



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (*Saint Josephat*)

5:00pm Lena & John Perno, Thomas McCullagh,
Nicky Van Decker, Joseph Bloomer,
Maria Augusta Goncalves & Gracia Goncalves

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

(*Thirty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Jean Sabidong
9:00am Defunti Terzo Ordine Francescano
9:30am Vito Antonio Chiechi & Anna DeCesare
11:00am Franco & Marvic Comunale
(*Wedding Anniversary*)
12:30pm Gilberto Hinstroza Perlaza,
Miguel & Cristina Avila,
Dolores Matos de Contreras (*10 Aniversario*),
Eusebio Contreras (*7 Aniversario*),
Santiago Carpy & Elena Matos,
Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00am Frank J. Miller
12:00pm Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (*Saint Albert the Great*)

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Mercedes Beck

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

(*Saints Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude*)

8:00am Camillo & Maria Carullo
12:00pm Leonard Burton

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*)

8:00am Vincenzo & Giuseppa Barretta and Family
12:00pm Marie Redanz

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 (*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter & Paul, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne*)

8:00am Deceased & Living Members of the
Bernales and Guevara Families
12:00pm Jack & Patricia Burns

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00am John Sanchez (*Anniversary*)
5:00pm Fredesvinda Mena, Pearl Odu, Steve Gilbertz,
Maria, Katherine & Gabriel, Luis Banxzon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

(*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*)

8:00am Jean Sabidong
9:00am Sant' Elisabetta
9:30am Giorgio & Maria Blanda
11:00am Jimmy G. Garcia
12:30pm Francisco Jose Marcial,
Lorgio Jimenez (*III Aniversario*)
Por La Conversion de la Familia Melchor Aguilar
Por la Sanacion de Maximinio Palomino Salazar
y Catherine Tenelope, y por Ahtziry Melchor
en Celebracion de sus XV Años
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



The Altar Flowers & Candles are being offered for **Rose & George Hasselberg Sr. and William & George Hasselberg Jr. and Gloria Radoslovich**, requested by the Hasselberg Family

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

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YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Last weekend's collection: \$6,167

Same weekend last year: \$6,729

(These amounts do not include donations through
Faith Direct)

Second Collection for Military: \$1,555

All Saints: \$1,399



DONATION MADE EASY

This Thanksgiving we are expecting an unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn to Our Lady of Mount Carmel for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love. As you can imagine, our ministries are feeling the effects of rising costs and empty shelves. We must prepare as early as possible this year to do our best to help those in need.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by either **visiting faith.direct/NY370**, or call **Faith Direct at 866-507-8757**, or text **"Enroll" to (929) 254-3850**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

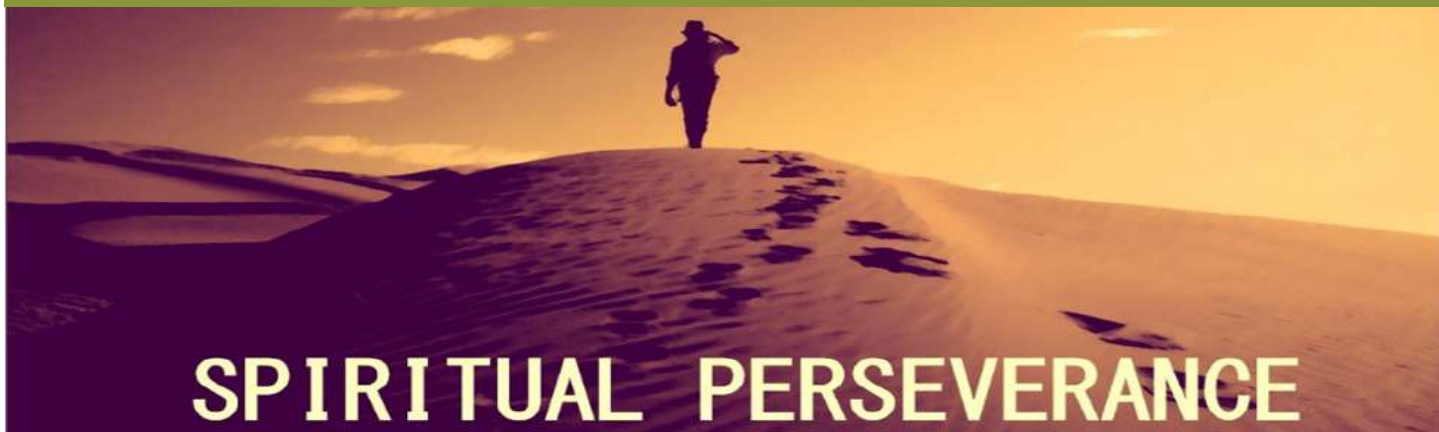
November 13, 2022—There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance. Your generosity enables us to maintain our parish spaces and buildings in good condition for your use. Thank you.

