February 2, 2020
The PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of Christ; especially:

Virginia Schoelen
Rob Romero
Mel Gentek

Mass Intentions
February 1 through February 9

BC : Fr. Brian Costello
TV: Fr. Tony Vallecillo

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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.

**Mass Times**

- **Monday—Friday** 9:00 am
- **Saturday** 9:00am
  5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
- **Sunday** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Spanish Mass
- **Eucharistic Adoration**
  - **Monday—Friday** 9:30am-5:00 pm
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
  - **Monday** 6:00pm—8:00pm
  - **Saturday** 3:00pm-4:00pm

**Rosary**

- **Monday—Thursday** after 9am Mass and 5 pm
- **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 7pm. 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

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS JULY—DECEMBER**

- **YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL:** $258,679
- **YEAR TO DATE BUDGET:** $289,000
- **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):** ($30,321)

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

- **ACTUAL:** $28,352
- **BUDGET:** $39,030

**ADOPT A STUDENT COLLECTION 1/25-26:** $4,331

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**YOUR PESENCE IS CORDIALLY REQUESTED at the**

**OUR LADY OF LORETTO SENIOR BRUNCH**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 at 9:30am**

**OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH HALL**

PLEASE RSVP by JANUARY 31, BY PHONE, TO TARA, (650) 575-4773

Menu will include quiche, muffins, fruit, coffee and tea. There is no cost to join us—it is our gift to you, courtesy of the Our Lady of Loretto School 7th Grade Class
Dear Friends,

Our Lady of Loretto is one of two Catholic churches in Novato. No different from the current plight that plagues the majority of Catholic parishes around the nation, our new enrollment numbers have declined, we are losing membership, attendance at all masses are light and even lighter for families with young children. Additionally, our active members are well into the retirement phase of their lives, and our young families, the future of our parish, are not actively engaged with the church. If we stand by and do nothing about this current reality, I am afraid there will not be a future for Our Lady of Loretto Church.

To this end, I am pleased to announce a newly formed committee made up of a diverse group of active parishioners to initiate an effort to reinvigorate and transform our parish to reverse these trends. At my direction, the REBUILT committee has been charged with developing a strategy moving us toward parish excellence that seeks two primary outcomes: first, to reengage our parishioners by getting you excited about our Catholic faith and the community at Our Lady of Loretto. Second, but no less important, reach out to those who are not attending church and welcome them back.

To achieve these challenging outcomes, the REBUILT Committee will ensure that they:

· Solicit the voice and feedback of the community to provide input on the areas that will enable the greatest transformation for our parish.
· Harness and protect the best traditions/practices that have been cultivated at OLL over the past 50 years, while identifying and stopping practices that are dated and are not value-added. They will work with existing ministries and parishioners to adopt new and innovative ideas that will ensure a place of worship for future generations here in Novato.
· Create a culture that is inclusive and embraces the beauty and diversity that exists within this parish community, breaking down any perceived barriers that hinder our ability to progress toward engaging existing parishioners and welcoming back those that have left.

On December 1st, I began asking all parishioners to share their voices via a survey that is being conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, a Catholic research center. Gathering your feedback was the first step initiated by the REBUILT committee. To date, we have received approximately 900 responses out of 1600 registered families. I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you who took the time to share your voice. It will take us some time to compile the results and develop a holistic strategy based on your input. However, where we can take immediate action, we will. Throughout January, you will begin to see some small changes take place to begin our transformation towards parish excellence.

It remains clear that for us to achieve our desired outcomes, significant change is inevitable. Changing our patterns of behavior or way of doing things often feels emotional and managing our emotions and energy when going through change is important. But it can be done, if we embrace these changes together as Catholic community as one Body of Christ. Along with the REBUILT Committee, I will continue to communicate with you throughout this process.

We look forward to embarking on this journey with you!

God Bless You,

Fr. Brian

OUR LADY OF LORETTO REBUILT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Father Brian Costello
Mara Lisa Barnes
Alice Liao
Tom Tomassini
Bob Lemos
Holli Lemos
Larry Mazzotta
Annie Troy
Eva Richards
Wayne Richards
Patrick Reeder
Amy Reeder
Rick Majewski
Jackie Pham

We appreciate and value your feedback.
The best way to contact the committee is via e-mail to rebuilt@ollnovato.org
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS  
HIGH TEA  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020, 2:00PM  
RESERVATION FORMS ARE IN THE BULLETIN AND AT CHURCH ENTRANCES.  
RESERVE EARLY!!

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 5, 2020, 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting of the OLL Book Club will take place on Wednesday, February 5th at 10am in the Convent Chapel. We will meet to discuss: Finding Calcutta: What Mother Theresa Taught Me About Meaningful Work and Service by Mary Poplin

FROM PROJECT DRESSER:
We are excited to announce that Baby #3 is due to arrive in the middle of March! Donation sign-ups will be posted in the church NEXT WEEK. Thank you all for your generous support of this

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RCIA NEWS

Our Lady of Loretto’s RCIA program for 2019 – 2020 continues. The group meets upstairs in the convent building at 7:30 pm. The topics on Wednesday, February 5, are “The Church: Origins in Christ, Overview of Its History”. Adults of the parish are welcome to participate.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).
Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).
Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).
Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

“There are two questions that confront the people of every place and time, questions that confront you and me today: Are you satisfied with the direction the world is moving in? Are you satisfied with your life?”

