

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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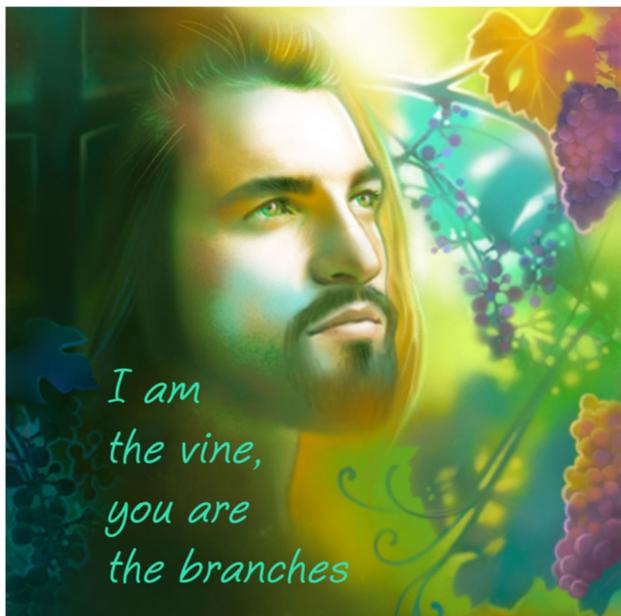
Let us love not in love words or speech but in deed and truth. —I John 3:18

Parish Center Hours

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

Parish Staff

Rev. Ulysses D'Aquila – Pastor, 306-9583
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Mass Schedule

Sunday : 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (español),
5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Monday to Friday 8:15 a.m.

Reconciliation/Confession - Saturday 3:30 – 4:30
p.m. or by request after daily Mass

Baptisms / Bautismos

Call parish 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.



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dear Parishioners,

One thing that true faith in God should instill in us is that there are no accidents in the world, that everything happens for a reason, and that even the most random and terrible-seeming event, if we reflect upon it deeply enough, will eventually reveal its significance.

In religious thought this is called 'teleology,' the idea that all things are moving toward a spiritual goal which is final union with God. Since Easter, our daily and Sunday Mass readings have been from the New Testament book called *Acts of the Apostles*. In this book nothing is clearer than that something good or positive may come out of what at first seems evil or unfortunate. For example, Judas Iscariot betrays Jesus, and this leads to Jesus' execution. But then Jesus' death results in the Resurrection, and the consequent salvation of all humankind. The Apostles, after Jesus' death, begin to preach the Good News to their fellow Jews in Jerusalem. Sadly, they're rejected, persecuted, and driven away. But this cruel rejection and dispersal of the Apostles means that the Christian faith was able to spread from town to town. In a very short time after Jesus' death, there were Christian communities throughout the Roman Empire. In other words, the Spirit was and is always at work in every circumstance. It may not be easy for us to see the meaning behind some painful event while it's happening, but if we persevere in faith, then every misfortune, even our tragedies, can become occasions of grace. When people question why the Catholic Church condemns euthanasia (isn't it my life to do with as I will?) or abortion (shouldn't it be my choice whether to have this child or not?), the answer must always be that every life is precious and cannot be thrown away. Our Church rejects anything that diminishes respect for human life, whether casual abortions, 'mercy killing', the death penalty, experimentation with human embryos, the warehousing of the elderly and the disabled, indifference toward families and vulnerable children, because all of these things erode the tremendous regard and concern we should each have for our fellow human beings. After all, each of us bears within our souls a spark of the divine life, and we are all part of Christ's Mystical Body, including people entirely unaware of it. For those of us privileged to know we are part of Christ's life, it is essential that we live more and more as his agents and disciples. With Christ as our foundation, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we can together transform the world. We can become instruments of healing and sources of wisdom and consolation for our family and friends. And we can greet each day assured that we are on the right path, leading home to God.



COMMITTED TO TRUTH



Notas del Párroco

Queridos Feligreses,

Una cosa que la verdadera fe en Dios debe inculcar en nosotros es que nada sucede por accidente en el mundo, que todo pasa por una razón, y que incluso el evento más al azar o terrible, si nosotros reflexionamos bastante y profundamente en el, revelará su importancia en el futuro. En pensamiento religioso esto se llama 'teleología', la idea que todas las cosas están acercándose a una meta espiritual que es la unión final con Dios. Desde la Pascua, nuestras lecturas de Misa diaria y dominical han sido del libro del Nuevo Testamento llamado *Hechos de los Apóstoles*. En este libro nada está más claro que algo bueno o positivo puede salir de lo que al principio parece malo o desafortunado. Por ejemplo, Judas Iscariote traiciona a Jesús, y esto lleva a la ejecución de Jesús. Pero entonces la muerte de Jesús produce la Resurrección, y la salvación consecuente de toda la humanidad. Los Apóstoles, después de la muerte de Jesús, empiezan a predicar la buena nueva a sus compañeros judíos en Jerusalén. Tristemente, ellos son rechazados, perseguidos, y ahuyentados. Pero este rechazo cruel y dispersión de los Apóstoles hizo posible que la fe cristiana se pudiera extender de pueblo en pueblo. En un muy corto tiempo después de la muerte de Jesús, había comunidades cristianas a lo largo del Imperio romano. En otras palabras, el Espíritu estaba y siempre está trabajando en cada circunstancia. No puede ser fácil para nosotros ver el significado detrás de algún evento doloroso mientras está pasando, pero si nosotros perseveramos en fe, entonces cada infortunio, incluso nuestras tragedias, puede volverse ocasiones de gracia. Cuándo las personas cuestionan por qué la Iglesia católica condena la eutanasia (no es mi vida para hacer con ella cuanto yo quiero?) o el aborto (no debe ser mi opción tener este niño o no?), la respuesta siempre debe ser que cada vida es preciosa y no puede tirarse. Nuestra Iglesia rechaza algo que disminuye el respeto de la vida humana, así sean, abortos casuales, 'muerte por misericordia', la pena de muerte, experimentación con embriones humanos, el almacenaje de ancianos e inválidos, indiferencia hacia las familias y los niños vulnerables, porque todas estas cosas corroen la tremenda consideración e involucramiento que cada uno debe tener para nuestros compañeros los seres humanos. Después de todo, cada uno de nosotros llevamos dentro de nuestra alma una chispa de la vida divina, y todos somos parte del Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, incluso las personas que están desapercibidas de ello. Para aquéllos que somos privilegiados en saber que somos parte de la vida de Cristo, es esencial que vivamos cada vez más como sus agentes y discípulos. Con Cristo como nuestra fundación, y guiados por el espíritu santo, podemos transformar el mundo juntos. Podemos volvernos instrumentos de curación y fuentes de sabiduría y consuelo para nuestra familia y amigos. Y podemos saludar cada día seguros que estamos en el camino correcto que nos lleva a Dios.