November 20, 2022—There will be a second collection after communion for the Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of November 7, 2022, 197 of our parishioners have pledged \$70,957 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$64,870 have been collected so far. Any amount collected over the goal will be returned to the parish for projects that will benefit you. We are grateful to those who have made a pledge and donated, and we encourage everyone to participate in this worthy cause.

A parte del 7 de noviembre, 2022, 197 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$70,957 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$64,870 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Cualquier donación sobre la meta sera regresada a la parroquia para un proyecto que le beneficiara a usted. Estamos agradecidos a aquellos quienes han hecho una promesa y han donado, y alentamos a todos a participar en esta causa tan importante.



Dear parish family,

This weekend marks the thirty—third Sunday of Ordinary Time. A week from now we shall come to the end of the liturgical calendar. Our Scripture readings at Mass for this Sunday poignantly point to “the end of time” and our final victory in Christ. Indeed, the liturgy itself offers a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God’s justice will triumph in the end. As the ancient saying goes, *“Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but final victory comes to the one who endures.”* Let us endure until we triumph over all the forces of this world in Christ.

In the first reading for this Sunday, the prophet Malachi speaks of the day of the Lord. He paints two pictures. First, the fate of the evil one. Second, the triumph of the righteous who endures till the end. This reading serves as an encouragement to us in order to continue patiently in good works. The prophet ends with a promise of victory: *“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays”* (Malachi 4:2). This is our hope and reward.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages us to keep working hard to earn both earthly and heavenly life. Laziness or idleness is not compatible to Christian discipleship. The Church even teaches that sloth, that is, the reluctance to work, is one of the seven capital sins. Hard work yields good and enduring fruits. Hard work makes a good Christian. It abhors laziness and idleness. Sadly, many people today, including Christians, no longer appreciate hard work. Instead, they like to depend on others, and prefer a life without any serious commitment, including the spiritual. In order to feed this easy lifestyle, some would not hesitate to engage in evils like gossip, fraud, drugs, robbery, and even violent crimes. This is what St. Paul means by: *“Now we hear that some of you are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with anyone else’s”* (2 Thessalonians 3:11). A lazy person, even a Christian, yields easily to all sorts of vices.

In the Gospel, Jesus foretells the end of a time in the history of Israel. By warning that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed in spite of its elegance and greatness, as this in fact happened later on in 70AD, the Lord reminds us that nothing of this world will last forever no matter how precious they are to us. The only thing that will endure is our soul and relationship with God. Therefore, we must keep our focus on eternity, despite even hardships and persecution: *“They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name”* (Luke 21:12). Sounds scary. Nevertheless, the Lord promises that *“Your endurance will win you life”* (Luke 21:19). He urges us to persevere in righteousness. He encourages us to endure difficult moments.

