March 26, 2017
Fourth 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 25th through April 2**

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

Noel Welstead
Henry Haas
Hector Escobar

**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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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
415-497-5090

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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

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 In-
dian 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 fol-
lowing the tournament! Your continued gen-
erous 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,

We are up to $115,000 in our Annual appeal. We have $26,000 to go. A big “thank you” to all who have given thus far.

Last Saturday, the Knight’s had their 48th Annual St. Paddy’s Day Dinner Dance. Everyone seemed to have a good time. I can’t thank the Knight’s enough for all the hard work they put into this Dinner Dance. My experience tells me a good strong Knight’s group means a good strong parish. Thank you, Knight’s!

A number of our parishioners just got back from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome led by Father McCain. What a great experience it must have been to walk in the footsteps of Christ and the Apostles! I am glad you’re home safe and sound.

We have a Lenten Reconciliation Service this coming Wednesday, March 29th, at 10:30am and again at 7pm. I couldn’t think of a better way to prepare ourselves spiritually for the great feast of Easter than by receiving reconciliation, especially if it has been a long time. Hope to see you there.

As Jesus cures the man born blind in today’s Gospel Reading from John, may we open our eyes to all the love and good around us.

Happy Spring!

Father Brian

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today’s first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God’s anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today’s Gospel. David’s family and the blind man’s community did not expect the miraculous grace of God’s love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were “blinded” by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to “see” the presence of God’s will for them. Both became messengers of God’s will. That same Spirit of God’s anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as “children of the light.”

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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 28 is: The Passion and Death of Christ.

All adults are invited to participate.
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Wednesday March 29th**

**Lenten Reconciliation Service**
At Our Lady of Loretto Church
10:30 am and 7:00 pm

**April 8th—9th**

**Palm Sunday**
Saturday, April 8th
Confessions from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
5:00pm English 7:00pm Spanish
Vigil Masses
Blessed Palms will be distributed after all Vigil Masses

**Sunday, April 9th**
8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses in English
12 Noon in Spanish
Blessed Palms will be distributed after all the Masses

**April 13th**

**Holy Thursday**
No 9am Mass today
7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Altar of Repose / Adoration
In Parish Hall until 10 pm

**April 14th**

**Good Friday**
No 9am Mass today
12:00 pm —School Passion Play
1:00pm—Choir Performance
2pm: Liturgical Service: Veneration of the Cross and Communion
8pm Spanish Liturgical Service:
Veneration of the Cross and Communion

**April 15th**

**Holy Saturday**
No 9am Mass
No Confessions
8:00pm - Easter Vigil

**April 16th**

**Easter Sunday**
Masses 8:00am and 10:00am in English
12 Noon in Spanish

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today’s custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone’s surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church’s history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ’s sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn’t a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist.

The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

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A LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen.
This Week at OLL
March 26 - April 2

Sun. Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon.
Tue. Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
     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 of Lent

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION
YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday, 3/27: Middle School Classes meet in the convent from 7-8:30.
Thursday, 3/30: NO HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES.
YM leadership team and those traveling to Steubenville San Diego will meet at the convent for dinner at 7pm.
Thursday, April 6: HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT, 6-10pm in the OLL Hall.

Thank you to all who supported our first Steubenville fundraiser! Through your generosity, we earned just shy of $1700 toward our trip expenses for this summer’s trip to San Diego. We are grateful for your support!

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.

Esta semana en OLL
26 Marzo — 2 Abril

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma
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-Convent - 7:15 pm
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración- Capilla– 7:30pm
     Ensayo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves: Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5pm
Sáb: Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Esta semana recordamos el nacimiento de uno de nuestros propios héroes: César Estrada Chávez, quien nació en Arizona en 1927 y falleció en Los Ángeles, California en 1993. El racismo y la injusticia de su tiempo, obligaron a él y su familia a salir de su natal Arizona, pues sus padres perdieron sus tierras a causa de unos malhechores. En 1938 el destino lo llevó a Los Ángeles, al barrio “Sal, sí puedes”.

Con la ayuda de Dolores Huerta y otras personas, en 1962 fundó el movimiento sindical de campeños que daria a luz a United Farm Workers para protestar por las injusticias que nuestro pueblo sufría en los viñedos, situación que bien puede describirse como barbarie. Muchos se unieron a la “huelga” y al boicoteo de uvas bajo la bandera roja del águila azteca y el estandarte de Guadalupe. De esta manera, con símbolos de nuestro origen indígena y religioso, César nos enseñó que “Sí se puede” salir adelante.

En dos ocasiones, en 1972 y en 1988 respectivamente, debido a que algunos compañeros del movimiento querían incurrir en la violencia para salir adelante, César hizo un ayuno de 24 y 36 días respectivamente. De esta manera exhortó una vez más a todo el movimiento de que sólo mediante el trabajo, la fe y el sacrificio se pueden lograr las cosas. ¡Sí se puede!

LUZ Y SOMBRA
En la fe hay suficiente luz para los que quieren creer y suficiente sombra para enceguecer a los que no.
—Blas Pascal
Queridos amigos,

Tenemos hasta $ 115,000 en nuestra apelación anual. Tenemos $ 26,000 para ir. Un gran "gracias" a todos los que han dado hasta ahora.

El sábado pasado, el Caballero tuvo su 48º Anual de Paddy's Day Dinner Dance. Todo el mundo parecía pasar un buen rato. No puedo agradecerle al Caballero lo suficiente por todo el arduo trabajo que pusieron en esta Danza de la Cena. Mi experiencia me dice que un buen grupo de Caballeros fuerte significa una buena parroquia fuerte. ¡Gracias, Caballero!

Varios de nuestros parroquianos acaban de regresar de una peregrinación a Tierra Santa y Roma dirigida por el padre McCain. ¡Qué gran experiencia debe haber sido caminar sobre las huellas de Cristo y de los Apóstoles! Me alegro de que estés sano y salvo en casa.

Tenemos un Servicio de Reconciliación Cuaresmal este próximo miércoles, 29 de marzo, a las 10:30 am y de nuevo a las 7 pm. No podía pensar en una mejor manera de prepararnos espiritualmente para la gran fiesta de Pascua que de recibir la reconciliación, sobre todo si ha pasado mucho tiempo. Espero verte allí.

Como Jesús cura al hombre nacido ciego en la Lectura del Evangelio de hoy de Juan, que abramos nuestros ojos a todo el amor y el bien que nos rodea.

¡Feliz primavera!

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 obligadas 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, pero cada persona puede sustituir la abstinencia de carne tradicional por alguna otra práctica de arrepentimiento voluntario o penitencia personal; esto puede ser mortificación o templanza física, o actos religiosos, o de caridad, o de testimonio cristiano.

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).
**Salmo** — El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).
**Segunda lectura** — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).
**Evangelio** — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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