

# OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm



December 30, 2018

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

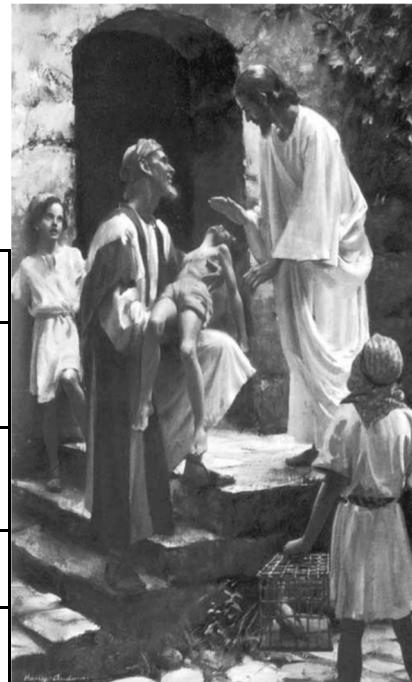
**"Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus' presence in Prayer,  
Liturgy, Sacrament and Service"**



**Mass Intentions**  
**December 29th through January 6th**

BC : Fr. Brian Costello  
EA: Fr. Erick Arauz

Day	Time	Intentions	Priest
Saturday 12/29	9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Diane Lang + Leo Olson +	BC BC EA
Sunday 12/30	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Casey Gagnon + OLL Parishioners +	BC BC EA
Monday 12/31	9:00am	Bill Lehmann +	EA
Tuesday 1/1	10:00am 12:00pm	Moriah Stafford Family (L) and +	BC EA
Wednesday 1/2	9:00am	Michael Stafford Family (L)	BC
Thursday 1/3	9:00am	James Reedy +	BC
Friday 1/4	9:00am	Kevin Sunitfeh Family (L) and +	BC
Saturday 1/5	9:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm	Veronica Breen Family (L) and + George Grossi +	BC BC EA
Sunday 1/6	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Joe and Elizabeth Kusick + Harriet Herr +	BC BC EA



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

***Sharon Gross Spry***

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

Kay Antongiovanni, Avinia Family, Ignacia Azpeitia, May Barnett, Elaine Benson, Brian Biasca, Richard Blacker, Louis Boscacci, Louise Brannigan, Louise Caldwell, Steve Cantor, Patricia Cerini, Bea Cooper, Andrea Costello, John Cullen, Anette Diaz, Joe DiMare, Peter Dardis, Tom Doyle, Delmida Edwards, Carolyn Elliott, Michael Fielding, Peter and Cindy Fulchiron, Claudia Gitson, John Gross, Berth Guantes, Joseph Harris, Julia Hernandez, Max Hodel, Alice Horn, Ingrid Iacovetto, Eleanora LaCarrubba, Gary Lai, Rose Lemoni, Alex Madias, Kate McAdams, John McMahon, Jesse Mendoza, Mary Miranda, Paola Tirado Moreda, John Marotto, Jim Murphy, Peggy Murphy, Julio Ordonez, Dalton O'Sullivan Family, John Pardini, Tearah Parker, Ali Parviz, Paul Patocchi, Bob Perkins, Madeline Phelan, Mayra Ruth Pineda, Phil Rappaport, Irene Reich, Kerry Rodriguez, Arthur Ruiz, Warren Schneider, Allen Schwoob, Kenric Silva, Mary Jo Simon, Rene Snodgrass, Snodgrass and Trechter Families, Dorothy and Richard Thomas, Colby Thompson, Monica S., Sue Steinbach, Gualberto Pech Tah, Guadalupe Torres, Carlota Tovar, Frank U'Ren, Sharon Gross Spry, Betty Van Stratton, Steve Warner, Cathy Westover, David Wilson

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SPLENDORS OF EASTERN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE  
Including the Passion Play at Oberammergau  
Hosted by Fr. Brian and Father McCain  
Prague—Budapest—Vienna—Oberammergau—  
Munich  
11 Days—September 7—17, 2020  
\$4,149 from San Francisco  
See the flyers available in the vestibules  
for more details.

OUR LADY OF LORETO  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-6  
WISHES YOU ALL A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 7th.



**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,  
12:00 pm Spanish Mass**

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

**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.**

**Pre-Baptismal classes in Spanish are held  
on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm.  
Please call the rectory office to schedule  
your class.**

**Marriages  
Please contact the Rectory at least  
6 months in advance**

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**JANUARY 1st  
*Solemnity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God***

HOLY DAY OF  
OBLIGATION  
MASS TIMES ARE:  
10AM IN ENGLISH  
AND  
12 NOON IN SPANISH





## December 30, 2018 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The story of Hannah and her son Samuel in today's reading from 1 Samuel was especially important for Luke's Gospel. The passage describes the presentation of young Samuel to the priest Eli as part of the story of the faith of Hannah. Hannah had been in great suffering, as she had long desired to have a son, and saw this as central to her vocation and identity. Hannah's deep honesty with God during her distress, together with her confident persistence in prayer, reveals her as a model of faith. Luke links Hannah to Mary through the Magnificat song in Luke 1, which mirrors Hannah's joyous song in 1 Samuel 2. Luke links young Samuel to Jesus, through the presentation in the Temple in Luke 2.

Luke is suggesting that God is up to something big. Just as Samuel initiated a turning point in Israel's history, Jesus is about to open a new chapter in human history. Their stories are rooted in the remarkable faith of their mothers, Hannah and Mary.

ministry. Luke uses the story to weave these elements together.

This story, like all the infancy passages, emphasizes that Jesus was born Son of God. Jesus' first spoken words in Luke conclude with "I must be in my Father's house." God is his Father, and Jesus speaks as God's Son.

Luke connects the future ministry of Jesus with the scene at the temple with the teachers. Jesus' listeners are astounded at his wisdom. This anticipates similar scenes as an adult. Luke also subtly hints at Jesus' resurrection, with details such as the question "why were you looking for me?" similar to "why do you seek the living one among the dead?" Luke invites us to see his Gospel as an integrated whole, weaving together Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Today's Readings: 1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28 or Sir 3:2–6, 12–14; Ps 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10 or Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24 or Col 3:12–21 [12–17]; Lk 2:41–52

### WEAVING THE STORY

Today's passage from Luke is the only story about Jesus in the Gospels that occurs between Jesus' infancy and his adult

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### **FROM ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### **OLL BOOK CLUB**

The OLL Book Club will meet next on **January 9th** at 10am in the Convent Chapel for coffee & discussion of ***Hiding in the Light* by Rifqa Bary**. 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 at [amy@ollnovato.org](mailto:amy@ollnovato.org).

### **THIS WEEK IN OLL CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**OLL YOUTH MINISTRY** wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! The convent will be closed, following the NUSD schedule, until the week of January 7.



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### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2018**

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

— *I John 3:2a*



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 Erick

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom. In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage--the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our lifes journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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## This Week at OLL

December 30 — January 6

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| Sun.   | Feast of the Holy Family   |
| Mon.   |  |
| Tue.   | Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel<br>Al-Anon/Alateen—Convent—7:15pm |
| Wed.   | Our Lady's Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm                                    |
| Thurs. | Choir Practice—Church— 6:30pm<br>Charismatic Prayer Group—Chapel—7pm     |
| Fri.   | Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5:00pm  |
| Sat.   | Cenacle—Chapel —9:30am   |
| Sun.   | Epiphany of the Lord   |

## Esta semana en OLL

30 Diciembre — 6 Enero

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| Domingo:   | Sagrada Familia  |
| Lunes:     |  |
| Martes:    |  |
| Miércoles: | Nuestra Señora Grupo de<br>Oración— Capilla— 7:30pm<br>Ensavo del Coro-Español—Iglesia—7pm |
| Jueves:    |  |
| Viernes:   | Adoration—Chapel—9:30am to 5pm   |
| Sab:       | Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am  |
| Domingo:   | Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor  |

## RCIA/Adult Education

**Our Lady of Loretto RCIA Program meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Our next meeting will be held on January 9th.**

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS  
The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always get it right, but they always tried to. These three amateurs were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation--to do his Father's work--but he also returned home with his parents.



