



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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.

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Mass



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 *(Presentation of the B.V.M)*

8:00am Living Members of the
Doronila & Castroverde Families
12:00pm Michael Ramos *(Happy Birthday)*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 *(Saint Cecilia)*

8:00am Edward Luize *(Anniversary)*
12:00pm Anna Connors

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 *(Saints Clement I, Columban & Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro)*

8:00am Leonardo & Guiseppina Grippi
12:00pm Chrisendat *(Rest in Peace)*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 *(Saint Andrew Dung—Lac)*

9:00am Angela Sanchez

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 *(Saint Catherine of Alexandria)*

9:00am Joseph Albanese

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00am Lucia & Saturnino Nunez
5:00pm Ms. Pear Odu, Luis Moral, Stephanie Hogan,
Donald Medard, Pacita Roxas Supan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 *(First Sunday of Advent)*

8:00am Aniela & Wladyslaw Polkosnik
9:00am
9:30am Rosario Gil Luna & Lucia Hernandez Isidoro
(Aniversario de Fallecimiento)
11:00am Jake Babcock
12:30pm Maria Antonia Gutierrez (XI Aniversario),
Norberto Gutierrez (II Aniversario),
Maria Cortez, Abraham, Vinizio &
Ramon Alvarez, Nicolo Chiechi & Ana Vesia y
en Accion de Gracias por Bendiciones Recibidas
5:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



The Altar Candles are being offered for
Camillo & Maria Carullo, requested by Ida Barretta

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Last weekend's collection: **\$5,500**

Same weekend last year: **\$6,685**

(These amounts do not include
donations through *Faith Direct*)

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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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 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.

December 4, 2022— There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to keep and maintain the parish spaces and buildings in good condition for your use.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of November 14, 2022, 197 of our parishioners have pledged \$70,957 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$64,921 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 14 de noviembre, 2022, 197 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$70,957 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$64,921 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.

HAPPY
THANKS
GIVING



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Dear brothers and sisters,

The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us. It is a time in America when people of all faiths express their appreciation for God's abundant gifts, including life, faith, family, friends, country and the food many of us enjoy around a table filled with love and joy. We remember that the blessings we experience in life are not a result of our works and efforts alone. We depend on a mighty God who provides and guides!

One of the very first lessons we teach our young children is the importance of being thankful. I have no doubt God, our Heavenly Father, takes great joy in hearing words of thanks from the grateful hearts of His children. St. Paul affirms, *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thus it is essential to give thanks "in everything" that we go through, although there are many things we may find challenging to be thankful for, such as the death of a loved one, the illness that comes on suddenly, the suffering of human relationships, or the daily stress over which we have little control. Nevertheless, we can still be thankful in those circumstances knowing that God will help us go through that journey.

As the beautiful old hymn "Count Your Blessings" goes, I invite you to "count your blessings; name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done." In counting my own blessings, I cannot help but recall the faces of so many of you in this parish—the priests, deacons, staff, leaders and lay faithful— who have been a godsend to me in many ways. Please know that I am grateful for each of you for your loving support to me and to our parish family.

In that spirit of thanksgiving, **I invite you all to join us this Thursday, November 24, at 9:00am in the upper church for our Annual Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving to the Lord!** Your evening meal at home with your loved ones will be much more meaningful when you can count blessings received both from the Lord's Table and from the family's table.

And in the same spirit of Thanksgiving, **I invite you to join us next Sunday, November 27, when the Vietnamese Apostolate of our parish will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its Founding with a Solemn Anniversary Mass at 3:00pm, followed by a formal reception opened to the whole parish at 5pm in the Institute.** This joyful occasion will coincide with the Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions, the 117 Vietnamese Martyrs who represent more than 300,000 Catholic faithful who suffered persecution and martyrdom for their faith during the 17th and 18th centuries, giving rise to the robust Catholic presence in Vietnam and abroad, especially in America, the home of many Vietnamese Catholic immigrants.

