Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church
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415-897-2171  FAX 415-897-8251
Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm

March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”
**Mass Intentions**  
*March 3rd through March 11th*

AS: Fr. Andrew Spyrow  
EA: Fr. Erick Arauz

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

- Tovia Zavala—Zavala
- Elizabeth Barnhart
- Violet Bohme
- James Johnstone

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering that they may know the embrace of Christ’s healing love.

Rev. Brian Costello
frbrian@ollnovato.org Ext.227
Pastor
(Sabbatical January through June)

Rev. Andrew Spyrow
Administrator
frspyrow@ollnovato.org
(January 1—June 30)

Rev. Erick E. Arauz
Parochial Vicar ext. 233

Patrick Reeder ext. 234
Parish Manager
Office Staff
Erin Troy ext. 222
Allen Shirley ext. 236

Our Lady of Loretto School
Mrs. Kathleen Kraft, Principal
415-892-8621

Parish Religious Education
Amy Bjorklund Reeder, Dir. Grades 1-6 and
Co-Director of Adult Faith Formation
Kathleen Pitti
415-897-6714

Sandro Garcia Grades 1-3 en Espanol
415-897-2171 ext.225

Annie Troy, Dir. Youth Ministry
and Confirmation
Co-Director of Adult Faith Formation
415-897-2171 ext.277

Mr. Richard Elliott, Choir Director
1-925-997-5041
willowsth@aol.com

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,
12:30pm Spanish Mass

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday
9:30am-5:00 pm and
4th Wednesday of the Month 6pm—8pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Rosary
Monday—Thursday after
9am Mass and 5:30 pm
Friday after 9 am Mass and at 5 pm
Sunday at 3:00 pm

Baptisms
Please contact the Rectory-
Catechesis Required
Pre– Baptismal Classes in English are held
the second Saturday of each month at 10 am.
We share this ministry with St. Anthony’s
Parish. Please call the rectory office to
schedule your class.

Pre– Baptismal classes in Spanish are held
on the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm
in the School Library. Please contact Sandro
Garcia for more information.

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

TEMPORARY FLU SEASON PROTOCOL

We will be suspending partaking of the Blood
of Christ from the communal chalice and ask
that you receive Communion in the hand.
We ask that you not offer your hand to others
at the sign of peace nor hold hands during the
Lord’s Prayer with those not in your immedi-
ate family. We pray for the health and recov-
er of all who are ill and look forward to
their returning to Mass when they are well.

HELP NEEDED

Do you have time to bring some joy to someone at
Easter? Our Lady of Loretto has been delivering
Easter Lilies, for several years, as an outreach of
Helping Hands. Helping Hands wanted to keep this
ministry alive after they disbanded and Michelle
Whiteside is continuing the tradition. She is asking
for some volunteers to deliver lilies on March 31st.
Please contact Michelle at
michellew1@hotmail.com for more information.
RCIA/Adult Education

Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday, upstairs in the Convent. The topic on March 7 is: Morality II: Faith, Reason and Conscience. All adults are invited to participate.

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 Sirano Dimeni Emde, S.J., a Jesuit Scholastic in the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. Father Sirano is from the Congo Brazzaville and is here studying Social Ethics, and will receive his Masters degree this May. 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.

Our Lady of Loretto Choir Presents
“The Final Hours”

On Good Friday, after the 8th grade’s presentation of The Passion, the OLL choir invites our parish family to remain in Church to experience “The Final Hours”, their Holy Week Cantata. The music will tell the story of Jesus's ministry and life on earth in song. This has been a choir tradition for 15 years, and like their Christmas concert, the choir has been working very hard to show their love of Christ and His sacrifices.

PLEASE PRAY FOR A RESTFUL AND FULFILLING EXPERIENCE FOR FATHER BRIAN, WHILE HE IS ON SABBATICAL.

