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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:00pm Pauline Barrett, Teresa Crichton,
Delores Fulton, Ramon Nazario,
Mairead Feighery

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 (*Second Sunday of Lent*)

8:00am In Thanksgiving to God
9:00am Gino Augusto
9:30am Guadalupe Vidal (*Feliz Cumpleaños*)
11:00am Luigi Lanca (*Memorial*)
12:30pm Víctor Vázquez, Ismael Moran Santana,
Lino Serrano, Ercilia & Paula Vidal,
Alberta Diaz Patricio, Por el Bienestar de
Diacono Rubén & Consuelo Méndez
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00am Salvatore Tagliafero
12:00pm Erika Mosler Reicheman

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00am Patricia Largana
12:00pm Joy San Agustin

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00am Christopher Elijah & Maria Magdalena
12:00pm Deceased Members of the
Hynes & Robins Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00am Amina & Sarah Sayed, Banaz Mahamed
12:00pm Rosalia & Salvatore Arcabascio

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Mary Kerrigan
7:30pm Angel Ruiz

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8:00am Deceased Members of the Min & Suh Families
5:00pm Rolando Ortiz, Solita Rueda,
Augusto Santos (*For Healing*)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 (*Third Sunday of Lent*)

8:00am The Living & Deceased Members of
Our Parish's Rosary Society
9:00am Barbara Devis
9:30am Miguel Carlos Fuentes
11:00am Memorial for Unborn Nacinovich Children
12:30pm Claudio Roldan, Santiago Carty Reyes,
Alicia Vargas, Zaida Palaguachi (*8 Aniversario*)
Trinidad Palaguachi & Dolores Guaman,
Rafael Gómez Domínguez (*4 Aniversario*),
Por el Bienestar del Diacono Jacob y Elenita Rodríguez
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERING



**The Altar Candles are being offered for
Patricia Largana, by Nicoletta & Ida Barretta**

*Dedicated offerings can be reserved every week in honor
or in memory of a loved one. You can reserve by visiting
the parish office.*

Altar Candles: \$15.00 Sanctuary Lamp: \$25.00
Altar Bread & Wine \$35.00 Altar Flowers: \$100.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 10: There will be a second collection after
communion for Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is
greatly appreciated.

March 17: There will be a second collection after com-
munion, for your Easter Gift to the parish. Your generosity
is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Main Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bilingual) 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—4:00pm

OFFICE HOURS
Weekday:
9:00am—12:00 Noon
1:00pm—8:30pm
Saturday:
9:00am—12:00 Noon

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider registering to our parish. This will enable our parish to serve your needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your participation will strengthen your sense of belonging in God's family.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Apt _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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New Registration Changed Address
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2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We thank all who contributed to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. A total of \$85,397 has been pledged by 204 parishioners and what remains to be collected is \$1,451. Once all monies are collected, \$17,582 will remain in the parish to be used to finance parochial projects which will benefit the people of our parish.

This week begins the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA video online at www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn & Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

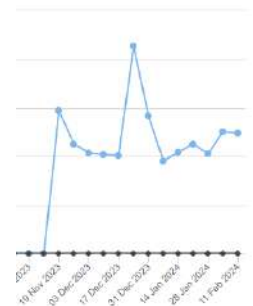
Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation & Mission.

We invite you to stand with your parish in supporting the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. To donate, visit www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **DONATE** to **917.336.1255**.

MASS ATTENDANCE RECORD

Weekend of February 17/18 Number of Attendees

Saturday English Vigil 5:00pm	122
Sunday English 8:00am	102
9:00am Italian	20
9:30am Bilingual	135
10:00am Czech	21
English 11:00am	212
12:30pm Spanish	366
3:00pm Vietnamese	40



WEEKLY MASS OFFERINGS

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Last Sunday: \$5,139 Same Week Last Year: \$5,731

FAITH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS

January 2023: \$5,901 January 2024: \$5,907



Dear faithful parishioners,

As we gather on this Second Sunday of Lent, our hearts and minds are immersed in the profound mystery and wonder of our faith, illuminated by the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This sacred event is not merely a historical account; it is a living testament to the hope and encouragement available to us, especially during trials, sufferings, or moments of weakened faith.

