



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (*Saints Cornelius & Cyprian*)

5:00pm Leonardo & Maria Bullaro,  
Mercedes Beck, Nancy A. Collins,  
William Del Muiraney (*1st Birthday Memorial*)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

#### (*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Theresa & Adam Jarrick  
9:00am Sabbia Carullo  
9:30am Maria Pastora Rodriguez  
11:00am Catechetical Sunday  
12:30pm Feliciano Verdejo  
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am Jin Ju Kang (*Death Anniversary*)  
12:00pm Jack Shohet

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (*Saint Januarius*)

8:00am Nery Solorzano (*Birthday Memorial*)  
12:00pm Mary Josephine & Roselia Leto

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (*Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions*)

8:00am Sr. Mary Elizabeth Gavan (*Birthday Memorial*)  
12:00pm Mina Castroverde

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (*Saint Matthew*)

8:00am Maria Mina Castroverde  
12:00pm Antonia Leto

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00am Lino Morales  
12:00pm Joan Walker

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*)

8:00am Leonardo & Giuseppina Grippi  
10:00am Padre Pio (Italian Mass— Chapel)  
5:00pm Gilberto Martinez (*Birthday Memorial*)  
Salvatore, Carmela, Maria, and Gioacchino  
Bruculeri, John Gatt, Tony Dagalea,  
Jolly Dagalea (*Living— Birthday*),  
Sister Eileen Monnelly (*Living— Birthday*)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

#### (*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Calvin de Los Santos  
9:00am Elio DiMonte  
9:30am Mercedes Beck  
11:00am Dorothy Nacinovich  
12:30pm Aquiles Rosario, Bardomiano Lopez,  
Angela Calixto, Zoraida Camacho  
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**September 16/17:** There will be a second collection after communion for Catholic Education.

**September 23/24:** There will be a second collection after communion for Our Parish Maintenance. Your donations make it possible to keep all parish spaces in good condition for your use.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



*The Altar Bread & Wine have been offered for  
Giorgio, Maria & Mario Blanda,  
by the Collura Family*



*The Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp are being  
offered for William Muiraney,  
by the Collura Family*

## MASS SCHEDULE

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday</b>      | 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)   |
| <b>Sunday</b>        | <b>Main Church:</b><br>8:00 AM (English)<br>9:30 AM (Bi-lingual)<br>11:00 AM (English)<br>12:30 PM (Spanish)<br>3:00 PM (Vietnamese)<br><b>Chapel:</b><br>9:00 AM (Italian)<br>10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak) |
| <b>Weekdays</b>      | 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon   |
| <b>Saturday</b>      | 8:00 AM  |
| <b>First Fridays</b> | 7:30 PM (Spanish)  |
| <b>Holy Days</b>     | 8:00 AM, 12 PM (English)<br>and 7:30 PM (Bi-lingual)   |
| <b>Holidays</b>      | 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—4:00pm

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

1:00pm—8:30pm

#### Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

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# Welcome



## WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

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

**Last weekend's collection: \$4,738**

**Same weekend last year: \$4,827**



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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***We would like to thank all those generous individuals who made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.***

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. As of September 11, 2023 we have a total of 177 parishioners who have pledged a total of \$64,667 from which \$58,329 has been collected.

Give your support today on behalf of our parish online at [annualcatholicappeal.org](http://annualcatholicappeal.org), scanning the QR code or texting "ACA" to 917-336-1255 or 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



## PARISH SUPPORT THROUGH E-GIVING

Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. It is a lifeline that sustains us year-round when summer vacations, holiday travels, inclement weather, and other forces keep people away from services. Plus it eases the workload on our hardworking staff, (who also want to take vacations!) since they have fewer cash and check donations to process. Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit [faith.direct/NY370](http://faith.direct/NY370)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text "Enroll" to 929-254-3850