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday 3/5: Middle School Classes meet 7-8:30 in the convent
Thursday 3/8:

This year’s SPRING RETREAT will take place on Thursday, 3/15 from 5pm-10pm in the OLL Parish Hall. We welcome the National Evangelization Team (NET) again this year! Check out the YM bulletin board in the main entrance to the church for more information on this year’s team. As a reminder, the retreat is MANDATORY for all Confirmation students, but all high school aged teens are welcome to attend.

OLL Youth Ministry will be attending the Diocese of Santa Rosa Youth Rally on March 11 at Cardinal Newman High School. All students who would like to attend need to sign up with Annie ASAP!

Students planning to attend this year's Steubenville San Diego conference (July 27-29) must get their deposits in ASAP to reserve their spots.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Campaign Goal
$136,595

Received
(including pledges)
$41,151

Percent of Goal
30%

Don’t forget to make your contribution. All donations, big or small, are appreciated.
LENT—HOLY WEEK—EASTER

Thursday March 22nd
Lenten Reconciliation Service
At Our Lady of Loretto Church
10:30 am and 7:00 pm

March 24th and 25th
Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 24th
Confessions from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
5:00pm English Vigil Mass
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 25th
8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses in English
12:30pm in Spanish

Palms will be distributed after all the Masses

March 29th
Holy Thursday
No 9am Mass today
7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Altar of Repose / Adoration
In Parish Hall until 10 pm

March 30th
Good Friday
No 9am Mass today
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
School Passion Play
1:00pm—Choir Performance
“The Final Hours”

2pm: Liturgical Service
Veneration of the Cross and Communion

8pm Spanish Liturgical Service
Veneration of the Cross and Communion

March 31st
Holy Saturday
No 9am Mass
No Confessions
8:00pm - Easter Vigil

April 1st
Easter Sunday
Masses 8:00am and 10:00am in English
12:30pm in Spanish

An Opportunity to Serve
We have over 40 parishioners willing to provide meals, for a short duration, to families upon request. Likely situations include a death, illness, or surgery in a family. If you’ve ever been in a situation where you could have used this help, you understand what a blessing this outreach can be. Someone is needed, however, to coordinate this special needs food outreach. Two people sharing this responsibility works well. If no one volunteers by March 20 we will no longer be able to offer this helping hand to our parishioners. For more information, contact Teri Guy at 415-892-4178 or tguytdr@aol.com.
### This Week at OLL
**March 4—March 11**

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TO ALL OUR CURRENT USHERS AND GREETERS, THANK YOU! Your dedication to this ministry helps make Our Lady of Loretto a welcoming faith community. Your service is MOST APPRECIATED.

WE ARE ALWAYS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Ushers and Greeters are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship. As an Usher or Greeter, you minister to the entire community in a very active way. Many people may be visiting, may be fearful or may be returning to Church after a long absence. Ushers and Greeters, through their ministry will be freeing each person of their own personal impediments to the Mass through a welcoming atmosphere. Your active role in welcoming each person, enables them to come closer to our Lord in the Liturgy. What greater gift can you give than to bring someone closer to God?

Training will be provided. We look forward to hearing from you.

**GENTLEMEN……**

You’ve heard the saying, “Step up and be a man.” Well, now’s the time!

There are some spaces still available to attend the upcoming Men’s Cursillo, April 26-29.

A short course in Christianity, Cursillo provides a safe and uninterrupted time to assess your life and experience God’s awesome love in the process.

This may well be the very best investment you will ever make. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

**NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO CONTACT:**

Jean & Tom Nelson, (415) 892-2348
OR check out: marincursilo.com

### Esta semana en OLL
**4 Marzo — 11 Marzo**

**Domingo:** Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma  
**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-Convexo—7:15 pm**

**Miércoles:** Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración—Capilla—7:30pm  
**Ensayo del Coro-Español—Iglesia—7pm**

**Jueves:**  
**Viernes:**  
**Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5pm**  
**Stations—7:30pm Spanish**

**Sab:**  
**Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am**

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

SANTIFICA EL SÁBADO

No hay mejor forma de profundizar nuestras devociones de Cuaresma que repasar los Diez Mandamientos. Los primeros tres, los cuales se refieren a una buena relación con Dios, son más extensos. Quizás el que más nos cueste a nosotros, que siempre estamos tan ocupados, es santificar las fiestas refiriéndose al día del Señor.

