



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

23-25 NEWTOWN AVENUE, ASTORIA, NY 11102 | 718.278.1834

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to evangelize with Jesus, so "that all may have more abundant life." (John 10:10). The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are the instruments and standards of this work of evangelization and faith formation.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 16 (*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*)

5:00pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
Carmen Diequez, Mercedes Beck,
Angels & Saints & for Carlos Alberto
Alvarado (*1st Month Anniversary*)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

(*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Victor, Martha & Cassandra Berrocal
9:00am Mario Carullo
9:30am Sister Annette Roeder
11:00am Beato Roberto
12:30pm Adrian Garcia Borja, Roxanna Javii,
J. Antonio Ramirez Enriquez,
Miguel Aguilar Mitzin, Manuel Ganzhi,
Manuel Quiroz Muñoz, Juan Quiroz,
Francisca Cayetano Santos
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, JULY 18 (*Saint Camillus de Lellis*)

8:00am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
12:00pm Winnie Burke

TUESDAY, JULY 19

8:00am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
12:00pm Ida Albanese

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 (*Saint Apollinaris*)

8:00am Angela & Vittorio DiBenedetto
12:00pm Leonardo Malanum

THURSDAY, JULY 21 (*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*)

8:00am In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
12:00pm Mrs. Neida Martinez

FRIDAY, JULY 22 (*Saint Mary Magdalene*)

8:00am Richard Gallagher (*Birthday*)
12:00pm Giuseppina Massimino

SATURDAY, JULY 23 (*Saint Bridget*)

8:00am Leonardo & Guiseppina Grippi
5:00pm Charles Cooper (*Birthday Memorial*),
Pasquale Scarola, John Pham

SUNDAY, JULY 24

(*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Maria Hue Doan
9:00am Vita Vlaenza
9:30am Lino Alvarez & Lucila Tiburcio
11:00am Carmela Moretti & Josephine McManus
12:30pm Francisco Jose Marcial, Dolores Pacheco,
Fresolina Patiño, Por las Almas del
Purgatorio y por la Santificacion del
Padre Sasa
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles are being offered for
Angela & Vittorio DiBenedetto
by Ida Barretta



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Upper Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) 5:00 PM (English) Lower Church: 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bilingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm – 4:30pm (lower church)

CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Weekend: 7:00am – 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00pm – 8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am – 12:00 Noon

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

28-46 44th St., Astoria, NY 11103

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school@mountcarmelastoria.org

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 24, 2022: There will be a second collection after communion for our parish air conditioning. Your generosity enables us to maintain the parish cool during the summer months for your comfort.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of July 11, 2022, 163 of our parishioners have pledged \$57,312 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$47,638 have been



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022
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collected so far. If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope by the entrances of the church and or Text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** today.

*A parte del 11 de Julio, 2022, 163 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$57,312 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$47,638 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Si todavía no han hecho su compromiso, complete un sobre de donación por las entradas de la iglesia o envíe hoy un mensaje de texto con la palabra **DONATE** al **917-336-1255**.*

E-GIVING OPPORTUNITY

When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support your parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and plan your summer offertory by setting up a recurring donation.

eGiving sustains our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY370, or text "**Enroll**" to **(929) 254-3850**. Your generosity will go a long way.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Your Weekly Church Offering

(Does not include offerings through Faith Direct)

Last weekend's collection: **\$4,422**

Same weekend last year: **\$4,225**



TEXT-TO-GIVE

Another way to securely make a gift to our parish is by texting a dollar amount to **(929) 254-3850**. You will be prompted to complete a one-time registration providing your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to the phone number above. Many parishioners and families have found this way of giving very easy, fast and efficient.

Dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend, we celebrate our parish's Patronal Feast. It is a day that many of us have been looking forward to for a long time. This year's patronal feast seems to be anticipated even more eagerly than in other years, partly because our parish has not been able to celebrate it in a solemn and festive way as we used to do before the pandemic. Now that life has returned almost to pre-pandemic normalcy, many seem excited about "pulling out all the stops" to honor our Patroness, who is beloved and revered by all the ethnic communities that make up our great parish family. For me, this week is also significant because it marks my "First Anniversary" of being your pastor. I thought it would be a fitting occasion to invite my family and other important persons in my priestly life to come and see "my spiritual family" at one of its finest moments.