In our parish, the Vietnamese community has been an integral part for many years. It has contributed many priestly and religious vocations to our local Church. On this significant milestone, we will give thanks to God with a Solemn Mass, which will begin at 3:00pm with the Procession of the Relics of the Vietnamese Martyrs from Mary's Garden (between the Rectory and the School building) into the church. A special Decree from the Vatican Apostolic Penitentiary will be proclaimed, granting participants a Plenary Indulgence as a spiritual gift from our Holy Father Pope Francis. After Mass, we invite you to join us for further festivities, consisting of a formal reception with international food, music and cultural performances. We will be honored by the presence of our bishops as well as many guest priests, seminarians, religious and lay faithful.

I wish to thank the leaders of our parish groups and ministries who have worked hard together to coordinate various activities for this event. I am personally grateful to those who will help organize the special liturgy next Sunday, those who will set up and decorate the hall, and those who will provide the international food, drinks and entertainment. I appreciate the youth and young adults in our Vietnamese and Spanish speaking communities, who have been enthusiastically practicing beautiful dances and cultural performances that will delight us. I am sure that this event will be an additional thanksgiving event unique to our multi-cultural parish. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

El día de Acción de Gracias ya está muy cerca. Es un momento en los Estados Unidos en el que personas de todas las religiones expresan su aprecio por los abundantes dones de Dios, que incluyen la vida, la fe, la familia, los amigos, el país y la comida que muchos de nosotros disfrutamos alrededor de una mesa llena de amor y alegría. Recordamos que las bendiciones que experimentamos en la vida no son solo el resultado de nuestro trabajo y esfuerzos. ¡Dependemos de un Dios poderoso que provee y guía!

Una de las primeras lecciones que enseñamos a nuestros niños pequeños es la importancia de ser agradecidos. No tengo ninguna duda que Dios, nuestro Padre Celestial, se regocija mucho al escuchar palabras de agradecimiento de los corazones agradecidos de Sus hijos. San Pablo afirma: *“Demos gracias en todo; porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para nosotros en Cristo Jesús”* (1 Tesalonicenses 5:18). Por eso es fundamental dar gracias “en todo” lo que nos pasa, aunque hay muchas cosas por las que nos puede resultar difícil estar agradecidos, como la muerte de un ser querido, la enfermedad que sobreviene de repente, el sufrimiento de seres humanos, relaciones, o el estrés diario sobre el que tenemos poco control. Sin embargo, aún podemos estar agradecidos en esas circunstancias sabiendo que Dios nos ayudará a atravesar ese viaje.

Como dice el hermoso y antiguo himno “Cuenten sus bendiciones”, les invito a “contar sus bendiciones; nombrarlas una por una, Cuenten sus bendiciones, mirar lo que Dios ha hecho.” Al contar mis propias bendiciones, no puedo dejar de recordar los rostros de tantos de ustedes en esta parroquia—los sacerdotes, diáconos, personal, líderes y fieles laicos—quienes han sido un regalo del cielo para mí de muchas maneras. Sepan que estoy agradecido con cada uno de ustedes por su apoyo amoroso hacia mí y nuestra familia parroquial.

¡En ese espíritu de acción de gracias, **les invito a todos a unirse a nosotros este jueves 24 de noviembre a las 9:00 am en la iglesia superior para nuestra Misa Solemne Anual de Acción de Gracias al Señor!** Su cena en casa con sus seres queridos será mucho más significativa cuando puedas contar las bendiciones recibidas tanto de la Mesa del Señor como en la mesa de la familia.

Y con el mismo espíritu de Acción de Gracias, **les invito a unirse a nosotros el próximo domingo 27 de noviembre, cuando el Apostolado Vietnamita de nuestra parroquia celebrará el 35 Aniversario de su Fundación con una Misa Solemne de Aniversario a las 3:00pm, seguida de una recepción formal, abierta a toda la parroquia a las 5pm en el Instituto.** Esta alegre ocasión coincidirá con la fiesta de San Andrés Dung-Lac y sus Compañeros, los 117 mártires vietnamitas que representan a más de 300,000 fieles Católicos que sufrieron la persecución y el martirio por su fe durante los siglos XVII y XVIII, dando lugar a la robusta Presencia católica en Vietnam y en el extranjero, especialmente en Estados Unidos, hogar de muchos inmigrantes católicos vietnamitas.

