



MOUNT CARMEL ASTORIA

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SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 20 (Saint Bernardine of Siena)

5:00pm Michael Ramis, Abdel Halim, Dagoberto
Guillermo Magallanes Perez, Rosa Bustamante
Camacho, Michelle Macias & All those Living
the Jornada Retreat

SUNDAY, MAY 21 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Jesus B. & Gina Mejia
9:00am Santa Rita
9:30am Maria Pastora Rodriguez
11:00am In Honor of Blessed Roberto DaSalle
12:30pm Norberto & Angela Pacheco, Cesar L. Zea,
Rosario Ortega (Aniversario de Muerte),
Rosalba Betancur, Manuel Santos Spulveda,
Santa Isabel Nuñez (1 Aniversario)
3:00pm For the People of Our Parish

MONDAY, MAY 22 (Saint Rita of Cascia)

8:00am Francesco & Maria Nicola DelGreco
12:00pm Annie McCullagh

TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi
12:00pm Peter McCullagh

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

8:00am Francesco & Maria Nicola Del Greco
12:00pm Mosler Family

THURSDAY, MAY 25 (Saint Bede the Venerable,

Saint Gregory VII & Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi)

8:00am Nilvio Cuevas
12:00pm Living Members of the Legion of Mary

FRIDAY, MAY 26 (Saint Philip Neri)

8:00am Mary Ann Clifford
12:00pm Carmen Gloria Viera (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY, MAY 27 (Saint Augustine of Canterbury)

8:00am Francisco Abel Roldan
(Peace for his Soul & Healing of his Family Tree)
5:00pm Gen. Alejandro M. Valerio, Salvatore Carlino
Thomas McCullagh, Victor Vazquez,
Gilberto & Neida Martinez

SUNDAY, MAY 28 (Pentecost Sunday)

8:00am Salomon Saul Mendoza
9:00am Matteo & Francesca Salamone
9:30am Mario T. Nacinovich
11:00am Mercedes Beck
12:30pm Javier Martínez Cecilio (2^{do} Aniversario),
Rosa Ortiz, Graciela Flores,
María Esther Díaz Quintero (Por el descanso
de su Alma y Sanación de su Árbol Genealógico)
3:00pm For the People of Our Parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

*The Altar Candles have been offered for
Franko Brajkovic,
by Branka Ivancic*

*The Sanctuary Lamp have been offered for
Giuseppa Barretta & Sabbia Carullo,
by Ida Barretta*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 21, 2023— Next week our second collection will support the Catholic Communications Campaign which uses internet, television & radio to engage and build Catholic Communities in the USA and developing countries.

2nd 
Collection

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

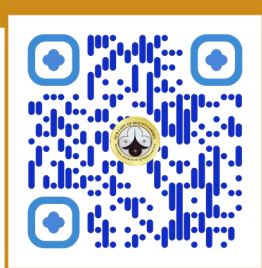
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NEW TO THE PARISH?



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all the generous individuals who have made a pledge to our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 15th, there are 96 donors who pledged \$34,470 towards our goal of \$67,815. We have received \$27,371.

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.

WIN-WIN SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH

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. We have currently enrolled **Maggie Madiefsky, Emmanuel Pippis, Faustina Sandoval, Paula Enrique Morelos, Carmelo Sandoval, Mario Santos Rodriguez.**

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, Daysi Ortiz, Rafael Sanchez, Thomas Gannon, Burt Singer.**

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

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

Last weekend's collection: \$7,726

Same weekend last year: \$6,287



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the joyous celebration of Pentecost, I am moved to reflect on the theme of unity in faith that resonates in this Sunday's liturgy. In the Gospel reading from John, we hear Jesus earnestly praying to the Father for unity among his disciples. Additionally, the Acts of the Apostles reveals the early Church's powerful display of unity in prayer after Jesus ascended into heaven. These profound biblical accounts serve as examples for us to contemplate and emulate within our own parish community.

Once again, I am filled with immense joy and gratitude for the unity that permeates our spiritual family. Our parish community is a tapestry of diverse cultures and languages, yet we stand together as one body in Christ. The richness of our varied spiritualities, devotional practices, and talents enhances our collective journey of faith. Each one of you, with your unique gifts and perspectives, contributes to the beauty and strength of our parish. Visitors who have joined our community have marveled at the unity they witnessed.

Together, we have worked diligently to cultivate a spirit of unity within our community. We recognize that no one can exist alone and that the mission of Christ is achieved through collaboration. Therefore, it is crucial that we continue to nurture and protect this precious gift by avoiding anything that hinders our unity, such as indifference, rivalry, negative criticisms, gossip, and even laziness in our commitment to church activities.