There has been much to prepare for this special occasion. In addition to the normal tasks of planning the liturgy and programs, meeting with leaders and ministers, coordinating the efforts of all groups, designing programs, and preparing facilities, I have also been thinking about how to make our special guests feel welcome. Perhaps you can recall the joy of last year's celebration when we were privileged to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States who came to preside at our patronal feast. This year, we are blessed with the presence of our own diocesan shepherd, His Excellency Bishop Robert Brennan who presided at the 8AM Mass on the feast day, and His Excellency Bishop emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio who presides at the 5PM Solemn Mass. We are also honored to have His Excellency, Bishop Raymond Chappetto, native son of our parish who presides at the 5PM Sunday Mass. Many guest priests, most of whom have been an integral part of our parish community over the years have also been invited. When I started reflecting on this Sunday's Gospel story of Martha and Mary, I couldn't help but think of the hospitality that we are hoping to extend to these distinguished visitors this weekend.

When we hear the story of Martha and Mary, I'm guessing that many of us think about people—usually other people—in our families or among our friends. Even if you've never said it yourself, odds are that you have heard the comment that someone is "such a Martha"—as if that is a bad thing. Jesus never tells Martha that she shouldn't fuss over company or prepare a wonderful meal. There is in fact a lot to admire about Martha. It was Martha who "welcomed Jesus into her home" (Lk 10:38) in the first place. She was clearly eager to spend time with Jesus and to show her esteem with a meal in his honor. Meanwhile, Mary's idea of hospitality was a bit different. While Martha was engaged in preparations, Mary "sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying." Mary gave Jesus and his words her full attention. For me, the two sisters represent two complementary aspects of hospitality, both of which are important, even essential. Yes, extending welcome requires preparation. Jesus never suggests that this work is unimportant or unnecessary. But the "better part" of hospitality is giving to guests one's full attention—being with them, listening to their stories, learning about their experiences, and savoring their presence.

The story gives us insight not only on how to welcome guests into our home but also on how we are to welcome Christ into our lives and into our communities, whether at the liturgy or in the faces of those in need. As one who spends many hours and much energy creating a welcoming environment for thousands of people in our big community every week, I find this message particularly enlightening. Too often our service to others causes us to be far more focused on what we are doing than on the presence of Christ among us. We forget that personal relationship is what it should be all about. In busily preparing, whether for the guest to our home, the person we are serving, or the God that we worship, we need to keep in mind that the Lord of the work is far more important than the work of the Lord. Good works are good, but the reason for our good works is not so much achievement as a personal relationship.

I pray that this celebration of our parish feast gives us all an opportunity to offer an authentic welcome to one another, to our distinguished guests, and to the Lord, our most important guest, that fosters a personal relationship beyond the external hospitality and festivities.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Este fin de semana celebramos la Fiesta Patronal de nuestra parroquia. Es un día que muchos de nosotros hemos estado esperando durante mucho tiempo. La fiesta patronal de este año parece esperarse aún con más ganas que otros años, en parte porque nuestra parroquia no ha podido celebrarla de manera solemne y festiva como lo hacíamos antes de la pandemia. Ahora que la vida ha regresado casi a la normalidad muchos parecen entusiasmados por hacer todo lo posible para honrar a nuestra Patrona, amada y venerada por todas las comunidades étnicas que son parte de nuestra gran familia parroquial. Para mí, esta semana también es significativa porque marca mi "Primer Aniversario" de ser su Pastor. Pensé que sería una ocasión especial para invitar a mi familia y a otras personas importantes de mi vida sacerdotal para venir a ver a "mi familia espiritual" en uno de sus mejores momentos.