En nuestra parroquia, la comunidad vietnamita ha sido una parte integral durante muchos años. Ha aportado muchas vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas a nuestra Iglesia local. En este hito significativo, agradeceremos a Dios con una Misa Solemne, que comenzará a las 3:00pm con la Procesión de las Reliquias de los Mártires Vietnamitas desde el Jardín de María (entre la Rectoría y el edificio de la Escuela) hacia la iglesia. Se proclamará un Decreto especial de la Penitenciaría Apostólica del Vaticano, otorgando a los participantes una Indulgencia Plenaria como don espiritual de nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. Después de la misa, lo invitamos a unirse a nosotros para otras festividades, que consisten en una recepción formal con comida, música y espectáculos culturales internacionales. Nos honrará la presencia de nuestros obispos, así como de muchos sacerdotes invitados, seminaristas y fieles religiosos y laicos.

Deseo agradecer a los líderes de nuestros grupos parroquiales y ministerios que han trabajado arduamente para coordinar varias actividades para este evento. Estoy personalmente agradecido a quienes ayudarán a organizar la liturgia especial del próximo domingo, a quienes instalarán y decorarán el salón, y a quienes brindarán la comida, las bebidas y el entretenimiento internacional. Agradezco a los jóvenes y adultos jóvenes de nuestras comunidades de habla vietnamita e hispana, que han estado practicando con entusiasmo hermosos bailes y espectáculos culturales que nos deleitarán. Estoy seguro de que este evento será un evento adicional de acción de gracias exclusivo de nuestra parroquia multicultural. Espero verlos a todos allí.

¡Un bendecido y feliz día de acción de gracias para todos!

Mons. Cuong M. Pham



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 20

10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—3:00pm	Cursillo+ Venta de Comida	Guadalupe A/B
3:00pm—5:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Nazareth

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
4:30pm—10:00pm	Sta. Cecilia Feast	Gym
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
6:00pm—7:00pm	English Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, November 23

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—8:00pm	English Virtus Training	Lourdes A/B
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes B

Thursday, November 24

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED— THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 25

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 26

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—6:00pm	Grpo Inmculada Concepcion	Guadalupe A/B
5:00pm—9:00pm	Setting Up	Gym
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
6:00pm—9:00pm	Practica Balet OLMC	Gym Stage
6:30pm—8:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Upper Room+ Nazareth

Sunday, November 27

9:00am—9:00pm	35th Anniversary Viet. Community	Gym
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
3:00pm—6:00pm	Cursillo—Reunion de Equipo	Guadalupe A/B
3:00pm—5:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	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 OPPORTUNITIES



Fraternitas, December 17, 2022 — A group for middle school—high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch and Sunday Vigil Mass. Please view the forms that are available in the rectory office for more information.

Jeremiah Project, December 9-11, 2022— A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity.

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

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.

NEW SHRINES TO OUR LADY



We are grateful to those who have made a donation towards the new Shrines to Our Lady in our church vestibule. As you can see, those beautiful Shrines will be a lasting sign of love and devotion to the Mother of God in our church. We encourage every family to consider making a special donation for this specific cause in this time of thanksgiving. Simply write on the envelope that your gift is for the Shrines. Thank you.



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/Esposo(a): _____

Address/Dirección: _____

_____ ZIP _____

Telephone/Telefono: _____

E-mail/Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK/ MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration Change of Name/Address

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INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	Sunday—2:00pm—Church

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER 2022

January 24, 2023

January 28, 2023

FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

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

6 de Diciembre, 2022

11 de Diciembre, 2022

10 de Enero, 2023

14 de Enero, 2023

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.

NUEVAS IMAGENES DE NUESTRA SEÑORA



Estamos agradecidos a todos quienes han hecho una donación hacia las nuevas imágenes de Nuestra Señora en el vestíbulo de nuestra parroquia. Como pueden ver, estas imágenes serán una señal duradera de amor y devoción a la Madre de Dios en nuestra parroquia. Alentamos a cada familia hacer una donación especial

para esta causa específica en este tiempo de Acción de Gracias. Simplemente escriba en un sobre que su regalo es para las "Imágenes de Nuestra Señora." Gracias.