Today, brothers and sisters, we face difficulties that at times question our faith and test our relationship with God. These difficulties abound in our families, businesses, careers, workplaces, in our world and even in the Church at large. The midterm election this past week has brought many of those difficulties to the forefront of our consciousness. They even cause many of us sorrow and anxiety. However, if we endure all these patiently as Christ tell us, we shall have enough reasons to smile at the end, when *“the sun of righteousness will shine on us with healing in its rays.”* Until then, we need to press on with the firm conviction that Christ will be victorious over all evils, and for us, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Msgr. Cuong Pham



Querida familia parroquial,

Este fin de semana marca el trigésimo tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Dentro de una semana llegaremos al final del calendario litúrgico. Nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras en la Misa de este domingo señalan conmovedoramente "el fin de los tiempos" y nuestra victoria final en Cristo. De hecho, la liturgia misma ofrece un sobrio recordatorio de que esta vida no es nuestro objetivo y que la justicia de Dios triunfará al final. Como dice el antiguo dicho, *"La resistencia es una de las disciplinas más difíciles, pero la victoria final llega al que resiste."* Aguantemos hasta que triunfemos sobre todas las fuerzas de este mundo en Cristo.

En la primera lectura de este domingo, el profeta Malaquías habla del día del Señor. Pinta dos cuadros. Primero, el destino del maligno. Segundo, el triunfo del justo que persevera hasta el fin. Esta lectura nos sirve de estímulo para continuar con paciencia en las buenas obras. El profeta termina con una promesa de victoria: *"Pero para ustedes los que temen mi nombre, el sol de justicia resplandecerá y sus rayos sanarán"* (Malaquías 4:2). Esta es nuestra esperanza y recompensa.

En la segunda lectura, San Pablo nos anima a seguir trabajando duro para ganarnos la vida terrenal y celestial. La pereza o la ociosidad no son compatibles con el discipulado cristiano. La Iglesia enseña incluso que la pereza, es decir, la reticencia al trabajo, es uno de los siete pecados capitales. El trabajo duro produce frutos buenos y duraderos. El trabajo duro hace a un buen cristiano. Aborrece la pereza y la ociosidad. Lamentablemente, muchas personas hoy en día, incluidos los cristianos, ya no aprecian el trabajo duro. En cambio, les gusta depender de los demás y prefieren una vida sin ningún compromiso serio, incluido el espiritual. Para alimentar este estilo de vida fácil, algunos no dudarían en participar en males como chismes, fraudes, drogas, robos e incluso crímenes violentos. Esto es lo que San Pablo quiere decir con: *"Oímos que algunos de ustedes están viviendo en la ociosidad, sin hacer ningún trabajo, pero interfiriendo en el de los demás"* (2 Tesalonicenses 3:11). Una persona perezosa, incluso un cristiano, cede fácilmente a toda clase de vicios.

En el Evangelio, Jesús anuncia el fin de un tiempo en la historia de Israel. Al advertir que el Templo de Jerusalén sería destruido a pesar de su elegancia y grandeza, como de hecho sucedió más tarde en el año 70 d. C., el Señor nos recuerda que nada de este mundo durará para siempre, sin importar cuán preciosos sean para nosotros. Lo único que perdurará es nuestra alma y nuestra relación con Dios. Por lo tanto, debemos mantener nuestro enfoque en la eternidad, incluso a pesar de las dificultades y la persecución: *"Los agarrarán y los perseguirán, los entregarán a las sinagogas y a las cárceles y los harán comparecer ante reyes y gobernadores por causa de mi nombre"* (Lucas 21:12). Suena aterrador. Sin embargo, el Señor promete que *"su paciencia le salvará la vida"* (Lucas 21:19). Él nos insta a perseverar en la justicia. Él nos anima a soportar los momentos difíciles.

