



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 (*Saint Catherine of Sienna*)

5:00pm Salvador Alfonso, Salvatore Carlino,
Abdel Halim Majid, William Cathor,
Rosa Bustamante Camacho,
Dagoberto Guillermo Magallanes Perez,
Sara Emilia Bustamante Carillo,
Roberto Carrion Garcia

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

8:00am Benjamin Marshal (*Living— Birthday*)
9:00am Elio DiMonte
9:30am In Thanksgiving to God
11:00am Vincent Camilleri
12:30pm Cristian Lezama, Cristina Garcia Morales,
Manuel Lopez Gonzalez, Pedro Loor,
Por la Salud de Iris Muriel & Phyllis Salters
Ofelia Rosales Moral (*En Celebracion de su Cumpleaños*)
Catalina Rojas (*En Celebracion de su Cumpleaños*)
3:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, MAY 1 (*Saint Joseph the Worker*)

8:00am Saul Salomon Mendoza
12:00pm The Pezzuli Family

TUESDAY, MAY 2 (*Saint Athanasius*)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm Joseph Zatura

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 (*Saints Philip & James*)

8:00am Betty Leto
12:00pm Neil McKenzie

THURSDAY, MAY 4

8:00am Deceased Members of the
Valentino & Castroverde Families
12:00pm Assunta & Rocco D'Angelo

FRIDAY, MAY 5

8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Alicia & Roberto Vasquez
7:30pm Luis F. Alvarado (*Living*)

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00am Majin Diaz Amaya
(Peace for his Soul & Healing for his Family Tree)
5:00pm Mary DePinto, Karina Lariño (1st Anniversary)
Salvatore Carlino, Jorge Molanphy,
Bustamante Family

SUNDAY, MAY 7 (*Fifth Sunday of Easter*)

8:00am Augusto & Zenaida Santos
(*Living— In Honor of their Birthdays*)
9:00am San Giuseppe Lavatore
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members
of Our Parish's Rosary Society
11:00am Rose Tavano
12:30pm Fredesvinda Mena, Benjamin Mera,
Maria Antonia Estevez Cepeda, Julia Ortiz,
Oscar Muñoz, Victor Vazquez,
Alejandria Guaman (*Memorial de Cumpleaños*)
3:00pm For the people of our parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



*The Altar Candles & Altar Bread & Wine have been offered for
Goffredo Barretta, by Maria Barretta*



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Main Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) Chapel: 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 (Bi-lingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (Chapel)

CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am—6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am—5:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

1:00pm—8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you to all the generous individuals who have made a pledge to our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 24th, there are 56 donors who pledged \$22,560 towards our goal of \$67,815. We have received \$17,372.

ELECTRONIC GIVING BY FAITH DIRECT

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. Ensuring that such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct, if you have not already done so. You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY370, text 'Enroll' to 929-254-3850 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your support.

ELECTRONIC GIVING BY FAITH DIRECT

Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income? If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family. If you are interested in learning more please contact the Catholic Foundation and mention the name of our parish at 718-965-7375.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

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

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. If you wish your loved ones who is sick to be prayed for at our daily Mass, kindly contact our parish office to place their names in our Prayer List. We are currently praying for **Raymond Pickering & Ophelia Roas, Maria Neiva, Valdir Alves, Joanne Callahan, Regina Barbosa.**

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Does not Include Electronic Donations by Faith Direct, which will be reported monthly.

Last weekend's collection: \$5,149

Same weekend last year: \$7,322

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady. It is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Mother of God. We honor her not only as the mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, but also as our spiritual mother, who constantly watches over us and wraps her mantle of protection around us.

The Church regards Mary as the perfect disciple, the model for all who wish to follow Christ, her Son. Mary imitates Christ perfectly because of her humility. Her *"Fiat"*- *"Let it be done to me according to Your Will"* sums up her whole life. She always desired to fulfill whatever God would require of her. We do not see much of her in the Scripture because the focus was on Jesus. She was happy to fade into the background; she did not distract us from her Son, who alone should be the center of each of our lives. This is why Mary is the model for every person.

Contemplating the beautiful face of Mary during this month of May means imitating her virtues. As Mary made room for Jesus, both in her womb and in her life, we too can open our lives to welcome the Lord in and make room for him to dwell within us. When recalling her generous *Yes* to God's plan, we must allow ourselves to say *Yes* to whatever God's plan is for us, no matter how difficult or incomprehensible it might be at times.

Pope Pius XII, in his 1947 Encyclical *"Mediator Dei,"* encouraged special prayers to the Blessed Mother during the month of May. Popes down the centuries have consistently taught and promoted Marian devotions throughout the Church. Most recently, Pope Francis himself has expressed this desire for the faithful: "I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow... I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you." (*Holy Father's Letter for the Month of May 2020*).

