

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

*The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to evangelize with Jesus, so "that all may have more abundant life." (John 10:10). The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are the instruments and standards of this work of evangelization and faith formation.*

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00pm El Señor de los Milagros, Salvatore Taormina,  
Edilberto Santiago, Carol Gigante,  
Flora Ovani (Living—For Healing)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

#### (Thirty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am Salus L. Bitancur (*Death Anniversary*)  
9:00am Goffredo Barretta  
9:30am Sr. Helen Kearney (*Living*)  
11:00am Jimmy G. Garcia  
12:30pm Teodolina Gasca & Familia, Nestor Quizhpe,  
Martina Ambrosio, Gregorio Puma,  
Maria Cristina Landi, Jose Manuel Gomez  
5:00pm For the people of our parish

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00am Maria Nicola & Francesco Del Greco  
12:00pm Sebastino & Antonina Leto

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (All Saints)

8:00am Margherita Petruso  
12:00pm Deceased Members of the  
Castroverde & Doronila Families  
7:30pm The Deceased Members of the  
Mossa & DeLino Family

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (All Souls)

8:00am For all the Deceased in Our Parish Family  
12:00pm For all the Deceased in Our Parish Family  
7:30pm For all the Deceased in Our Parish Family

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (Saint Martin de Porres)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta  
12:00pm Louis & Matilda Ricci

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (Saint Charles Borromeo)

8:00am Purgatorial Society  
12:00pm Joseph & Mary Leto  
7:30pm En Accion de Gracias A Dios

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00am Maria & Anthony Pintacuda  
5:00pm Gerlando, Angelo, Giuseppina & Maria Graci,  
Carlo Bucich, Catalina & Vicente Paparo,  
Manuel Butiong & Ana Limon

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

#### (Thirty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am John Pham  
9:00am Defunti della Comunita Italiana  
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of  
Our Parish's Rosary Society  
11:00am Marie Bradley  
12:30pm Genaro Castro, Maria Palaguachi & Wilson  
Muyulema y Por Sanacion de Pablo Vazquez  
Palomino y Joel & Enrique Palomino  
5:00pm For the people of our parish

## MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles are being offered for **Margherita Petruso**, requested by Anthony, Rosalia, Margherita, Charlie & Kids.



The Sanctuary Lamp is being offered for **Samantha Syldort (Living)**, requested by her Mother.

## YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Last weekend's collection: \$5,963

Same weekend last year: \$5,286

(These amounts do not include donations through *Faith Direct*)

Last Weekend's Second Collection  
for Mission Sunday: \$3,098



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	<b>Upper Church:</b> 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) 5:00 PM (English) <b>Lower Church:</b> 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bilingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (lower church)

### CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Weekend: 7:00am—6:00pm

### OFFICE HOURS

#### Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon & 1:00pm—8:30pm

#### Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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## TEXT-TO-GIVE

Another way to securely make a gift to our parish is by texting a dollar amount to **(929) 254-3850**. You will be prompted to complete a one-time registration providing your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to the phone number above.

## "FALL" INTO E-GIVING

The Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. You may be aware that there is a great way of supporting our parish through "e-Giving" called **Faith Direct Service**. It is a convenient, cost-effective, efficient and secure way to make your weekly donations. To the 75 registered families of our parish who are already using Faith Direct, THANK YOU! We would like to encourage everyone else to consider using this wonderful service. You will be amazed by how easy and convenient it is.

**Signing up will only take a minute, but it will save you a lot of valuable time every week.** By using Faith Direct, you will also help our parish to go "green" by eliminating the many wasteful envelopes that go unused. Your recurring gifts will ensure that the ministries you care about are supported throughout the year, even when you need to be absent from a Sunday Mass. Faith Direct is a "win-win" FREE service for all of us.

Choose ANY of the following ways to sign up:

- Visit [faith.direct/NY370](http://faith.direct/NY370)
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at **866-507-8757**
- Text "Enroll" to **(929) 254-3850**

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**November 6, 2022**— There will be a second collection after Communion for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection benefit all those who serve in all the six branches of the US Armed Forces, Veterans and their families so that they are able to seek sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Penance, and marriage as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty. Envelopes for this collection are available by the doors of the church in the pamphlet racks. Thank you.

**November 13, 2022**—There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance. Your generosity enables us to maintain our parish spaces and buildings in good condition for your use. Thank you.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of October 24, 2022, 196 of our parishioners have pledged \$69,402 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$63,465 have been collected so far. If you are still considering your donation, please complete a donation envelope by the entrances of the church and or Text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** today.

*A parte del 24 de octubre, 2022, 196 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$69,402 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$63,465 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Si todavía no han hecho su compromiso, complete un sobre de donación por las entradas de la iglesia o envíe hoy un mensaje de texto con la palabra **DONATE** al **917-336-1255**.*





Dear parish family,

Tuesday, November 1, will be All Saints Day. This beautiful Solemnity celebrates the Church Triumphant in heaven with all those Holy Ones who came before us, the famous as well as the unknown. This year, All Saints Day will be a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate solemnly each Mass of the day, and the Relics of the Saints will be exposed for veneration by the faithful.

Wednesday, November 2, will be All Souls Day. This annual Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is a powerful expression of our Catholic belief in Purgatory. We affirm the Church's teaching that sin is an offense against God's love and deserves His just punishments. We also affirm our belief that prayer is a powerful instrument before God, by which we can intercede for our deceased brothers and sisters.

In our parish, it is a custom to cherish in a special way the memory of those whose funerals were celebrated in our church during the past year. We will read out their names during Mass. If you have a family member who passed away and their funeral was held here, be assured that the person will be automatically on the remembrance list. If your loved one's funeral was held elsewhere, and you would like to include him or her, please contact the parish office to present your request.

Starting last year, I have revived the ancient tradition of All Souls Novena here, which is a series of Holy Masses for the Holy Souls which begins on November 3 and continue for 9 consecutive days. Those enrolled will share in a special remembrance at the Altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. Enrollment envelopes are available at the doors of our church and in the parish office. Like many of you who are still in mourning, I find consolation in these spiritual rituals, recalling the memory of my beloved father who died a year and a half ago. My dad used to request Mass intentions for the souls in Purgatory every November. He taught me to do the same, with a simple belief that the Holy Souls whose suffering we ease, once ascended to heaven, will not forget us before God.

Scripture tells us that *"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins"* (2 Maccabees 12:46). In November, the Church grants special graces called *"Indulgences"* that the faithful may obtain for the Holy Souls by visiting a cemetery to pray for the dead. An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment one deserves for one's sins. We may gain a *"partial indulgence"* all year round by visiting a cemetery, but from November 1 through November 8, it is a *"plenary indulgence"*. This means that by performing the requirements for an indulgence on those days, we will make it possible for a soul who is suffering in Purgatory to ascend into Heaven, completely free and forgiven by God. To obtain the plenary indulgence, we must receive Holy Communion each day we wish to gain the indulgence, but we only need to go to Confession once during the period and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

As you know, our parish's cemetery is located on 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, opposite the New York Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. On Wednesday, November 2, I invite you to join me and the priests of our parish in making a visit to that cemetery. You can meet us by the church parking lot at 10:00am and we will walk together there, or you can meet us there and join us in prayer at 10:15am. We will conclude in time to walk back for the 12 Noon Mass at church.

Remembering you and your deceased loved ones at the Altar, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
**Msgr. Cuong M. Pham**



Querida familia parroquial,

El martes 1 de noviembre será el Día de Todos los Santos. Esta hermosa Solemnidad celebra a la Iglesia Triunfante en el cielo con todos aquellos Santos que nos precedieron, tanto los famosos como los desconocidos. Este año, el Día de Todos los Santos será un Día Santo de Obligación. Celebraremos solemnemente cada Misa del día, y las Reliquias de los Santos serán expuestas para la veneración de los fieles.

El miércoles 2 de noviembre será el Día de los Muertos. Esta Conmemoración anual de Todos los Fieles Difuntos es una poderosa expresión de nuestra creencia católica en el Purgatorio. Afirmamos la enseñanza de la Iglesia de que el pecado es una ofensa contra el amor de Dios y merece sus justos castigos. También afirmamos nuestra creencia de que la oración es un instrumento poderoso ante Dios, por el cual podemos interceder por nuestros hermanos y hermanas difuntos.