Ha habido mucho que preparar para esta ocasión especial. Además de las tareas normales de planificar la liturgia y los programas, reunirme con líderes y ministros, coordinar los esfuerzos de todos los grupos, diseñar programas y preparar las instalaciones, también he estado pensando en cómo hacer que nuestros invitados especiales se sientan bienvenidos. Quizás puedan recordar la alegría de la celebración del año pasado cuando tuvimos el privilegio de dar la bienvenida a Su Excelencia el Arzobispo Christophe Pierre, Nuncio Apostólico en los Estados Unidos, quien vino a presidir nuestra fiesta patronal. Este año, tenemos la bendición de contar con la presencia de nuestro propio pastor diocesano, Su Excelencia el Obispo Robert Brennan, quien presidió la Misa de las 8am este día de la fiesta, y Su Excelencia el Obispo emérito Nicholas DiMarzio, quien preside la Misa Solemne de las 5pm. También tenemos Su Excelencia, el Obispo Raymond Chapetto, hijo nativo de nuestra parroquia quien preside la misa dominical a las 5pm. Habrá muchos sacerdotes invitados, la mayoría de los cuales han sido una parte integral de nuestra comunidad parroquial a lo largo de los años. Cuando comencé a reflexionar sobre el Evangelio de este domingo, no pude evitar pensar en la hospitalidad que esperamos brindar a estos distinguidos visitantes este fin de semana.

Cuando escuchamos la historia de Marta y María, supongo que muchos de nosotros pensamos en personas, generalmente "los demás", en nuestras familias o entre nuestros amigos. Incluso si nunca lo ha dicho usted mismo, lo más probable es que haya escuchado el comentario de que alguien es "como Marta", como si eso fuera algo malo. Jesús nunca le dice a Marta que no debe preocuparse por la compañía o preparar una comida maravillosa. De hecho, hay mucho que admirar en Marta. Fue Marta quien "acogió a Jesús en su casa" (Lc 10,38) en primer lugar. Claramente estaba ansiosa por pasar tiempo con Jesús y mostrar su estima con una comida en su honor. Mientras tanto, la idea de hospitalidad de María era un poco diferente. Mientras Marta estaba ocupada en los preparativos, María "se sentó a los pies del Señor y escuchó lo que él decía." María le dio a Jesús y sus palabras toda su atención. Para mí, las dos hermanas representan dos aspectos complementarios de la hospitalidad, ambos importantes, incluso esenciales. Sí, dar la bienvenida requiere preparación. Jesús nunca sugiere que esta obra no sea importante o innecesaria. Pero la "mejor parte" de la hospitalidad es brindar a los huéspedes toda la atención: estar con ellos, escuchar sus historias, conocer sus experiencias y saborear su presencia.

La historia nos da una idea no solo de cómo dar la bienvenida a los invitados a nuestro hogar, sino también de cómo debemos recibir a Cristo en nuestras vidas y en nuestras comunidades, ya sea en la liturgia o en los rostros de los necesitados. Como alguien que pasa muchas horas y mucha energía creando un ambiente acogedor para miles de personas en nuestra gran comunidad cada semana, encuentro este mensaje particularmente interesante. Con demasiada frecuencia, nuestro servicio a los demás hace que nos centremos en lo que estamos haciendo mucho más que en la presencia de Cristo entre nosotros. Nos olvidamos de que la relación personal es de lo que debería tratarse todo. Al prepararnos, ya sea para el huésped de nuestro hogar, la persona a la que servimos o a Dios a quien adoramos, debemos tener en cuenta que el Señor de la obra es mucho más importante que la obra del Señor. Las buenas obras son buenas, pero la razón de nuestras buenas obras no es tanto un logro como una relación personal.

Ruego que esta celebración de nuestra fiesta parroquial nos brinde a todos la oportunidad de ofrecer una auténtica bienvenida unos a otros, a nuestros distinguidos invitados y al Señor, el más importante, que fomente una relación personal más allá de la hospitalidad externa y las festividades.