One tangible way we can express our unity is through active participation in our worship and liturgical celebrations. The Mass is the heartbeat of our faith, a sacred gathering where we encounter Christ and receive His grace. I invite each of you to engage more fully in our liturgies. Let us respond to the prayers with enthusiasm, sing the hymns with fervor, and embrace the beauty of liturgical rituals. As we pray together, let our voices rise as one, creating a harmonious symphony of faith and love.

When we gather, let us foster an atmosphere of hospitality and warmth, ensuring that everyone feels a sense of belonging. Practicing church etiquette that is common sense, such as arriving on time, dressing modestly, greeting one another with a smile, making space for another in the pews, limiting needless movement during Mass, receiving the Eucharist with reverence, and being mindful of our conduct during the Mass, communicates a powerful sign of our unity and respect for the sacred space we share.

Furthermore, our unity extends beyond the confines of our parish. We are called to support the causes and needs of our Church as a united body. Let us be generous with our time, talents, and resources, recognizing that by working together, we can achieve great things for the glory of God.

As our parish community continues to grow, it is vital that we extend a warm welcome to all, particularly young adults and young families who are newcomers to our neighborhood. Let us demonstrate to them that our church community, despite its diversity and size, is truly an intimate family where the Lord's desire for unity is earnestly embraced.

As we journey through this month of May, a time dedicated to our blessed Mother Mary, I commend you to her intercession. Know that you are remembered at each Holy Mass, the true source and summit of our Christian unity.

With heartfelt prayer and affection,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos feligreses:

A medida que nos acercamos a la celebración gozosa de Pentecostés, me siento inspirado a reflexionar sobre el tema de la unidad en la fe que resuena en la liturgia de este domingo. En la lectura del Evangelio según Juan, escuchamos a Jesús rezando fervorosamente al Padre por la unidad entre sus discípulos. Además, los Hechos de los Apóstoles revelan el poderoso testimonio de unidad en la oración de la primitiva Iglesia después de la Ascensión de Jesús al cielo. Estos profundos relatos bíblicos nos sirven como ejemplos para contemplar y emular dentro de nuestra propia comunidad parroquial.

Una vez más, me llena de inmensa alegría y gratitud la unidad que impregna nuestra familia espiritual. Nuestra comunidad parroquial es un tapiz de diversas culturas e idiomas, pero nos mantenemos unidos como un solo cuerpo en Cristo. La riqueza de nuestras espiritualidades, prácticas devocionales y talentos variados enriquece nuestro camino de fe colectivo. Cada uno de ustedes, con sus dones y perspectivas únicas, contribuyen a la belleza y fortaleza de nuestra parroquia. Los visitantes que se han unido a nuestra comunidad han quedado maravillados por la unidad que han presenciado.

Juntos, hemos trabajado con diligencia para cultivar un espíritu de unidad en nuestra comunidad. Reconocemos que nadie puede existir solo y que la misión de Cristo se logra mediante la colaboración. Por lo tanto, es crucial que sigamos nutriendo y protegiendo este precioso don, evitando todo aquello que obstaculice nuestra unidad, como la indiferencia, la rivalidad, las críticas negativas, los chismes e incluso la pereza en nuestro compromiso con las actividades de la iglesia.

Una forma tangible de expresar nuestra unidad es mediante la participación activa en nuestra adoración y celebraciones litúrgicas. La Santa Misa es el latido de nuestra fe, un encuentro sagrado donde encontramos a Cristo y recibimos Su gracia. Los invito a todos a involucrarse más plenamente en nuestras liturgias. Respondamos a las oraciones con entusiasmo, cantemos los himnos con fervor y abracemos la belleza de los rituales litúrgicos. Mientras rezamos juntos, dejemos que nuestras voces se eleven como una sola, creando una sinfonía armoniosa de fe y amor.

Cuando nos reunimos, fomentemos un ambiente de hospitalidad y calidez, asegurándonos de que todos se sientan parte de nuestra comunidad. Practicar buenos modales sensatos en la iglesia, como llegar a tiempo, vestir de manera modesta, saludarnos con una sonrisa, hacer espacio para los demás en los bancos, limitar los movimientos innecesarios durante la Santa Misa, recibir la Eucaristía con reverencia y ser conscientes de nuestra conducta durante la celebración, comunica un poderoso signo de unidad y respeto por el espacio sagrado que compartimos.

Además, nuestra unidad se extiende más allá de los límites de nuestra parroquia. Somos llamados a apoyar las causas y necesidades de nuestra Iglesia como un cuerpo unido. Seamos generosos con nuestro tiempo, talentos y recursos, reconociendo que al trabajar juntos podemos lograr grandes cosas para la gloria de Dios.

