

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Ordinary Time July 28, 2019

Parish Center Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Religious Education Office: (650) 368-8237

Mt. Carmel School Office: (650) 366-6127

Mt. Carmel Pre-School: (650) 366-6587

Parish Staff

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Boyle

Principal: Dr. Deborah Farrington

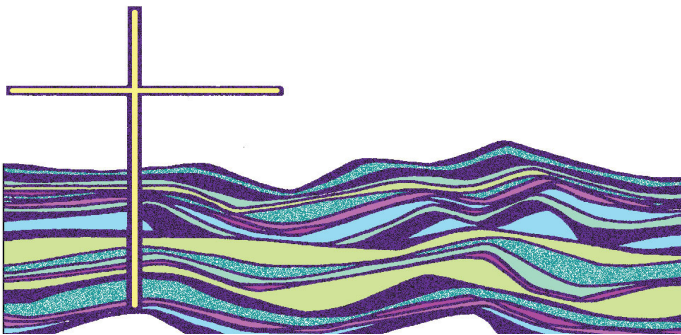
Administrative Assistant: Ivette Meléndez

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Director of Music: Bianca Remlinger

Pre-School Director: Maureen Arnott



You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.— *Colossians 2:12*



“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”

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

Many contemporary writers on spirituality have bemoaned the fact that to a great extent Catholic people are losing the habit of regular prayer. There are perhaps many reasons for this, but most at fault would be the lack of quiet and contemplative time in our daily lives.

The noisy distraction of our technological culture tends to get in the way of the solitude that we need to pray well. In a sense, we're like radio receivers that are either turned off altogether, or tuned in to the wrong channel. We need to make the proper adjustment so that God's voice can be heard more clearly through the static of our lives. After all, there's nothing more wonderful and satisfying than the experience of communicating with God. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus acknowledges to his disciples that prayer requires both discipline and persistence. We can't expect an occasional and half-hearted effort at prayer to yield much result. No, we have to work at prayer, stick to it, even when it seems dry and not very effective, because suddenly our effort will pay off. That's the meaning of the curious parables that Jesus tells his disciples in this Gospel. Human life, granted, is not always easy; we often struggle to understand the purpose of our suffering, the meaning of our pain and difficulties. But all of this should drive us toward greater diligence in prayer and toward a deepening of our faith in God. Remember, prayer can take many forms; there's nothing wrong with sometimes arguing or debating with God. Nor should we neglect prayers of thanksgiving to express our gratitude for all God has given us. Whether we use the formal, and often beautifully-composed prayers that we find in any Catholic Missal or prayer book, or whether we pray simply in our own words, we should never hesitate to ask God to help us in our needs and to look after the well-being of our family and friends. As Roman Catholics, we have a rich tradition of prayer: the Mass, novenas, devotions to saints, the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, and many spiritual techniques and traditions to help us pray. The main thing is to not give up and to remain faithful and diligent in our prayer life. As Jesus says to his disciples, "Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." God created each one of us purposefully and as an act of love. He does not want any of His children to be lost, or afraid, or unhappy. No matter how far we may stray from God, He wants us to return to Him. For this reason, God sent His Son, Jesus, to show us the way, and the Holy Spirit to illuminate our path. Now it's up to us to set ourselves on the road, to follow Christ with diligence, and to keep our eyes always on the goal ahead which is peace *now*, and everlasting bliss with God in heaven. **Fr. Ulysses**



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Notas del Párroco

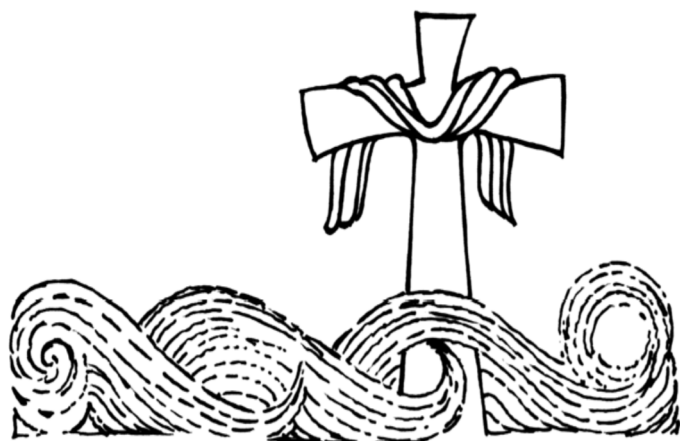
Muchos escritores contemporáneos sobre la espiritualidad han lamentado el hecho de que, en gran medida, los católicos están perdiendo el hábito de la oración regular. Quizás haya muchas razones para esto, pero la mayor culpa sería la falta de tiempo

tranquilo y contemplativo en nuestra vida cotidiana. La distracción ruidosa de nuestra cultura tecnológica tiende a estorbar la soledad que necesitamos para orar bien.