Si tomáramos este mandamiento literalmente, no cambiaríamos a los bebés, los platos quedarían en la mesa y quizás ni siquiera serviríamos las comidas. Los enfermos no serían atendidos y no se haría nada que estuviera relacionado con el trabajo físico. ¿Se considera trabajo al trabajo mental? ¿Y qué hay de cambiarle el pañal al bebé (¡pobrecito!)?

Debemos depender de Dios para discernir de qué manera debemos respetar y santificar el día del Señor en nuestras vidas. La clave de este mandamiento es que Dios nos ha dado un gran regalo: un día entero por semana en el cual somos libres para descansar, rendirle culto a Dios, cantar, celebrar, amar y alegrarnos. Como proclama el Salmo 19 (18): "Los mandatos del Señor son rectos y alegran el corazón" (19 [18]:8). Nuestro descanso del domingo es un gran regalo que debemos recibir de Dios con alegría, no poniendo peros.
POR FAVOR OREN POR UNA EXPERIENCIA EXCELENTE Y COMPLETA PARA EL PADRE BRIAN, MIENTRAS QUE ESTÁ EN SABBATICAL.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la Cuaresma es importante orar, pero muchas personas se declaran ignorantes sobre el tema de la oración. Dicen que nunca aprendieron a orar o que les gustaría poder orar mejor.

Tristemente, muchos tienen un entendimiento equivocado sobre lo que es la oración. Piensan que orar es solo recitar oraciones memorizadas o esperan que la oración produzca visiones extraordinarias como la transfiguración de Jesucristo en el monte Tabor. Esperan que patriarcas y profetas, o por lo menos ángeles y santos, se les aparezcan de repente.

No digo que estas cosas no pasan, muchas personas lo han experimentado, algunos de ellos por ser muy santos mientras otros más por ser locos. Sinceramente la oración es otra cosa, es más fácil que aprender oraciones de memoria y mucho más simple que éxtasis y visiones. Orar es hablar como hijo o hija al Dios que nos ama como madre, padre, hermano, hermana, amante y amigo. Orar es contarle al Señor como nos van las cosas, nuestros temores, nuestros problemas, nuestros gozos y nuestros anhelos. Orar es pasar tiempo con Dios, a veces platicando, y a veces calladitos, pero siempre amados.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

DESCUBRIR NUESTRO DEBER

El estudio de la Sagrada Escritura inspirada es la principal manera de descubrir nuestro deber.

--San Basilio Magno

POR FAVOR OREN POR UNA EXPERIENCIA EXCELENTE Y COMPLETA PARA EL PADRE BRIAN, MIENTRAS QUE ESTÁ EN SABBATICAL.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma; Primer Escrutinio
Miércoles: Santas Perpetua y Felicitas
Jueves: San Juan de Dios
Viernes: Santa Francisca Romana; Abstinencia

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Dios entrega los mandamientos al pueblo por medio de Moisés (Éxodo 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) o Éxodo 17:3-7.

Salmo -- Señor, tú tienes palabras de vida eterna (Salmo 19 [18]) o Salmo 95 (94).

Segunda lectura -- Pablo proclama a Cristo crucificado; Cristo es el poder y la sabiduría de Dios (1 Corintios 1:22-25) o Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8.

Evangelio -- Jesús echa a los mercaderes del templo y predice su resurrección (Juan 2:13-25) o Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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PERDÓN

Si una mala persona te ofende, perdóname no sea que haya entonces dos malas personas.

--Anónimo