



# Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk

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## 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

During this month March, we live most part of the Lent. A time of more focus on love for our neighbor. The 19<sup>th</sup> is the feast of Saint Joseph, husband of Our Lady. He is also patron saint of the church and of the workers.

Since 2013, we mention him every time in the Eucharistic Prayer of Mass. It is clear that we need to call him more frequently for important matters in our lives. He was a carpenter, and did his job well. He took care of Jesus and Mary with great self-evidence. Could we not ask him to take care of the larger family of our parish and of the world church?

Joseph reminds us of the great value - in the eyes of God - of our daily work. We try to do our work for Jesus and to serve our fellow human beings.

What a father does for his family; what a mother does for her husband and children; what the grandparents do for their children and grandchildren, that is all the work that can bring us closer to Jesus.

We pray for intercession of St. Joseph for all families in our church and also for the young people who are preparing for marriage.

**Rafael Ojeda, rector**

## Family Announcements

### Baptized:

*Tessa Marie Van Beek*, daughter of Melanie and Steven on 4 February  
*Milan Valentin Conde Keser*, son of Marina and José Javier on 10 February  
*Luna María Pais Rookus* daughter of Jolanda and Teun on 18 February

### Received in the Catholic Church:

*Valeryia Sialitskaya* on 28 January

### Marriage announcements:

*The following couples have announced their intention to marry:*

*Owen Zachariasse and Julia Wagner*

*Mikalai Pankrutski and Lauren Brant*

*Natalia Ozherelyeva and Andrew Wilmont*

*Lorraine Gourvennec and Lorenzo Luong*

*Roberto Pagano and Ambra Simone*

*Alexandra Arosemena and Alexander Claus*

*Andre Da Silva Ribeiro and Evy Hopman*

*Raimondo Giarratana and Volha Olga Mishyna*

*Justas Kynas and Heldene Enjambre Eltanal*

*Romeo Jabboer and Leticia Huerta*

*Ciarán Hickey and H  l  ne Sineux*

*Fernando Hurtado and Evgeniia Nokhirina*

*F  tima Ercilia Donayre Rodr  guez and Matthias Gerhard Johannes Laug*

*Mar  a Jos   Gomez Serna and Martijn Oostdam*

*Inez Johanna and Michael Gomes*

## Liturgical Calendar

Date			Time
Fr 2 March	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
		Mass in Dutch in the Chapel and adoration	19.30
Sa 3 March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lent Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
<b>Su 4 March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lent Sunday</b>	<b>Mass in Dutch in the Church</b>	<b>11.15</b>
		<b>International Mass in English in the Church</b>	<b>18.00</b>
Sa 10 March	4 <sup>th</sup> Lent Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
<b>Su 11 March</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Lent Sunday</b>	<b>Mass in Dutch in the Church</b>	<b>11.15</b>
		<b>International Mass in English in the Church</b>	<b>18.00</b>

Sa	17 March	5 <sup>th</sup> Lent Sunday, Still Procession	Mass in Dutch in the Church	19.00
<b>Su</b>	<b>18 March</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Lent Sunday</b>	<b>Mass in Dutch in the Church</b> <b><i>International Mass in English</i></b> <b><i>in the Church</i></b>	<b>11.15</b> <b>18.00</b>
Mo	19 March	St. Joseph, bridegroom of Our Lady, solemnity	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
			Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.30
Sa	24 March	Palms Sunday	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.00
<b>Su</b>	<b>25 March</b>	<b>Palms Sunday</b> <b>Passion sung in Latin</b>	<b>Mass in Dutch in the Church</b> <b>International Mass in English</b> <b>in the Church</b>	<b>11.15</b> <b>18.00</b>
Mo	26 March	Monday Holy Week	Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	12.15
			Mass in Dutch in the Chapel	19.30
			Passion meditation in the Chapel	20.15
<b>Th</b>	<b>29 March</b>	<b>Thursday Holy Week</b> <b>Adoration until 21.30</b>	<b>Religious service in the Church</b>	<b>19.30</b>
<b>Fr</b>	<b>30 March</b>	<b>Good Friday, Fasting</b> <b>and abstinence</b> Passion sung in Latin	<b>Religious service in the Church</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Sa</b>	<b>31 March</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	Way of the Cross in the Chapel <b>Mass in Dutch in the Church</b>	19.30 <b>21.30</b>

We pray Holy Rosary half an hour before of the Mass at 12.15 in the Chapel.

