

OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

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December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

OUR LADY OF LORETO PARISH
*“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy,
Sacrament and Service”*



Mass Intentions
December 17 to December 25

BC: Fr. Brian Costello JML: Fr. Juan Manuel Lopez
NH: Fr. Neil Healy, JP: Fr. John Piderit, ; Fr. Ray Reyes

| Day | Time | Intentions | Priest |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Saturday 12/17 | 9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm | Jim Gilleran + Augie Hoth + | BC NH JML |
| Sunday 12/18 | 8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon | Helen Kambic + Rosemary Pinnatore + OLL Parishioners | BC NH RR |
| Monday 12/19 | 9:00am | Jim Gilleran + | BC |
| Tuesday 12/20 | 9:00am | Rosemary Pinnatore + | NH |
| Wednesday 12/21 | 9:00am | Charlie Freeman and Family (L) and + | JML |
| Thursday 12/22 | 9:00am | Medeiros and Teixeira Families (L) and + | JML |
| Friday 12/23 | 9:00am | John Woods + | BC |
| Saturday 12/24 | 9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm | Coffman Family (L) Deceased Members of the Costello and Smith Families Reeder Families (L) | BC BC NH JML |
| Sunday 12/25 | 8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon | Sr. Jeanette Lombardi (L) OLL Parishioners | NH BC JML |



***May all our deceased
Parishioners rest in
the loving arms
of Christ.***

***Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering
that they may know the embrace of Christ's healing love.***

Darlene Belluomini, Al Budzeleski, Betty Burke, Adita Claire, Gloria Corda, Janeen Corda-Brady, Maureen Crist, Paula DiStefano, Bunny Dodson, Jeff Drucker, Ann English, Gennaro Fiorentino, Maureen Fox, Jesse Fuette, Fr. Dustin Gorell, Henry Haase, Andy Hansen, Florence Haron, Walt Heim, Mary Ann Holtom, Kiera Hynes, Johnny Johnston, Sharon Kielty, Tom Knego, Marjorie Lane, Julia Matos, Sally McGillis, Sal Miceli, Wanda Mower, Bob Muster, Catherine O'Brien, Ray Ostertag, Dalton O'Sullivan, Cindy Paladini, Gabriella Passa, Alice Rosaire, Alex Ruiz, Margarita Ruiz, Lauren and Janice Seale, Louise Shipman, Matt Sowick, Dick Steinbach, Paula and Dan Stilling, David Strongini, Sarah Stryker, Mary Stryker, John Stuber, Pat U'Ren, Niloo Vahid, Loretta Van Vleck, Kathy Weddle, Ken Weddle, Teresa Welsch, Cathy Westover, Dory Wivens

**We are updating our prayer list and have removed names which have been
on the list for some time. Please call the Rectory to have someone
included on the Prayer List.**

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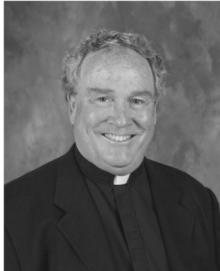
Parish Religious Education

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EMERGENCIES ONLY PLEASE



Dear Friends,

Here are our coming events:

- Sunday December 18th after the 8am and 10am Masses: Knights of Columbus “Breakfast with St. Nicholas”
- Sunday, December 18th at 4:00pm and 7:30 pm: Choir Christmas Concerts
- Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve: Masses are at 5pm (Children’s Mass), 7pm and 9pm (Spanish).
- Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day, a Holy Day of Obligation: Masses are at 8am, 10am, and 12 Noon (Spanish)
- Saturday December 31st, Eucharistic Adoration 9:00pm to 12:01am
- Sunday, January 1st, New Year’s Day, a Holy Day of Obligation: Masses are at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Spanish)

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 Noon Spanish Mass

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00pm-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

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
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church@ollnovato.org

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent!