In the Gospel, we witness the extraordinary transformation of Jesus on Mount Tabor, where He shines with divine glory. This Christophany, revealing Jesus as the Son of God, surpasses even the greatest prophets, Moses and Elijah. It is a foretaste of the heavenly glory that awaits those who faithfully follow God's will, reminding us that our current struggles are part of a larger, divine narrative.

Reflecting on this narrative of transfiguration of Jesus, I am reminded of a touching story shared by Dr. Peggy Hartshorn, president of *Heartbeat International* (www.heartbeatinternational.org). It's about a woman, amidst the turmoil of deciding on an abortion, who experiences a profound revelation. During an ultrasound, she sees her unborn child, perfectly shaped and moving in her womb, and, in a miraculous moment, reaches out to touch the monitor. Mirroring her gesture, her baby stretches out its arm, their hands meeting across the screen. This powerful moment of connection transforms her decision, leading her to choose life. She kept the baby.

This story beautifully parallels the transformative power of the Transfiguration. Just as the woman glimpsed the mystery of life within her, the Apostles glimpsed the divine mystery of Jesus. These moments of revelation open our eyes to a reality much larger than our everyday existence, offering a transformative perspective that reshapes our understanding and actions.

Our sacramental life in the Church mirrors this transformative journey. Each Sacrament is an encounter with the divine mystery that profoundly changes us. In Baptism, we become children of God; in Confirmation, temples of the Holy Spirit; in Reconciliation, we are restored to righteousness. These are not just rituals; they are personal transfigurations that shape and mold our spiritual journey, akin to the Apostles' experience on Mount Tabor.

In the Holy Mass, through the miracle of transubstantiation, we encounter the living Christ. The transformation of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus is an invitation for us to touch this mystery with our faith. Each Mass is a source of strength, reflecting the way Jesus' Transfiguration fortified the Apostles.

Let us, in times of doubt or despair, remember this profound connection. The woman's touch on the ultrasound screen was a touch of a greater mystery, much like our touch of the divine in the Sacraments. This touch has the power to transform our understanding, our actions, and our entire life's journey.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us remain focused on Jesus. His Transfiguration serves as a beacon of hope and strength, reminding us of the glorious transformation that awaits us. Let us embrace every sacramental encounter with open hearts, allowing these experiences to transform, encourage, and strengthen us, especially in moments of darkness and fear.

In Christ's transformative love,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos fieles parroquianos,

Mientras nos reunimos en este Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma, nuestros corazones y mentes están sumergidos en el profundo misterio y maravilla de nuestra fe, iluminados por el Evangelio de la Transfiguración de Jesús. Este sagrado evento no es simplemente un relato histórico; es un testimonio vivo de la esperanza y el ánimo disponibles para nosotros, especialmente durante pruebas, sufrimientos o momentos de fe debilitada.

En el Evangelio, somos testigos de la extraordinaria transformación de Jesús en el Monte Tabor, donde brilla con gloria divina. Esta Cristofanía, que revela a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios, supera incluso a los mayores profetas, Moisés y Elías. Es un anticipo de la gloria celestial que espera a aquellos que siguen fielmente la voluntad de Dios, recordándonos que nuestras luchas actuales son parte de una narrativa divina más amplia.

Reflexionando sobre esta narrativa de la transfiguración de Jesús, recuerdo una historia conmovedora compartida por la Dra. Peggy Hartshorn, presidenta de *Heartbeat International* (www.heartbeatinternational.org). Se trata de una mujer, en medio de la turbulencia de decidir sobre un aborto, que experimenta una revelación profunda. Durante una ecografía, ve a su hijo aún no nacido, perfectamente formado y moviéndose en su vientre, y, en un momento milagroso, extiende la mano para tocar el monitor. Reflejando su gesto, su bebé estira su brazo, y sus manos se encuentran a través de la pantalla. Este poderoso momento de conexión transforma su decisión, llevándola a elegir la vida. Ella mantuvo al bebé.