## Prayer of 1000 Hail Mary

Every third Thursday of the month, 1000 Hail Mary will be prayed starting at 18:00 hrs, Holy Mass included at 19.30 hrs. The next prayer session will be on March 15.

## Rosary for peace on 19 March

With a letter of 14 November 2017, the Dutch bishops invited this year to pray the Rosary with them for a day in the month for peace, in accordance with Our Lady's call at Fatima.

Pope John Paul II wrote in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* of 16 October 2002: "The Rosary, however much he relates to the Virgin Mary, is actually a prayer that is deeply connected to Christ. In the sobriety of its parts, prayer has combined the depth of the full message of the Gospel, which at the same time is also a summary."

The day in March, when all Catholics in the Netherlands will unite to pray the rosary for peace, is March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the bridegroom of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In our church community at the Keizersgracht, we will pray the rosary in the half hour that precedes the Holy Mass. It will be prayed in turns.

## Prayer of the Way of the Cross

During Lent on Fridays 2, 9, 16 and 23 March, we will pray the Way of the Cross and sing hymns starting at 15 hrs in the chapel. Texts are available in English and Dutch.

On Friday 30 March (Good Friday) this will be at 19.30 hrs.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In March 2018 it will be seven years that we started adoring the Blessed Sacrament starting on Thursday 11 o'clock ending on Friday evening 19.15 hrs.

## Monthly Family and Friends Snack & Get-Together

Kindly be reminded that the Parish organizes on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 4 March, 1 April and 6 May. 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.catechesisolv@gmail.com

## Silent Procession Amsterdam

Amsterdam is sometimes called the 'Miracle City'. According to tradition, on 15 March 1345, a man lay seriously ill in his house on the Kalverstraat. Thinking he was about to die he called for a priest to administer the last rites, including the Blessed Sacrament. After receiving the host, the man became sick and finally vomited. As was the custom, what he had brought up was thrown on the fire. The next morning the host was discovered undamaged in the ashes. It was put into a box and taken by a priest to the parish church (the present-day Oude Kerk), but on two occasions miraculously made its way back to the house on the Kalverstraat. This was the beginning of the tradition known in Amsterdam as the Miracle Procession. The Silent Procession will be held this year in the night of **17 and 18 March**.

There are many Masses that night in the center of Amsterdam. Also in the Church of Our Lady this is the case: on **17 March at 19.00 hours** (Latin Tridentine Mass), **22.00 hours** (Mass in Dutch) and **24.00 hours** (Mass in Dutch).

More information (also in English) is available in the website [www.stille-omgang.nl](http://www.stille-omgang.nl)

## A message from Peru...

The children and the organization of the school project Colibri in Peru thank all the contributors to the Lent Project of 2017!

The Lent Project of this year is for Charitas. The collections for this cause will be held on 3 and 4, 24 and 25 March.

## Marriage Course in English – April 2018



Amsterdam is an international city and this course brings many international participants in touch with married couples who share their experiences and think about your future married life. You are welcome to apply for this course:

**DAY AND TIME:** 3 Wednesday Evenings from 20.00 to 22.00 hours and 2 Saturday Afternoons from 15.00 to 17.00 hours

**PLACE:** Keizersgracht 218 B – 1016 DZ Amsterdam

**COSTS:** € 100 the couple. Book and consumptions included.

Each session begins with tea or coffee. There is time to meet the leading couples and other participants exchanging experiences in a friendly and informal setting.

**Wednesday**, April 11th, from 20.00 to 22.00 h:

*Seven habits for highly effective relationships and families.*

By Jan and Ursula de Jong

**Saturday**, April 14th, from 15.00 to 17.00 h:

*Raising children together. A great adventure. What you need is...*

By Adelaida and Francisco Ruiz Villarejo

**Wednesday**, April 18th, dinner starting at 18.30 and from 20.10 to 22.00 h:

*Now we are fine; but after years of marriage, can love grow?*

By Wil and Liesbeth van Erp

**Saturday**, April 21th, from 15.00 to 17.00 h

*Emotional and sexual intimacy. Fertility and children?*

By Maÿlis and Hubert de Ravel

**Saturday**, April 25th, from 15.00 to 17.00 h:

*Marriage as a sacrament. The meaning of marrying in the Church.* Followed by ceremony for the blessing of engaged couples

By Father Rafael Ojeda

To apply and for more information:

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## The secret of effective child discipline (Part 1)

Mary Cooney | Feb 12 2018 | mercatornet.com

This is the first of three articles on discipline, decision-Making, and the four cardinal virtues.

