

April 19, 2021

Dear Our Lady of Loretto Parishioners, may you have a most blessed Easter!

Mass and Liturgy Update. Our Holy Week and Easter Masses in the church were all full with many joyful parishioners glad to have public celebrations this year. One of the painful aspects of the Covid 2020 Easter was closed churches and no public Masses. We shall be having special First Communion Masses on May 1st, 8th, 15th and a Confirmation Liturgy on May 2nd. Please pray for these children who will be receiving their Sacraments. On April 13th, the State of California ruled that houses of worship can function with no capacity limits. Archbishop Cordileone sent a memo to the priests of the Archdiocese stating we are still to follow county health regulations and maintain 6-foot distance during worship. All which means that here at OLL our limit for Mass remains 120 persons.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Update. Your support for the parish in paying its Archdiocesan assessment of \$129,550 has been staggering. As of this date we have collected \$125,000! 30 individuals or families joined the 1% Club. Thank you for your generosity and support of OLL.

Pastor Selection Status. I am constantly being asked if a decision has been made for the new OLL pastor. Unfortunately, I haven't heard anything. It appears as though an announcement will be made sometime in May. I shall keep you posted.

Father Bill McCain. Please pray for the health of former OLL pastor Father Bill McCain. He suffered a massive stroke earlier this month. He is presently at a rehab facility in San Francisco and is slowly recuperating.

Free Easter Book. Several generous parishioners purchased Matthew Kelly's illuminating spiritual book *I Heard God Laugh* about tending your soul. It is available for free at all Masses and the parish office.

Evening of Faith Virtual Event. In my previous update, I announced this parish virtual event that will be bilingual and feature music, testimonials and Bible Reflections. The date has been changed to Wednesday, April 28 @ 7pm. Please check our website for details.

OLL Youth Ministry Golf Tournament. This 17th annual fundraiser for the OLL Youth Ministry will be held on June 17th at the Indian Valley Golf Club. We are happy to announce there will actually be a golf tournament this year but unfortunately no lunch or dinner. If you are interested in participating or making a donation please go to our website.

OLL School. Some very good news for the school—the state and county is allowing them to have 3-feet of distance between students thereby increasing the number of students allowed in the classroom. Also, unlike last year there will be a graduation Mass and ceremony for the 8th grade, both in the church. They will be on Friday, June 4th.

Blessings in Jesus,

Father Tony Vallecillo, Administrator