## DONACIONES ELECTRONICAS

Nuestros ministerios parroquiales dependen del apoyo constante y constante proporcionado por los donantes mensuales. Es un salvavidas que nos sostiene durante todo el año cuando las vacaciones de verano, los viajes de vacaciones, las inclemencias del tiempo y otras fuerzas mantienen a las personas alejadas de los servicios. Además, alivia la carga de trabajo de nuestro personal trabajador (¡que también quiere tomarse vacaciones!), ya que tienen menos donaciones en efectivo y cheques para procesar. Comenzar con eGiving es fácil. Estas son las formas para registrarse:

- Visite [faith.direct/NY370](http://faith.direct/NY370)
- Llame al Servicio al Cliente de Faith Direct al 866-507-8757
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Enroll" a 929-254-3850



Dear brothers and sisters,

As we begin this 24th week of Ordinary Time, the Scripture readings for this Sunday underscore the essence of our Christian journey: forgiveness. They highlight God's infinite mercy and His directive for us to extend such grace to others.

Why forgive? This was the penetrating question posed by Time Magazine shortly after Pope St. John Paul II's historic visit to Mehmet Ali Agca in Rome's Rebibbia Prison, the very man who tried to assassinate him two years earlier. Their private conversation remains cloaked in mystery, but the Pope's message to the world was clear: *"I spoke to a brother whom I have pardoned."*

As a priest, I've counseled numerous individuals burdened with the scars of resentment, betrayal, and anger. These past traumas act as shackles, casting shadows over their relationships and interactions. Despite attempts to escape through vacations, work, entertainment, or even spiritual endeavors, they remain imprisoned by these emotions. Their outlook on life turns gloomy, and their spirit wanes. This spiritual malaise isn't mere allegory. St. Augustine aptly remarked, *"Resentment is like drinking poison and hoping the other person will die."* Louise Hay, in her book *"You Can Heal Your Life,"* posits that many physical ailments stem from unforgiveness – an observation that resonates with my pastoral experience.

The reluctance to forgive, I believe, stems from not having experienced the depth of being forgiven. I've observed that genuine reconciliation with others often follows after one's own reconciliation with God. Confronting their own flaws, many come to understand that their transgressions can be as grave, if not more so, than the wrongs done to them. This humbling realization paves the way for deeper understanding and compassion. In the Gospel, Jesus's call to Peter to forgive *"seventy times seven times"* (Mt 18:21-35) is a profound lesson in the art of letting go. Forgiveness isn't simply an act of mercy; it's a path to liberation. It doesn't aim to condone the offense, but to free the offended. As such, it can be the best gift to give to yourself.

As we start this week, I urge you to embrace Jesus' teachings on forgiveness as a route to the joy and peace that perhaps you are seeking. Please feel free to share with me your stories of journeying towards transformation by forgiveness.

On the subject of personal journeys, I wish to share an imminent trip of my own. This Tuesday, I'll be heading to Rome for two weeks, a detail some of you might recall from a previous column. I'm eagerly looking forward to the upcoming Consistory where the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, under whom I previously served, will be elevated to Cardinal. This trip marks a poignant return to the Eternal City, a place where I dedicated fourteen formative years in service to our universal Church. In addition, it provides me the privilege of participating in the Opening Mass of the World Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Convened by the Holy Father Francis, this pivotal assembly represents a profound moment for Church leaders to attune their ears to the Holy Spirit, echoed in the voices of the People of God today. Engaging in this experience will undoubtedly enrich my continued ministry here among you.

Please know I'll carry you in my prayer, especially before the Tombs of the Apostles and our beloved saints, including St. John Paul II. In return, I kindly ask for your prayers, hoping this trip will bring me rest, reconnection, and spiritual renewal.

Looking forward to rejoining you soon,  
**Msgr. Cuong M. Pham**



Estimados hermanos y hermanas,

Al iniciar esta duodécima-cuarta semana del Tiempo Ordinario, las lecturas de la Escritura para este domingo subrayan la esencia de nuestro camino cristiano: el perdón. Destacan la infinita misericordia de Dios y Su mandato de que extendamos tal gracia a los demás.