Hoy, hermanos y hermanas, enfrentamos dificultades que a veces cuestionan nuestra fe y ponen a prueba nuestra relación con Dios. Estas dificultades abundan en nuestras familias, negocios, carreras, lugares de trabajo, en nuestro mundo e incluso en la Iglesia en general. La elección de medio término de la semana pasada ha traído muchas de esas dificultades al frente de nuestra conciencia. Incluso nos causan tristeza y ansiedad a muchos de nosotros. Sin embargo, si soportamos todo esto con paciencia, como Cristo nos dice, tendremos suficientes razones para sonreír al final, cuando *"el sol de justicia resplandecerá sobre nosotros y sus rayos sanarán"*. Hasta entonces, debemos seguir adelante con la firme convicción de que Cristo será victorioso sobre todos los males, y para nosotros, ¡la lucha vale la pena por el gozo que nos espera!

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
Monseñor Cuong Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 13

8:00am—11:30am	Italian Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Nazareth
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym
1:00pm—9:00pm	Sr. Anne 25th Anniversary	Guadalupe A/B
3:00pm—5:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Nazareth
4:00pm—8:30pm	San Diego Alcalá	Lourdes A/B

Monday, November 14

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm—8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

Tuesday, November 15

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
6:00pm—7:00pm	Spanish Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth
7:30pm—9:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council	Lourdes A/B

Wednesday, November 16

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes B

Thursday, November 17

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe B

Friday, November 18

11:00am—12:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—11:00pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm—8:30pm	Youth Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A

Saturday, November 19

7:00am—9:00pm	Desayuno San Diego Alcalá	Gym
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
12:30pm—3:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
2:30pm—4:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
3:00pm—5:00pm	First Communion Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
4:00pm—9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—11:00pm	Santiago Apostol Feast Day	Gym
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
6:00pm—9:00pm	Practica Balet OLMC	Guadalupe A/B
6:30pm—8:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Upper Room+ Nazareth

2023 MASS BOOK OPENING— UPDATE

The 2023 Mass book will open Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Mass Intention Request sheets will be placed by the doors of the church the weekend of December 3 & 4, 2022. Mass requests will not be accepted prior to December 6th.



VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY



“By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 718.827.2454 or email vocations@diobrook.org.

Can't find an available Mass Intention? Consider donating a memorial gift of Altar Flowers, Bread & Wine, Candles or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, for both living or deceased. Please call the parish office for more information.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month — the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is \$10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year.

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 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. We are praying for Mary Frances Quigley

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY DRIVE

On the weekend of November 12-13, the Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Charitable and Benevolent Program to benefit religious vocations, pro-life programs, disabled children and other charitable causes in our state.



The Knights will be at the doors of the church selling raffle chances before and after all the Masses during this weekend. Thank you for your generous support.

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, December 2, 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



On behalf of the whole parish, our pastor Msgr. Cuong Pham is deeply grateful to parishioners Luis Pilataxi, Erica Chavez, Miguel Chavez, Francisco Morales, Rubi Roldan, Evaristo Roldan, Felipe Montiel and Valentin Martinez, who, under the coordination of Rufino Amigon, have volunteered their time and talent on Saturdays to clean, polish and repaint the fences around the Church and Rectory. They are also cleaning and fixing the broken cement foundation that surrounds our parish buildings. Kudos to these dedicated parishioners who beautify the Lord's house, and may Our Lady richly bless them as they continue to serve our community with love!!!



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: _____

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Telephone/Telefono: _____

E-mail/Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK/ MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration Change of Name/Address

I prefer envelopes I prefer E-giving

INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting Tuesday—7:00pm—Institute	Baptism Ceremony Sunday—2:00pm—Church
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November 22, 2022

November 27, 2022

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	Ceremonia de Bautismo Dom.—2:00pm—Iglesia
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6 de Diciembre, 2022

11 de Diciembre, 2022

Please Note: Beginning January 2023, all Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Both English & Spanish preparation meetings will take place on the scheduled dates. The schedule will be printed in the Bulletin as always. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

GRACIAS A NUESTROS VOLUNTARIOS!