A medida que nuestra comunidad parroquial sigue creciendo, es vital que demos una cálida bienvenida a todos, especialmente a los jóvenes y a las nuevas familias que son recién llegados a nuestro vecindario. Demostrémosles a ellos que nuestra comunidad parroquial, a pesar de su diversidad y tamaño, es verdaderamente una familia íntima donde se abraza y se toma en serio el deseo del Señor de la unidad.

Mientras transitamos este mes de mayo, un tiempo dedicado a nuestra amada Madre María, los encomiendo a su intercesión. Sepan que son recordados en cada Santa Misa, la verdadera fuente y cumbre de nuestra unidad cristiana.

Con afecto y oraciones sinceros,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, May 21

10:00am—2:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
2:00pm—7:00pm	Children's Concert	Guadalupe A/B
2:00pm—8:00pm	Cursillo #718 Convivio	Gym
6:00pm—8:00pm	Sagrado Corazon Meeting	Lourdes A/B

Monday, May 22

5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
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Tuesday, May 23

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 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

6:30pm—8:30pm	Youth Meeting	Gym
6:00pm—10:0pm	ACA Reception	Guadalupe A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

Saturday, May 27

9:00am—1:00pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Fatima
4:00pm—9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
4:30pm—7:30pm	Consagracion a la Virgen	Guadalupe A/B
5:00pm—6:30pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Fatima
6:30pm—8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Nazareth

INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

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

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.

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba
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

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

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.

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ Apt _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK [] *New Registration* [] *Changed Address*
 [] *I prefer envelopes* [] *I prefer E-giving*

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

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.

Nombre(s): _____
 Dirección: _____ Apt _____
 Ciudad _____ Estado _____ C. Postal _____
 Teléfono: _____
 E-mail: _____

POR FAVOR [] *Nueva Registración* [] *Cambio de dirección*
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VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DISCERNMENT BE NOT AFRAID

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN VOCATION OFFICE
BROOKLYNPRIESTS.ORG

FRATERNITAS — JUNE 17, 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 — JUNE 2—4, 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— JUNE 25, 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 at Sacred Heart/ St. Stephen, Brooklyn. 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

ROSARY SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place **on June 4**, 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

ROSARY SOCIETY FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Mount Carmel Institute— Lourdes Room

Grand Prizes

1st Prize: \$500 cash

2nd Prize: \$300 cash

3rd Prize: \$100 cash

You need not be present to win!

Ticket Prices: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Seating is limited.

For more information please contact the parish office.

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.



CHOIR & STRING TRIO

On Sunday, May 28th, The Mount Carmel Choir will be joined by the String Trio at the 11:00am Mass to celebrate the feast of Pentecost.



RECTORY COOK WANTED

The Rectory of Immaculate Conception Parish in Astoria is looking for a cook. Full or part time. Benefits included. Please call 718-728-1613 and speak to the pastor—Msgr. Ferrarese. If anyone knows of someone whom they can recommend, please pass on this information to that person. Thank you.



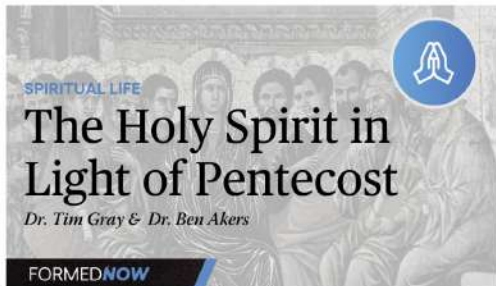
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 21, 2023



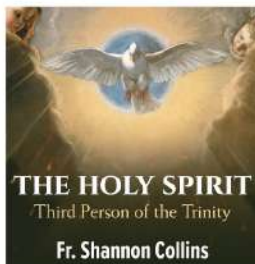
Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost.



The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON JOSEPH JV”



We are thrilled to congratulate newly ordained Deacon Joseph V. Nguyen, affectionately known as “JV”, on his Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon on May 20, 2023, in the Diocese of Allentown, PA. Deacon JV has been a beloved presence in our parish community for the past two years, serving as a seminarian during his summer and winter breaks from the Seminary. We invite everyone to join us this Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3PM for his Mass of First Preaching in English and Vietnamese. We extend our warmest wishes and blessings to Deacon JV on this joyous occasion, and eagerly await his Ordination to the Priesthood in the future.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We would like to thank all those generous individuals who made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal during our In-Pew weekend at our parish.

If you were not able to make a pledge, we are asking each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today.

It is important that our parish make its goal of \$67,815 in order to fulfill our mission and provide for all who depend on your generosity and good will.

Give your support today on behalf of our parish online at annualcatholicappeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255 or scan the QR code to get started. You can also call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 to have a pledge card mailed to your home.