¿Por qué perdonar? Esta fue la penetrante pregunta que la revista Time planteó poco después de la histórica visita del Papa San Juan Pablo II a Mehmet Ali Agca en la prisión Rebibbia de Roma, el mismo hombre que intentó asesinarlo dos años antes. Su conversación privada sigue siendo un misterio, pero el mensaje del Papa al mundo fue claro: *“Hablé con un hermano a quien he perdonado”*.

Como sacerdote, he aconsejado a numerosas personas marcadas por las cicatrices del resentimiento, la traición y la ira. Estos traumas pasados actúan como cadenas, proyectando sombras sobre sus relaciones e interacciones. A pesar de intentar escapar a través de vacaciones, trabajo, entretenimiento o incluso esfuerzos espirituales, siguen atrapados por estas emociones. Su perspectiva de vida se vuelve sombría y su espíritu se debilita. Esta dolencia espiritual no es mera alegoría. San Agustín acertadamente comentó: *“El resentimiento es como beber veneno y esperar que la otra persona muera”*. Louise Hay, en su libro *“Usted puede sanar su vida”*, sugiere que muchas dolencias físicas provienen de la falta de perdón, una observación que resuena con mi experiencia pastoral.

Creo que la resistencia a perdonar proviene de no haber experimentado la profundidad del ser perdonado. He observado que una auténtica reconciliación con los demás a menudo sigue a la propia reconciliación con Dios. Al enfrentar sus propias faltas, muchos comprenden que sus transgresiones pueden ser tan graves, si no más, que las ofensas que recibieron. Esta humilde realización abre el camino para un entendimiento y compasión más profundos. En el Evangelio, el llamado de Jesús a Pedro a perdonar *“setenta veces siete”* (Mt 18:21-35) es una lección profunda sobre el arte de soltar. El perdón no es simplemente un acto de misericordia; es un camino hacia la liberación. No busca justificar el ofensor, sino liberar al ofendido. Como tal, puede ser el mejor regalo que uno pueda darse.

Al comenzar esta semana, les insto a abrazar las enseñanzas de Jesús sobre el perdón como una ruta hacia la alegría y la paz que quizás estén buscando. No duden en compartir conmigo sus historias de transformación a través del perdón.

Sobre el tema de los viajes personales, quisiera compartirles un próximo viaje que realizaré. Este martes, me dirigiré a Roma durante dos semanas, un detalle que algunos de ustedes recordarán de una columna anterior. Espero con entusiasmo el próximo Consistorio donde el Nuncio Apostólico a los Estados Unidos, bajo quien serví previamente, será elevado a Cardenal. Este viaje representa un emocionante retorno a la Ciudad Eterna, donde dediqué catorce años formativos al servicio de nuestra Iglesia universal. Además, tendré el privilegio de participar en la Misa de Apertura del Sínodo Mundial de Obispos sobre la Sinodalidad. Convocado por el Santo Padre Francisco, esta asamblea crucial representa un momento profundo para que los líderes de la Iglesia afinen sus oídos al Espíritu Santo, reflejado en las voces del Pueblo de Dios hoy. Sumergirme en esta experiencia enriquecerá sin duda mi ministerio continuo entre ustedes.

Sepan que los llevaré en mis oraciones, especialmente ante las Tumbas de los Apóstoles y nuestros santos amados, incluido San Juan Pablo II. A cambio, les pido amablemente sus oraciones, esperando que este viaje me traiga descanso, reconexión y renovación espiritual.