Esta historia se asemeja bellamente al poder transformador de la Transfiguración. Así como la mujer vislumbró el misterio de la vida dentro de ella, los Apóstoles vislumbraron el misterio divino de Jesús. Estos momentos de revelación abren nuestros ojos a una realidad mucho más grande que nuestra existencia cotidiana, ofreciendo una perspectiva transformadora que remodela nuestro entendimiento y acciones.

Nuestra vida sacramental en la Iglesia refleja este viaje transformador. Cada Sacramento es un encuentro con el misterio divino que nos cambia profundamente. En el Bautismo, nos convertimos en hijos de Dios; en la Confirmación, en templos del Espíritu Santo; en la Reconciliación, somos restaurados a la rectitud. Estos no son solo rituales; son transfiguraciones personales que dan forma y moldean nuestro viaje espiritual, similares a la experiencia de los Apóstoles en el Monte Tabor.

En la Santa Misa, a través del milagro de la transubstanciación, encontramos a Cristo vivo. La transformación del pan y el vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús es una invitación para que toquemos este misterio con nuestra fe. Cada Misa es una fuente de fuerza, reflejando la forma en que la Transfiguración de Jesús fortaleció a los Apóstoles.

En tiempos de duda o desesperación, recordemos esta profunda conexión. El toque de la mujer en la pantalla del ultrasonido fue el toque de un misterio mayor, muy parecido a nuestro toque de lo divino en los Sacramentos. Este toque tiene el poder de transformar nuestro entendimiento, nuestras acciones y toda la trayectoria de nuestra vida.

Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, mantengamos nuestro enfoque en Jesús. Su Transfiguración sirve como un faro de esperanza y fortaleza, recordándonos la gloriosa transformación que nos espera. Acojamos cada encuentro sacramental con corazones abiertos, permitiendo que estas experiencias nos transformen, nos alienten y nos fortalezcan, especialmente en momentos de oscuridad y miedo.

En el amor transformador de Cristo,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 25

10:00am—1:00pm Czech Community *Lourdes A/B*
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish OCIA *Fatima*
 10:30am—12:30pm Cursillo *Guadalupe A/B*

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

4:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*

Thursday, February 22

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, February 23

11:00am—12:30pm Porque Ser Catolico? *Lourdes A/B*
 6:30pm—9:00pm Practica de Instrumentos *Upper Room*
 6:30pm—9:00pm Youth Night *Guadalupe A/B*
 7:00pm—9:00pm Porque Ser Catolico? *Lourdes A/B*
 7:00pm—9:00pm English OCIA *Fatima*

Saturday, February 24

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

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held March 3rd, starting at 10:00am in the Lourdes Room. All ladies over 15 years old are welcomed. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!

ASK THE VOCATION DIRECTOR!

Fr. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director, is here to help as you seek to discover God's call for your life! If you have questions, need to talk through your discernment, or want to make an appointment, please feel free to contact him at 718-827-2454 or email cbethge@cathedralprep.org



MOUNT CARMEL CHOIR



The Mount Carmel Choir will be singing at the 5:00pm mass on Saturday, February 24th and at the 11am Mass on Sunday March 3rd.

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.

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 **Minda Balhaman, Ralph Vitacco, Leonida Soresca, Eugenio Acevedo, Wasył Bodnar, Lillie Bonanno, Jalil Illera, Dilara Ayse Osman, Setiminio Ravik, Bronko Kos, Alvin Trusty, John Agius, Manuele Vdokakes, Vincent Arnone, Sadie Arnone, George Vdokakes, Grace Vdokakes, Solita Escubio Ruendo.**



JOIN FAITH DIRECT FOR E-GIVING

Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- * Visit faith.direct/NY370
- * Call the parish office at 718.278.1834
- * Scan the QR code
- * Text "Enroll" to 929.254.3850



DIOCESAN YOUTH HOLY HOURS

The Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens invites all youth and young adults and their families to their monthly Youth Holy Hours. Below are the upcoming dates and locations. For more information please call the parish office.