Suggested giving amounts:

- \$100 one-time gift
- \$200 pledge = \$25 a month
- \$350 pledge = \$10 a week
- \$1,200 pledge = \$5 a day



Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



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

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



WHY DOES THE CHURCH HAVE DIFFERENT LITURGICAL CYCLES?

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

SEEKING CHRIST IN ONE ANOTHER

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed. But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship - but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are too few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us. "Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." Psalm 27 -

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



God mounts
his throne to
joyful shouts:
a blare of
trumpets for
the Lord.

Psalm 47

DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

We hear how the eleven apostles and Jesus' family and friends gathered together in prayer "in one accord" in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?

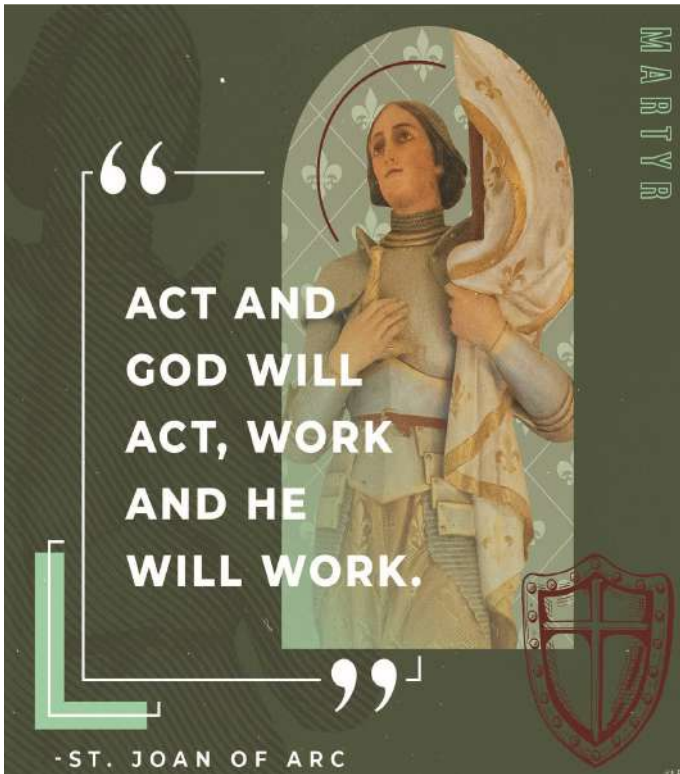
Second Reading

Peter acknowledges that you may suffer insults and ridicule for being a Christian. Has this ever happened to you?

Gospel Reading

Jesus tells his disciples that "eternal life" belongs to those who know the one true God and Jesus Christ. Is the idea of "eternal life" impacting how you live your life here on earth?





SAINT OF THE WEEK

Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun was an American military chaplain who served heroically on the battlefield as well as inside of a POW camp in North Korea until his death. While a POW, he cared for other prisoners bodily with stolen food and medicine, and spiritually as a priest.



Prayer

Lord Jesus, In the midst of the folly of war, your servant, Chaplain Emil Kapaun, spent himself in total service to you on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea, until his death at the hands of his captors. We now ask you, Lord Jesus, if it be your will, to make known to all the world the holiness of Chaplain Kapaun and the glory of his complete sacrifice for you by signs of miracles and peace. In your name, Lord, we ask, for you are the source of peace, the strength of our service to others, and our final hope. Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

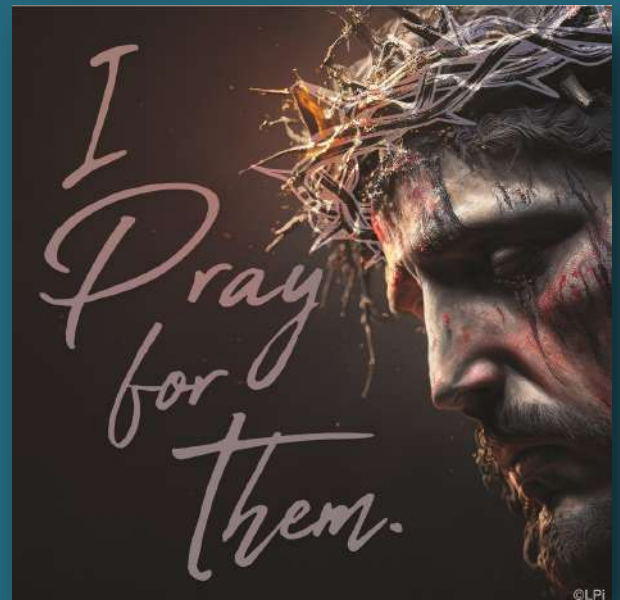
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches worldwide, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different - Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them." Jesus prays for us. For me. For you. Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, and your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.



- Father John Muir