

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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February 02, 2020 ~ The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Parish Center Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

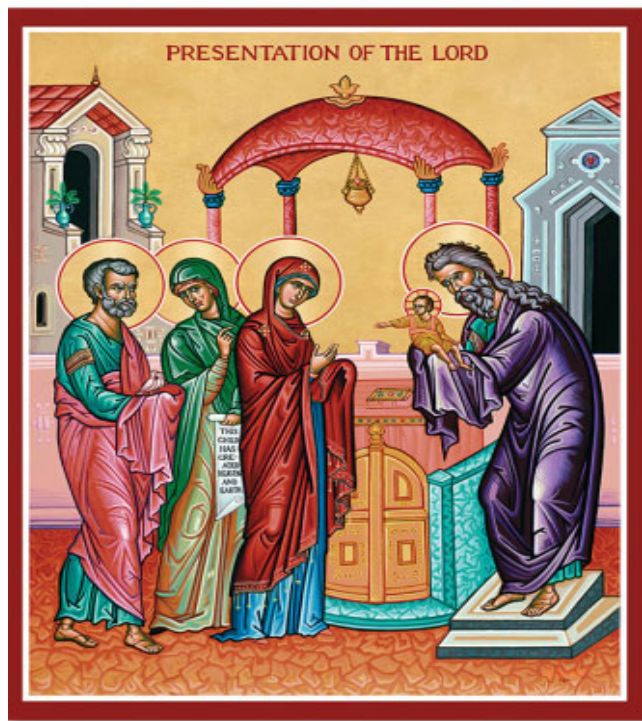
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Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ulysses D'Aquila
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Director of Music: Bianca Remlinger
Pre-School Director: Maureen Arnott

Through the
Intercession of
St. Jerome, we
pray for all
orphaned chil-
dren, those in
foster care, and
children who
live in poverty.
May God protect
them from all
harm and watch
over them.



Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Español), and 5 pm

Saturday: 8:15 am and 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Monday to Friday 8:15 am

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 3:30 -4:30 pm

Baptisms / Bautismos

Call parish at least two months in advance.

Llame a la parroquia a lo menos dos meses antes.

Weddings / Bodas

Call parish at least six months in advance.

Llame a la parroquia a lo menos seis meses antes.

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is a Christ-centered community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We try to share the Good News of salvation with others. As a diverse community, we value and respect individual differences. As God's people, we gather in the Spirit to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, to teach, to learn, to console, to rejoice, to minister and to renew our faith with one another.

Notes from the Pastor

This Sunday we are celebrating a special Feast of the Church, the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple. In former times, this Feast was known as Candelmas or Candelaria and then, as now, the Mass was supposed to begin with a blessing of candles and a solemn procession to the altar. This feast is one of the oldest on our Church calendar and it originated in the city of Jerusalem where Jesus' presentation would have taken place. In Jewish law, a woman was considered ritually unclean for a period of about forty days after giving birth. After that time, the woman would go to the temple where she would offer a sacrifice and be blessed by the priests. In addition, if she had given birth to her first boy child, the infant would be specially dedicated to God. In St. Luke's beautiful Gospel for this day, Mary and Joseph encounter in the temple a very holy and devout man named Simeon who all of his life has been waiting for the promised Messiah. When he takes Jesus in his arms, he is filled with the Holy Spirit as he realizes that he is holding the Savior. Simeon then utters a prayer to God saying, "You can take me, Lord, because now I have seen the salvation you promised." When they hear this, Mary and Joseph are astonished. Simeon turns to Mary and tells her something both profound and painful: that her Son is destined for the rise and fall of many in Israel. In other words, many will be cured of their illnesses and even more will find enlightenment and peace through Jesus' teachings. Tragically, many others will not be able to accept his saving word and they will persecute and eventually murder Jesus. As a result of this rejection of her son, Mary's own heart will be pierced as if by swords. Mary, at that moment, could not have known what lay ahead – that she would one day follow her Son up the hill of Calvary and watch him be tortured and put to death. Simeon concludes his prophecy by saying that all of this will happen "so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We who are Catholic Christians two thousand years since the crucifixion and Christ's resurrection from the dead are still bystanders along the road that Jesus walked. We watch helplessly the terrible human suffering that exists in the world, along with the persecution and denial of faith that we see around us. But we also watch in hope, knowing that this suffering is part of the Way of the Cross as humanity treads its long, difficult path toward redemption at the end of time. So let us dedicate ourselves more than ever to standing firm in our faith, so that Christ, who is the Light of the World, might rule our hearts and guide every step that we take. *Fr. Ulysses*