You are Invited

The Annual Pentecost Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday May 23, 6pm

Cavanagh Hall

The Sister Parish Committee welcomes you to an evening to celebrate the universality of the Church. This year, we are pleased that Father Ulysses will be joining us provide a presentation on "What Really Happened at Pentecost". **Please bring your favorite traditional family dish to share with the community.** We will be available at 4:30pm in the kitchen to collect and store your dish. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the Sister Parish Ministry.

We remember Pentecost as the day when the apostles spoke and those who heard understood even though the words were not in their native language. We all know the power of love, which is a universal language that we share with St. Francis Xavier, our sister parish near Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. We will be asking for a free will donation to help the people of Kiraeni to build a cistern. We helped them to build their church roof and now are working to help them build an underground cistern that will store rainwater that pours from that roof during occasional tropical downpours. The village of 5,000 people suffer through frequent droughts and live on an average income of \$1 per day. Our assistance continues to help them to improve the quality as they continue to pray for us and our unique needs. Contact Lucinda at (650)366-9604 with any questions.



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Archbishop Annual Appeal

Thank all of you who have contributed to the Archbishop Annual Appeal. Our assessment for 2015 is \$64,500. To date we have received \$21,250. Please consider how you can help us meet our goal.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven's banquet dimmed, since most people saw God's just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn't improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the "Dark Ages." Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer



R.I.C.A.

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Although formal R.C.I.A. sessions continue Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. in the small chapel through Pentecost, anyone inquiring about our Catholic Faith are welcome to contact us any time.

For more information please call: 650-368-8237


Pray for ...

The Sick:
Pidge and Henry
Deeken



Mass Intentions For The Week

Intenciones de Misas de la semana

Saturday, May 2 5:00 PM Rick Carlson †

Sunday, May 3 8:00 AM Suzy Parker †
 10:00 AM Dick Valente †
 Mary B. Washington †
 Español 12:00 PM Balbina Blanco †
 5:00 PM Frances Hall †

Monday, May 4 8:15AM Huan Phan †

Tuesday, May 5 8:15 AM Benjamin & Xuereb Families
Living & Deceased

Wed., May 6 8:15 AM Mollie Tonry †

Thurs. May 7 8:15 AM Paul Isaacs †

Friday, May 8 8:15 AM Vittore Dei Rossi †

Saturday, May 9 8:15 AM Dr. Ruben Mallari †

THIS WEEK AT MT. CARMEL

Sunday, May 3:

Children's Liturgy 10:00 AM Chapel

Monday, May 4:

School Volunteers 7:00 PM L. Hall
Charismatic Group 7:00 PM Old Chapel

Tuesday, May 5:

Guadalupanos Soc. 7:00 PM Old Chapel
School Production 3:30—7:00 PM L. Hall
Men's Sports 7:30 PM L Hall

Wednesday, May 6

Spanish Charismatic 7:00 PM L Hall

Thursday, May 7:

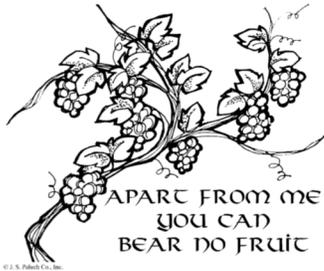
Good Grief 6:00 p.m. Old Chapel

Friday, May 8:

Spanish Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Parish Center

Saturday, May 9:

Memorial Reception 12:00 Noon L. Hall



BEARING FRUIT

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” John’s words come to us on this day when the Gospel pas-

sage presents us with the great image of the vine and the branches. Jesus uses the image as a warning to those who have begun to distance themselves from the way of the Lord. One of the ways this happens is when we love God and others “in word or speech” instead of “in deed and truth.” What does it mean for us to “remain in Christ”? In an extension of the metaphor, the Lord gives us an example. If we remain in him, we will bear much fruit. As the branches, we draw strength from Christ who is the vine. This strength enables us to bear fruit—to do the work of true discipleship. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Welcome **to Our New Parishioners ...**

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:
