

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15, 2019

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Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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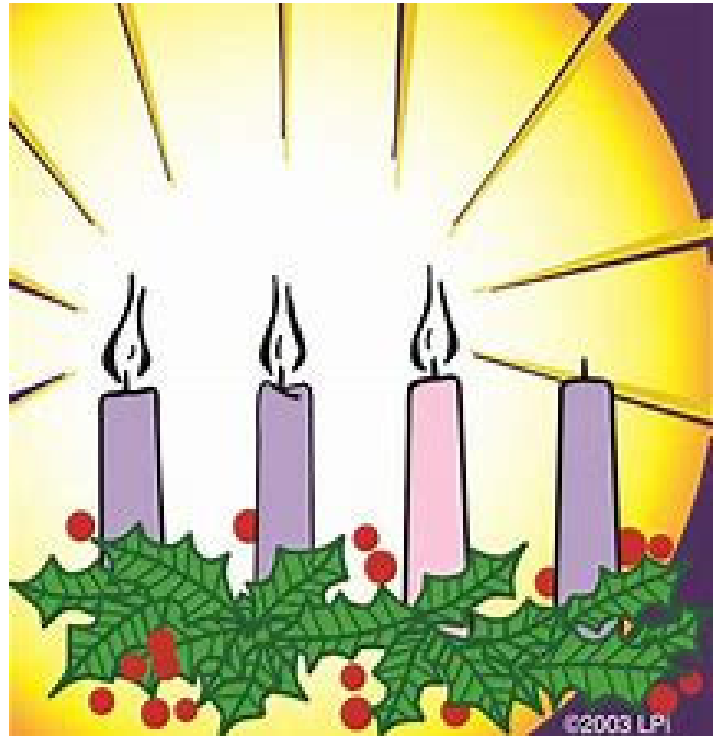
Administrative Assistant: Ivette Meléndez

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Director of Music: Bianca Remlinger

Pre-School Director: Maureen Arnott



"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

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

It shouldn't surprise us that, as we await the arrival of Jesus at Christmas, we should hear much in our Sunday Gospels about John the Baptist. In St. Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist is reported as the cousin of our Lord Jesus. John's mother, Elizabeth, was apparently a close relative of Jesus' mother, Mary. His role, when he came to maturity, was as a precursor to Jesus, calling people to prepare themselves internally for the coming of the promised Messiah. In the year 2004 some archaeologists in the Holy Land discovered a cave which they claimed had been used by John the Baptist and his followers. The cave or cistern was very large with steps leading down to an underground well. Drawings on the walls of the cave depicted a man wearing animal skins with a staff, plus scenes from John the Baptist's life and his death by beheading. The archaeologists also found pieces of many small jugs that they believed were used in the baptismal ritual for which John was known. John's message of repentance for sins, and his call to conversion and baptism must have been extremely powerful because, according to the Bible, thousands of people were traveling out to the desert from the surrounding villages and from the city of Jerusalem to hear John preach and to be baptized by him. I suppose that at this distance in time, it's difficult for us to imagine the stir and commotion caused by the presence of these holy men, first John the Baptist, and then Jesus himself. What exactly was it that the people were yearning for? What did they come to see or hear? Why did they submit to John's baptism of purification? I'm not certain, but I believe that at all times and in all places we humans have felt deeply in our hearts that things aren't right in the world, and that things aren't right in our own lives. We want to disburden ourselves of guilt; we need to express remorse for the wrong we've done. This is the salvation, the healing, the relief that faith in Jesus Christ offers us. That's why John the Baptist exhorted his followers to repentance, for repentance is how we prepare ourselves for Christ's coming, by purifying our hearts and clearing the road of our life from every obstruction and obstacle that would prevent the timely arrival of Christ. And when we "make the road straight," we begin to see the light up ahead and to discern our true destination. Particularly in this season of Advent we should more than ever commit ourselves to living in such a way that we are open and ready to receive our Lord Jesus when he comes. Let us pray always, never becoming discouraged; and most of all, let us rejoice that God has chosen us to be his people, to live in his wisdom, his hope, and his promise of life without end *Fr. Ulysses*



Notas del Párroco

No debe sorprendernos que, mientras esperamos la llegada de Jesús en la Navidad, escuchamos mucho acerca de Juan Bautista en los Evangelios dominicales. En el Evangelio de San Lucas, Juan Bautista es reportado como el primo de nuestro Señor Jesús. La madre de Juan, Isabel, aparentemente era pariente cercano de la madre de Jesús, María. Su papel, cuando llegó a la madurez, fue como un precursor de Jesús, llamando a la gente a que se prepararan para la venida del Mesías prometido. En el año 2004 algunos arqueólogos en Tierra Santa descubrieron una cueva que, según ellos, había sido usada por Juan Bautista y sus seguidores. La cueva o cisterna era muy grande, con escalones que conducían a un pozo subterráneo. Los dibujos en las paredes de la cueva representaban a un hombre que llevaba pieles de animales con un bastón, además de escenas de la vida de Juan y su muerte por decapitación. Los arqueólogos también encontraron pedazos de jarras pequeñas que se usaban en el ritual bautismal para el

