

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2015

Parish Center Hours

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

Parish Staff

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The LORD has done great things for us;
We are glad indeed. —*Psalm 126: 3*

Estamos alegres, pues ha hecho grandes cosas
por su pueblo el Señor. —*Salmo 126: 3*

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (español)
and 5pm

Saturday: 8:15 am and 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Monday to Friday 8:15 am

Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday 3:30 –4:30 p.m.

Baptisms / Bautismos

Call parish at least two months in advance.
Llame a la parroquia a lo menos dos meses antes.

Weddings / Bodas

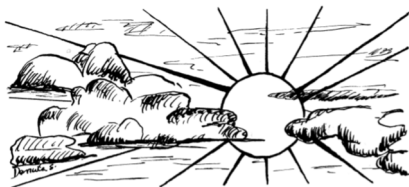
Call parish at least six months in advance
Llame a la parroquia a lo menos seis meses antes.

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

With little time to watch t.v. or read daily newspapers, I must confess that most of the news that I get comes through the internet. Once again, as we come to the celebration of that uniquely American holiday, Halloween, I was reading on-line about school districts throughout the country that have banned any mention of Halloween in their classrooms. To those of us raised here, it seems almost shocking that there would be no jack-o-lanterns, no spooky spider webs or ghosts, no haunted houses, no costumes or trick-or-treat. These are part of our childhood. But every year there are those, both native-born people or immigrants, who voice objections to the holiday, usually on religious grounds. Could they possibly be right? Is Halloween really a celebration of things that are surely no good: evil witches, devils, malevolent spirits? Are we not encouraging unhealthy images in the minds of young children? It's hard to answer these criticisms. Although Halloween is strictly a secular holiday, its roots go back deeply in time and do relate to Christian religious traditions. The word itself is derived from the phrase All Hallows Eve. The 'Hallowed ones' are of course the Saints, and the following day, November 1st, is as we all know, All Saints Day. Just as we Catholics celebrate a Vigil Mass the evening before such major feasts as Christmas, Easter or Pentecost, so too was All Hallows Eve once the Vigil of All Saints Day. But what about all those pagan or occult-seeming images: the witches, the ghosts, the skeletons and so on? How do they relate to the saints? Certainly in a time when many more people believed in spirits, there was a great fear of the evil forces of the invisible world, along with a belief that people could harness these bad spirits for their own purposes. We know that during the Puritan colonial period, there was a terrible witch-hunt in Salem, Massachusetts. Many women were accused of consorting with the devil and of casting evil spells on their enemies. Some of these women were even tried and hung. All of this dark history, along with customs adapted from our European past, has become part of the celebration of Halloween. Latin countries, particularly Mexico, evoke similar imagery in their celebration of the Catholic feast that follows All Saints Day, that is All Souls Day or Día de los Muertos. Colorful altars are constructed often with images of death, such as skulls and bones and gravestones. In this way, through such symbols, we acknowledge the frightening reality of death and mortality, and in a sense we laugh at it, make a joke of it, tame it so to speak and in that way we loosen its grip on us. Some may find this unsettling, even blasphemous. Others just enjoy the fun. I say, take your pick. *Fr. Ulysses*



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Notas del Párroco

Con poco tiempo para ver televisión o leer la prensa diaria, debo confesar que la mayor parte de las noticias que recibo viene a través del internet. Una vez más, a medida que llegamos a la celebración de ese día de fiesta exclusivamente estadounidense, Halloween, estaba leyendo sobre los distritos escolares en todo el país que han prohibido cualquier mención de Halloween en sus aulas. Para aquellos de nosotros que se criaron aquí, parece casi chocante que no habría jack-o-linternas, no hay telarañas o fantasmas, no hay casas encantadas, ni trajes o trick-or-treat. Estos son parte de nuestra infancia. Pero cada año hay quienes, tanto a las personas nacidos en el país o los inmigrantes, quienes tienen objeciones contra esta fiesta, por lo general por motivos religiosos. ¿Podrían ser cierto? ¿Es realmente una celebración de las cosas que son sin duda no buenas: las brujas malvadas, diablos, espíritus malévolos? ¿No estamos animando a imágenes poco saludables en las mentes de los niños pequeños? Es difícil responder a estas críticas. Aunque Halloween es estrictamente una fiesta secular, sus raíces se remontan profundamente en el pasado y se relaciona con las tradiciones religiosas cristianas. La palabra misma se deriva de la frase All Hallows Eve. Los Hallowed son por supuesto los Santos, y al día siguiente, es noviembre 1, como todos sabemos, el Día de Todos los Santos. Al igual que nosotros los católicos celebran una Misa de la Vigilia por la tarde antes de fiestas importantes como Navidad, la Pascua o Pentecostés, también fue All Hallows Eve en otros tiempos la Vigilia de Todos los Santos. Pero ¿qué pasa con todas esas imágenes paganas o ocultas: las brujas, los fantasmas, los esqueletos y cosas así? ¿Cómo se relacionan a los santos? Ciertamente, en los días cuando mucha gente creían en espíritus, había un gran temor de las fuerzas del mal del mundo invisible, junto con la creencia de que un brujo pudiera aprovechar estos malos espíritus para sus propios fines. Sabemos que durante el tiempo colonial aquí en los estados unidos, hubo una terrible caza de brujas en Salem, Massachusetts. Muchas mujeres fueron acusadas de asociarse con el diablo y de echar maleficios a sus enemigos. Algunas de estas mujeres incluso fueron juzgadas y colgadas. Toda esta historia oscura, junto con las costumbres adaptados de nuestro pasado europeo, se ha convertido en parte de la celebración de Halloween. Los países latinoamericanos, en especial México, evocan imágenes similares en su celebración de la fiesta católica que sigue a Todos los Santos, es Día de los Fieles Difuntos o Día de los Muertos. Se construye altares con imágenes de muerte, tales como calaveras, huesos y lápidas. De esta manera, a través de esos símbolos, reconocemos la realidad espantosa de la muerte y la mortalidad, y en cierto sentido nos reímos de ella, hacemos una broma de ella, dominarla por así decirlo, y de esa manera podemos aflojar su control sobre nosotros. Algunos pueden encontrar todo esto como algo inquietante, incluso blasfemo. Otros simplemente disfrutaban de la diversión. Lo que yo digo es: tú eliges.

