January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord
“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.


May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of Christ, especially; Jim Murphy
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
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 7th.
HAPPY EPIPHANY!!

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,
12:00 pm Spanish Mass

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

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

Pre–Baptismal Classes in English are held
the second Saturday of each month at 10am.

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

Marriages
Please contact the Rectory at least
6 months in advance

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Readings for the Week
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
FROM ADULT FAITH FORMATION

OLL BOOK CLUB
The OLL Book Club will meet next on January 9th at 10am in the Convent Chapel for coffee & discussion of *Hiding in the Light by Rifqa Bary* Don’t have time to read the book? Come and join us anyway, all are welcome! If you would like discussion questions emailed to you ahead of time, please contact Amy Reed-er at amy@ollnovato.org.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called pontiffs were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named The Last Year of Confusion. The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magis home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TODAYS READINGS

First Reading -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading -- The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel -- Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Dear brothers and sisters,
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,
and shall ever be manifest among us,
until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year’s culmination,
the Easter Triduum of the Lord:
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,
and his rising celebrated
between the evening of the Eighteenth of April
and the evening of the Twenty-first of April,
Easter Sunday being on the First day of April.

Each Easter -- as on each Sunday --
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.
From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,
will occur on the Sixth of March.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on
Sunday, the Second of June.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the Ninth of June.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be
on the First day of December, 2019.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ
in the feasts of the holy Mother of God,
in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints,
and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Lord of time and history,
be endless praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.
This Week at OLL
January 6 — January 13

Sun.          Epiphany of the Lord
Mon.  SVDP—Teachers Lounge—7pm
Tue.   Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
      Al-Anon/Alateen—Convent—7:15pm
      ICF—5:30pm—Hall
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.     The Baptism of the Lord

RCIA/Adult Education
Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Our next meeting will be held on January 9th. All adults are welcome.

The Feast of Epiphany commemorates the Magi who followed a star to find the Christ-child. The Feast of Epiphany blessing asks that we might find the Lord when our pilgrimage is ended. It also reminds us that we should be looking for God, and finding Him, all along the way. Catholics traditionally bless their homes on Epiphany night with holy water.

Pray that all who enter your home will be treated with dignity and love, and that those who come there might find, as did the magi on their journey, the true and ever-living Christ.

Here is an Epiphany prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this home and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ
That our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Esta semana en OLL
6 Enero — 13 Enero

Domingo: Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor
Lunes: Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración, Capilla—7:30pm
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oração, Capilla—7:30pm
Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves: Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5pm
Viernes: Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5pm
Sab: Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

ENCUENTRO CON DIOS
Los espléndidos Reyes Magos destellantes, majestuosos y solemnes, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época. Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patrones en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta.

Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y conscientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

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LECTURAS DE HOY
Primera lectura -- Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén, porque sobre ti se levanta (Isaías 60:1-6).
Salmo -- Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).
Segunda lectura -- El misterio se ha dado a conocer, que los no judíos han de compartir en Cristo Jesús la misma herencia (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Evangelio -- Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: ¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?
Queridos hermanos y hermanas,
la gloria de Jehová ha resplandecido sobre nosotros,
y se manifestará entre nosotros,
Hasta el día de su regreso.
A través de los ritmos de tiempos y estaciones.
Celebremos los misterios de la salvación.

Recordemos la culminación del año,
El triduo pascual del Señor:
Su última cena, su crucifixión, su entierro.
y su ascenso celebrado
Entre la tarde del dieciocho de abril.
y la tarde del veintiuno de abril,
Domingo de Pascua siendo el primer día de abril.
Cada Pascua - como cada domingo -
La Santa Iglesia hace presente la gran obra salvadora.
por el cual Cristo ha vencido para siempre el pecado y la muerte.

Desde la Pascua se contabilizan todos los días que santificamos.
Miércoles de ceniza, inicio de la Cuaresma,
ocurrirá el seis de marzo.
La Ascensión del Señor será conmemorada el
Domingo, el 2 de junio.
Pentecostés, alegre conclusión de la temporada de Pascua,
Se celebrará el día nueve de junio.
Y, este año será el primer domingo de Adviento.
El primer día de diciembre de 2019.

Igualmente la Iglesia peregrina proclama la pascua de Cristo.
en las fiestas de la santa Madre de Dios,
en las fiestas de los apóstoles y santos,
y en la conmemoración de los fieles difuntos.

A Jesucristo, quién fue, quién es y quién ha de venir.
Señor del tiempo y de la historia.
Sé alabanza sin fin, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.