In our parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Marian devotions are always an important part of life. We are proud to have active groups dedicated specifically to Marian devotions, such as the Legion of Mary, the Rosary Society, the Virgin of Guadalupe Group, the First Saturday Devotion, etc. Throughout the week, the faithful remain after each Mass to pray the Rosary and other Litanies to Our Lady. Every Wednesday, a special Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is prayed after the Noon Mass. The beautiful shrines in our chapel honoring Mary under various titles are a powerful testimony to the love that people across different cultures have for the Mother of God; none of those shrines is ever without fresh flowers or burning votive candles.

As we honor Mary during this month in church and at home, let us invoke her divine love and protection not only upon ourselves, but also upon our mothers, living and deceased, who will be honored in a special way on Mother's Day, and upon our children and youth who will be receiving their first Holy Communion and Confirmation this month. May we all remain close to Mary's maternal heart, and know the joy of union with Jesus, her Son.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Mes de María

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Mayo es el mes dedicado a Nuestra Señora. Es un tiempo en el que el Pueblo de Dios expresa con particular intensidad su amor y devoción por la Madre de Dios. La honramos no solo como la madre del Señor Jesucristo, sino también como nuestra madre espiritual, que constantemente nos cuida y nos envuelve con su manto de protección.

La Iglesia considera a María la discípula perfecta, la modelo para todos los que quieren seguir a Cristo, su Hijo. María imita perfectamente a Cristo por su humildad. Su "*Fiat*" - "*Hágase en mí según tu Voluntad*" resume toda su vida. Ella siempre deseó cumplir con lo que Dios requería de ella. No vemos mucho de ella en las Escrituras porque el enfoque estaba en Jesús. Estaba feliz de desaparecer en el fondo; ella no nos distrajo de su Hijo, el único que debe ser el centro de cada una de nuestras vidas. Por eso María es un modelo para cada persona.

Contemplar el hermoso rostro de María durante el mes de mayo significa imitar sus virtudes. Así como María hizo lugar para Jesús, tanto en su seno como en su vida, nosotros también podemos abrir nuestras vidas para recibir al Señor y hacerle lugar para que habite en nosotros. Al recordar su generoso "Sí" al plan de Dios, debemos permitirnos decir "Sí" a cualquier cosa que sea en el plan de Dios para nosotros, por difícil o incomprensible que sea a veces.

El Papa Pío XII, en su Encíclica "*Mediator Dei*" de 1947, alentó oraciones especiales a la Santísima Madre durante el mes de mayo. Los papas a lo largo de los siglos han enseñado y promovido constantemente la devoción mariana en toda la Iglesia. Más recientemente, el mismo Papa Francisco ha expresado este deseo por los fieles: "Quiero animar a todos a redescubrir la belleza de rezar el Rosario en casa en el mes de mayo. Esto se puede hacer en grupo o individualmente; pueden decidir de acuerdo a sus propias situaciones, aprovechando al máximo ambas oportunidades. La clave para hacer esto es siempre la sencillez, y es fácil también en el Internet encontrar buenos modelos de oraciones a seguir... Yo mismo rezaré en el mes de mayo, en unión espiritual con todos ustedes." (*Carta del Santo Padre para el mes de mayo de 2020*).

En nuestra parroquia, las devociones marianas siempre son una parte importante de la vida. Estamos orgullosos de tener grupos activos dedicados específicamente a las devociones marianas, como la Legión de María, la Sociedad del Rosario, el Grupo de la Virgen de Guadalupe, la Devoción del Primer Sábado, etc. Durante toda la semana, los fieles permanecen después de cada Misa para rezar el Rosario y otras Letanías a Nuestra Señora. Todos los miércoles, se reza una Novena especial a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo después de la Misa del mediodía. Los hermosos santuarios en nuestra capilla que honran a María bajo varios títulos son un poderoso testimonio del amor que las personas de diferentes culturas tienen por la Madre de Dios; ninguno de esos santuarios están nunca sin flores frescas o velas encendidas.

Mientras honramos a María durante el mes que viene en la iglesia y en el hogar, invoquemos su amor y protección divinos no solo sobre nosotros, sino también sobre nuestras madres, vivas y fallecidas, quienes serán honradas de manera especial en el Día de la Madre, y en nuestros niños y jóvenes que estarán recibiendo su primera Comunión y Confirmación este mes. Permanezcamos todos cerca del corazón materno de María y conozcamos la alegría de la unión con Jesús, su Hijo.