Fielmente suyo en Cristo,
Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, July 17

9:00am – 1:00pm	Beato Roberto	Lourdes A/B
9:00am – 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am – 1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am – 12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym
4:00pm – 7:00pm	Santiagos Chinos	Guadalupe A/B

Tuesday, July 19

3:30pm – 6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:30pm – 6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth
7:00pm – 8:00pm	English Baptism Instruction	Lourdes B

Thursday, July 21

10:00am – 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe B
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Saturday, July 23

7:00am – 8:30am	Santiago Apostol Breakfast	Guadalupe A/B
9:00am – 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
10:00am – 1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
3:00pm – 9:00pm	Santiago Apostol Celebration	Gym
4:00pm – 9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm – 8:00pm	BiLingual Choir	Fatima
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth

Sunday, July 24

9:00am – 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am – 1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am – 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room

CAR DONATIONS BENEFITTING OUR PARISH

When you donate your car, our parish may be able to share in the profits. For every car, truck or van, **running or not**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$50/\$100 per vehicle.

Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of. Call the Association of Vincentian Charities at 718.491.2525 and mention the name of our parish.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



"Mary has chosen the better part." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life attract you? Contact the vocations office at 718.827.2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT EVENT

"MUTUAL RESPECT"

We are Wonderfully Made

GIRLS & BOYS EVENT - AGES 12-17
Saturday, July 30, 2022 - 1PM-5PM

1:00PM-2:30PM

Adoration/Reflection/Benediction

Rev. Christopher Bethge,
Diocesan Vocations Director

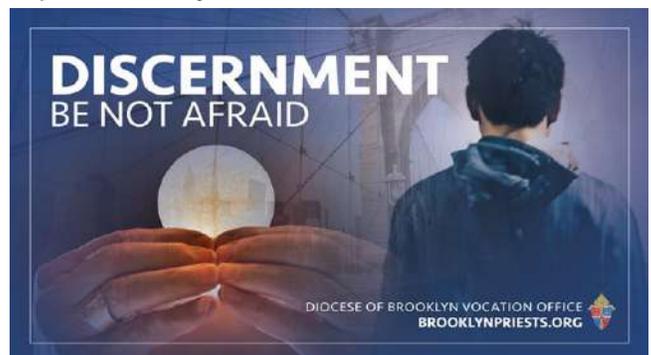
2:30PM-3:30PM - Lunch* & Discussion
***Pizza Party – Outdoors**
(Weather Permitting)

3:30PM-5:00PM - Sports Activities

Our Lady of Mount Carmel -
Lower Church
23-25 Newtown Avenue
Astoria, NY 11102

For more information & directions:
email: media@mountcarmelastoria.org
or call the office: 718-278-1834

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FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on Friday, August 5, 2022. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.



PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Last Name/Apellido: _____

First Name/Nombre: _____

Spouse/Espos(a): _____

Address/Dirección: _____

Telephone/Telefono: _____

E-mail/Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK/MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration Change of Name/Address

I prefer envelopes I prefer E-giving

SATURDAYS OF REPARATION

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary." - Our Lady to Saint Lucia at Fatima.

Join us in making the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first five Saturdays of the month as follows:

August 6 & September 3, October 1
Mass at 8:00am in the lower church
(Rosary recitation following the Mass).

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST THIS WEEKEND

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our parish's Patronal Feast, will occur this year on Saturday, July 16. All parishioners, groups, ministries and ethnic apostolates of our parish are cordially invited to participate. Please mark your calendar for the following:



5:00pm Solemn Mass with Outdoor Procession starting at Mary's Garden & Distribution of the Holy Scapulars

6:30pm Parish Celebration in the Institute featuring international food, music and cultural performances

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

We would like to thank all the leaders of our parish, clergy and lay, and those who have volunteered to help with the planning and organizing of our parish's patronal feast this weekend. Many of you have spent hours and a lot of energy to make this event a spiritually uplifting celebration that showcases the unity and hospitality of our community at its best. To all who silently assisted us in the background, we want to express our deep gratitude.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are still accepting applications for Religious Ed. for all students, returning and new. Parents of current students have to ask for the re-registration form at the office for review and payment. For more information please contact the Religious Formation Office.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Would you like the parish community to pray for your loved ones who are sick or suffering in our daily Mass? You may enroll their names in our Prayer List by calling the parish office. This is a meaningful way to comfort and console those who are most in need of healing and peace through the power of prayer.