En nuestra parroquia, es costumbre atesorar de manera especial la memoria de aquellos cuyos funerales se celebraron en nuestra iglesia durante el año pasado. Leeremos sus nombres durante la misa. Si tiene un familiar que falleció y su funeral se llevó a cabo aquí, tenga la seguridad de que la persona estará automáticamente en la lista de recuerdo. Si el funeral de su ser querido se llevó a cabo en otro lugar y desea incluirlo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para presentar su solicitud.

Comenzando el año pasado, reviví la antigua tradición de la Novena de Todas las Almas aquí, que es una serie de Santas Misas para las Santas Almas que comienza el 3 de noviembre y continúa durante 9 días consecutivos. Los inscritos compartirán un recuerdo especial en el Altar durante la Plegaria Eucarística. Los sobres de inscripción están disponibles en las puertas de nuestra iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Como muchos de vosotros que aún estáis de luto, encuentro consuelo en estos rituales espirituales, rememorando la memoria de mi amado padre fallecido hace año y medio. Mi papá solía pedir misas de intenciones por las almas del Purgatorio cada noviembre. Él me enseñó a hacer lo mismo, con la simple creencia de que las Benditas Almas cuyos sufrimientos aliviarnos, una vez ascendidos al cielo, no nos olvidarán ante Dios.

La Escritura nos dice que *“Es, pues, un pensamiento santo y saludable orar por los muertos, para que sean libres de sus pecados”* (2 Macabeos 12:46). En noviembre, la Iglesia otorga gracias especiales llamadas *“Indulgencias”* que los fieles pueden obtener para las Benditas Ánimas al visitar un cementerio para rezar por los difuntos. Una indulgencia es una remisión del castigo temporal que uno merece por sus pecados. Podemos obtener una *“indulgencia parcial”* durante todo el año visitando un cementerio, pero del 1 al 8 de noviembre es una *“indulgencia plenaria”*. Esto quiere decir que cumpliendo los requisitos para una indulgencia en esos días, haremos posible que un alma que sufre en el Purgatorio ascienda al Cielo, completamente libre y perdonada por Dios. Para obtener la indulgencia plenaria, debemos recibir la Sagrada Comunión cada día que deseemos obtener la indulgencia, pero solo debemos confesarnos una vez durante el período y orar por las intenciones del Santo Padre.

Como saben, el cementerio de nuestra parroquia está ubicado en la calle 21 y la avenida 26, frente al Centro de Enfermería y Rehabilitación de Nueva York. El miércoles 2 de noviembre los invito a unirse a mí y a los sacerdotes de nuestra parroquia para hacer una visita a ese cementerio. Puede reunirse con nosotros en el estacionamiento de la iglesia a las 10:00 a. m. y caminaremos juntos allí, o puede reunirse con nosotros allí y unirse a nosotros en oración a las 10:15 a. m. Concluiremos a tiempo para caminar de regreso para la misa de las 12 del mediodía en la iglesia.

Recordándote a ti y a tus seres queridos fallecidos en el Altar, permanezco

Fielmente suyo en Cristo,  
**Mons. Cuong M. Pham**



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, October 30

10:00am—3:00pm	CYO	Gym
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
3:00pm—5:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Nazareth
4:00pm—8:30pm	San Diego Alcalá	Guadalupe A/B

### Monday, October 31

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
6:30pm—8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

### Tuesday, October 1

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

### Wednesday, October 2

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes B

### Thursday, October 3

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe B

### Friday, October 4

10:00am—11:30am	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima
7:30pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A

### Saturday, October 5

9:00am—12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
10:00am—1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
12:30pm—3:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
2:30pm—4:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
4:00pm—9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
6:30pm—8:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A+ Nazareth

## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on **Friday, November 4, 2022**. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

## 2023 MASS BOOK OPENING

The 2023 Mass book will open Tuesday, November 15. Mass Intention Request sheets will be placed by the doors of the church the weekend of November 12/13. Mass requests will not be accepted prior to November 15th.



## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place on November 6, 2022 after the 9:30am Bilingual Mass. All ladies over 15 years old are invited to come to the Institute and join us to pray the rosary. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a friend! For more information, call the parish office.