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

Fraternitas, 17 de Diciembre, 2022 — Un grupo para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria, inculcando los valores Cristianos a ellos con la meta de fomentar caballeros Católicos verdaderos. La tarde incluye oración, catecismo, deporte, almuerzo de pizza y Misa Dominical de Vigilia. Por favor pida los formularios que se encuentran en la oficina parroquial.

Jeremiah Project, 9-11 de Diciembre 9-11, 2022— Retiro de fin de semana para jóvenes adultos mayores de 18 años. Es una oportunidad para discernir una posible vocación al sacerdocio por medio de discusión, oración y fraternidad.

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 aceptarán formularios antes del **6 de diciembre**. Recuerde que el libro se llena rápidamente; no espere al último momento para reservar sus misas para el año que viene.

PROXIMAS SEGUNDA COLECTAS

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.

4 de diciembre— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para nuestro mantenimiento parroquial. Su generosidad nos permite mantener los espacios y edificio en buena condición para su uso.

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. Ya hemos comenzado las clases de adultos. 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. Si conoce a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de este programa, anímelo a llamar o hablar con uno de nuestros sacerdotes o con el Diacono Jacob Rodríguez en la oficina parroquial.

NOTICIAS DEL MINISTERIO DE JOVENES

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.** Padres, por favor animen a sus niños asistir estas actividades emocionantes.



SAINT OF THE WEEK



Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints, is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius. Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal.

Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died. The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



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!

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Rosary Society meeting will take place on **December 4, 2022** after the 9:30am Bilingual Mass. All ladies over 15 years old are invited to come to the Institute and join us to pray the rosary. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a friend! For more information, call the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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.** Parents, please encourage your children to take part in this exciting activity.

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. We have now begun classes for adults. 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 or Deacon Jacob Rodriguez at the parish office.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?



Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

IS CHRIST KING IN OUR HEARTS?

"When you think of a king, who is the first person to pop into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand - we can handle those because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings, it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

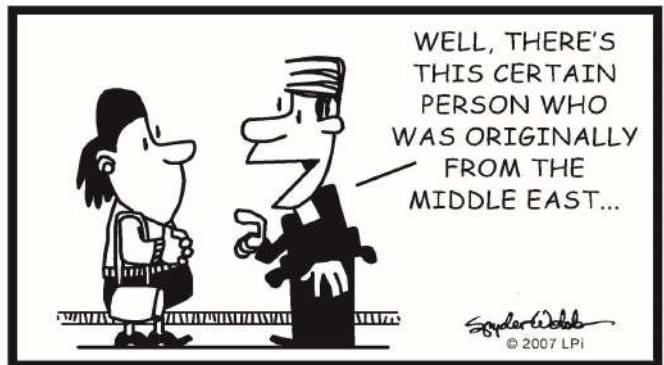
The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool whom many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects' lives. Where is Jesus' power? Slowly fading away, he's a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears at first to be shameful is really a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God's infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are vulnerable and broken in death, we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.



CHRIST THE KING



**THE ASSUMPTION ISN'T IN THE BIBLE.
WHAT PROOF DO WE HAVE THAT IT REALLY HAPPENED?**

Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have venerated the relics of the saints. We can see this in the catacombs of Rome, in the crypts of churches, and in the reliquaries that contain tiny fragments of bone. Throughout Church history, there have been no relics of Mary nor any legitimate claims to her bones. Even the tomb of Mary visited as a site of pilgrimage, stood empty. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Roman emperor asked the bishop of Jerusalem to bring Mary's relics to the council. The bishop reported that there were no relics of Mary. Upon finding her empty tomb, the Apostles concluded that her body was taken up into heaven. Soon afterward, the Church began celebrating this miraculous event.

The Assumption is an article of faith. Within the context of salvation, its meaning and logic are clear. Being born without original sin, Mary did not suffer its consequences. She is already participating in what we, too, will experience one day the resurrection and glorification of our bodies as they reunite with our souls.

