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Monthly Bulletin of the
Roman Catholic

Onze-Lieve- Vrouwekerk

Masses

Monday till Friday (Dutch)
12.15 - 19.30 Chapel
Saturday (Dutch)
19.00 Church
Sunday (Dutch)
11.15 Church
Sunday (English)
18.00 Church

Confession

Daily starting half an hour
before Holy Mass

Pastoral Word

With the coming of the new month October starts the conclusion of the century celebrations of the apparitions in Fatima. On 13 October we will celebrate the last apparition of the Mother of God in Cova da Iria. This apparition, as you probably know, produced a deep impression in many that were present there. The apparition was announced in advance so that between 50,000 and 70,000 people congregated themselves. Notwithstanding that it was a rainy day, appeared the sun and the star started to dance in the sky. It seemed that it would fall against the earth causing all the present to fear that it was the end of the world. But the sun returned to its place and all spectators noticed that they were totally dry after the intense rain and also all puddles had disappeared.

The miracle of the sun underlines the previously communicated message of Our Lady: pray the Rosary and men should not offend God more. The visionary sister Lucia asked herself why she was requested to pray every day the Rosary. As father, God adheres Himself to the needs and possibility of His children. Praying the Rosary is possible for everybody, poor and rich, learned and ignorant, big and small, busy and less busy. After the century celebration, let us consider every day the mysteries of the Rosary with confidence, with the prayer of Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.

Father Wim Veth

Family Announcements

Baptized:

Felipe, son of Christiaan and Bianca van den Brink,
Tara, daughter of Xavier and Iwona Frichot,
Hanna, daughter of Joris and Karime Kayzel,
Thomas, son of Monica and Berry Tol,
Felipe, son Melissa and Tijs Siteur.

Confirmed:

Caterina Lombardi on 17 September.

Married:

Nicholas Hamdy and Alexa Koster on 9 September,
Alessio Amatucci and Dorota Szalas on 16 September,
Lars Elbers and Claudia de Armas on 22 September.

Passed away:

Evarist Onwegbuchu was burried from the chuch on 11 September.

Marriage announcements:

Paul Bellina and Anne-Jet Bakermans,
Thanh Luong and Lorraine Gourvennec,
Robin El-Hage and Esther Verbeek,
Owen Zachariasse and Julia Wagner,
Roberto Pagano and Ambra Scimone,
Jorg Regoort and Florencia Juin,
Juan Manuel Sanchez and Nicole Castaibert.

Liturgical Calendar

Date				Time
Su	1 Oct	26 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English</i> <i>in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00
			Honor Mary in the Chapel	19.30
Sa	7 Oct	27 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
Su	8 Oct	27 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church <i>International Mass in English</i> <i>in the Church</i>	11.15 18.00
			Honor Mary in the Chapel	19.30

Sa 14 Oct	28 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.00
Su 15 Oct	28th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	11.15
		<i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	18.00
		Honor Mary in the Chapel	19.30
Sa 21 Oct	29 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.00
Su 22 Oct	29th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	11.15
		<i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	18.00
		Honor Mary in the Chapel	19.30
Sa 28 Oct	30 th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.00
Su 29 Oct	30th Ordinary Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	11.15
		<i>International Mass in English in the Church</i>	18.00
		Honor Mary in the Chapel	19.30
We 1 Nov	Solemnity All Saints	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.30
Th 2 Nov	All Souls	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.30

Monthly Family and Friends Snack & Get-Together

Kindly be reminded that the Parish organizes on the 1st Sunday of every month, after the 18:00 Mass, a get together where all the families and friends of our community are more than welcome. The next ones take place on: 1 October, 5 November and 3 December. Save the date! Should you wish to be informed about the activities organized by the Get Together Team and/or to join the team?