Espero volver a verlos pronto,  
**Msgr. Cuong M. Pham**



# THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

## Sunday, September 17

|                 |                     |               |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 10:00am—1:00pm  | Czech Community     | Lourdes A/B   |
| 10:00am—2:00pm  | Catechetical Sunday | Guadalupe A/B |
| 10:30am—12:15pm | Cursillo            | Gym           |
| 4:00pm—8:00pm   | Practica Chinos     | Guadalupe A/B |
| 6:00pm—8:00pm   | Sagrado Corazon     | Lourdes A/B   |

## Monday, September 18

|               |                   |               |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 7:00pm—9:00pm | Practica de Canto | Guadalupe A/B |
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## Tuesday, September 19

|               |                          |                   |
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| 3:30pm—6:00pm | Porque Ser Catolico?     | Fatima            |
| 5:30pm—7:00pm | Mariachi School          | Balcony           |
| 6:00pm—7:00pm | Preparacion para Bautizo | Lourdes A/B       |
| 6:00pm—9:00pm | Marriage Encounter       | Guadalupe+ Fatima |
| 7:00pm—9:00pm | Coro #1                  | Nazareth          |

## Wednesday, September 20

|               |                     |           |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 4:00pm—7:30pm | Religious Education | All Rooms |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------|

## Thursday, September 21

|                 |                     |               |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 10:00am—11:30am | Legion of Mary      | Guadalupe A/B |
| 6:00pm—7:30pm   | Religious Education | All Rooms     |
| 7:30pm—8:30pm   | Grupo de Amistad    | Lourdes A/B   |

## Friday, September 22

|               |                          |               |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 5:00pm—7:00pm | Bilingual Choir          | Nazareth      |
| 6:00pm—7:00pm | Altagracia Meeting       | Lourdes A/B   |
| 7:00pm—9:00pm | Practica de Instrumentos | Fatima        |
| 7:00pm—9:00pm | Youth Night              | Guadalupe A/B |

## Saturday, September 23

|                 |                           |               |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 9:00am—1:00pm   | AA Meeting                | Guadalupe A/B |
| 10:00am—12:30pm | Spanish Virtus Training   | Lourdes A/B   |
| 10:00am—12:00pm | Spanish Children's Choir  | Fatima        |
| 4:00pm—9:00pm   | Adult Sewing Group        | Lourdes A/B   |
| 5:00pm—6:30pm   | Ministerio de Consolacion | Nazareth      |
| 6:30pm—8:00pm   | Porque Ser Catolico?      | Fatima        |

## 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 **Kent Finley, Margarita Dostall, Victor Mayo, Lillie Bonanno, Mary Rocuzzo, Marco Rios, William Dsouza, John Dsouza, Sushila Dsouza, Carol Gigante, Mark Anthony Javier, Louis Jurilla and Aida Viera.**

## 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 **Victor Ejercito & Malou Reformina, John Bryam Guevara, Antonio Portugal, Gerry Viz Conde, Walmor Berretta J., Lisa Francis, Lynepte Caton, Fausto Silva, Anthony Da Camara, Cathy Gillies, Corazon M. Galang, Orlando T. Galang.**

## INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

| Preparation Meeting                    | Baptism Ceremony                 |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute</b>        | <b>12:00pm— Upper Church</b>     |
| October 24, 2023                       | October 28, 2023                 |
| November 21, 2023                      | November 25, 2023                |
| December 19, 2023                      | December 23, 2023                |
| Reunión de Preparación                 | Ceremonia de Bautismo            |
| <b>Martes—6:00pm—Instituto</b>         | <b>12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba</b> |
| 10 de Octubre, 2023                    | 14 de Octubre, 2023              |
| <b>NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE</b> |                                  |
| 5 de Diciembre, 2023                   | 9 de Diciembre, 2023             |

## ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society will have their monthly meeting on October 1, 2023 after the 9:30am Mass. Refreshments will be served. All ladies over age 15 are invited to join. Bring a friend.



### SAVE THE DATE!

### CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 9, 2023

1:00pm – 4:00pm in the Institute

We will let you know when tickets will be sold in the upcoming bulletin.

## RITE OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are an adult, 18 years or older, who has not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation, we invite you to consider preparing yourself to receive these very important spiritual gifts. Please call the parish office and leave a message with your contact information to learn how you can participate in this program.



## CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

All members meet every fourth Sunday of the month for the recitation of the Rosary before by the 9:00am Italian Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member please call the parish office and leave your name and number.



