

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 12, 2020

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Director of Music: Bianca Remlinger
PreSchool Director: Maureen Arnott



MATTHEW 13:1-23

¹³“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When people hear the message about the kingdom and do not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their hearts. This is the seed sown along the path.

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 the parish at least two months in advance.

Llame a la parroquia a lo menos dos meses antes.

Weddings / Bodas

Call the 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.

A Message from Our New Pastor

My dear Parishioners:

"I am among you as one who serves". (Lk 22:27)

As I officially begin my ministry with you as your new pastor, I wish to remind myself those beautiful words our Lord spoke to the disciples on the night of the Last Supper. The Lord spoke those words after the institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist to remind the disciples that their ministry and vocation are always at the service of the Eucharist and, by extension, also to the People of God gathered around the Eucharist.

It is with great joy and humility that I assume the office and responsibility of pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

I follow a long line of dedicated pastors who have served this Parish for many years of their priestly life. I am grateful to them for their service and dedication to their ministry. They have laid the foundation upon which I stand and continue the work of Jesus Christ – to build and proclaim the Kingdom of God in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I specially pay tribute to my immediate predecessor, Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila, who made a tremendous ministry for 9 years here in our parish.

As we move forward together in this difficult circumstances of our time, let us remember the words of Jesus in the gospel of Mark: "Do not be afraid, just have faith." (Mk 5:36c)

There is a lot of uncertainties about the future, a lot of things to worry about, many elements that may bring us down or make us weary, but let us hold on to the words of the Lord. Let us not be afraid. Let us keep the faith.

I look forward to many years of ministry with you. And together with Fr. Ian Quito, (to be Ordained to the priesthood this August 1, 2020), we look forward to serving you along with the dedicated staff of the Parish and the School. As your pastor, I promise you my love, prayers and the constant invitation to be holy. I ask for your prayers and I hope to earn your support and trust.

May God bless you all.

Msgr. Romulo A. Vergara
Pastor

Un mensaje de nuestro Nuevo Pastor

Mis queridos feligreses:

"Estoy entre ustedes como alguien que sirve".
Lucas 22:27)

Al comenzar oficialmente mi ministerio con ustedes como su nuevo pastor, deseo recordar esas hermosas palabras que nuestro Señor habló a los discípulos en la noche de la Última Cena. El Señor pronunció esas palabras después de la institución del Sacramento de la Eucaristía para recordar a los discípulos que su ministerio y vocación están siempre al servicio de la Eucaristía y, por extensión, también al Pueblo de Dios reunido alrededor de la Eucaristía.

Con gran alegría y humildad asumo el cargo y la responsabilidad de pastor de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo.

Sigo una larga línea de pastores dedicados que han servido en esta parroquia durante muchos años de su vida sacerdotal. Les agradezco su servicio y dedicación a su ministerio. Han puesto los cimientos sobre los que me paro y continuo la obra de Jesucristo: construir y proclamar el Reino de Dios en esta parte de la viña del Señor. Especialmente rindo homenaje a mi predecesor inmediato, Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila, quien hizo un tremendo ministerio durante 9 años aquí en nuestra parroquia.

A medida que avanzamos juntos en estas difíciles circunstancias de nuestro tiempo, recordemos las palabras de Jesús en el evangelio de Marcos: "No tengas miedo, solo ten fe". (Mc 5, 36c)

Hay muchas incertidumbres sobre el futuro, muchas cosas de las que preocuparse, muchos elementos que pueden deprimarnos o cansarnos, pero mantenemos las palabras del Señor. No tengamos miedo. Mantengamos la fe.

Espero muchos años de ministerio con ustedes. Y junto con el padre Ian Quito, (será ordenado sacerdote el 1 de agosto de 2020), esperamos poder servirle junto con el personal dedicado de la parroquia y la escuela. Como su pastor, le prometo mi amor, oraciones y la constante invitación a ser santo. Pido sus oraciones y espero ganar su apoyo y confianza. Que dios los bendiga a todos.

Mons. Rómulo A. Vergara, Pastor

Dcn. Ian El Quito's Message to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioners.

