Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

Parish Center Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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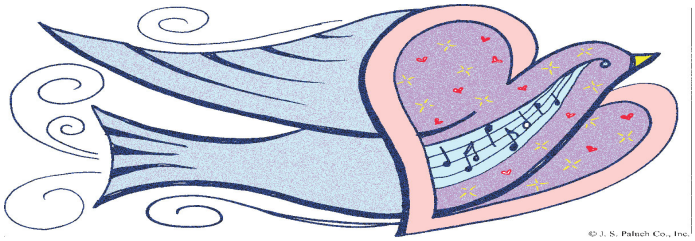


What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], his God has revealed to us through the Spirit.—
1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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

In the 1969 revision of our Church Calendar a number of saints from long ago were in a sense 'demoted'. St. Christopher and St. Philomena were two of these. It was determined that the historical record regarding these saints was insufficient – we simply did not know enough about them – and that, therefore, they would be removed from the Calendar. This didn't mean that they were no longer saints, but only that they would no longer be honored with a special day in the liturgical year. This was also the case with St. Valentine who had to yield his feast day, February 14, to two more reliable saints. So while we now celebrate at Mass the Memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius, our secular culture continues to remember St. Valentine. According to statistics kept by the Hallmark Card Company, each year on Valentine's Day more than 163 million cards are exchanged. That's more than ¼ of all the cards that are sent in a year! So it's worth asking, "How did the name of a third century Christian martyr become linked with this annual celebration of romantic love?" The roots of this festivity go back to the declining days of the Roman Empire. So vast was the territory of the Empire – from the British Isles down to the Holy Land – that it was almost impossible to govern. Its borders were constantly attacked, and more and more soldiers were required to defend it. The Roman Emperor Claudius feared that married men, naturally attached to their wives and families, were more likely to desert than single men. His solution was to issue an edict forbidding marriage. This ban was a great shock both to pagan and to Christian soldiers. A Roman Bishop, Valentine, deeply sympathized with the distress of couples who were forced to give up all hope of being married. Risking his safety, Valentine began to secretly marry couples who came to him. Eventually, he was found out and the Emperor ordered that Bishop Valentine be arrested and thrown in jail. While awaiting sentence, Valentine continued to receive and heal those who came and knelt at the window of his cell. One young woman was cured of her blindness through Valentine's prayers. She became his spiritual disciple, bringing him paper so that they could carry on a correspondence. On the night before his execution, St. Valentine wrote a moving letter to the young woman, encouraging her to remain strong in her faith and to love God with all her heart. He signed his message, "From your Valentine," a phrase that has echoed down through the ages. Whether history or legend, it's a beautiful story, and the holy Bishop Valentine should remain forever the patron saint of all those in love.

Fr. Ulysses

Notas del Párroco

En la revisión del Calendario de la Iglesia en 1969, un número de santos antiguos fueron en cierto sentido "degradados". San Cristóbal y Santa Filomena eran dos de ellos. Se determinó que el registro histórico de estos santos era insuficientes - simplemente no sabíamos lo suficiente sobre ellos - y que, por lo tanto, serían eliminados del Calendario. Esto no significaba que ya no fueran santos, sino sólo que ya no se honrarían con un día especial en el año litúrgico. Éste era también el caso con San Valentín que tuvo que ceder su día de fiesta, el 14 de febrero, a dos santos más confiables. Así que mientras celebramos en la Misa el Memorial de los Santos Cirilo y Método, nuestra cultura secular sigue recordando San Valentín. Según las estadísticas mantenidas por la empresa Hallmark, cada año en el Día de San Valentín se intercambian más de 163 millones de tarjetas. ¡Eso es más de ¼ de todas las tarjetas que se envían en un año! Así que vale la pena preguntarse: "¿Cómo es que el nombre de un mártir cristiano del tercer siglo llegó a ser identificado con esta celebración anual del amor romántico?" Las raíces de esta festividad se remontan a los días del declive del Imperio Romano. Tan extenso era el territorio del Imperio - desde las Islas Británicas hasta la Tierra Santa - que era casi imposible gobernarlo. Sus fronteras eran constantemente atacadas, y cada vez más soldados tenían que defenderlas. El emperador romano Claudio temía que los hombres casados, naturalmente pegados a sus esposas y sus familias, fueran más propensos a desertar que los hombres solteros. Su solución fue emitir un edicto prohibiendo el matrimonio. Esta prohibición causó una gran conmoción tanto para los paganos como para los soldados cristianos. Un obispo romano, Valentín, simpatizó con la angustia de las parejas que se vieron obligados a renunciar a toda esperanza de estar casados. Arriesgando su seguridad, Valentín comenzó a celebrar bodas en secreto para las parejas que acudían a él. Eventualmente, fue descubierto y el emperador ordenó que el Obispo Valentín fuera arrestado y echado en la cárcel. Mientras esperaba la sentencia de muerte, Valentín seguía recibiendo y sanando a todos los que venían y se arrodillaban ante la ventana de su celda. Una mujer joven fue curada de su ceguera a través de las oraciones de San Valentín. Ella se convirtió en su discípulo espiritual, trayéndole papel para que pudieran llevar una correspondencia. La noche antes de su ejecución, San Valentín escribió una carta conmovedora a la joven, animándola a permanecer fuerte en su fe y a amar a Dios con todo su corazón. Firmó su mensaje, "De tu Valentín", una frase que ha resonado a través de los siglos. No importa si esta leyenda es completamente la verdad o no, es una historia hermosa, y el santo obispo San Valentín debe permanecer para siempre como el santo patrón de todos los enamorados.

