January 27, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus' presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service"
**Mass Intentions**  
*January 26th through February 3rd*

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**May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of Christ, especially:**  
Bill Johnson  
Ron Coffman  
Carlos Castillo

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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.*

Chuck Becker, Tom Berg, Rob Lowe, Bob Riley, Richard Thomas

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*We are updating our prayer list and have removed names which have been included for some time. Please call the Rectory to place someone on the Prayer List.*
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP TO BEGIN:

A grief support group for anyone impacted by loss, through death of a loved one will be offered at Our Lady of Loretto Parish. This support group affords a “safe” environment to explore and articulate feelings, expand support network, and facilitate the process of healing and growth.

A series of eight consecutive meetings on Wednesday’s from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm will begin February 6, 2019, for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information, those interested may leave a message for Sr. Jeanette at 897-2171, ext. 226 or 415-897-5700, for an interview prior to attendance.
Catholic Schools Week 2019

Our Lady of Loretto is excited to be celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Today is our Open House and Science Fair & Pancake Breakfast in the Hall immediately following the 10AM Mass.

This year’s theme is Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. OLL is adding Involved! The students of OLL will be doing different activities throughout the week to get better involved with our parish and community. The faculty, staff and students will be doing a school wide service project as we make sandwiches for the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in San Rafael. Each class will also be doing a service project.

On Thursday we will be celebrating our Students as they show us their talents at our yearly Talent Show! Please call the school office if you would like to attend to find out the performance time.

A Stewardship Prayer

I offer this day to you, dear God.

Thank you for the blessings you have given me.

May I use these gifts to build your kingdom.

May my actions be a reflections of your love.

May what I do today bring others closer to you.

May my words be kind and gentle and may they bring joy to others.

Today, help me to give back a portion of what you have given me.

I ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen

Monthly Giving Annual Update and Renewal

DONATIONS BY MONTHLY CHECK
Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Loretto over this past year. For those paying by check, please contact Erin Troy, at the Rectory, if you would like to receive 12 blue envelopes for your monthly offering.

DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD
For those who make their monthly offering via credit card, you will be receiving a mailing. In this mailing you will see a new credit card authorization form which we would ask you to send back to us by January 31, 2019.

ONLINE (SELF MANAGED) GIVING
For those utilizing our parish website to manage their donations, we would ask that you take some time to ensure all your information is up to date.

We appreciate everyone’s prayerful consideration to increasing your donation in the coming year. All donations, regardless of amount, are appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helps support Our Lady of Loretto through their ongoing stewardship. We wish you all a very Happy New Year.
FATHER’S LETTER WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.

TODAYS READINGS
First Reading -- Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).
Psalms -- Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).
Second Reading -- In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).
Gospel -- The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

Dear Parents -

Have you noticed the children’s books in the Novato Blvd. vestibule?

These books are there for your children to look at, or read during mass.

Many of the books are for preschoolers, but school age children may enjoy them too.

Please, put the books back in the basket when you leave.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday: St. John Bosco
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life;

TIME
The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be a year acceptable to the Lord. And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the arrival of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.

The year acceptable to the Lord is this year. The day that is holy is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept. Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.
This Week at OLL
January 27 — February 3

Sun. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.
Tue. Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
Al-Anon/Alat een—Convent—7:15pm
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. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Esta semana en OLL
27 Enero — 3 Febrero

Domingo: Tercer Domingo Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:
Martes:
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora Grupo de
Oración- Capilla—7:30pm
Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves:
Viernes: Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5pm
Sáb: Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: Cuarto Domingo Tiempo Ordinario

RCIA/Adult Education
Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday, upstairs in the Convent. The topic on January 30 is: Sacraments of Vocation: Matrimony and Holy Orders. All adults are invited to participate.

FROM ADULT FAITH FORMATION
OLL BOOK CLUB
The OLL Book Club will meet next on February 6th at 10am in the Convent Chapel for coffee & discussion of Story of a Soul by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux
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 Reeder—

THIS WEEK IN OLL CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY
Monday, January 28: Middle school classes meet from 7-8:30 in the convent.
Thursday, January 31: High School classes meet from 7-8:30 (youth ministry leadership from 7:30-9) in the convent.

PLEASE NOTE
There will be a sponsor meeting for this year's Confirmation students on February 7 @ 7:30pm in the convent chapel. Please tell your sponsors. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent is expected in his or her place.**

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
El día 3 de febrero se celebra entre misas, mariachis, fuegos artificiales y muchas expresiones de religiosidad popular, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Concepción de Suyapa en Honduras. Fue un sábado del mes de febrero, cuando Alejandro Colindres, un joven humilde labrador, y Jorge Martínez, un niño de ocho años, la encontraron. Según la tradición estos llegaron cansados a la quebrada del Piligüín. Acostándose sobre el suelo, Alejandro sintió lo que le parecía una piedra en su espalda. Por más que intentaba arrojarla lejos, cuando se acostaba sentía la misma piedra. Por fin en lugar de tirarla, la puso en su mochila y al amanecer descubrió que no era piedra sino una pequeña imagen de María (6.5 cm.) con rostro indígena tallada en madera.
En 1780 se le construyó un templo y en 1796 se registró su primer milagro. El Papa Pío XII la proclamó Patrona de la República de Honduras en 1925. En las advocaciones latinoamericanas ella es nombrada como la fortaleza de los humildes.
--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co

AMOR EN NUESTRAS OBRAS
A nuestro Señor no le importa tanto la grandeza de nuestras obras como le importa el amor con que las hacemos.
--Teresa de Avila
Los días de fiesta ya pasaron, el año se nos viene encima. ¿Y qué clase de año será? De acuerdo con las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, será el año de la gracia del Señor. Y Jesús con seguridad no se refería solamente a los próximos trescientos sesenta y cinco días cuando hablaba a la gente en ese tiempo.

El anuncio de la llegada de la gracia de Dios lo hizo Jesús para todos los tiempos, para cada año. De manera similar, leemos hoy en Nehemías cómo la gente se reunía con solemnidad a escuchar la Palabra de Dios como si fuera la primera vez. Escuchaban y luego se postraban con el rostro en la tierra y lloraban. Pero el profeta decía: Este día está dedicado al Señor. . . no estén tristes.

El tiempo de escuchar es ahora. ¿Qué clase de año tendrás? ¿Qué clase de día? La ayuda de Dios siempre está aquí. Lo que haces cada día será santo y acceptable al Señor solamente si escuchas y practicas la palabra de Dios.