

OUR LADY OF LORETTO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH

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



**Mass Intentions
December 23 through December 31**

BC: Fr. Brian Costello JML: Fr. Juan Manuel Lopez
MR: Fr. M. Raimondi



Day	Time	Intentions	Priest
Saturday 12/23	9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Richard McGoldrick + Joseph Silveira + Rudy Pineda (L)	BC BC JML
Sunday 12/24	8:00am 10:00am 12:30pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	OLL Parishioners Al Olivier + Directiva Members (L) Deceased Members of the Costello and Smith Families + Pieter and Marian Keesmaat + Joaquin S. and Marianna Brazil +	BC BC JML BC BC JML
Monday 12/25	8:00am 10:00am 12:30pm	Tom and Patsy Berg (L) Sam Becker (L) Veronica Carillo Family (L)	BC BC JML
Tuesday 12/26	9:00am	Alice and Bill Maider +	BC
Wednesday 12/27	9:00am	Richard McGoldrick +	JML
Thursday 12/28	9:00am	Eleanor Angulo +	JML
Friday 12/29	9:00am	Brian Towns (L)	BC
Saturday 12/30	9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Jeff and Sheila Towns (L) Charlie Freeman + Flores Family (L)	BC BC JML
Sunday 12/31	8:00am 10:00am 12:30pm	OLL Parishioners Leo Olson + Gloria DeLeon (L)	BC BC JML



***May all our deceased
Parishioners rest in the
loving arms
of Christ , especially:***

Jerry Spyrow

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

Avinia Family, May Barnett, Don and Darlene Belluomini, Elaine Benson,
Louis Boscacci, Louise Caldwell, John Cullen, Karen Davis, Bonnie de Rutte, Anette
Diaz, Delmida Edwards, Jesse Fuette, Claudia Gitson, Anne G. Graham, Pat Grant,
John Gross, Berth Guantes, Margaret Hamlett, Alice Horn, Eleanora LaCarrubba,
Benita Lopez, Jesse Mendoza, Marybeth Miller, Paola Tirado Moreda, Dalton O'Sulli-
van Family, Ray Ostertag, Tearah Parker, Lorraine Priolo, Phil Rappaport, Kerry Ro-
driguez, Arthur Ruiz, Margarita Ruiz, Allen Schwoob,
Kenric Silva, Pat U'Ren, David Wilson

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EMERGENCIES ONLY PLEASE

MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM OLL CONFIRMATION AND
YOUTH MINISTRY

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,
12:30pm Spanish Mass

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Friday
9:30am-5:00 pm and
4th Wednesday of the Month 6pm—8pm

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
Pre- Baptismal Classes in English are held
the second Saturday of each month at 10am.
We share this ministry with St. Anthony's
Parish. Please call the rectory office to
schedule your class.

Pre- Baptismal classes in Spanish are held
on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm
in the School Library. Please contact Sandro
Garcia for more information.

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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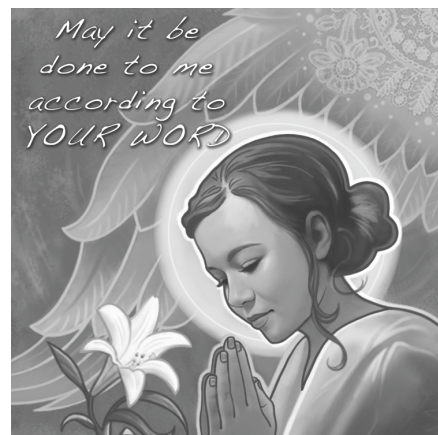
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms -- For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading -- To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel -- Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).



December Calendar

December 22nd —January 1st Rectory Offices Closed

- December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses
8am, 10am, 12:30pm
- December 24th: Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
5pm (Children's Mass) and 7pm in English and 9pm Spanish
Carols will begin at 4:30pm and 6:30pm
- December 25th: Christmas Day Masses: 8am & 10am in English and 12:30pm Spanish
- December 31st: Eucharistic Adoration 9:00pm to 12 Midnight
- January 1st: Mary, Mother of God Mass at 10am in English
Since this Solemnity falls on a Monday the precept to attend Mass is dispensed.
- January 2nd: Father Brian leaves on Sabbatical. Rome January—March
Holy Week in Jerusalem, Continuing studies from April—June
in Jerusalem. Return to OLL in early July.
Rectory offices open at 9am.

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 10 is: *Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick*. All adults are invited to participate.