March 1, 2024 Incarnation, 89-43 Francis Lewis Blvd. Queens
 April 12, 2024 Ss. Peter & Paul, 228 Berry Street. Brooklyn
 May 3, 2024 Mary's Nativity/St. Ann, 4602 Parsons Blvd. Queens
 June 7, 2024 Holy Family/St. Thomas Aquinas, 249 9th St. Brooklyn

SMART WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Did you know that there are ways to support our beloved 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. To learn more please contact Neida Martinez at our parish office 718-278-1834 or call the Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

FORMAS INTELIGENTES DE APOYAR NUESTRA QUERIDA PARROQUIA

¿Sabías que existen formas de apoyar a nuestra querida parroquia y la misión de la Iglesia que también pueden ofrecerte beneficios fiscales... y potencialmente incluso una fuente de ingresos? Si tienes un activo como acciones apreciadas, un plan de jubilación, arte, bienes raíces u otros activos, un regalo planificado podría ser una manera más inteligente de dar que solo efectivo. Con un regalo planificado, como los mencionados anteriormente, puedes sostener a nuestra querida parroquia al mismo tiempo que tomas decisiones financieras inteligentes para beneficiar a tu familia. Para obtener más información, por favor contacta a Neida Martínez en nuestra oficina parroquial al 718-278-1834 o llama a la Fundación Católica al 718-965-7375.



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: _____

POR FAVOR MARCAR:

- Nueva Registración Cambio de dirección
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS



You are cordially invited to participate in our parish's communal celebration of the Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis. **This traditional devotion is held every Friday during Lent right after the 12 Noon Mass in the chapel.** Booklets will be provided for all participants. Come to retrace the steps of Jesus, to know the depth of His Love for you!

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, March 1st, 2024.** 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.

INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm— Upper Church
March 19, 2024	March 23, 2024
April 23, 2024	April 27, 2024
May 21, 2024	May 25, 2024
June— NO CLASS	No English Baptisms
July 23, 2024	July 27, 2024
August 20, 2024	August 24, 2024
September 24, 2024	September 28, 2024
October 22, 2024	October 26, 2024
November 19, 2024	November 23, 2024
December 17, 2024	December 21, 2024

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba
5 de Marzo	9 de Marzo
9 de Abril	13 de Abril
NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EL MES DE MAYO	
4 de Junio	8 de Junio
9 de Julio	13 de Julio
6 de Agosto	10 de Agosto
10 de Septiembre	14 de Septiembre
8 de Octubre	12 de Octubre
5 de Noviembre	9 de Noviembre
10 de Diciembre	14 de Diciembre

Lent

fast · give · pray

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The penitential and grace-filled Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. It is a time of hope-filled renewal as the Church journeys towards Easter. During Lent, the Church calls us to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, “which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1434 and 1969*). To foster this spirit, the Church reminds us of the following obligations:

Abstinence: Healthy Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, every Friday of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: Healthy adult Catholics age 18-59 inclusive are bound to fast, limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two mealtimes and nothing in between.

Almsgiving: The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal.

Those not bound by these regulations, such as young and elderly persons or those who are sick, are encouraged to practice other forms of personal penance and sacrifice.



REGLAMENTOS DE CUARESMA

La temporada de Cuaresma penitencial y llena de gracia comienza con el Miércoles de Ceniza, 14 de febrero de 2024. Es un tiempo de renovación llena de esperanza a medida que la Iglesia camina hacia la Pascua. Durante la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos llama a un espíritu más profundo de penitencia, ayuno, limosna y oración, “que expresan la conversión en relación con uno mismo, con Dios y con los demás” (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, nos. 1434 y 1969*). Para fomentar este espíritu, la Iglesia nos recuerda las siguientes obligaciones:

Abstinencia: Todos los fieles que han cumplido 14 años de edad deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.