## EN EL HOGAR ESTÁ LA FAMILIA

La idea, el sueño y la realidad de lo que es familia es tan fuerte y perdurable que lo usamos para describir lo mejor de las relaciones humanas. Hablamos de una familia de naciones, de nuestra familia eclesial y parroquial. El mejor halago que podemos dar a un amigo o amable anfitrión es decirle que nos sentimos como en casa con su compañía, que nos sentimos parte de la familia.

Las familias son el primer crisol en el que se prueba y se fortalece el amor. Jesús mismo fue una de tres personas que vivía a la sombra del otro. Esta familia, como la nuestra, no siempre lo hacía todo bien, pero siempre trataba. Estos tres amateurs celebraban un día de fiesta, y uno de ellos se perdió. Los otros dos se preocuparon bastante y se esforzaron grandemente para encontrar al tercero, un niño después de todo, que siempre buscaba el significado de su llamado. Encontró su vocación hacer la obra del Padre pero también volvió a casa con sus padres.

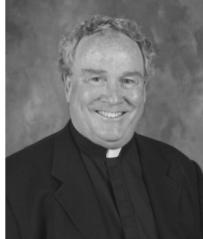
## LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o Sirádice 3:2-7, 12-14.

Salmo -- Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa (Salmo 84 [83]) o Salmo 128(127).

Segunda lectura -- Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o Colosenses 3:12-21 [12-17].

Evangelio -- José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros (Lucas 2:41-52).



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 haga hombre. Dios nos amó tanto que nos dio a su único Hijo para ser uno con nosotros, para morar entre nosotros y para mostrarnos cómo vivir en ese amor. Él vino para traer paz, para sanar la división, para terminar con todo el dolor y para traernos a 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 justo dentro de nuestras casas! - nos damos regalos porque Dios nos ha dado buenos regalos y abrimos nuestros hogares a los invitados porque Dios nos ha abierto el cielo.

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

Padre Brian  
Padre Erick

## La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

### ANA Y MARÍA

La historia de Ana y su hijo Samuel en la lectura de hoy, tomada de 1 Samuel, fue especialmente importante para el Evangelio de Lucas. Este pasaje describe la presentación del joven Samuel al sacerdote Elí como parte de la historia de la fe de Ana. Ella había estado sufriendo mucho, pues durante mucho tiempo deseaba tener un hijo, y consideraba esto algo importante en su vocación e identidad. La honestidad intensa de Ana para con Dios durante su angustia, junto con su confianza persistente en la oración, la pone de manifiesto como un modelo de fe. Lucas relaciona a Ana con María por medio del canto del Magníficat en Lucas 1, el cual refleja el canto alegre de Ana en 1 Samuel 2. Lucas relaciona al joven Samuel con Jesús, por medio de la presentación en el Templo en Lucas 2.

Lucas sugiere que Dios está tramando algo grande. Así como Samuel inició un momento crucial en la historia de Israel, Jesús está por abrir un capítulo nuevo en la historia de la humanidad. Sus historias están enraizadas en la fe extraordinaria de sus madres, Ana y María.

### TEJIENDO LA HISTORIA

Hoy leemos un pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas, el cual es el único de los cuatro evangelios que narra la infancia de Jesús y comenta lo que pasó entre esta y su ministerio ya de adulto. Lucas utiliza esta historia para tejer juntas estas partes.

Esta historia enfatiza que Jesús nació siendo el Hijo de Dios. Las primeras palabras que Jesús dice, en el Evangelio de Lucas, concluyen diciendo “¿No sabían que debo ocuparme de las cosas de mi Padre?” Dios es su Padre y Jesús habla como el Hijo de Dios.

Lucas enlaza el futuro ministerio de Jesús con la escena en el Templo con los doctores de la Ley. Quienes escuchan a Jesús quedan admirados por su inteligencia. Esto anticipa escenas similares cuando sea adulto. Lucas también insinúa sutilmente la resurrección de Jesús, con detalles como la pregunta “¿Por qué me andan buscando?”, parecido a “¿Por qué buscan entre los muertos al que está vivo?” Lucas nos invita a ver su Evangelio como un todo integrado, tejiendo juntos el nacimiento, la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús.