

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 08, 2019

Parish Center Hours

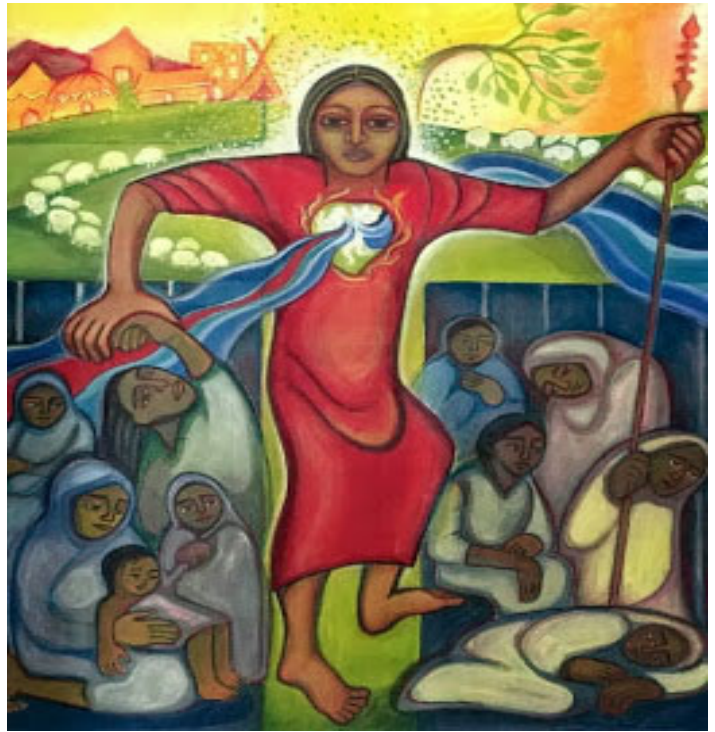
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Pastor's Office: (650) 306-9583
Religious Education Office: (650) 368-8237
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Director of Music: Bianca Remlinger
Pre-School Director: Maureen Arnott



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 is fitting that, during these four weeks of Advent as we await the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas, we should honor his Blessed Mother in a special way. There are two major celebrations of Mary that both occur in this period, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which this year falls on Monday, December 9, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12. The first of these refers to a theological dogma concerning Mary's birth, while the second recalls Mary's four apparitions to a native Mexican, Juan Diego, at Tepeyac (a hill near Mexico City) in the year 1531. The phrase 'Immaculate Conception' has understandably caused confusion. It does not refer to Mary's virginal conception of Jesus, nor does it have anything to do with the way Mary was conceived by her parents, Anne and Joaquim. The dogma, instead, holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary was "from the first moment of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin." In other words, although Mary was fully human in every way, to make her a more suitable vessel for the reception of Christ, God brought about Mary's redemption the moment she came into being. In the Catholic imagination, this signifies God's ultimate power over the forces of evil and sin in the world. While no human person, including Mary herself, has ever escaped the consequences of original sin – physical suffering, the effects of political corruption and social injustice, and death itself – God's grace allows us to overcome negativity and to triumph over evil. Mary modeled this grace for us from the beginning when she assented to be the mother of Jesus, submitting to God's will by her own 'yes'. In doing so, she risked her reputation and her safety, and she continued to take those risks in following her Son all the way to the cross. Her appearance to Juan Diego as the Lady of Guadalupe was an assurance to the native people of Mexico that she was their protector and their compassionate mother. Devotion to Guadalupe has continued to inspire the people of the Americas where Mary is seen as an advocate for the oppressed, the powerless and the poor. In 1830, the Blessed Mother appeared to a French nun, Catherine Labouré. In this vision, Mary was standing on a globe with rays of light streaming from her hands. Surrounding her were the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you." Twenty-eight years later, Mary appeared again, this time to a young peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. When asked by Bernadette to identify herself, our Lady responded, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The many healings at the waters of Lourdes attest to Mary's loving concern for us.

Fr. Ulysses



Notas del Párroco

Es apropiado que, durante estas cuatro semanas de Adviento, mientras esperamos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesús en la Navidad, debemos honrar a su Madre Santísima de una manera especial. Hay dos grandes fiestas de María que toman lugar en este tiempo, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción que cae este año lunes el 9 de diciembre, y la

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe jueves el 12 de diciembre. La primera de ellas se refiere a un dogma teológico acerca del nacimiento de María, mientras que la segunda recuerda las cuatro apariciones de María a Juan Diego, en el cerro de Tepeyac en el año 1531. La frase "Inmaculada Concepción" ha causado confusión. No se refiere a la concepción virginal de María de Jesús, ni tiene nada que ver con la forma en que María fue concebida por sus padres, Ana y Joaquín. El dogma, en cambio, dice que la Santísima Virgen María fue "desde el primer momento de su concepción, por la singular gracia y privilegio de Dios omnipotente y en vista de los méritos de Jesucristo, fue preservada libre de toda mancha del pecado original." En otras palabras, aunque María era totalmente humano en todos los