P. Ulises

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2017

I want to very sincerely thank all of you who contributed to the 2016 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Because of your support and your generosity, we were able to reach the amount that our parish was assessed -- $74,614 – by the end of the year without having to take funds from our savings or from our regular operating budget. 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. It is now time to begin our campaign for this current year of 2017. You will find the new brochures in the church, and we will begin announcing the Appeal. To kick off the campaign, we will take up a special Second Collection on the weekend of February 25/26 that will hopefully jumpstart us on the road to collecting the amount we need for this year's assessment. Once again, thank you, and may the blessings of God's abundance and providence be with you and your family.

Today's Second Collection
is for Religious Education Fund

This collection 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.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

If you wish to make your donations to Mount Carmel electronically or by credit card, please go to our website at, www.mountcarmel.org, press Donate and follow the easy instructions. **Thank You**, and may God reward your generosity.

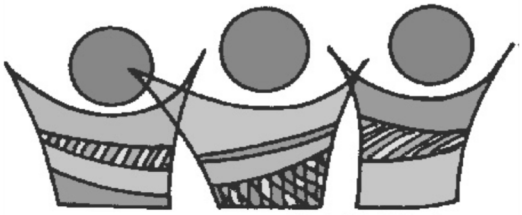
Women's Silent Weekend Retreat

Friday, **March 3 to Sunday, March 5, 2017** St. Clare's Retreat Center. For registration and further information, contact Sheila Cole. Email:sheilac100@prodigy.net
Space is limited and reservations are a must.

A Message from Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone

Un Mensaje de Nuestro Arzobispo

"The beginning of a new year is usually a time filled with much hope . . . . Unfortunately, for many of our immigrant brothers and sisters, the beginning of 2017 has proven to be a time of fear and anxiety as they find themselves wondering how changes to immigration policy might impact them. Indeed, many are finding it hard to sleep at night, as they see the growing anti-immigrant hostility that threatens to tear their families apart. As St. Paul reminds us, we are one body in Christ, and if one part suffers, every part suffers with it. We are called, then, to stand with our immigrant parishioners and assure them that they are not alone, and that our Church loves them and will work arduously to protect them."



"El comienzo de un nuevo año generalmente es un tiempo lleno de mucha esperanza. . . . Desafortunadamente, para muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, el comienzo de 2017 ha sido un tiempo de temor y ansiedad mientras se encuentran preguntándose cómo los cambios en las pólizas de inmigración podrían impactarlos. De hecho, a muchos les resulta difícil dormir por la noche, ya que ven la hostilidad anti-inmigrante y las amenazas que pueden separar sus familias. Como San Pablo nos recuerda, somos un cuerpo en Cristo, y si una parte sufre, cada parte sufre con ella. Estamos llamados, entonces, a caminar con nuestros feligreses inmigrantes y asegurarles que no están solos en esta lucha, y que nuestra Iglesia los ama y trabajará arduamente para protegerlos."

Dear parishioners, if you need your **2016 donation letter for taxes** , please contact Ivette Meléndez in the Parish Office at (650) 366-3802 or imelendez@mountcarmel.org.
The Parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am. to 3 pm.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 11, 2017
05:00 PM Susan Hogan †
Sunday, February 12, 2017
08:00 AM Louisa Norman †
10:00 AM Huan Phan †
12:00 PM Aurora Muñiz †
05:00 PM Guadalupe Gomez †
Monday, February 13, 2017
8:15 AM Augusto Saguin †
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
8:15 AM Margarita Velasquez **(Int.)**
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
8:15 AM Gabriel Cervantes Garcia †
Thursday, February 16, 2017
8:15 AM Raquel Espinoza de Cervantes **(Int.)**
Friday, February 17, 2017
8:15 AM Joseph Morales †
Saturday, February 18, 2017
8:15 AM Carmen Brimo †

THIS WEEK AT MT. CARMEL

Sunday, February 12, 2017		
CCD Classes	8:45 am	School
Catechists' Meeting	10:00 am	Small Hall
Children's Liturgy	10:00 am	Chapel
Confirmation Session	5:00 pm	SC/Large Hall
Monday, February 13, 2017		
Grupo Carismático (Mesa Directiva)	7:00 pm	Parish Center
Tuesday, February 14, 2017		
Men's Basketball	8:30 pm	Large Hall
Wednesday, February 15, 2017		
CCD Classes	6:30 pm	School
Grupo Carismático	7:00 pm	Large Hall
Thursday, February 16, 2017		
Good Grief	6:00 pm	Old Chapel
CCD Classes	6:30 pm	School
Friday, February 17, 2017		
Coro Hispano, ensayo	7:00 pm	Parish Center

Lo que Dios ha preparado para los que lo aman, ni el ojo lo ha visto, ni el oído lo ha escuchado, ni la mente del hombre pudo siquiera haberlo imaginado. A nosotros, en cambio, Dios nos lo ha revelado por el Espíritu.— 1 Corintios 2:9-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día Mundial del Matrimonio

Monday: Sixth Monday in Ordinary Time
Sexto Lunes del Tiempo Ordinario

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Santos Cirilo y Metodio; Día de San Valentín

Wednesday: Sixth Wednesday in Ordinary Time
Sexto Miércoles del Tiempo Ordinario

Thursday: Sixth Thursday in Ordinary Time
Sexto Jueves del Tiempo Ordinario

Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Los Siete Fundadores de la Orden de los Siervos de María

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Santa María Virgen

GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

The loss of every loved one creates many changes, challenges and 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.

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: ____

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