Padre Ulysses

MASS FOR THE DECEASED



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In the Catholic Church, the entire month of November is traditionally dedicated to remembering all those of our family and friends who have passed on from this world. At our Lady of Mount Carmel we keep this tradition with special envelopes and prayers for the dead, with an 'Altar de los Muertos' or altar of the dead sponsored by the Guadalupe Society, and a special Mass sponsored by our Grief Group for all those who were buried from our parish during the past year. This year's Mass of the Dead will take place on Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day) at 8:00 a.m. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Small Hall. Everyone is invited.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

En la Iglesia Católica, el mes de noviembre es tradicionalmente dedicado a nuestros queridos difuntos. En Monte Carmelo seguimos esta tradición con el Altar de los Muertos patrocinado por la Sociedad Guadalupeana y vendemos velas bendecidas que pueden llevar a casa o dejarlas encendida en la iglesia. Estas velas se venderán el domingo primero de noviembre que es el Día de Todos los Santos. También habrán sobres para el altar.



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R. C. I. A.)

Rooted from the very beginning of Church tradition, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the path for welcoming new inquirers into our community of believers. If you, or someone close to you, are considering becoming a member of the Catholic community here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel then please accept our invitation to join with us weekly on Sunday, following the 8:00 AM Mass in the Small Chapel on the James Street side of the Church. For further information, contact John Spotorno, RCIA coordinator, johnspotorno@gmail.com or call, cell (650) 303-6292 or at home (650) 364-3704.

HOLY HOUR HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at Nativity parish (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on Tuesdays from 8pm-9pm, followed by drinks at a local pub. If you have any questions, please email holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com or visit our website, holyhourhappyhour.wordpress.com.

TODOS LOS SANTOS MASS

Holy Cross Cemetery invites you to Todos los Santos Mass at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel in Colma, Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 11AM. This Mass begins our month-long commemoration of the Holy Souls. Bishop William Justice will be the main celebrant. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the Mass.

TRUE BLINDNESS

Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a "good blind beggar." But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. Bartimaeus probably had his arms outstretched as he shouted out to the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: "Bartimaeus, you're not fit for Jesus." But it was okay for them and other "sighted" people to follow Jesus. In today's readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Please join us for the 18th Annual Benefit Auction for Our Lady of Mount Carmel School on **Saturday, November 7**. This year's theme is "On the Boardwalk". Enjoy dinner, entertainment and dancing, as well as our live and silent auction. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, October 7, for \$75.00 each. For more information, please contact the school office at 650.366.6127.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Intenciones de Misas de la semana

Saturday, October 24, 5:00 PM

Casmir & Julia Guza †

Sunday, October 25:

8:00 AM Augusto Saguin †

10:00 AM Norma Apacible †

12:00 PM (Español) Fidel Gallegos †

5:00 PM Richard Francis Palumbo (Int)

Monday, October 26, 8:15 AM

William Swanson †

Tuesday, October 27, 8:15 AM

Huan Phan †

Wednesday, October 28, 8:15 AM

Suzy Parker †

Thursday, October 29, 8:15 AM

Narcy Benavente †

Friday, October 30, 8:15AM

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Saturday, October 31, 8:15 AM

Mary Ann Appleby (Int.)



This week at Mt. Carmel

Sunday, October 25:

RCIA Class	8:30 am	Chapel
Children's Liturgy	10:00 am	Chapel
CCD Class	8:45 am	School
Youth Ministry	2:30 pm	SH/Gym
Confirmation Class	5-7pm	L. Hall

Monday, October 26:

Carismáticos (Directiva)	7:00 pm	Old Chapel
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Tuesday, October 27:

Men's Basketball	8:30-10:30 pm	L. Hall
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Wednesday, October 28:

CCD Class	6:30 pm	School
Grupo Carismático	7:00 pm	L. Hall

Thursday, October 29 :

Good Grief	6:00 pm	Old Chapel
CCD Class	6:30 pm	School

Friday, October 30:

Spanish Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	P. Center
Haunted House	3:00 pm	LH/SH/K



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SAINTS AN SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day

Wednesday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Halloween; Blessed Virgin Mary

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:



ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL 2015

Thank all of you who have contributed to the Archbishop Annual Appeal. Our assessment for 2015 is \$64,500. To date we have received \$43,900. Our balance \$20,600. Please consider how you can help us meet our goal.