cual Juan era conocido. El mensaje de Juan de arrepentimiento por los pecados y su llamado a la conversión y al bautismo debieron ser muy poderosos porque, según la Biblia, miles de personas viajaban al desierto desde las aldeas vecinas y de la ciudad de Jerusalén para escuchar a Juan y para ser bautizado por él. Supongo que a esta distancia, es difícil para nosotros imaginar la conmoción causada por la presencia de estos hombres santos y especiales, primero Juan Bautista, y luego su primo Jesús. ¿Qué era exactamente lo que la gente anhelaba? ¿Qué vinieron a ver o escuchar? ¿Por qué se sometieron al bautismo de purificación que Juan Bautista ofreció? No estoy seguro, pero creo que en todo momento y en todos los lugares los seres humanos hemos sentido en lo profundo de su corazón que las cosas no están bien en el mundo, y que las cosas no están bien en sus propias vidas. Queremos descargarnos de la culpa; Necesitamos expresar remordimiento por el mal que hemos hecho. Esta es la salvación, la curación, y el alivio que la fe en Jesucristo nos ofrece. Es por eso que Juan Bautista exhortó a sus seguidores al arrepentimiento, porque el arrepentimiento es cómo nos preparamos para la venida de Cristo, purificando nuestros corazones y despejando el camino de nuestra vida de toda obstrucción y obstáculo que impida la llegada oportuna de Cristo. Y cuando "hacemos recto el camino", comenzamos a ver la luz adelante y discernir nuestro verdadero destino. Especialmente en esta época del Adviento, debemos comprometernos más que nunca a vivir de tal manera que estemos abiertos y dispuestos a recibir a nuestro Señor Jesús cuando venga. Oremos siempre, sin desanimarnos nunca; Y sobre todo, regocijémonos de que Dios nos ha elegido para ser su pueblo, para vivir en su sabiduría, su esperanza y su promesa de una vida sin fin.

Padre Ulysses

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 **\$4,652** to finish. Please consider what you might do to help us meet our obligation by the end of the year. **Thank you!**



RITE OF WELCOME & ACCEPTANCE



Congratulations to our Catechumen, Rosa Smit, and our Candidates Al Perez, Alejandra Rodriguez, Carla Chavez, Flor Ramos and Siva Cocker on this important step on their journey toward full initiation in the Catholic Church. Thanks also to their sponsors and RCIA team members.

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: for our Liturgy Fund.

This collection covers the expenses of our Music Ministry, including the microphones, stands and other equipment we need. It also pays for the missalettes and hymnals, as well as such liturgical needs as altar bread and wine, candles altar server vestments, and church decor.



The second collection next week will be for Retirement for Religious.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Tuesday, December 24th, at 4:00 p.m.

Children in grades K - 5 are invited to participate in the entrance procession. They will dress in a provided costume and carry an ornament or card. Children who participate must arrive at church that day by 3:30 p.m. If your child/ren would like to participate, please contact Karen Sammons at ksammons@mountcarmel.org by December 18th. Please include your child's name and grade in the e-mail.

Posada

Celebraremos la Posada este viernes el 20 de diciembre a las **6:30 p.m.** comenzando en el estacionamiento de la iglesia con procesion y Rosario, y terminando en el Salon Grande para festejar con las piñatas.

Simbang Gabi

We will celebrate Simbang Gabi on Saturday December 21 with Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by a reception in the Small Hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 14, 2019

5:00 PM Don Ferrando †

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 AM Antonio Mendoza †

10:00 AM Fr. Louis Liberati, SDB †

12:00 PM Frankie Barrientos (b'day int.)

5:00 PM Norbert von der Groeben †

Monday, December 16, 2019

8:15 AM Souls in Purgatory †

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8:15 AM Alba Rigali †

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

8:15 AM Bruna Togneri †

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:15 AM Marie Imelda Pham †

Friday, December 20, 2019

8:15 AM December birthday intentions

Saturday, December 21, 2019

8:15 AM Giovanni Togneri †

THIS WEEK AT MT. CARMEL

Sunday, December 15, 2019

RCIA 9:00 to 10:00 AM Chapel

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Church

Monday, December 16, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

School Christmas Musical 7:00 PM Large Hall

Men's Basketball 8:30 PM Large Hall

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Grupo Carismático 7:00 PM Large Hall

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Good Grief – Candle Ceremony 6:00 PM Old Chapel

Men's Club Dinner 7:00 PM Small Hall

Friday, December 20, 2019

La Posada 6:30 PM Large Hall

Saturday December 21, 2019

Simbang Gabi 5:00 P.M Church / Sm. Hall



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: of the Third Week of Advent

Tuesday: of the Third Week of Advent

Wednesday: of the Third Week of Advent

Thursday: of the Third Week of Advent

Friday: of the Third Week of Advent

Saturday: Saint Peter Canisius



Good Grief ~ Candle Lighting

Thursday December 19.

from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In the Parish Center, Old Chapel

Welcome Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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: _____

Would you like a parishioner number in order to register your donations? _____

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