Kindly contact Rita Pennisi at ritapennisi81@gmail.com or Maria Cecilia Martina at martina.catechisolv@gmail.com

Looking for volunteers

Volunteers for assisting with different tasks and activities at our International Mass are welcome and needed! At present, we need more for volunteers to join the choir, as well as volunteers to assist with the monthly family snack after the Mass. We are also looking for volunteers for reading at Mass. Please contact info@olvkerk.nl

9 Bible Verses That Will Help You Discern God's Will for Your Life (6)

Here is our new inspiring Bible verse 'behold the Lamb of God, and they stayed with Him that day.' We gathered these tips from the Daughters of Saint Paul, Scripture and a prayer for discernment from the Sisters of Mount Carmel. Before you begin the process of discernment, you should know two things: God always wants us to be

happy because He loves us. He also knows that only that which helps us grow in holiness will lead us to true happiness.

And second: Discernment of God's will and plan usually involves a decision between two good choices. To discern between two goods is to choose the best option of the two.



Now invite the Holy Spirit to direct your prayer through the following scripture:

“Behold the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and said to them: “What are you looking for?”

“The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he

watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.” John 1:35-39

Remember, there is no need to rush. Choose a quiet place to listen to God through His Word to help you discover where he is leading you. Discernment takes time and a lot of listening. Be patient and trust that the Lord only wants what is best for you.

A Prayer for Discernment

Loving and gracious God, you have led me to desire your will, which often seems beyond my knowing. Yet I know that you, who love me unconditionally, will continue to place in my heart a desire to follow in the footsteps of your Son Jesus, who asks me to be His hands and feet, eyes and heart, in the midst of Your daughters and sons. I want so much to love as Jesus loves and to serve in whichever way You desire for me. Grant me the desire to be still in Your presence so that Your Spirit can speak to my heart. May I respond with open hands and heart to Your calling, wherever You may lead. Grant the courage to say with Mary “yes” to You in all things, and may I have the passionate zeal of Your prophet Elijah. In gratitude, with Your grace, all of my life will be lived for the bringing about of Your reign on earth and for Your honour and glory. Amen.

Pilgrimage to Kevelaer



In the year of Fatima, the whole family can go on pilgrimage to Kevelaer on **Saturday October 28, 2017**.

The tour busses of LABETO Reizen depart at **8:30am** sharp from the Westermarkt. The Eucharist is sung in the basilica at 12:00. From 11:15am there is the possibility to confess. After the Mass, it is possible to consume together a cup of coffee and the lunch brought by you. At **4:00pm** the Adoration and the Rosary prayer will take place in the confessions chapel. Until 3.45pm it is possible to buy in Kevelaer religious articles. Afterwards you are expected to be at the chapel at 4:00pm for the Adoration. Departure from Kevelaer at **5:30pm** (sharp). We expect to arrive to the Westermarkt in Amsterdam around **8:00pm**.

Participation is € 25 per adult, children up to 12 years € 10. This amount must be paid in cash in an envelope with your name upon entering the bus. In the back of the church are leaflets to register. Exclusively written registration with this form, by post or in the mailbox of the Meeting Center, Keizersgracht 218 B, 1016 DZ, Amsterdam. Registration via e-mail is also possible: info@olvkerk.nl

Maria Concert on Friday 13 October



The Duo Esmera, conformed by Una Cintina (organ) and Jean-Sebastien Beauvais (counter-tenor), presents by the conclusion of the century celebration of the apparitions in Fatima, a number of beautiful Mary hymns. Other folk songs are also presented. This promises to be an enjoyable evening for everyone!

Friday 13 October 2017 at 8.30pm
Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk, Keizersgracht 220, Amsterdam
Minimum contribution € 5

Six ways to encourage children to be less materialistic

Their self-esteem will thank you for it.

Shannon Roberts | Sep 25 2017 | Mercatonet.com

In a capitalist economy it is hard to get away from the temptation to think that more 'stuff' equates to more happiness. We live in a society which needs a constant flow of consumer products to keep the economy going, and advertisers specifically market happiness.



Sometimes society's materialistic mentality leads to people having fewer children because they are worried they won't be able to provide their children (and themselves) with a wide array of material goods seemingly deemed necessary by society (and advertisers).