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

Nombre(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_  
Ciudad \_\_\_\_\_ Estado \_\_\_\_\_ C. Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

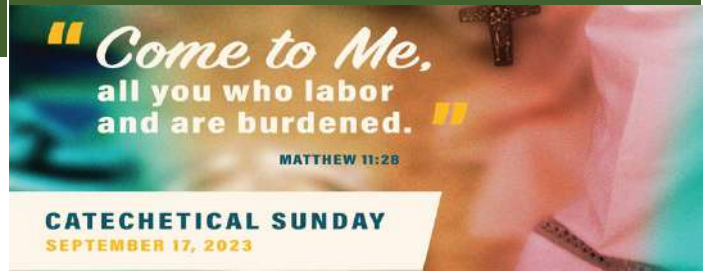
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Nueva Registración  Cambio de dirección  
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## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on **Friday, October 6, 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.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



The Catechist Mass will be celebrated in our parish Sunday, September 17 at the 11:00am Mass. We will have a commissioning ceremony for all our catechists who dedicate themselves to sharing the faith with our children Sunday after Sunday and with our adults in the RCIA process. This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Mt 11:28). Support our parish catechists with your prayers as they share their faith in Jesus with us this year.

## MANDATORY VIRTUS TRAINING

As per Diocesan regulations, all volunteers need to be trained in the Virtus Program and get background checked. For those who have taken the program **more than 7 years ago**, please log into your account online and make sure you are up to date. There will be a **training for new volunteers** on September 26, 2023 from 6:30pm— 9:00pm in the Parish Institute. Space is limited. You can register online at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org), select the Diocese of Brooklyn and our parish name or call the parish office for assistance.

## SATURDAY FAITH FELLOWSHIP

The Saturday Faith Fellowship Ministry invites all to a series of Video Presentations by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception). The video series will take place in the Parish Institute, 10:00am—1:00pm on the dates shown below.

A major component of the program is the group discussions and feedback on how the points raised by the video presentations resonated with the participants experiences. All are welcome to join us!

**September 23:** The Importance of Holy Communion

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT ON YOUTUBE

If you were not able to make it to the Choir's Christmas Concert last December, a beautiful video was made of this wonderful event. It is now on YouTube following the link below. It opens right up to the Concert, which is about 30 minutes long. Our thanks to Neida Martinez's for editing the video and to our dedicated choir for a fine performance.

<https://youtu.be/3RZ5DpOXVIY>



As summer winds down and the return to a hectic pace awaits, you may want to take some time to check the legal documents related to your home.

Considering NYC's real estate prices, your home may be your most valuable asset. Home title and related documents must be in order to make sure you and your family are protected.

For example, is the title to your house in your individual name or in joint name with someone else? Are you the surviving joint tenant of the property? If you paid off your mortgage, was the Satisfaction of Mortgage properly recorded? Are all your real estate taxes paid currently? Many people assume their real estate documents are in order, but sometimes there are unexpected difficulties which arise because of life events affecting the existing documentation. Taking the time to check does not take long and is important to make sure your home is secure.

Another good checkup is whether you have a valid Durable Power of Attorney which designates someone to act on your behalf in the event you incur a disability.

Remember, a disability can be anything from a broken arm affecting your ability to sign your name to a more serious disability from a medical condition such as a stroke. Again, over time and through some of life's circumstances, it is important to have a trusted person designated by you in place to act for you. It only takes a brief time to do the review to make sure you are protected. A little summertime review provides additional peace of mind for an enjoyable summer season.

If you would like to learn more about keeping your assets safe or other estate planning information, please call Celeste Stewart, our parish manager in the parish office or Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn & Queens at 718-965-7375.

**OLMC Youth Group**  
**5 REASONS TO JOIN!**

- 1 A FAITHFUL COMMUNITY**
- 2 A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**
- 3 LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH**
- 4 SPORT NIGHTS**
- 5 YEARLY RETREATS**

**MEET WITH US EVERY FRIDAY @ 7PM**

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## ARE CATHOLICS ALLOWED TO VISIT PSYCHICS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.