Our blessed Mother has truly been guiding me in my vocation and she once again manifested it in a very concrete way. It is truly providential that my first parish assignment as a priest is named after one of the great titles of our Blessed Mother: *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*. In fact, I have a personal deep devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I also love to read several spiritual books authored by the great saints of the Carmelite Order especially St. John of the Cross and St. Theresa of Avila. Just recently, I began to read some of the spiritual books of Sister Rachel (Ruth Burrows)--- a Carmelite nun from Norfolk, United Kingdom.

I am very happy to be a part of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel community and serve here as a priest. I am really looking forward to share my life and ministry with all of you.

I was born in the Philippines, in the province of Pampanga and grew up with a very devout Catholic family. I studied at a Catholic grade school and high school in our town and eventually decided to enter the major seminary in the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga--- the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary. I finished my Bachelor's degree in Philosophy last 2014 and then came in the United States with my family. Last 2015, I was accepted at St. Patrick's Seminary to study for the Archdiocese of San Francisco and just May of this year, I finished my Masters of Divinity (including the Master of Arts in Theology and Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Theology). Due to the pandemic, my ordination to the priesthood was moved to August 1st at St. Pius Church in Redwood City. In that same Church, I was assigned as a pastoral year seminarian and I had Fr. Paul Rossi as my mentor.

During my final year at the seminary, I was blessed to have been assigned with Fr. Lawrence Goode, the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in East Palo Alto. I have learned a lot from Fr. Goode, a holy priest of God and I am really inspired by his constant and deep prayer life.

After eleven years of studying in the seminary, God has called me to serve in this wonderful parish to "break bread" with all of you. I am truly blessed to have been assigned as the parochial vicar with Msgr. Loi as our pastor. Msgr. Loi also works in the chancery as the Judicial Vicar.

I understand that we are in very challenging times. Although I could not be able to meet all of you personally, allow me to express my gratitude to all of you who have been very supportive of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. I am also greatly thankful for the tremendous ministry Fr. Ulysses had shared over the past nine years at Mt. Carmel.

I am looking forward to meet all of you either virtually or personally. Know that I am always here and I remember all of you, our Mt. Carmel parishioners in our prayers and masses.

God bless you all! In Christ, Dcn. Ian El Quito

Mensaje de Deacono Ian El Quito: Feligreses:

Nuestra bendita Madre realmente me ha estado guiando en mi vocación y una vez más lo manifestó de una manera muy concreta. Es verdaderamente providencial que mi primera asignación parroquial como sacerdote lleva el nombre de uno de los grandes títulos de nuestra Santísima Madre: Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo. De hecho, tengo una profunda devoción personal a Nuestra Señora de Monte Carmelo. También me encanta leer varios libros espirituales escritos por los grandes santos de la Orden Carmelita, especialmente San Juan de la Cruz y Santa Teresa de Ávila. Hace poco, comencé a leer algunos de los libros espirituales de la hermana Rachel (Ruth Burrows), una monja carmelita de Norfolk, Reino Unido.

Estoy muy feliz de ser parte de la comunidad de Nuestra Señora de Monte Carmel y servir aquí como sacerdote. Tengo muchas ganas de compartir mi vida y ministerio con todos ustedes.

Nací en Filipinas, en la provincia de Pampanga y crecí con una familia católica muy devota. Estudié primaria y secundaria en una escuela católica en mi ciudad y finalmente decidí ingresar al seminario principal de la Arquidiócesis de San Fernando, Pampanga, el Seminario de la Madre del Buen Consejo. Terminé mi licenciatura en Filosofía en 2014 y luego vine a los Estados Unidos con mi familia. El pasado 2015, fui aceptado en el Seminario de San Patricio para estudiar en la Arquidiócesis de San Francisco y solo en mayo de este año, terminé mi Maestría en Divinidad (incluyendo la Maestría en Teología y la Licenciatura en Teología Sagrada). Debido a la pandemia, mi ordenación al sacerdocio se pospuso al 1 de agosto en la Iglesia de San Pío en Redwood City. En esa misma Iglesia, fui asignado como seminarista de año pastoral y tuve al Padre. Paul Rossi como mi mentor.

Durante mi último año en el seminario, tuve la bendición de haber sido asignado con el Padre. Lawrence Goode, el pastor de San Francisco de Asís en East Palo Alto. He aprendido mucho del p. Goode, un santo sacerdote de Dios y estoy realmente inspirado por su constante y profunda vida de oración.

