December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

“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.


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### Mass Intentions

**December 22nd through December 30th**

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May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of Christ.
Mass Times
Monday—Friday 9:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am
5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
7 pm Spanish Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm Spanish Mass

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday
9:30 am-5:00 pm and

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

Rosary
Monday—Thursday after
9 am 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.

Pre—Baptismal classes in Spanish are held
on the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm.
Please call the rectory office to schedule
your class.

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

Some important upcoming events:

December 24th: 9 am Daily Mass—Vigil
Masses at 5 pm, 7 pm in English and 9 pm in
Spanish

December 25th: Mass Times are 8 am, 10 am
and 12 Noon in Spanish

December 24—January 1st: Parish Offices
Closed

SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE
Including the Passion Play at Oberammergau
Hosted by Fr. Brian and Father McCain
Prague—Budapest—Vienna—Oberammergau—
Munich
11 Days—September 7—17, 2020
$4,149 from San Francisco
See the flyers available in the vestibules
for more details.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-6
WISHES YOU ALL A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 7th.
MEMORIES AND DREAMS
Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.
Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.
Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord’s words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading -- From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).
Psalm -- Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).
Second Reading -- We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).
Gospel -- Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.
Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.
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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December

Unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
And then formed man and woman in his own image.

Several thousand years after the flood,
When God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;

Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges;

One thousand years from the anointing of David as king;

In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
The seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
The whole world being at peace,

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
Desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,
Being conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And nine months having passed since his conception,
Was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Amen.
### This Week at OLL
**December 23 — December 30**

**Sun.** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
**Mon.** CHRISTMAS EVE  
**Tue.** CHRISTMAS DAY  
**Wed.** Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm  
**Thurs.** Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group—Chapel—7pm  
**Fri.** Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5:00pm  
**Sat.** Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am  
**Sun.** Feast of the Holy Family  

See Father Brian’s letter for special events

### RCIA/Adult Education

Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Our next meeting will be held on January 9th.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** Vigil of Christmas  
**Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
**Wednesday:** St. Stephen  
**Thursday:** St. John  
**Friday:** The Holy Innocents  
**Saturday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

### Esta semana en OLL
**23 Diciembre — 30 Diciembre**

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo de Adviento  
**Lunes:** CHRISTMAS EVE  
**Martes:** CHRISTMAS DAY  
**Miércoles:** Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración-Capilla—7:30pm  
**Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm  
**Jueves:**  
**Viernes:** Adoración-Chapel—9:30am to 5pm  
**Sab:** Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am  
**Domingo:** Feast of the Holy Family

### RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos. No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.
LA PROCLAMACIÓN DEL NACIMIENTO DE CRISTO

Hoy, veinticinco días del mes de diciembre.

Edad desconocida desde el tiempo en que Dios creó los cielos y la tierra. Y luego se formaron hombre y mujer a su propia imagen.

Varios miles de años después del diluvio,
Cuando Dios hizo brillar el arco iris como una señal del pacto.

Veintiún siglos desde el tiempo de Abraham y Sara;

Trece siglos después de que Moisés sacó al pueblo de Israel de Egipto.

Oncecientos años desde la época de Ruth y los jueces;

Mil años desde la unción de David como rey;

En la semana sesenta y cinco según la profecía de Daniel.

En la ciento noventa y cuatro olimpiadas;
El setecientos cincuenta y dos años desde la fundación de la ciudad de Roma.

El cuadragésimo segundo año del reinado de Octavio Augusto;
El mundo entero está en paz.

Jesucristo, Dios eterno e Hijo del Padre eterno.
Deseando santificar al mundo con su venida más misericordiosa,
Siendo concebido por el Espíritu Santo,
Y nueve meses después de su concepción,
Nació en Belén de Judea de la Virgen María.

Hoy es la natividad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según la carne.

Amén.