

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, December 30, 2018

Parish Center Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Parish Staff

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Youth Confirmation: Judy Draper
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Pre-School Director: Maureen Arnott



Mass Schedule

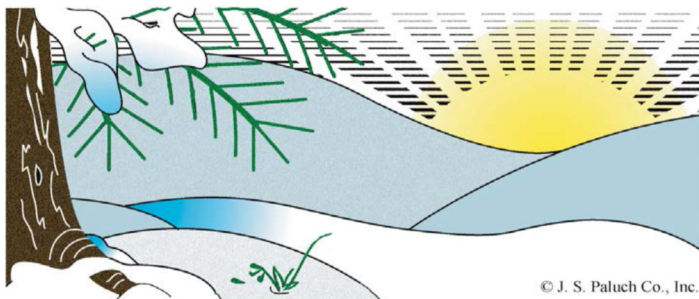
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Español), and 5 pm
Saturday: 8:15 am and 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Monday to Friday 8:15 am
Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 3:30 -4:30 pm

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.



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**Beloved, we are
God's children now;
what we shall be has
not yet been revealed.**
— 1 John 3:2a

***Hermanos míos, ahora
somos hijos de Dios,
pero aún no se ha
manifestado cómo
seremos al fin.***
— 1 Juan 3:2a

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!

Father 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 a 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 a 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 familias! **Padre Ulysses**

We Made It! Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2018.

Thanks to some very generous donations in the last few weeks, we were able to reach our assessed goal of \$72,821, the amount we owe to the Archdiocese by the end of this month. A very grateful "Thank you!" to all those who contributed to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2018.



Father Ulysses

Today's Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul.



Next Week's Second Collection

Our Second Collection will be for our Parish Facilities and Improvement Fund.



*World Day
of Prayer
for Peace*

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Happy New Year!

May the love and protection of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, be with all of you as we begin a new year of grace, 2019.



¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Que el amor y la protección de nuestro santo Salvador, Jesucristo, estén con todos ustedes al comenzar un año nuevo de gracia, 2019.

Parish Collection Envelopes

We still have a number of Collection Envelope packets that were not picked up when the envelopes were in the vestibule. If you are a user of the parish collection envelopes and did not get yours, please come to the Parish Center between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday to retrieve your packet.

Men's Club

Thursday January 10,

6-9 p.m. in the Small Hall.

Curry Night

Chicken and shrimp vindaloo

Lamb curry, Tandoori Chicken, Samosas

Cucumber salad

Naan and Rice

No February Dinner - Enjoy Valentine's Day with your Sweetheart.

But mark your calendars for the Mens Club Crab Feed on Saturday February 9. Ticket information is coming.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 29, 2018

5:00 PM Engracio "Chito" de Leon †

Sunday, December 30, 2018

08:00 AM Mona Norman †

10:00 AM Ely Angeles †

12:00 PM Adalberto Max Barriga & Guadalupe Gil †

5:00 PM Michael Stevenson †

Monday, December 31, 2018

08:15 AM Pro – Populo

Tuesday, December 01, 2019

8:15 AM Carol O' Leary †

Wednesday, December 02, 2019

08:15 AM Hilario Tan †

Thursday, December 03, 2019

8:15 AM Mary Holohan & Michael Hurley †

Friday, December 04, 2019

8:15 AM Susan Sjordahl †

Saturday, December 05, 2019

8:15 AM Marcie Bradley †

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: _____

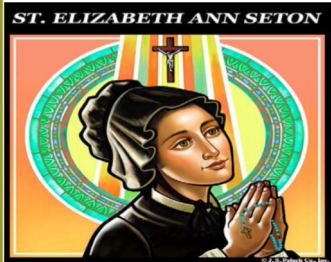
Number of adults over 18 years of age: _____

Number of children under 18 years of age: _____

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year's Eve
Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday



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 will return on 1/3/2019.

The Giving Tree

Because of the great kindness of our parishioners who brought toys for the Giving Tree, we have been able to serve over 73 needy families of this area by providing Christmas toys for their children. As the parents picked up the toys from the Parish Center, so many of them expressed their gratitude. These are hard-working families whose incomes barely cover the high rents they must pay here in Redwood City. So the help we have given them in making their children's holiday brighter is very much appreciated. **Thank you one and all.**



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