Después de once años de estudiar en el seminario, Dios me ha llamado a servir en esta maravillosa parroquia para "partir el pan" con todos ustedes. Estoy verdaderamente bendecido de haber sido asignado como vicario parroquial con Mons. Loi como nuestro pastor. Mons. Loi también trabaja en la cancillería como Vicario Judicial.

Entiendo que estamos en tiempos muy desafiantes. Aunque no pude conocerlos a todos personalmente, permítanme expresar mi gratitud a todos los que han apoyado mucho a Nuestra Parroquia de Monte Carmel. También estoy muy agradecido por el tremendo ministerio del Padre. Ulises quien compartió con ustedes durante los últimos nueve años.

Espero conocerlos a todos, ya sea de forma virtual o personal. Sepan que siempre estoy aquí y me acuerdo de todos ustedes, nuestro feligreses en nuestras oraciones y misas.

¡Dios los bendiga a todos! En Cristo, Dcn. Ian El Quito

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11, 2020

5:00 PM August Saguin †

Sunday, July 12, 2020

8:00 AM Maria Cristina Toledo †

10:00 AM Henry Navarro †

12:00 PM Paula Zavala (Int.)

5:00 PM Pro-Populo

Monday, July 13, 2020

8:15 AM Alfred Schneider †

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:15 AM Melendez Family (Int.)

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

8:15 AM Joseph Chimh †

Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:15 AM Matthew Smith †

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:15 AM Ana Cuong & Hoan †

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:15 AM Marino Mangiola †

Daily Mass at Mount Carmel Church

Monday to Saturday at 8:15 a.m.

We have now reopened our church for in-person daily Mass. Parishioners will be expected to follow safety protocols, wearing face coverings, using hand sanitizer, and observing social distancing. A waiver form will be provided which must be signed.

Please note that **the restroom will not be open and available.**

In the mean time, we will be live-streamed our Masses for Sundays of July 12 and July 19 until future instructions to re-open our church:

10:00 am Mass in English through Zoom:

Link: **<https://olmc.cc>**

12:00 pm Mass in Español via Facebook:

Link: **Aliento de Adoración,
Grupo de Oración, Face Boock.**

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday : of the 15th Week of Ordinary Time

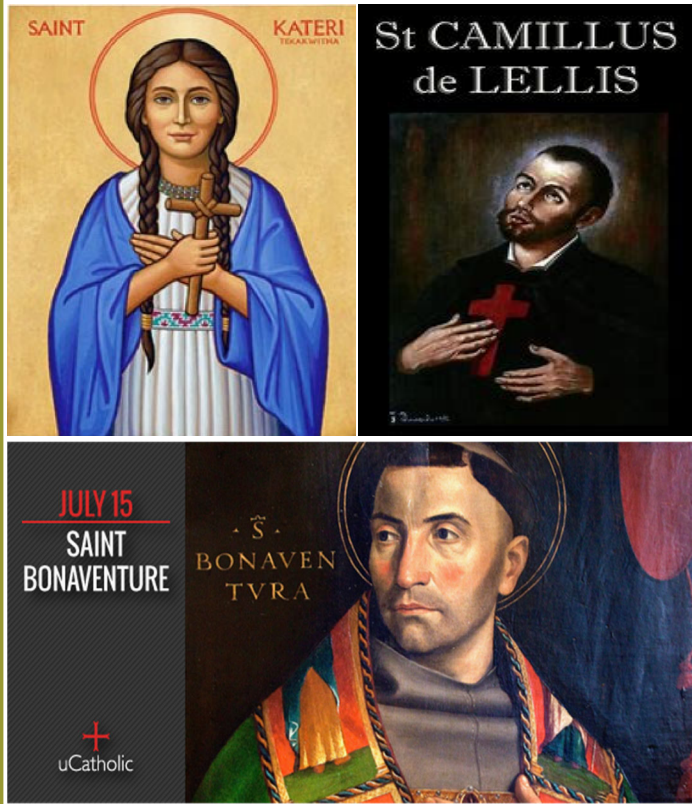
Tuesday: Saint Kateri Tekakwita, Virgin

Wednesday: Bonaventure, Bishop

Thursday: **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Friday: of the 15th Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday: Saint Camillus de Lellis



TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR RELIGIOUS 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.



**Next Week's Second Collection will be
for our Liturgy Fund.**

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