De parte de nuestra parroquia entera, nuestro Párroco Monseñor Cuong Pham esta profundamente agradecido con los siguientes feligreses:

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Luis Pilataxi, Erica Chavez, Miguel Chavez, Francisco Morales, Rubi Roldan, Evaristo Roldan, Felipe Montiel y Valentin Martinez, quien bajo la coordinación de Rufino Amigon, han voluntariado su tiempo y talento los Sábados a limpiar, pulir y pintar las rejas alrededor de la Iglesia y la Rectoría. También están limpiando y componiendo la fundación de cemento que rodea nuestros edificios parroquiales. Bendiciones a estos feligreses dedicados quienes han hecho la casa del Señor aun mas bello y que nuestra Señora los bendiga abundantemente mientras continúan sirviendo nuestra comunidad con mucho amor!!!

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

“Con su perseverancia salvaran sus almas.” Le están invitando a ganar su alma y las almas de muchos otros para Cristo como Sacerdote, Diacono, o en una vida consagrada? Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la diócesis al 718.827.2454 o correo electrónico: vocations@diobrook.org.



DONACIONES HECHO MAS FACIL

Este Día de Acción de Gracias esperamos que un número sin precedentes de personas en toda nuestra comunidad acudan a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo en busca de comidas calientes, comodidad y refugio. Nadie que lo necesite debe ser rechazado, por eso nos acudimos a nuestros feligreses.

Sus generosas donaciones en línea ahora ayudarán a mantener los ministerios de Acción de Gracias que reflejan el amor de Dios. Como puede imaginar, nuestros ministerios están sintiendo los efectos del aumento de los costos y los estantes vacíos. Debemos prepararnos lo antes posible este año para hacer todo lo posible por ayudar a los necesitados.

Le pedimos en oración que considere registrarse en eGiving desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta. Puede configurar una donación recurrente o hacer una donación única. Regístrese hoy **visitando Faith.direct/NY370**, o llame a Faith Direct al 866-507-8757, o **envíe un mensaje de texto con "Inscríbese" a 929-254-3850**. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial.

LIBRO DE MISAS DEL 2023—ACTUALIZADO

El libro para reservar sus intenciones de misa se abrirá el martes 6 de diciembre, 2022. Los formularios estarán disponibles por las entradas de la Iglesia el fin de semana del 3-4 de diciembre. No se aceptaran formularios antes del 6 de diciembre. Recuerde que el libro se llena rápidamente; no espere al ultimo momento para reservar sus misas para el año que viene.

PROXIMAS SEGUNDA COLECTAS

13 de noviembre— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para nuestro mantenimiento parroquial. Su generosidad nos permite mantener los espacios y edificios en buena condición para su uso. Gracias.

20 de noviembre— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para la Campaña para el Desarrollo Humano. Mas de 37 millones de personas en los EE.UU. Viven en pobreza. Esta colecta financia programas que empoderan a las personas para identificar y tratar con los obstáculos que enfrentan para trae unos cambios permanentes y positivos a sus comunidades. Gracias por su generosidad a esta causa.

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NOTICIAS DEL MINISTERIO DE JOVENES

Nos complace anunciar que nuestra Noche de Jóvenes ha sido todo un éxito entre los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia. La Noche de los Jóvenes se lleva a cabo todos los viernes por la noche de 7:00pm a 8:30pm en el Instituto al otro lado de la calle de la iglesia. **Está abierto a todos los jóvenes en edad de escuela de secundaria que quieran reunirse en un ambiente seguro para la amistad, la oración y actividades divertidas que fomenten su participación activa en la Iglesia.** Este esfuerzo de equipo está dirigido por nuestro nuevo Ministro de Jóvenes, **Dayonel Mejía**, un feligrés, catequista y ex-alumno muy respetado desde hace mucho tiempo, en colaboración con la Ministra Asistente **Yolanda Lazo**. Ambos líderes se han unido recientemente a nuestro personal parroquial y trabajarán en estrecha colaboración con nuestros sacerdotes y la Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa, Nelly Gutiérrez, para promover el Ministerio Juvenil en nuestra parroquia. Los miembros jóvenes tendrán la oportunidad de asistir a la Misa Familiar y ofrecer servicios a la comunidad. Si eres un adulto joven que quiere marcar la diferencia para nuestra juventud, estás invitado a unirse a nuestro equipo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para más información.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We are pleased to announce that our Youth Night has been a success among the teenagers of our parish. The Youth Night takes place every Friday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Institute building across the street from the church. **It is open to all youth of high school age who want to come together in a safe environment for friendship, prayer and fun activities that foster their active participation in the Church.** This team effort is led by our new Youth Minister **Dayonel Mejia**, a well-respected long-time parishioner, catechist and alumnus, in collaboration with Assistant Minister **Yolanda Lazo**. Both leaders have recently joined our parish staff and will work closely with our priests and Religious Education Coordinator Nelly Gutierrez to promote Youth Ministry in our parish. Youth members will have the opportunity to assist at the Family Mass and offer services to the community. If you are a young adult who wants to make a difference for our youth, you are invited to join our team. Please call the parish office for more information.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Margaret of Scotland was born in exile around 1045, in what is now Hungary. She is the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and Edward the Atheling the Anglo-Saxon heir to the throne of England. The family returned to England, but Edward died soon after their arrival, making Margaret's brother Edgar the presumptive heir. However, the Norman Conquest would turn their world upside down. Agatha and her children fled the country. They likely intended to go back to Hungary, but they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm Canmore III took the exiles under his wing, and he fell in love with the beautiful and gracious Margaret. Although she initially rebuffed his proposals, the couple were married in 1070 at castle of Dunfermline. Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Margaret brought culture to the Scottish court and used her influence to soften her rough husband. The saint led a life of austerity, aiding Church reform, promoting Easter communion, and founding churches and monasteries. She instituted the Queen's Ferry to the shrine of St. Andrew and founded pilgrimage hostels.

Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland, died on November 16, 1093, four days after her husband and eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick. She was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250 and named patron of Scotland in 1673. Her feast day is November 16.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



On behalf of the entire parish, Msgr. Cuong Pham and our priests would like to congratulate the newly elected officers of our parish's Rosary Society. May God's choicest blessings be upon them as they offer their service of praying and performing works of charity in our parish.

President/Treasurer: Neida C. Martinez

Vice President: Linda Smith

Secretary: Anna D'Angelo

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary Society
FIRST ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON**

Saturday, December 3, 2022

2:00pm – 5:00pm in the Institute

\$40.00 per person

**Hot Buffet Lunch including
Wine and Beer will be served
Assorted Gifts Baskets &
50/50 will be raffled**



Payments in cash or check payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be accepted at the parish office. For more information, please call 718-278-1834 or email Neida C. Martinez at media@mountcarmelastoria.org. All are invited. Bring a friend!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars, and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character is of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex



challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

THE GOD OF THE LIVING

"Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place."

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep your eyes on your own paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control - whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half a world away - we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food - what nourishes you, sustains you, and connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

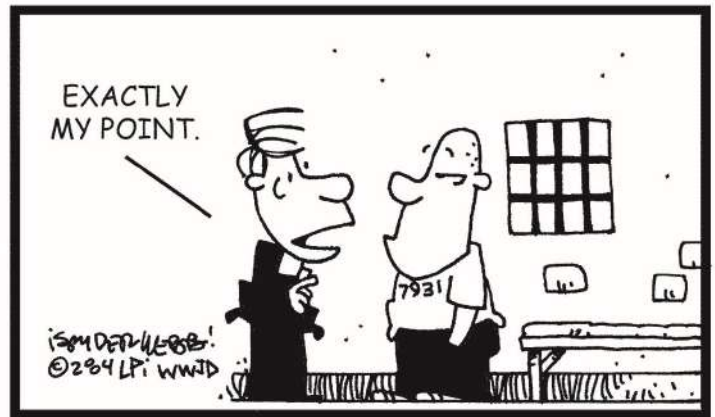
Work quietly and eat your own food.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what is needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway.



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CANONIZED SAINT?

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for living a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely

