

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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The Feast of the Holy Family ~ December 29, 2019

Parish Center Hours

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

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Parish Staff

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Youth Confirmation: Judy Draper
Director of Music: Bianca Remlinger



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.



Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly,
teaching and
admonishing one
another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual
songs, with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16

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

Nothing is more hotly debated today than the nature of marriage and the nature of family. The competing voices in this debate tend to divide into two camps, those who feel that the stability and sanctity of the 'nuclear' family is being threatened and must be protected at all costs, and those who claim that the traditional institutions of marriage and family are flexible and should be able to accommodate a variety of human relationships and life styles. Catholics in general will fall into both camps. In an age of many divorces, we have become accustomed to the idea of children being raised by only one parent, usually the mother. We are increasingly aware of gay couples who form families and raise children, and the need to respect such diversity. On the other hand, there are Catholics (and others) who feel that families with a single parent and families with same-gender parents signal a decline in values and morality in our society. Wherever we might stand individually on these issues, there is no denying that children need stable and loving homes if they are to develop into happy and emotionally healthy adults. Nothing is more damaging to the physical and spiritual welfare of children than the all-too-common domestic situation where there is violence and abuse. This Sunday we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Family which appropriately falls right after the feast of Christ's Nativity. Since we are used to seeing the Holy Family depicted on Christmas cards or in reproductions of famous paintings, it is easy for us to idealize them. Jesus, Mary and Joseph don't seem like real people. But think about it, they truly did exist although it was a long time ago. And their circumstances, by the witness of the Bible, were not at all easy. Mary, when she was nine months pregnant, had to ride a donkey the long distance between Nazareth and Bethlehem to be counted in the census. She gave birth in a dirty stable with no one but Joseph to help her. When Jesus was only a few days old, the Holy Family had to flee from Galilee in order to escape the fury of King Herod. They went as refugees to Egypt where they would not have known the language, where they had no relatives, and where Joseph must have struggled to make a living. Considered from this perspective, the Holy Family becomes an even more poignant image of family life and the many challenges families face today. This is no accident; I am certain that the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and our Lord Jesus look with compassion and concern upon families everywhere, and that Christian parents and children should always put their trust and their problems in the hands of Jesus, Mary and Joseph confident that their prayers will be heard. May God bless our families! *Fr. Ulysses*



Notas del Párroco

Nada hoy se debate más que el matrimonio y la familia. Las voces que compiten en este debate tienden a dividirse en dos campos, los que sienten que la estabilidad y la santidad de la familia "nuclear" está siendo amenazados y deben ser protegidos a toda costa, y los que afirman que las instituciones tradicionales de matrimonio y la familia son flexibles y deben ser capaces de adaptarse a una variedad de relaciones humanas y estilos de vida. Los católicos en general caerán en ambos campos. En una época de muchos divorcios, nos hemos acostumbrado a la idea de los niños criados por un solo padre, generalmente la madre. Somos cada vez más conscientes de las parejas homosexuales que forman familias y crían hijos, y la necesidad de respetar esa diversidad. Por otro lado, hay católicos (y otros) que sienten que las familias con un solo padre y familias con padres del mismo sexo señalan una disminución en los valores y la moral en nuestra sociedad. No importa que pensemos individualmente, no se puede negar que los niños necesitan hogares estables y amorosos para que puedan convertirse en adultos felices y saludables. No hay nada más perjudicial para el bienestar físico y espiritual de los niños que la situación de un hogar donde hay violencia y abuso. Este domingo celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia que cae apropiadamente justo después de la fiesta de la Natividad de Cristo. Ya que estamos acostumbrados a ver la Sagrada Familia representado en tarjetas de Navidad o en reproducciones de cuadros famosos, es fácil para nosotros idealizamos ellos. Jesús, María y José no parecen como personas reales. Pero en realidad sí existían aunque fue hace mucho tiempo. Y sus circunstancias, con el testimonio de la Biblia, no eran en absoluto fácil. María, cuando ella tenía nueve meses de embarazo, tuvo que montar un burro la larga distancia entre Nazaret y Belén para ser contada en el censo. Ella dio a luz en un establo sucio con nadie más que José para ayudarla. Cuando Jesús tenía sólo unos pocos días de vida, la Sagrada Familia tuvo que huir de Galilea con el fin de escapar de la furia del rey Herodes. Se fueron como refugiados a Egipto, donde no conocían el idioma, donde no tenían parientes, y donde José debería luchar para ganarse la vida. En esta perspectiva, la Sagrada Familia es un imagen aún más conmovedor de la vida familiar y los muchos desafíos que enfrentan las familias de hoy. Por eso, estoy seguro de que la Santísima Virgen, San José y nuestro Señor Jesús miran con compasión y preocupación las familias de todo el mundo, y que los padres y los niños cristianos deberían poner toda su confianza y sus problemas en las manos de Jesús, María y José, seguros de que ellos escucharán sus oraciones. Que Dios bendiga a nuestras familia. *Padre Ulises*