NO COST MAMMOGRAMS

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation will be providing no costs mammograms at our parish on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 9:00am until 4:30pm. You can register by calling 646.221.0639 or 887.628.9090.

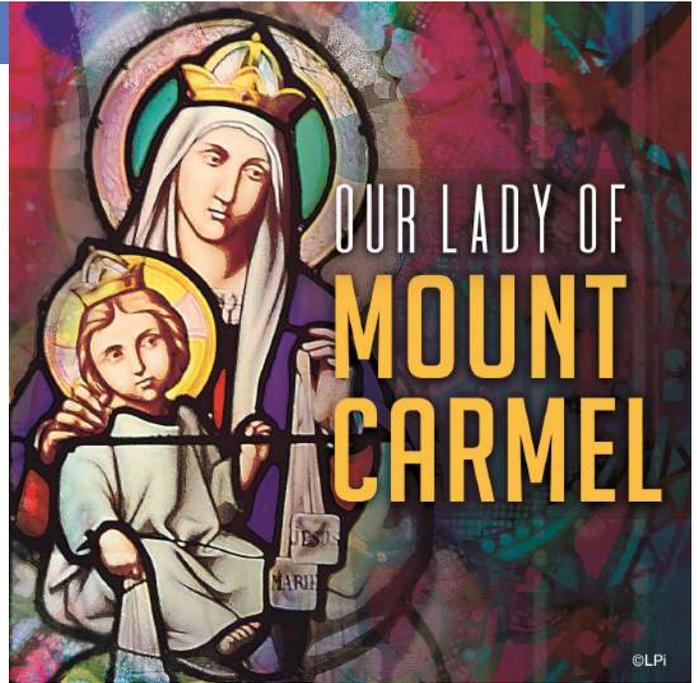


INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting <i>Tuesday 7:00pm-Institute</i>	Baptism Ceremony <i>Sunday-2:00pm-Church</i>
August 23, 2022	August 28, 2022
September 20, 2022	September 25, 2022
October 18, 2022	October 23, 2022
November 22, 2022	November 28, 2022
NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER	

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación <i>Martes – 6:00pm – Instituto</i>	Ceremonia de Bautismo <i>Dom – 2:00pm – Iglesia</i>
Agosto 9, 2022	Agosto 14, 2022
Septiembre 6, 2022	Septiembre 11, 2022
Octubre 4, 2022	Octubre 9, 2022
Noviembre 8, 2022	Noviembre 13, 2022
Diciembre 6, 2022	Diciembre 11, 2022



GIVING THE GIFT OF HEALING



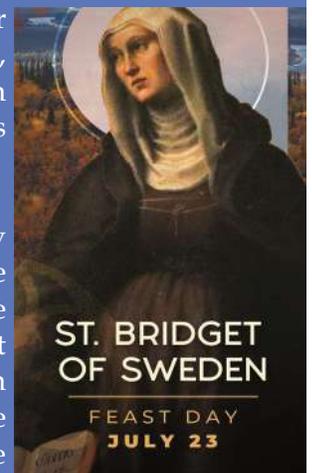
Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? The pain & sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer & Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866.575.0075 or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Saint of the Week

Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsson. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370. Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.



DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

“Maria ha escojido la mejor parte.” Te atrae una vida de oracion y de servicio como Sacerdote, Diacono, o en una vida consagrada? Comuníquese con la oficina de vocaciones al 718.827.2454.

PROXIMA SEGUNDA COLECTA

24 de julio 2022: Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para el aire condicionado en nuestra parroquia. Gracias por su generosidad.