Ayuno: Todos los fieles entre las edades de 18 y 59 inclusive están obligados a ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. El ayuno significa limitarse a una comida completa y evitar los alimentos entre comidas. El sustento ligero se puede tomar en otras dos ocasiones durante el día. El café, el té y el zumo están permitidos en cualquier momento.

La limosna: El acto de dar a los pobres, en la más antigua tradición de la Iglesia, es expresión de penitencia, testimonio de caridad fraterna y expresión de conversión cuaresmal. Los católicos animan a apoyar generosamente las obras caritativas de toda la Iglesia a través de la administración regular de su parroquia, el apoyo a las organizaciones benéficas y su generosa respuesta a la Campaña Católica Anual.

A los que no están sujetos a estas normas, como los jóvenes y las personas o los enfermos, se les anima a practicar otras formas de penitencia y sacrificio personal.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo
23-25 Newtown Avenue
Astoria, NY 11102

CORONILLA CANTADA

6:30pm en la
Iglesia de Arriba

Sabados en 2024:

27 de enero

10 de febrero

23 de marzo

Celebracion de la Divina
Misericordia sera el
Domingo 7 de Abril;
Misa a las 12:30pm seguido
con la fiesta en el gimnasio.

25 de mayo

29 de junio

13 de julio

31 de agosto

28 de september

26 de octubre

30 de noviembre

Jesus, en Ti confio!

Comuniquese con la oficina parroquial si necesita alguna informacion adicional.

El comite

Via Crucis

les invita a participar en la dramatizacion de la pasion del Señor.

Si desea participar, por favor visite el Instituto Parroquial despues de la Santa Misa los domingos adonde se realizan las practicas.

Para mas informacion comuniquese con la oficina parroquial 718.278.1834 y deje su nombre y telefono

JOURNEYING HOME TOGETHER

Some activities simply become more enriching and enjoyable when shared with others. Be it watching a movie, dining out, or participating in a community Mass, these experiences often gain an added layer of joy and fulfillment in the company of others. The Lenten Season embodies a similar spirit of communal engagement. During Lent, the entire Church collectively embarks on a reflective journey, examining the presence and impact of sin both in our personal lives and in the wider world.

At the onset of Lent, we mark each other's foreheads with ashes, a symbolic act that serves as a poignant reminder of Jesus' call for us to renounce sin and worldly vanities. These forty days are a time of intentional effort and sacrifice, where we choose to eat less and redirect our resources towards assisting those in need. It's a period where we consciously abstain from harmful habits like gossip, replacing them with positive thoughts and attitudes.

Together, as a community, we strive to engage more deeply with God's word, taking deliberate steps to reorient our lives. This reorganization aims to reestablish our relationship with God and His Church as our foremost priority. Lent provides an opportune moment to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a time for spiritual renewal and returning to our faith's core values.

The journey towards spiritual homecoming feels significantly more profound and meaningful when we undertake it as a community. Walking this path with others not only strengthens our individual faith but also reinforces the bonds of our shared belief and fellowship.



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Memorial Palm Crosses



Remember those who have passed, and/or honor your loved ones by memorializing a Palm Cross which will adorn the parish property beginning on Palm Sunday.

Recuerde a los que han fallecido y/o honre a sus seres queridos conmemorando una Cruz de Palma que adornará la propiedad parroquial a partir del Domingo de Ramos.

Please complete the following:

How many crosses would you like to memorialize? (\$35 each)

(Memorial labels will include the name of the Individuals or Couples for each cross.)

Please Circle One

Cross #1 (In Memory of/ In Honor of): _____

Cross #2 (In Memory of/ In Honor of): _____

Cross #3 (In Memory of/ In Honor of): _____

For additional crosses, please attach a separate sheet of paper to this form.

Deadline: Monday, March 18, 2024

Name/ Nombre: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Crosses: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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