A medida que el verano termina y le espera el regreso a un ritmo agitado, es posible que desee tomarse un tiempo para revisar los documentos legales relacionados con su hogar.

Teniendo en cuenta los precios inmobiliarios de la ciudad de Nueva York, su casa puede ser su activo más valioso. El título de la vivienda y los documentos relacionados deben ser para garantizar que usted y su familia estén protegidos.

Por ejemplo, ¿el título de su casa está a su nombre individual o a nombre conjunto con otra persona? ¿Es usted el copropietario sobreviviente de la propiedad? Si canceló su hipoteca, ¿se registró correctamente la Satisfacción de la Hipoteca? ¿Están todos sus impuestos inmobiliarios pagados actualmente? Muchas personas asumen que sus documentos inmobiliarios están en orden, pero a veces surgen dificultades inesperadas debido a acontecimientos de la vida que afectan la documentación existente.

Tomarse el tiempo para verificar no toma mucho tiempo y es importante para asegurarse de que su hogar esté seguro.

Otro buen control es si tiene un poder notarial duradero válido que designe a alguien para actuar en su nombre en caso de que incurra en una discapacidad. Recuerde, una discapacidad puede ser cualquier cosa, desde un brazo roto que afecte su capacidad para firmar con su nombre hasta una discapacidad más grave derivada de una afección médica como un derrame cerebral.

Nuevamente, con el tiempo y a través de algunas circunstancias de la vida, es importante contar con una persona de confianza designada por usted para que actúe en su nombre. Sólo toma un breve tiempo realizar la revisión para asegurarse de que está protegido. Un pequeño repaso del verano proporciona tranquilidad adicional para disfrutar de una agradable temporada de verano.

Si desea obtener más información sobre cómo mantener seguros sus bienes u otra información sobre planificación patrimonial, llame a Celeste Stewart, nuestra gerente parroquial en la oficina parroquial, o a la Fundación Católica para Brooklyn y Queens al 718-965-7375.

## DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Se les invita a la Coronilla Cantada el 30 de Septiembre, en la Iglesia de Arriba, a las 6:30pm. Para más información, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834.

## RITO DE INICIACION PARA ADULTOS

Si usted es un adulto, mayor de 18 años, quien no ha recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o la Confirmación, se le invita a considerar prepararse para recibir estos regalos espirituales muy importantes. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial y deje su información de contacto para el Diacono Jacob.

## DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

### Second Reading

Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?





**Diocesan  
Eucharistic  
Revival**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Maimonides Park, Brooklyn**

- 9:00 AM - Gates Open**
- 10:00 AM - Youth Event**
- 11:30 AM - Family Catechesis**
- 12:45 PM - Eucharistic Procession**
- 1:30 PM - Mass and Closing**

"WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER"

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

**Prayer**

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.



# ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION!

*It's a Saints Costume Party\**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**1:00pm- 4:30pm**

**All kids - 12 to 17 years old are invited – Bring a friend**

1:00PM-2:00PM – Adoration/Reflection/Benediction

*Reflection – The Way to Sainthood*

2:00PM- 4:30PM

Create your own Costume! Pick a favorite Saint!

There will be games and prizes awarded

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

23-25 Newtown Avenue

Astoria, NY 11102

*Lower Church*

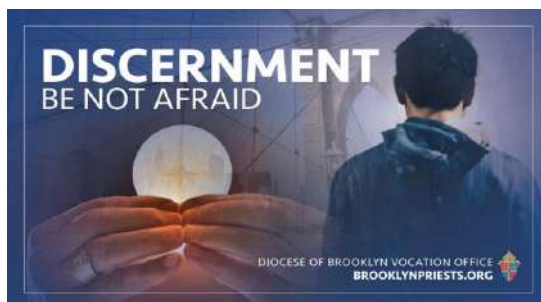


**\*This is not a Halloween Costume Party**

*Parents invited to join us*

For more information: email: [media@mountcarmelastoria.org](mailto:media@mountcarmelastoria.org)

or call: 718-278-1834



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