Matthew Kelly
Dynamic Catholic

Consider Cursillo for your life.
Experience God’s love in a new and wonderful way.
Common remark from those who have attended: “I wish I hadn’t waited so long.”

Some spaces still available:
Women’s Weekend: Thurs. Evening, April 16 to Sun. Afternoon, April 19
Men’s Weekend: Thurs. Evening, April 23 to Sun. Afternoon, April 26

www.marincursillo.com
Contact: Jean & Tom Nelson (415) 892-2348
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Please join us in joyful Celebration for God's Special People
Mass on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Reception will follow.
The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Principal Celebrant

On February 8th, there will be a Mass for special needs adults and children. Catholic adults and children with disabilities, and their families and friends, are invited to participate in a mass designed for them. Every parish has members with disabilities – this is a day for all to join in the celebration of Mass as a community supporting inclusivity of our special needs family.

This Mass sends a message that all of God's children and adults with special needs and disabilities are welcome and are an integral part of the parish family.

On December 3, 2019 Pope Francis stated, “[O]n the anniversary of the World Day of Persons with Disabilities, we renew our gaze of faith that sees in every brother and sister the presence of Christ himself, who considers every gesture of love for one of our least brothers as made for himself.”

The Cathedral is located at 1111 Gough Street (between Gough Street and Geary Street) in San Francisco. Free parking will be available at the Gough St. entrance.

Por favor únete a nosotros en alegre Celebración para el pueblo especial de Dios
Misa el sábado 8 de febrero de 2020 a las 11:00 a.m.
La recepción seguirá.
La catedral de Santa María de la Asunción.
Arzobispo Salvatore Cordileone, celebrante principal

El 8 de febrero, habrá una misa para adultos y niños con necesidades especiales. Los adultos y niños católicos con discapacidades, y sus familias y amigos, están invitados a participar en una misa diseñada para ellos. Cada parroquia tiene miembros con discapacidades: este es un día para que todos se unan a la celebración de la Misa como una comunidad que apoya la inclusión de nuestra familia con necesidades especiales.

Esta misa envía un mensaje de que todos los niños y adultos de Dios con necesidades especiales y discapacidades son bienvenidos y son parte integral de la familia parroquial.

El 3 de diciembre de 2019, el Papa Francisco declaró: “[En] el aniversario del Día Mundial de las Personas con Discapacidad, renovamos nuestra mirada de fe que ve en cada hermano y hermana la presencia del mismo Cristo, quien considera cada gesto de amor para uno de nuestros hermanos menores, hecho para sí mismo ".

La Catedral está ubicada en 1111 Gough Street (entre Gough Street y Geary Street) en San Francisco. Habrá estacionamiento gratuito disponible en la entrada de Gough St.
La carta del Padre Brian regresará la próxima semana.

RETORNO A LA NAVIDAD
La celebración de hace tres semanas del Bautismo del Señor señaló el fin “oficial” del tiempo de Navidad para la Iglesia. La fiesta de hoy de la Presentación del Señor parece extender la celebración un poco más allá. En realidad, algunos han nombrado esta fiesta una “Segunda Epifanía”.

La primera lectura nos recuerda la anticipación del Advento, como escribe Malaquías: “Envío a mi mensajero para que prepare el camino ante mí”. La lectura de los Hebreos nos recuerda la Encarnación, proclamando que Jesús tuvo una “parte” de la misma “carne y sangre”. El Evangelio encuentra al niño Jesús en su primera visita a Jerusalén, y a sus padres una vez más sorprendidos y asombrados por los acontecimientos de su nacimiento.

En la sencillez del pesebre, en la grandeza del templo, en la domesticidad de Nazaret, Jesús viene. ¡Que lleguemos a conocerlo y por ello nos encontremos llenos de “sabiduría” y de la “gracia de Dios!”

SAN FELIPE DE JESÚS (1572-1597)
5 de febrero
Felipillo, como era conocido, nació en la Ciudad de México en una familia de comerciantes. Dado que su vida era un desastre, una de las africanas que cuidaba dijo que la higuera seca del patio “florecería cuando Felipillo fuera santo”. Luego de explorar la vida franciscana y huir de ella, su padre lo envió a Filipinas para que probara suerte en los negocios, pero esta vida tampoco le llenó. Ingresó nuevamente a la Orden Franciscana en Filipinas y, con el paso de los años fue enviado a México para ser ordenado sacerdote. Su barco naufragó en Japón durante un período de persecución contra los cristianos liderado por el emperador Taicosama. En su calidad de extranjero, Felipillo podía evitar el martirio, pero decidió unirse a sus compañeros franciscanos y jesuitas y sufrir con ellos la muerte por Cristo. Lo colgaron de una cruz, lo sujetaron con argollas y dos lanzas lo traspasaron. En su agonía repetía una y otra vez: “Jesús, Jesús, Jesús”, de ahí que se le venere como Felipe de Jesús. El día de su muerte, la higuera floreció.