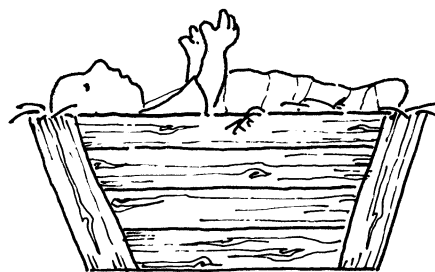
WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR
WITH JESUS

Our Lady of Loretto will have Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday 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.

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift,



it's amazing what we are given--so different from what we ever could have imagined.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

The Rectory Staff



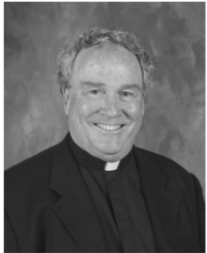
14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast Saturday January 27, 2018

We have secured a bus and are accepting reservations. Please contact Erin at the rectory for more information and to reserve your space.



From OLL Adult Faith Formation

Next up will be "Orthodoxy" by G. K. Chesterton for discussion on Wednesday, January 10.



Dear Friends,

With this Christmas Bulletin, you are receiving our AAA 2018 Goal: \$136,595. It is a little down from last year's AAA Goal. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you, Spanish Community, for putting on another successful Guadalupe Celebration. You are one of the reasons I love OLL so much.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Brian

2018 Assessment Calculation

The Assessment goal is a percentage of the ordinary income from the previous year, as reported by each parish. As in the past, any amounts raised above the goal will be returned to the parish. The assessment goal for all parishes is set at 20%.

OLL Goal : \$136,595

Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/17

Offertory	\$573,799
Christmas Collection	\$45,384
Easter Collection	\$41,069
Holy Days	\$7,959
Baptisms	\$2,910
Marriages	\$1,750
Funerals	\$8,985
Candles	\$7,314
Less Cost of Candles	\$-6,193
Total	\$682,977

This Week at OLL **December 24 - December 31**

Sun. Fourth Sunday of advent
 Mon. Christmas Day
 Tue. Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
 Al-Anon/Alateen—Convent —7:15pm
 Wed. Our Lady's Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
 Thurs. Choir Practice—Church— 7pm
 Fri. Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5:00pm
 Sat. Cenacle—Chapel —9:30am
 Sun. FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**See calendar article for more details on
upcoming events**

Esta semana en OLL **24 Diciembre — 31 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—9:30am to 5pm
 Sab: Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
 Domingo: Sagrada Familia

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's

naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the Christkind in Austria and Belgium, El Niño Jesús in Columbia, and Le Petit Jesus in France, where he shares his duties with Père Noël. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but Jeíek, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.



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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las Posadas parecen ser

lo mejor conocido en EE. UU. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVIII cuando las estrepitosas Misas de Aguinaldo dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para remplazar la festividad de esas Misas, los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, esto es, el recorrido de José y María mientras buscaban posada en Belén. Como las "Antífonas de la O" de la liturgia oficial cristiana, estas Posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas.

200 años después, muchos latinos continúan celebrando las Posadas en EE. UU. Recuerdo como de niño cantábamos "En el nombre del cielo" recorriendo las calles del barrio hasta llegar a la casa donde nos abrirían con cantos, tamales, galletitas y chocolate. Ese recorrido de José y María lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Como la Sagrada Familia, otras familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos e hijas.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright
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Queridos amigos,

Con este Boletín de Navidad, recibirá nuestra Meta AAA 2018: \$ 136,595.

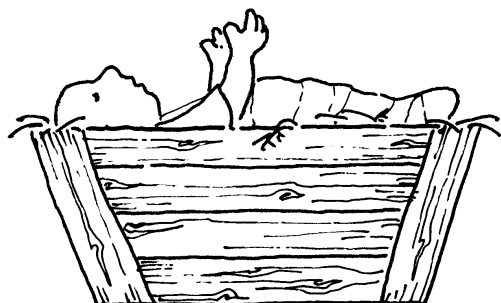
Está un poco por debajo de la meta AAA del año pasado. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Gracias, Comunidad española, por organizar otra Celebración Guadalupe exitosa. Tú eres una de las razones por las que amo tanto OLL.

¡Feliz Navidad!

LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa", una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.



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Evaluación 2018 Cálculo

El objetivo de la Evaluación es un porcentaje del ingreso ordinario del año anterior, según lo informado por cada parroquia. Como en el pasado, cualquier cantidad recaudada por encima de la meta será devuelta a la parroquia. El objetivo de evaluación para todas las parroquias se establece en 20%.

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Alégrate, llena
de gracia,
el Señor está
contigo



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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo -- Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura -- Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelió -- El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).