Fielmente suyo en Cristo,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 30

10:00am—2:00pm Czech Community *Lourdes A/B*
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish RCIA *Upper Room+ Fatima*
 10:30am—12:30pm Cursillo *Guadalupe A/B*
 1:00pm—3:30pm Venta de Comida—Guad. *Gym*
 2:00pm—7:00pm Evaluacion de Cursillo *Guadalupe A/B*

Monday, May 1

7:00pm—9:00pm English Pre-Cana *Guadalupe A/B*
 5:00pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*

Tuesday, May 2

3:30pm—6:00pm Porque Ser Catolico? *Fatima*
 5:00pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*
 5:30pm—6:45pm Mariachi School *Balcony Rooms*
 6:00pm—9:00pm Marriage Encounter *Guadalupe+ Fatima*
 7:00pm—9:00pm Coro #1 *Nazareth*

Wednesday, May 3

4:30pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*
 7:30pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*

Thursday, May 4

10:00am—11:30am Legion of Mary *Guadalupe B*
 6:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*
 7:30pm—8:30pm Grupo de Amistad *Fatima*
 7:30pm—9:00pm CYO *Gym*

Friday, May 5

5:00pm—11:00pm CYO *Gym*
 6:30pm—8:30pm Youth Meeting *Guadalupe A/B*
 7:00pm—9:00pm Hispanic Meeting *Fatima*

Saturday, May 6

9:00am—9:00pm CYO *Gym*
 9:00am—1:00pm AA Meeting *Guadalupe A/B*
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish Children's Choir *Upper Room*
 5:00pm—7:00pm Ministerio de Consolacion *Nazareth*
 5:00pm—7:00pm Bilingual Choir Practice *Fatima*

INFANT BAPTISM

BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm—Upper Church
May 23, 2023	May 27, 2023
June 20, 2023	June 24, 2023
July 18, 2023	July 22, 2023
August 22, 2023	August 26, 2023
September 19, 2023	September 23, 2023
October 24, 2023	October 28, 2023
November 21, 2023	November 25, 2023
December 19, 2023	December 23, 2023

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba
9 de Mayo, 2023	13 de Mayo, 2023
6 de Junio, 2023	10 de Junio, 2023
27 de Junio, 2023	8 de Julio, 2023
8 de Agosto, 2023	12 de Agosto, 2023
5 de Septiembre, 2023	9 de Septiembre, 2023
10 de Octubre, 2023	14 de Octubre, 2023
NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE	
5 de Diciembre, 2023	9 de Diciembre, 2023

Please Note: All Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

Por Favor Notar: Todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a las juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

PARISH REGISTRATION

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

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.

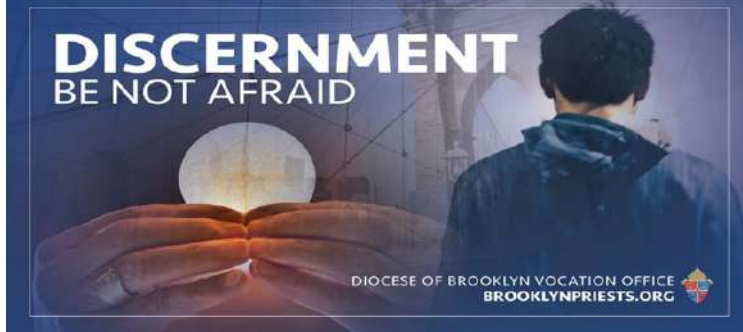
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VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



FRATERNITAS — MAY 20, 2023 —

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. Contact vocations@diobrook.org for more information.

JEREMIAH PROJECT — MAY 5-7, 2023—

A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Forms are available in the parish office or you may contact the Vocations Office at vocations@diobrook.org.

PROJECT ANDREW— MAY 21, 2023

An opportunity for young men (high school age and older) to learn more about the priesthood. Join bishops, priests, and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn with Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for Sunday evening prayer, dinner, and conversation, 4:00pm — 6:00pm. Contact vocations@diobrook.org for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for our Religious Education Program will be open during the months of **May, June, July & August ONLY**.

For new registrations, please pick up an application at the parish office, fill it out with clear letters, & please provide the certificates of all the sacraments your child has already made along with the birth certificate and pay the required fee.

If your child was in our religious education program this year, please ask for the re-registration form, update the form as needed and pay the required fee.

Registration Fee:	May	June, July, August
1 Child	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 Children	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 or more	\$140.00	\$160.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 14, 2023— There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to keep and maintain our parish buildings in good condition for your use.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place **on May 7**, 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.

CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Every fourth Sunday of the month, all members are invited to attend Mass at 9:00am in Italian preceded by the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will be installed at our annual Feast Day Mass in July. Please call the parish office and leave your name and number.

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, May 5, 2023**. 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.

WIN—WIN CAR DONATION

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 Saint Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$100/\$2000 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.



COOK NEEDED

The rectory of Immaculate Conception Parish in Astoria needs a cook: Full or Part Time, Monday through Friday. Benefits Included. Please contact Msgr. Ferrarese at 718.728.1613.