SANANDO DESPUES DEL ABORTO

Conoces a alguien que lleve el sufrimiento del aborto? Siempre hay esperanza. El dolor y la pena del aborto no necesitan perdurar para toda la vida. Un “día de Oración y Sanación” ofrece la oportunidad para experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Dios y para responder a Su invitación de empezar el camino de sanar la herida del aborto. Para saber sobre las próximas fechas, ubicaciones, y registro confidencial a las Hermanas de Vida al 866.575.0075. También puede escribir a hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org o llamar a Rosemary al 646.522.8093.

INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL CATECISMO

Todavía estamos aceptando registraciones para el catecismo para todos los niños comenzando desde el primer grado. Los padres de estudiantes que ya estuvieron en el catecismo este año pueden pasar por la oficina y pedir un formulario de re-inscripción y solo necesita actualizar la información y hacer el pago. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de Formación Religiosa.

FIESTA PATRONAL ESTE FIN DE SEMANA

Este sábado, 16 de julio, celebramos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, la patrona de nuestra parroquia. Todos los feligreses, grupos, ministerios y apostolados étnicos de nuestra parroquia están cordialmente invitados a participar en los eventos siguientes.



- 5:00pm Misa Solemne con Procesión empezando en Jardín de María & Distribución de los Escapularios
- 6:30pm Celebración parroquial en el Instituto con comida internacional, música y actos culturales

AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL

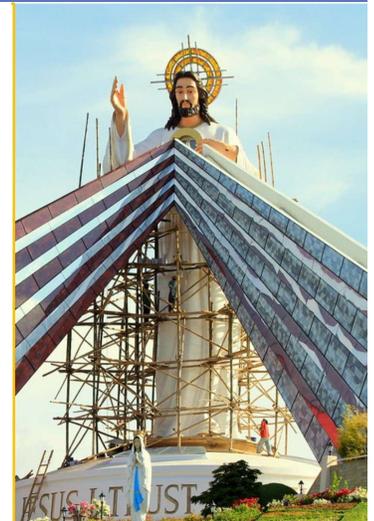
Quisiéramos agradecer a todos los líderes de nuestra parroquia, y todos los que fueron voluntarios en planear y organizar la Fiesta Patronal de nuestra parroquia este fin de semana. Muchos de ustedes pasaron muchas horas y energía para hacer este evento espiritualmente edificante que muestra la unidad y hospitalidad de nuestra comunidad. A todos los que ayudaron en silencio, queremos expresar nuestra gratitud profunda también.

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Sábado, 6 de Agosto
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Para mas información o para registrarse, comuníquese con José Sandoval, dejando su nombre y teléfono en la oficina parroquial.
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ADULTOS– RITO DE INICIACION

Si usted es un adulto mayor de 18 años que no ha recibido los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación, lo invitamos a considerar prepararse para recibir estos dones espirituales.

La duración del curso de preparación son entre seis meses y un año, según el nivel de conocimiento y compromiso de cada persona con las enseñanzas y prácticas de la fe. Los participantes se reúnen con nuestro diácono y un equipo dedicado de instructores una vez a la semana durante una hora. Los Sacramentos serán conferidos el próximo año durante Semana Santa o Pentecostés aquí mismo en nuestra parroquia durante una Misa Solemne.

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para saber cómo puede participar en nuestro programa RICA. Si conoce a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de este programa, anímelo a llamar o hablar con uno de nuestros sacerdotes.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis)." While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the "details" of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively



on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible for someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it

means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you are an adult 18 years and older who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation, we invite you to consider preparing yourself to receive these very important spiritual gifts.

The duration of the preparation course typically ranges from six months to a year depending on each person's level of knowledge and commitment to the teachings and practices of the faith. Participants meet with our Deacon and a dedicated team of instructors once a week for an hour. The Sacraments will be conferred next year on Easter or Pentecost during a Solemn Mass.

Please call the parish office to learn how you can participate in our RCIA program. If you know anyone who may benefit from this program, please encourage them to call or speak to one of our priests.



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We become welcoming people when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life-changing and life-giving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing, and spontaneous power of God's love.

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has a broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.



BE READY FOR GOD TO "STOP BY"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a

little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, and redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS