in our community;
- Share your time by becoming a volunteer;
- Make a difference by donating to those in need.

Visit our website at [https://catholiccharitiessf.org/all-opportunities/](https://catholiccharitiessf.org/all-opportunities/) to sign up for a Lenten opportunity or for more information please contact Diana Contreras, Volunteer Manager at 415 972 1227 or volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

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**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**

Visit us on the Web [www.ollnovato.org](http://www.ollnovato.org)

E-mail us: church@ollnovato.org

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Please save the date on your calendars for **Our Lady of Loretto's 13th Annual Youth Ministry Golf Tournament** to be held **Thursday, June 29th, at Indian Valley Golf Club.** Our hope is that all parishioners will support this important fund raiser by being a sponsor, playing a round of golf, purchasing a raffle ticket, and/or attending the delicious dinner in the church hall following the tournament! Your continued generous support will provide much-needed funds for Youth Ministry’s many upcoming activities for the teens and young adults of our parish.

Thank you! 13th Annual Golf Committee
Dear Friends,

What best describes Lent?
1. Ashes
2. Baptism
3. Fast and Abstinence
4. The passion of Our Lord
5. Giving things up

Answer: Baptism

Explanation: The origin of Lent is the final “countdown” for those who are preparing to enter the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The basic baptismal decision sets it all in motion, and that is why Lent revolves around Baptism.

But what about us Catholics who are already fully initiated into the Church?

Lent revolves around my baptism too. It is the final countdown as I prepare to renew my baptismal commitment at Easter. I fast, pray, and do good works right along with those preparing for Baptism and full reception into the Church. I do it to support them, but also to prepare for the moment when I will put my fingers into the baptismal water on Easter and renew my commitment to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

On another note, we have already collected $90,000 for the Annual Appeal. Our goal is $141,000. For those who have given, many thanks. For those who haven’t, please consider a pledge, whether big or small. We’re off to a good start!

St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday this year. The Archbishop has dispensed us from having no meat on this day. Maybe we could pick another day not to eat meat?

A reminder that on Friday’s of Lent, English Stations are at 6pm. Spanish Stations are at 7:30pm.

I got a letter from the Mission Office this past week, saying that we contributed $4,742.39 to the World Mission Sunday 2016. You are indeed a good and generous people!

Happy Daylight Savings Time!
Father Brian

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

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).
RCIA/Adult Education

Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday, upstairs in the Convent. The topic on March 14 is: Morality III: Moral Issues. All adults are invited to participate.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed “house churches,” gathering on the Lord’s Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisius. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

All of our middle and high school teens will be going to confession on their respective class nights. Please have your teens meet in the church at 6:45pm on Monday (middle school) and Thursday (high school). They can be picked up at regular time at the Convent.

The OLL YM gift shop will be open one more time NEXT weekend, March 18-19, after all Masses. Thank you to the many of you who have already shopped with us! Proceeds from these sales go directly toward our trip to Steubenville San Diego and we are so grateful for your support!

SPRING RETREAT: High School Families - please note the change in our Spring Retreat date to THURSDAY, APRIL 6 from 6pm-10pm in the OLL Parish Hall.

"The Knights of Columbus invite you to enjoy an evening celebrating St Patrick's Day on Saturday March 18th in the Hall.

It's our annual Dinner Dance featuring Peter Torre's great Corned Beef or Irish Stew along with tasty side dishes Enjoy the Irish Dancers and dance to the music of OLL's own 'The Four Tear Drops. This fundraiser supports Knights of Columbus Charities such as Special Olympics, Support for those with Intellectual Disabilities among others" See a Knight after Mass to make a reservation.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
         Daylight Saving Time begins;
         Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: St. Patrick
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

SORE SHINS

Don’t break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.
—Irish proverb
This Week at OLL
March 12 - March 19
Sun. Second Sunday of Lent
Mon. Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
ICF—5:30PM—Hall
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. Third Sunday of Lent

Esta semana en OLL
12 Marzo — 19 Marzo
Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
Martes: Helping Hands Grupo de Oración por la Iglesia-1pm
JPC Discípulados—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: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Cursillo
Reinvigorate your faith this Lent by making a Cursillo this March.
Some spaces are still available.
Contact Jean & Tom Nelson (415) 892-2348
or check out marincursillo.com

Fast & Abstinence
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own sui iuris Church. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).
Salmo — Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]).
Segunda lectura — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).
Evangelio — “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo” (Mateo 17:1-9).
Queridos amigos,

¿Qué describe mejor Cuaresma?
ashes
Bautismo
abstinencia
La Pasión de Nuestro Señor
Renunciando a las cosas

Respuesta: Bautismo

Explicación: El origen de la Cuaresma es la "cuenta regresiva" final para aquellos que se están preparando para entrar en la Iglesia a través del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. La decisión bautismal básica lo pone todo en movimiento, y es por eso que la Cuaresma gira en torno al Bautismo.

Pero, ¿qué hay de nosotros los católicos que ya están plenamente iniciados en la Iglesia?

La Cuaresma gira en torno a mi bautismo también. Es la cuenta regresiva final mientras me preparo para renovar mi compromiso bautismal en la Pascua. Yo ayuno, oro y hago buenas obras junto con los que se preparan para el Bautismo y la recepción plena en la Iglesia. Yo hago para apoyarlos, pero también para prepararme para el momento en que pongo mis dedos en el agua bautismal en la Pascua y renuevo mi compromiso de caminar sobre los pasos de Cristo.

En otra nota, ya hemos recaudado $90,000 para la apelación anual. Nuestra meta es $141,000. Para los que han dado, muchas gracias. Para aquellos que no lo han hecho, por favor considere una promesa, ya sea grande o pequeña. ¡Tenemos un buen comienzo!

Día de San Patricio cae en un viernes de este año. El Arzobispo nos ha dispensado de no tener carne en este día. Tal vez podríamos elegir otro día para no comer carne?

Un recordatorio de que los Viernes de Cuaresma, Inglés Stations son a las 6 pm. Las estaciones españolas son a las 7:30 pm.

Recibí una carta de la Oficina de Misión la semana pasada, diciendo que contribuimos con $4,742.39 al Misión Mundial de 2016. ¡Eres realmente un pueblo bueno y generoso!

Dios te bendiga
Padre Brian

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### Ayuno y Abstinencia

Todas las personas de 14 años de edad en adelante están obligadas por la ley de abstinencia. Todos los adultos hasta los 60 años de edad están obligados por la ley del ayuno.

La disciplina canónica actual para la penitencia para los Estados Unidos, además al carácter general del tiempo de Cuaresma, se puede resumir de la siguiente manera:

- El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de abstinencia de carne y también días de ayuno; esto es, limitado a una sola comida completa.
- Los otros viernes de Cuaresma permanecen días de abstinencia de carne.
- Los viernes del año, fuera del tiempo de Cuaresma, permanecen como días de penitencia.

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### EL VIAJE DE LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN

"Sólimos ser tan buenos amigos. ¿Por qué te has alejado tanto?" un hombre le preguntó a otro. "Quizás", le respondió el otro "tú te has alejado al quedarte quieto".

Este diálogo bien podría haberse dado entre Pedro y Jesús si a Pedro se le hubiera permitido armar tiendas para quedarse en el monte de la Transfiguración. Casi sucumbió a la tentación de quedarse en un lugar de maravilla y luz.

Pero Jesús sabía la difícil verdad: estamos en un viaje continuo cuando transitamos los caminos de la voluntad de Dios. No es bueno que nos quedemos en un lugar en nuestro viaje de fe. Es igualmente malsano estancarnos en los momentos de alegría y milagros para evitar las dificultades de la vida que ensimismarnos en nuestros sufrimientos y tentaciones para evadir ser buenos compañeros de nuestras hermanas y hermanos que también están sufriendo; ¡o celebrar! La Iglesia peregrina debe hacer una cosa en su viaje de Cuaresma: caminar continuamente con Cristo como su Cuerpo nacido del agua y del Espíritu, buscando la voluntad de Dios, ayudando a que se conozca en la tierra el Reino de Dios, siendo guía al final de nuestro viaje, transfigurada para siempre en la compañía del cielo.