Do you ever feel as if there are days when you are too often taking disciplinary action with your kids? Do you ever feel as if you have morphed into The Punisher, doling out “consequences” to one child after another? Do you ever feel as if you are frequently scolding and reprimanding your children — and getting nowhere? I have been there. With my younger ones sometimes I’m still there. But I have a little secret about discipline that I’d like to share:

*Change must come from within*

Too often, we look at discipline as behavior modification. We try to change our children’s behavior through a series of external controls: punishments and rewards. Many of us use the If-Then approach. If you don’t eat your broccoli, then you don’t get dessert. If you do the dishes, then you can play video games. Even if we don’t actually verbalize the If-Then, we tend to take an action-reaction approach to discipline. And the more consistent and firm we are with applying appropriate consequences to misdemeanours, the more effective this approach is. But only to a certain extent and only up to a certain age.

*Because real change must come from within.*

True discipline is not simply a matter of blackmailing and bribing or punishing and rewarding. “Discipline” comes from the Latin word “discipulus”, meaning student. By its etymology, the word discipline implies teaching our children. We want to educate and form their minds, hearts, and wills so they freely choose to behave appropriately and internalize our moral beliefs. With this in mind, we can not be satisfied with just coercing our children to obey, whether by punishment or reward, without regard to their interior disposition. The external compliance that we may exact from a toddler, preschooler, or young child becomes increasingly insufficient as a child grows older. If we do allow ourselves to be ‘satisfied’ with just external compliance, we will be very unsatisfied with what often follows in the long run: passive aggressive behavior, resentment and rebellion, and/or deceitful manipulation. No thanks.

*Becoming aware of the needs of others*

I’ll be the first to admit that we use punishments and rewards in our home, particularly with the younger kids. But there is a problem only or mostly using the If-Then or punishment/reward system.

The problem is that with this approach children almost always choose that which is in their best interests. If you don’t share that toy, then I’ll take it away. You are essentially telling your kids, “Here are two choices. Choose the one that will incur the least pain or the most pleasure for you.”

If a child begrudgingly chooses to share the toy, you might say, “Good choice. You shared your toy.” But was it really a good choice? Not really. He was probably not thinking of the joy he might be giving to his sibling. He was still choosing in his own best interest. As children grow, we want them to mature and become aware of the needs of others. Pre-teens and teens need to know that wise choices are not based on “what is best for me.” Rather, the best decisions are based on these four criteria:

Is my decision just?

Is it responsible?

Is it prudent? (Is it the right thing to do at the right time?)

Is it charitable?

If your children are spiritually mature enough, they should also pray and consider: Is this the will of God?

Notice that these criteria require the decision-makers to be aware of the good of others. It requires them to be considerate, thoughtful, and generous. On the contrary, a disciplinary system which encourages children to think mainly of their own best interests will inflate their ego-centricity and teach them to be manipulative. Instead of developing the habit of thinking of others, children learn to find ways to beat the system or outsmart their parents in order to get what they want.

So, while the If-Then system may produce external compliance, on its own it does little to nurture any interior motivations for obeying, doing what is right, or thinking of others.

#### *Developing the four cardinal virtues*

True discipline entails helping our children develop the four cardinal virtues: justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude. These are called the cardinal virtues because all other virtues hinge from these four. (Cardo means “hinge” in Latin.) For example, honesty and responsibility stem from justice. Chastity stems from temperance.

Compelling our children to obey using punishments and rewards is a necessary part of discipline. However, if we are diligent about working on the cardinal virtues with our children, we will need to enforce external compliance less and less frequently because we will be providing them with internal motivations for acting selflessly.

We will be helping our children mature from within.

### **From our choir director**

In next month’s bulletin, our new choir director and organist will present himself. Since January 1, Nicholas Papadimitriou directs both the St. Alphonsus choir on Sunday morning, as The Grace Notes on Sunday evening.

He kindly invites you to participate as a singer in one of both choirs; you can reach him by mail at [nikolas\\_papadimitriou@hotmail.com](mailto:nikolas_papadimitriou@hotmail.com)

## 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 € 2.485-. 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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