En cierto sentido, somos como receptores de radio que están apagados por completo o sintonizados en el canal incorrecto. Necesitamos hacer los ajustes adecuados para que la voz de Dios se escuche más claramente a través de la estática de nuestras vidas. Después de todo, no hay nada más maravilloso y satisfactorio que la experiencia de comunicarse con Dios. En el Evangelio

de este domingo, Jesús reconoce a sus discípulos que la oración requiere disciplina y persistencia. No podemos esperar que un esfuerzo ocasional y poco entusiasta en la oración produzca muchos resultados. No, tenemos que trabajar en la oración, aferrarnos a ella, incluso cuando parece seca y no muy efectiva, porque de repente nuestro esfuerzo dará sus frutos. Ese es el significado de las curiosas parábolas que Jesús les cuenta a sus discípulos en este Evangelio. La vida humana no siempre es fácil; a menudo nos cuesta entender el propósito de nuestro sufrimiento, el significado de nuestro dolor y nuestras dificultades. Pero todo esto debería llevarnos hacia una mayor diligencia en la oración y hacia una profundización de nuestra fe en Dios. Recuerda, la oración puede tomar muchas formas; no hay nada de malo en algunas veces discutir o debatir con Dios. Tampoco debemos descuidar las oraciones de acción de gracias para expresar nuestra gratitud por todo lo que Dios nos ha dado. Ya sea que utilicemos las oraciones formales y, a menudo, bellamente compuestas que encontramos en cualquier Misal católico o libro de oraciones, o si oramos simplemente con nuestras propias palabras, nunca debemos dudar en pedirle a Dios que nos ayude en nuestras necesidades y que cuide el bienestar de nuestra familia y amigos. Como católicos romanos, tenemos una rica tradición de oración: la misa, las novenas, las devociones a los santos, el rosario, la liturgia de las horas y muchas técnicas y tradiciones espirituales para ayudarnos a orar. Lo principal es no rendirse y permanecer fieles y diligentes en nuestra vida de oración. Como Jesús dice a sus discípulos: "Todo el que pide, recibe; y el que busca, encuentra; y para el que llama, se abrirá la puerta". Dios creó a cada uno de nosotros a propósito y como un acto de amor. Él no quiere que ninguno de sus hijos se pierda, o tenga miedo o sea infeliz. No importa cuánto nos alejemos de Dios, Él quiere que regresemos a él. Por esta razón, Dios envió a su Hijo, Jesús, a mostrarnos el camino, y al Espíritu Santo a iluminar nuestro camino. Ahora depende de nosotros ponernos en camino, seguir a Cristo con diligencia y mantener nuestros ojos siempre en la meta por delante que es la paz ahora y la felicidad eterna con Dios en el cielo.

Padre Ulises



ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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Next Week's Second Collection will be for our Parish Facilities and Maintenance.

Rosary Makers Group

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Rosary Makers Group meets every
Friday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in
the Parish Center. We always
welcome new members.



St. Francis Center in Redwood City

Seeking volunteer ESL teachers for adult students.
One hour to an hour and a half per day, Mon.—Fri.
Please contact **Tess at the Center at (650) 365-7829**
if you're interested.

GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

The loss of every loved one creates many changes, challenges and much pain. "Good Grief", an ongoing support group, meets every Thursday at the Parish Center, **from 6:00-7:30 p.m.**
We care, We share. Do come.

It's still not too late!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
is still accepting applications for the
2019-2020 school year.

We are a Roman Catholic faith-based
school educating children from Preschool
through 8th Grade. For more information
contact our principal, Dr. Deborah Farrington
at 650-366-6127 or email:
dfarrington@mountcarmel.org.

Open Enrollment

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.



We will begin enrolling for all of our Religious Education classes on the first Sunday of August (Aug. 4), and all the subsequent Sundays of August. Our Catechists will be on the porch of the church after the Sunday Masses to give out the registration packets and to answer any questions that the families might have. Our School of Religion consists of a two-year First Communion Program for children as young as first grade, a one-year program for high school youth, and a one-year program for adults who wish to become Catholic or to complete their sacraments of initiation. In addition to these three sacramental programs, we also have Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 27, 2019

5:00 PM Margarita Pelayo †

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:00 AM Ray Torres †

10:00 AM Evelyn Antonowicz †

12:00 PM David Chavez y familia (Int.)

5:00 PM Dorothy Logsdon (b'day Int.)

Monday, July 29, 2019

8:15 AM Irene and Hilbert Carlson †

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

8:15 AM Ray Torres †

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:15 AM Pro-Populo †

Thursday, August 01, 2019

8:15 AM Marie Loc and Peter Hoan †

Friday, August 02, 2019

8:15 AM Deacon Paul Moriarty †

Saturday, August 03, 2019

8:15 AM Alfred Absi †

THIS WEEK AT MT. CARMEL

Monday, July 29, 2019

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

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Men's Basketball 8:30 PM Large Hall

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

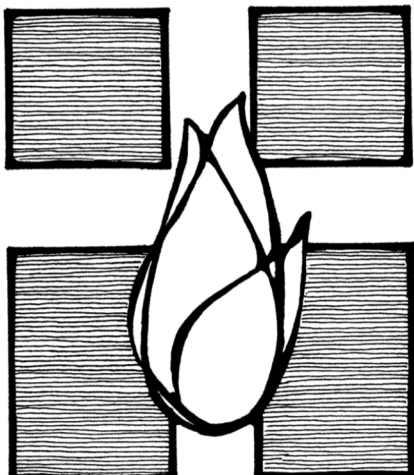
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Thursday, August 01, 2019

Good Grief 6:00 PM Old Chapel

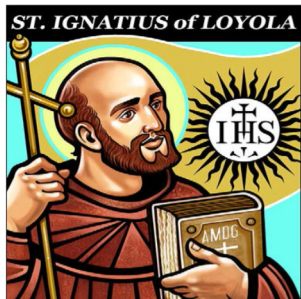
Friday, August 02, 2019

Clase para Catequistas 6:00 PM Small Hall



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Martha
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Today's Second Collection is for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

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. To date we have received **\$ 51,746**. Please consider what you might do to help us meet our obligation by the end of the year.

With this weekend's collection, we hope to get closer to the **\$26,796.98** that we still need to collect to complete our assessment.

Thank you !



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