Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”  
JN 3:14-15

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent—Laetare Sunday

“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”
### Mass Intentions
#### March 10th through March 18th

**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:**_  
Thomas Atkinson  
Josephine Gelpi  
Rita Rodrigues  
Josefa Gumba

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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 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 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.

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 michellewl@hotmail.com for more information.
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in Disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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 14 is: Morality III: Contemporary Issues. All adults are invited to participate.

OLL Book Club
The next meeting of the OLL Book Club will take place Wednesday April 11 at 10am in the former convent chapel. We will meet to discuss Pope Francis’ encyclical letter Laudato Si. Please join us for coffee and fellowship. Email amy@ollnovato.org for discussion questions ahead of time.

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY
Monday 3/12: Middle School Classes meet 7-8:30 in the convent. **8th grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on this night**
Thursday 3/15: SPRING RETREAT 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.

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

Religious Education Grades 1-6
Just a reminder that there are no Religious Education classes the weeks of April 1 (Easter vacation) and April 8 (NUSD Spring Break). Classes will resume after the break on Monday April 16. Hoping you and your families will have a Blessed Easter.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
March 18—Catholic Relief Services
March 30—Good Friday collection for the Holy Land
April 29th—Black and Indian Home Missions/ Catholic Home Missions

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

SAVE THE DATE
THE 14th ANNUAL OUR LADY OF LORETTO GOLF TOURNAMENT THURSDAY, JUNE 21st INDIAN VALLEY GOLF CLUB CALL MIKE MORRIS FOR DETAILS 415-897-6862

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.
### LENT—HOLY WEEK—EASTER

**Tuesday March 20th**  
**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 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
5:00 pm English Vigil Mass  
7:00 pm Spanish Vigil Mass

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

Palms will be distributed after all the Masses

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

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

2 pm: Liturgical Service  
Veneration of the Cross and Communion

8 pm Spanish Liturgical Service  
Veneration of the Cross and Communion

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

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

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### Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

**Campaign Goal**  
$136,595  
**Received**  
(including pledges) $53,680  
**Percent of Goal** 39%

Don’t forget to make your contribution. All donations, big or small, are appreciated.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HOLD ITS 49TH ANNUAL ST PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 6PM**

**SEE GREEN RESERVATION FORMS IN THE BULLETIN OR ON THE ENTRANCE TABLES TO THE CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 20th**
This Week at OLL
March 11—March 18

Sun. Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon. Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
                  Al-Anon/Alateen—Convent—7:15pm
Wed. Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
Thurs. Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm
Fri. Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5:00pm
Sat. Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Sun. Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

Please call our Coordinators: Jean or Tom Nelson, (415) 892-2348

Esta semana en OLL
11 Marzo — 18 Marzo

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—Convento—7:15pm

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: Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL
El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

NO ES SUFICIENTE
No es suficiente que yo ame a Dios, si mi prójimo no ama a Dios.
—San Vicente de Paúl
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Salmo — Que se me pegue la lengua al hablar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o Salmo 23 (22).

Segunda lectura — Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o Efesios 5:8-14.

Evangelio — Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la Cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

El Viernes Santo, después de la presentación de The Passion en el octavo grado, el coro OLL invita a nuestra familia parroquial a permanecer en la iglesia para experimentar "The Final Hours", su Cantata de Semana Santa. La música contará la historia del ministerio de Jesús y la vida en la tierra en la canción. Esta ha sido una tradición coral durante 15 años, y al igual que su concierto de Navidad, el coro ha trabajado arduamente para mostrar su amor por Cristo y sus sacrificios.