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019

Our assessment for this year is **\$78,542.98**. This Archdiocesan tax supports all those many offices, ministries and charities that individual parishes alone cannot cover. These include the Marriage Tribunal, support of retired priests and nuns, and financial help to our Catholic Schools. As of this week, we still need **\$1,500** to finish. Please consider what you might do to help us meet our obligation by the end of the year. **Thank you!**



OLMC Bible Study

New 2020 program begins January 15.

We will be studying the Gospel of St. Matthew. The class will meet every Wednesday in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study includes a video presentation followed by discussion.



For more information and to register, contact **Ray Smith** at **(650) 400-5425**, or ray2@comcast.net. Class and materials: \$35.

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.

Today's 2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Mt. Carmel Conference of SVdP would like to thank everyone who helped in our mission of providing food and other needs for those whom we serve. May God bless all our volunteers and many generous donors.



The second collection next week will be for Parish Facilities and Maintenance.

Good Grief Ministry

Our grief support group will be meeting this coming **Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center for our first meeting of the New Year.



All are welcome!

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28, 2019

5:00 PM Ruby Phillips †

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:00 AM Ely Angeles †

10:00 AM Olga Rocco †

12:00 PM Almas in Purgatorio †

5:00 PM Pro Populo

Monday, December 30, 2019

8:15 AM Fortunata Rigali †

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

8:15 AM Maria Hilaria Cisneros †

Wednesday, January 01, 2020

8:15 AM Mary Haltiner †

Thursday, January 02, 2020

8:15 AM Joe Washington (Int.)

Friday, January 03, 2020

8:15 AM Justy Gonzalez & Allen Ortega †

Saturday, January 04, 2020

8:15 AM Alfred Schneider †

The Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

January 1, 2020

A Holy Day of Obligation

Our liturgy will begin at 8:15 a.m. with
Lauds / Morning Prayer from the Liturgy
of the Hours, followed by Solemn High
Mass with music, and the recitation of the
Rosary to honor the Blessed Mother.

Please join us to begin the new year of 2020 with prayer .

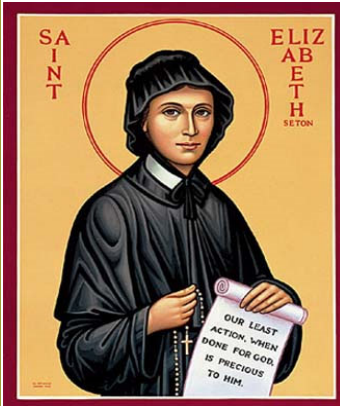


*"Behold,
a virgin shall
conceive and
bear a son, and his
name shall be
called
Emmanuel"
(which means,
God is with us).*

Matthew 1:23

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
Wednesday: Solemnity; Mary, Mother of God
Thursday: St. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen
Friday: Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Dear Mount Carmel Parishioners and friends,

I just want to take this very special opportunity to thank you all for your participation in the parish throughout the year. Through your kindness and generosity we have been able to accomplish a great deal. We're especially happy with our new carillon church bells that call us to prayer at the daily and Sunday Masses. May you all have a wonderful Christmas season shared with family and friends, and may the light of Jesus Christ which enlightens our minds and hearts illuminate your lives now and in the coming year of the Lord, 2020. *Blessings, Father Wypses & OLMC Staff*



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