As parents, we can also be subjected to the difficult argument of 'everybody has one' and be forced to make a decision about how we deal with that.

Despite this, research is at least clear that more wealth does **not** increase human happiness (except when you move up from being in absolute poverty to having enough to survive).

Research also shows that children who are less materialistic are (according to parenting expert Dr Michele Borber):

- more "we" oriented, than "me" oriented;
- more concerned about others, and less worried about how they look and what they own;
- more empathetic, caring, compassionate and morally courageous; and
- their self-esteem is more authentic.

So, as parents, what can we do help our children combat materialism? Here are six suggestions to get you started:

1) Model restraint yourself – always the hardest thing but by far the most important. Research shows that parents who are materialistic raise the most materialistic kids. So what kind of example are you setting?

2) Spend more time with, than money on, your kids – Make a conscious effort to spend time together doing things that don't cost anything: Go to the park and the museum, talk, take bike rides, build forts, bake, and play board games.

3) Rotate toys – This means putting some away so you only have a few available at any one time. This can reduce messups, help children learn they don't need so much to have a good time, and make the rotated items more appreciated and like new again. Fewer toys might also encourage more creativity and problem solving.

4) Have fewer \$\$\$\$ rewards – Some research shows that adults who received more material rewards and punishments as children are more likely than others to use possessions to define and express who they are as adults. Try to think of alternatives such as a family fun night, or at the very least have children work and earn things over a long period of time with actual effort. Waiting and earning are part of responsible adult life. A popular suggestion is the use of the ‘special red plate’ as a reward that children appreciate and apparently works.

5) Teach the habit of “giving” not “getting” - “Hands on” giving helps counter materialism more powerfully than almost anything else. Examples might include bringing dinner to a sick neighbour or putting cans in the collection at your local church. You could attempt to foster detachment by regularly giving items you no longer need to the hospice shop where they can be used by others for good, rather than accumulating clutter. Another idea might be for your child to choose one or two Christmas presents each year to give away to others, or other ‘things’ in their control, such as a portion of an allowance. To foster empathy, have your child shut his eyes and visualize the recipients’ reactions to their gift.

6) Be careful of TV commercials and other media. Luckily it is now easier than ever to avoid ads now because only watching things like Netflix or DVDs is more the norm than in the past. You can also establish the culture in your family that TV, phones, computers, games etc. are a privilege, not a right, and that you retain the right to control children’s access to them and view things like text histories as well. As an added bonus, without too much media families have much more time to talk and parents better learn about what is going on in their children’s developing minds.

Overall, as a family try to focus on the things that you decide really bring you joy and meaning, rather than letting materialism and material goals cause you unnecessary stress.

Thank you very much!

Thank you very much for your prayers and other good wishes that I received during the time that I was admitted to the hospital and in the recovery clinic. This has fortified me enormously; and I kindly would like to ask you to keep praying for me because the recovery will still take a significant amount of time.

Jos Witteman

Anointment of the Sick & H. Communion

If you would like to receive at home the Anointment of the Sick or the Holy Communion, please contact one of the priests.

Baptism of Children

All information for the preparatory course Baptism for parents and godparents is provided by father Rafael Ojeda, rector@olvkerk.nl or 020 2400 803.

Collection and church contributions

The church collection during the last month resulted in € 3.844,-. We warmly thank you for your support. You can transfer your church contribution to our bank account, as mentioned beside.

Mass Intentions

You can use the corresponding form that is located in the back of the church and in the meeting centre in order request a particular Mass intention. In the form it is indicated how you can make a contribution.

Catechesis for Children

Our church has an attractive program for children of different ages. The lessons take place every Sunday at 17:00 right before the 18:00 Mass. Kindly contact Rector R. Ojeda or Maria Cecilia Martina tel. 06 52 541 481 who coordinates the classes.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

The Adoration takes place from Thursday 11.00 hrs till Friday 19.15. For more information, please contact Mrs. Gerda Hoogland, tel. 06 27 286 632 or email gerda.hoogland@live.nl

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