Father Brian

Dear Friends,

On December 25th we proclaim: “Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.” And so begins the celebration of our Lord’s birth, of God becoming man. God loved us so much that he gave us his only Son to be one with us, to dwell among us, and to show us how to live in that love. He came to bring peace, to heal division, to end all pain, and to bring us into his eternal light.



And so we celebrate the gift of his love. We fill the long darkness with beautiful lights. We sing carols and eat delicious food. Around our Christmas Trees - trees right inside our houses!- we give one another gifts because God has given such good gifts to us, and we open our homes to guests because God has opened heaven to us.

May these challenging times, in which we live, bring us closer together as a parish community. Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Father Brian
Father Juan Manuel
Father Healy

Simbang Gabi in North Bay

A Filipino Tradition of Advent Masses, Rosary in preparation for Christmas



December 16—20, 2016
6:30pm Reconciliation
6:45pm Rosary
7:00pm Mass

St. Isabella's Church
#1 Trinity Way
San Rafael, CA

Refreshments will follow in the vestibule after each Mass.

Christmas Fiesta Celebration and Potluck
December 20th at the St. Isabella's Parish Hall
Come share with us the joy of Christmas through our Filipino-American Culture

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WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR WITH JESUS

Our Lady of Loretto will have Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday evening, December 31 beginning at 9:00pm and ending at 12:01am.

Jesus showed His great love for us by His crucifixion on the cross to pay for our sins and give us eternal life. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return? Through adoration we strengthen our personal relationship with God and give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling within all of us. Every hour you spend time with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven. What a great way to start the New Year!! Please join us.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol"

comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday, 12/19: Middle School classes meet in the convent from 7-8:30.

Thursday 12/22: CONVENT CLOSED.
High School classes & OLL YM will resume on January 12.

RCIA/Adult Education

Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday, upstairs in the Convent. The topic on December 20 is: *The Coming of Christ: The Nativity*. All adults are invited to participate.

OLL BOOK CLUB

The next book up for the remainder of December is Scott Hahn's "Joy to the World" on Jan 11. Please join us.

No registration is necessary. Bring a friend!

Please join us at
**Our Lady of Loretto
Church on December
18th at 4pm and
7:30pm for a retell-
ing of the Christmas**



Story in song. This concert features an adult and children's choir with audience sing-a-long of favorite carols. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. Reception following the concert in the church hall.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

This Week at OLL

December 18 - December 25

- Sun. Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mon. SVDP—Library—7pm
Tue. Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
Al-Anon—Convent – 7:15pm
Wed. Our Lady's Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm
Thurs.
Fri. Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5:00pm
Sat. **CHRISTMAS EVE**
Sun. **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Esta semana en OLL

18 Diciembre — 25 Diciembre

- Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
Martes: Helping Hands Grupo de Oración
por la Iglesia-1pm
JPC Discipulados—Capilla del Convento —7pm
Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro-Chapel-6pm
Al-Anon-Convento - 7:15 pm
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora Grupo de
Oración- Capilla- 7:30pm
Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm
Jueves:
Viernes: Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5pm
Sab: Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Domingo: LA NATVIDAD DEL SENOR

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY DECEMBER 26th THROUGH MONDAY JANUARY 2nd. WE WILL RETURN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd AT 9AM.

**THE PARISH STAFF WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
GOD BLESS!!**

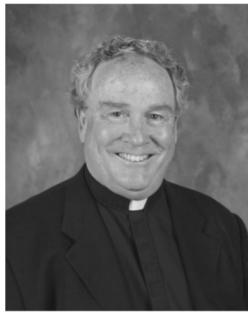
SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.



LLAMADOS POR DIOS

Al acercarse la Navidad, las Escrituras del Adviento nos llevan a un mundo de sueños, señales, maravillas y el milagro del nacimiento de una virgen. Muchas veces dejamos que los grandes relatos de nuestra fe, los que son más conocidos, simplemente nos pasen sin sentirlos. El relato del Evangelio de hoy sobre los acontecimientos previos al nacimiento del Señor parece una telenovela actual. Sin embargo, la valentía de José, aun en medio de una época que debe haber sido increíblemente confusa, nos brinda un modelo a seguir. Cada semana, Dios nos llama a aceptar el camino de la bondad y la verdad por medio de la proclamación de la Palabra sagrada de Dios. Como José, somos llamados a hacer lo que el Señor nos ordena. Mientras estamos en el umbral de la Navidad, tengamos la valentía para estar abiertos a lo que sea, a lo que el Señor requiera de nosotros durante nuestra celebración del milagro de Belén.



Queridos amigos,

Estos son nuestros próximos eventos:

Domingo 18 de diciembre después de las 8am y 10am Misas: Caballeros de Colón "Desayuno con San Nicolás"

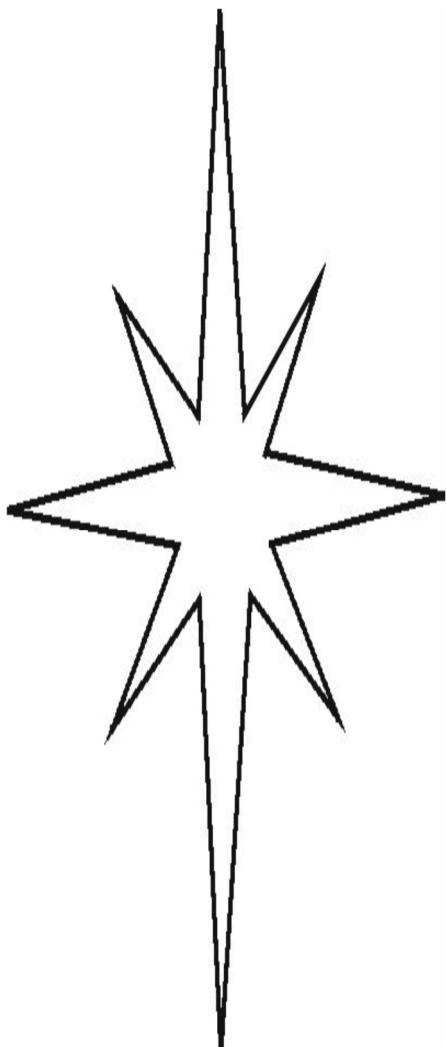
Domingo, 18 de diciembre a las 4:00 pm y 7:30 pm: Conciertos de Navidad del Coro
Sábado, 24 de Diciembre, Nochebuena: Las misas son a las 5pm (Misa de los Niños), 7pm
y 9pm (Español).

Domingo, 25 de diciembre, Día de Navidad, un Santo Día de Obligación: Las misas son a las 8am, 10am y 12
del mediodía.

Domingo, 1 de enero, Día de Año Nuevo, un Santo Día de Obligación: Las misas son a las 8am, 10am, y el
mediodía (español)

Feliz Adviento!

Padre Brian



Queridos amigos,

El 25 de diciembre proclamamos: "Hoy nace nuestro Salvador, Cristo el Señor". Y así comienza la celebración del nacimiento de nuestro Señor, de que Dios se hace hombre. Dios nos amó tanto que nos dio su Hijo único para ser uno con nosotros, para morar entre nosotros, y para mostrarnos cómo vivir en ese amor. Él vino a traer la paz, a curar la división, a terminar con todo el dolor, ya traernos en su luz eterna.

Y así celebramos el regalo de su amor. Llenamos la larga oscuridad con hermosas luces. Cantamos villancicos y comemos deliciosa comida. Alrededor de nuestros Árboles de Navidad - árboles dentro de nuestras casas! - nos damos unos a otros regalos porque Dios nos ha dado tan buenos regalos, y abrimos nuestros hogares a los huéspedes porque Dios nos ha abierto el cielo.

Que estos tiempos difíciles, en los que vivimos, nos unan más como comunidad parroquial. Feliz Navidad y el más feliz de Año Nuevo.

Father Brian

Father Juan Manuel

Father Healy