Notas del Párroco

Este domingo estamos celebrando una fiesta especial de la Iglesia, la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el Templo. En otros tiempos, esta fiesta se conoce como la Candelaria y, como ahora, la Misa comenzaría con una bendición de velas y una procesión solemne hasta el altar. Esta fiesta es una de las más antiguas en nuestro calendario de la Iglesia, y originó en la ciudad de Jerusalén donde la presentación de Jesús habría tenido lugar. En la ley judía, una mujer era considerada ritualmente impura por un período de unos cuarenta días después de dar a luz. Después de ese tiempo, la mujer iba al templo para ofrecer un sacrificio y recibir la bendición del sacerdote. Además, si ella había dado a luz a su primer hijo varón, los padres dedicaron a su bebé a Dios. El Evangelio de San Lucas que escuchamos este día nos dice que, al llegar al templo, María y José encuentran a un hombre muy santo y piadoso llamado Simeón, que toda su vida ha estado esperando el Mesías prometido. Cuando él toma el Niño Jesús en sus brazos, se llena con el Espíritu Santo sabiendo que éste es su Salvador. Simeón en este momento rece a Dios diciendo: "Ya me puedes dejar morir, Señor, porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, luz que alumbra a las naciones." Cuando oyen esto, María y José se asombran. Simeón se dirige a María y le dice algo a la vez profunda y dolorosa: que su hijo está destinado para el ascenso y la caída de muchos en Israel. En otras palabras, muchos serán curados de sus enfermedades y aún más encontrarán la iluminación y la paz a través de las enseñanzas de Jesús. Trágicamente, muchos otros no serán capaces de aceptar su palabra de salvación y que por fin asesinaron a Jesús. Como resultado de este rechazo de su Hijo, el corazón de María será traspasado como por espadas. María, en ese momento, no podía haber sabido lo que le esperaba - que algún día seguiría a su Hijo hasta el cerro del Calvario y allá verlo torturado y condenado a muerte. Simeón concluye su profecía diciendo que todo esto va a suceder "para que los pensamientos de muchos corazones sean revelados." Nosotros, que ahora somos cristianos católicos dos mil años desde la crucifixión y la resurrección de Jesucristo seguimos siendo espectadores a lo largo del camino de Jesús. Observamos con impotencia el terrible sufrimiento humano que existe en el mundo, junto con la persecución y la negación de la fe que vemos a nuestro alrededor. Pero también vigilamos con esperanza, sabiendo que este sufrimiento es parte del Camino de la Cruz al pisar la humanidad su largo y difícil camino hacia la redención al final de los tiempos. Así que dediquémonos más que nunca a nuestra fe, para que Cristo, quien es la Luz del mundo, podría gobernar nuestros corazones y guiar cada paso que tomamos.

Padre Ulysses

Today's Second Collection is for our Parish Facilities.

This collection helps us to maintain our church and other parish facilities in good condition, to do the repairs and upgrades that are needed, and to cover the gardening needs of the Parish.



The second collection next week will be for our Religious Education Programs.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

VANCOPAYMENTS.COM is an agency created to facilitate the process of donations, if you wish to make your donations to the Church electronically or by Credit Card, please see our website,

www.mountcarmel.org
press **Donate** and follow the easy instructions.

Thank You, God reward your



GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

The loss of every loved one creates many changes, challenges and pain. "Good Grief", an ongoing support group, meets first and third Thursday at the Parish Center, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We care. We share. Do come.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If someone in your family is homebound, lives nearby and is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact **Julie O'Leary** at **(650) 361-8681**. Communion ministers are needed to bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Please call Julie O'Leary if you would like to participate in this worthy ministry.

Monday February 3

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr



Father Ulysses will offer the traditional blessing of throats following the 8:15 a.m. Mass

Women's Club

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Small Hall ~ \$20 per person.

Menu: Tri-Tip, Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

All women over 21 are welcome!

Bring a friend as we celebrate an early Valentine's Day.



Tax time is upon us. We very much appreciate the financial support of our parishioners throughout the year. For all those who would like a letter detailing their annual donations for tax purposes, please contact **Ivette Meléndez**, OLMC Administrative Assistant, at the Parish Office: at **imelendez@mountcarmel.org** or **(650) 366-3802**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 01, 2020

5:00 PM Don Kenny †

Sunday, February 02, 2020

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory †

10:00 AM Albert Baccelli †

12:00 PM Aurora Muñiz †

5:00 PM Pro Populo

Monday, February 03, 2020

8:15 AM Fr. Louis Liberati, SDB †

Tuesday, February 04, 2020

8:15 AM Mary Williams †

Wednesday, February 05, 2020

8:15 AM Eduardo Arellano †

Thursday, February 06, 2020

8:15 AM Matthew Smith †

Friday, February 07, 2020

8:15 AM Winnie Buckley †

Saturday, February 08, 2020

8:15 AM Betty Green †

THIS WEEK AT MT. CARMEL

Sunday, February 02, 2020

CCD Classes	8:30 AM	School
RCIA	9:00 to 10:00 AM	Chapel
Children's Liturgy	10:00 AM	Church

Monday, February 03, 2020

Grupo Carismático (Mesa Directiva) 7:00 PM Old Chapel

Tuesday, February 04, 2020

Padre Parents Assn.	6:00 PM	Small Hall
Grupo Guadalupano	7:00 PM	Parish Center
Men's Basketball	8:30 PM	Large Hall

Wednesday, February 05, 2020

Women's Club	6:30 PM	Small Hall
CCD Classes	6:30 PM	School
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Old Chapel
Grupo Carismático	7:00 PM	Large Hall

Thursday, February 06, 2020

Good Grief	6:00 PM	Old Chapel
CCD Classes	6:30 PM	School

Friday, February 07, 2020

School Slumber Party	6:00 PM	Large Hall
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Saturday, February 08, 2020

Butterfly Ball	7:00 PM	Large Hall
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Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus
Monday: Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: of the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Friday: of the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time
Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani and
St. Josephine Bakhita



Welcome Our Lady of Mount Carmel Registration Form

The following confidential information will be entered in our parish data system. It is only for the purpose of knowing and serving you better.

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **zip:** _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

Others in your household: _____

Number of adults over 18 years of age: _____

Number of children under 18 years of age: _____

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