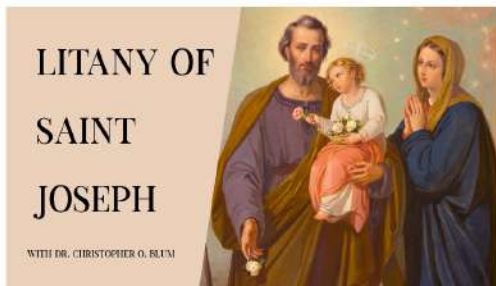
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 30, 2023



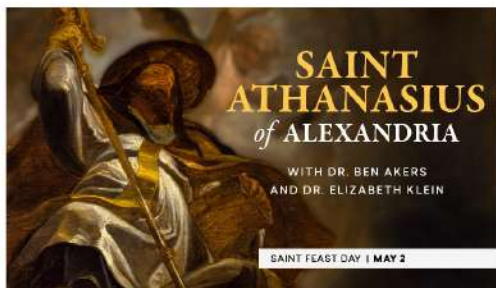
St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on the Joseph of the Old and New Testament.



Litany of Saint Joseph

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

On April 29 & 30th we will ask everyone to consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal at all our Masses. You can also make a pledge today by texting DONATE to 917.336.1255.

If 200 parishioners make a pledge of \$250 each to the 2023 Catholic Annual Appeal, we will exceed our goal.

REGISTRACIONES PARA CATECISMO

Las inscripciones para el programa de catecismo estarán abiertas durante de los meses de **Mayo, Junio, Julio y Agosto SOLAMENTE.**

Para una nueva registración, por favor recoja una aplicación en la oficina parroquial y llene el cuestionario con letra clara y además debe de traer los certificados de los sacramentos ya recibidos y haga el pago requerido.

Si su niño/a ya estuvo en nuestro programa este año, por favor vaya a la oficina y pida el formulario de re-inscripción y haga el pago requerido.

Cuota de Inscripción:

Por el mes de	Mayo	Junio, Julio y Agosto
1 niño (a)	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 niños (as)	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 niños (as) o más	\$140.00	\$160.00



VENTA DE COMIDA
EL COMITE GUADALUPANO LES DA LAS GRACIAS POR SU APOYO!

PLATILLO GUISADO DE RABO DE RES
QUESADILLAS
TOSTADAS DE TINGA
TACOS PLACEROS
TACOS DE CARNITAS
ENCHILADAS DE MOLE
SOPES DE CECINA Y BISTEC
CHICHARRON PREPARADO
GELATINA & CHOCOFLAN

TAMALES
POZOLE
AGUAS FRESCAS
SODAS & AGUA

SOPES
TACOS DORADOS
FRUTA PICADA

30 DE ABRIL EN EL GYMNASIO
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 12:30PM

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

Fraternitas, 20 de mayo, 2023 — 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, 5— 7 de mayo— 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.



DIVINA MISERICORDIA



NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE CARMELO LES INVITA A REZAR LA

CORONILLA A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Se les invita a la Coronilla Cantada el 27 de Mayo, en la Iglesia de Arriba, a las 6:30pm.

Para mas información, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834

CUE THE HEART

Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone - single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." - Acts 2:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

DOES IT MATTER WHAT LEG YOU BEND WHEN GENUFLECTING?

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading


After his speech in Jerusalem, the crowds asked Peter, "What are we to do?" He replied, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ... and you will receive the Holy Spirit." How open are you to receiving the Holy Spirit?

Second Reading

Peter teaches us as followers of Jesus, we are called to be patient when we are suffering. What value do you see in this practice?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as the gatekeeper for the "sheep" (his followers) who are kept safe from strangers. When have you turned to Jesus in your life in times of trouble?



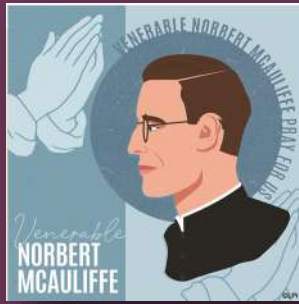
THE LORD
IS MY
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I shall not want.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

An American-born missionary known for his work in Uganda with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Venerable Norbert McAuliffe was nicknamed The Man Who Always Prays by those he served. His work continues to this day through the leadership of the many African Brothers he formed.



Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Norbert McAuliffe

Most Holy Trinity, you granted to Your servant Venerable Norbert McAuliffe the gifts of administration and of vision, that he should be a spiritual guide for all he met, a joyful herald of the Gospel, and a devoted servant of the one Church of Christ. For his love of everyone You put in his path, his formation of many young men, and his dedication to education and evangelism across the U.S. and Africa, we pray that he may soon be numbered among the canonized saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." Jn 10:2-4

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, "They recognize his voice." He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

Fr. John Muir