sentidos, para hacerla un vaso digno para recibir a Cristo, Dios dio la redención del pecado original a María desde el momento de su concepción. Para nosotros los católicos, esto significa el poder que Dios tiene sobre las fuerzas del mal y del pecado en el mundo. Mientras que ninguna persona humana, incluyendo la propia María, ha escapado las consecuencias del pecado original - el sufrimiento físico, los efectos de la corrupción política, la injusticia social, y la misma muerte - la gracia de Dios nos permite superar la negatividad y triunfar sobre el mal. María modeló esta gracia para nosotros desde el principio cuando ella aceptó ser la madre de Jesús, sometiendo a la voluntad de Dios por su propio "sí". Al hacerlo, ella arriesgó su reputación y su seguridad, y continuó tomando esos riesgos al seguir a su Hijo hasta la cruz. Su aparición a Juan Diego como la Señora de Guadalupe era una garantía para las personas nativas de México de que ella era su protectora y su madre compasiva. La devoción a Guadalupe ha seguido inspirando a la gente de las Américas donde María es vista como un defensor de los oprimidos, los débiles y los pobres. En 1830, la Virgen se apareció a una monja francesa, Catalina Labouré. En esta visión, María estaba de pie en un globo con rayos de luz brillando de sus manos. Alrededor de ella se lee las palabras: "Oh María, sin pecado concebida, ruega por nosotros que recurrimos a ti." Veintiocho años después, María se apareció de nuevo en Francia, esta vez a una joven campesina, Bernadette Soubirous. Cuando se le preguntó por Bernadette identificar a sí misma, la Virgen respondió: "Yo soy la Inmaculada Concepción". Las numerosas curaciones en las aguas de Lourdes demuestran la preocupación amorosa que la Santísima Virgen María tiene para nosotros. *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 **\$5,252** 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.

Celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

El jueves 12 de diciembre celebraremos dos misas de Guadalupe, una en la mañana con las escuela en inglés, y otra en la noche a las 7 p.m. con serenata.

El domingo 15 de diciembre celebraremos otra misa a las doce del día con mariachi y danzas aztecas. Hay evento después en el Salon Grande. Gracias a los que colaboraron para la celebración de esta gran fiesta.

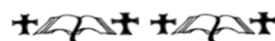


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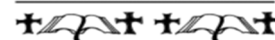
Today's 2nd Collection: for our Religious Education Programs.

It supports our School of Religion, including classes for First Communion, preparation for Confirmation and our Adult Education Program (RCIA). It also covers the Children's Liturgy, Youth Retreats, and the training of catechists.

The second collection next week will be for our Liturgy Fund.



The word
of God
is at work
in you



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.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Christmas dinner ~ **Wednesday December 11** in the small hall.

No charge for the dinner. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child for the Giving Tree. Chicken, pasta, salad, bread, dessert.

Appetizers at 6:30 pm. Dinner served at 7pm.

Reservations required. Call **Sylvia Row** at **650-368-1795** before **December 9th**

Advent Penance Service

The Redwood City Parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Matthias and St. Pius, as well as St. Charles Parish in San Carlos will celebrate an Advent Penance Service. This will take place on Tuesday December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road (at Valota). All are welcome.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 07, 2019

5:00 PM Wilma Aguila (B'day Int.)

Sunday, December 08, 2019

8:00 AM Jeffrey Meitz †

10:00 AM Cecilia Harris †

12:00 PM Gloria Hernandez (B'day Int.)

5:00 PM Angela Territo †

Monday, December 09, 2019

8:15 AM Charles V. Raubacher †

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:15 AM Marino Mangiola †

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

8:15 AM Dina Sandrini †

Thursday, December 12, 2019

8:15 AM Irio Rigali †

7:00 PM Pro Populo

Friday, December 13, 2019

8:15 AM Aladina Matteucci †

Saturday, December 14, 2019

8:15 AM Bacilia Brañez †

**John the Baptist
appeared,
preaching in the
desert of Judea
and saying,
“Repent, for the
kingdom of
heaven is at hand!”**



THIS WEEK AT MT. CARMEL

Sunday, December 08, 2019

CCD Classes 8:45 AM School

RCIA 9:00 to 10:00 AM Chapel

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Church

Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Church/Large Hall

Monday, December 09, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

SVdP Meeting 7:00 PM Parish Center

Men's Basketball 8:30 PM Large Hall

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Bible Study 7:00 PM Old Chapel

Grupo Carismático 7:00 PM Large Hall

Italian Catholic Federation 7:00 PM Small Hall

Thursday, December 12, 2019

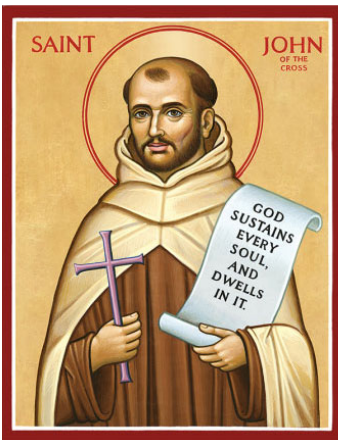
Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe 7:00 PM Church

Saturday, December 13, 2019

Breakfast with Santa 8:30 AM Large Hall

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Tuesday: of the Second Week of Advent
Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: St. John of the Cross



Good Grief Ministry

Good Grief will meet only on the First and Third Thursdays of every month. Meetings are in the Parish Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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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