## CATHOLIC VOTERS' RESPONSIBILITIES



All eligible Catholics have a morally obligatory duty to exercise the right to vote (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2239-2240*). As Catholic citizens, we should carefully consider all the issues in this election and base our votes on those concerns. No one is to vote solely on the basis of candidates' personalities or party affiliations. In reality, there is no political party that has a distinctly Catholic outlook, and likewise, we Catholics do not all belong to a specific party. However, we should be informed about the candidates' position concerning the non-negotiable life issues such as abortion and infanticide, euthanasia, homosexuality, the so-called homosexual marriage and other social issues. As the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared: "A well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law that contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals," it follows that we must know the Church's positions to decide accordingly. For a summary of teachings and critical issues facing this election, please visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). Remember, if we truly want to build a more just world, we cannot leave our faith outside the voting booth.

## CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES

Starting this month, students enrolled in our parish's Religious Education Program have been asked to bring their own offering envelopes to Sunday Mass. These weekly envelopes have been distributed to them for their use at any Sunday Mass.



This is a way for us to foster faithful Mass attendance and commitment among children. Parents: please note that THESE ENVELOPES ARE FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY, NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH YOUR FAMILY'S NORMAL WEEKLY ENVELOPES. The idea is that a child's donation, no matter how small, should represent a small sacrifice and act of thanksgiving to the Lord from his or her own weekly allowance. We will use those envelopes to check the children's Sunday Mass attendance.

The envelopes themselves contain clip art pictures that children can color and fill in as a fun and educating activity. Please feel free to take them home from church for your children, even if they are not yet participating in our Religious Education Program.

*Can't find an available Mass Intention? Consider donating a memorial gift of Altar Flowers, Bread & Wine, Candles or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, for both living or deceased. Please call the parish office for more information.*



## PLANNED GIVING RECOMMENDED



Did you know that there are ways to support our parish and the mission of the Church that can also **provide you with tax benefits...and potentially even a source of income?** If you have an asset such as appreciated stocks, a retirement plan, art, real estate or other assets, a planned gift could be a smarter way to give than cash alone. With a planned gift, like those mentioned above, you can sustain our beloved parish while also making smart financial decisions to benefit your family. If you are interested in learning more contact our diocesan Catholic Foundation at 718-965-7375.

## SOBRES DE OFRENDA PARA NIÑOS

Empezando este mes, estudiantes registrados en nuestro programa de educación religiosa, se les ha pedido traer sus propios sobres de ofrenda a la Santa Misa Dominical. Estos sobres semanales han sido distribuidos para su uso en cualquier misa Dominical.

Esta es una manera de enseñar compromiso de asistencia a la Misa para los niños. Padres: por favor notar que LOS SOBRES SON PARA LOS NIÑOS SOLAMENTE, NO DEBEN SER CONFUNDIDOS CON LOS SOBRES SEMANALES REGULARES DE SU FAMILIA. La idea es que la donación de su niño, sin importar que tan pequeña la ofrenda, representa un pequeño sacrificio y acto de agradecimiento al Señor. Usamos estos sobres para contar la asistencia de Misa.

Los sobres contienen arte que pueden colorear por diversión y como una actividad educativa. Ustedes puede llevarse un sobre a la casa para sus niños aunque todavía no estén participando en el programa de Educación Religiosa.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

*Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.*

Last Name/Apellido: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name/Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Esposo(a): \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Telefono: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail/Correo electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK/ MARQUE SUS OPCIONES

New Registration  Change of Name/Address

I prefer envelopes  I prefer E-giving

## INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

<b>Preparation Meeting</b> <b>Tuesday—7:00pm—Institute</b>	<b>Baptism Ceremony</b> <b>Sunday—2:00pm—Church</b>
November 22, 2022	November 27, 2022
NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER	

## FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

<b>Reunión de Preparación</b> <b>Martes—6:00pm—Instituto</b>	<b>Ceremonia de Bautismo</b> <b>Dom.—2:00pm—Iglesia</b>
8 de Noviembre, 2022	13 de Noviembre, 2022
6 de Diciembre, 2022	11 de Diciembre, 2022

**Please Note:** Beginning January 2023, all Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturdays & both English & Spanish Classes will be at 6:00pm. The schedule will be printed in the Bulletin as always. For more information please call the office.

## YOUTH NIGHT NOVEMBER 4



We are happy to announce that a brand-new Youth Ministry for the teens of our parish is set to debut next week, whose aim is to provide a series of youth-focused events where youth will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, faith message, movies, discussions, and fun. **The first Youth Night will be held next Friday, November 4, from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Institute.** All young people of our parish and their parents are invited to this inaugural event.

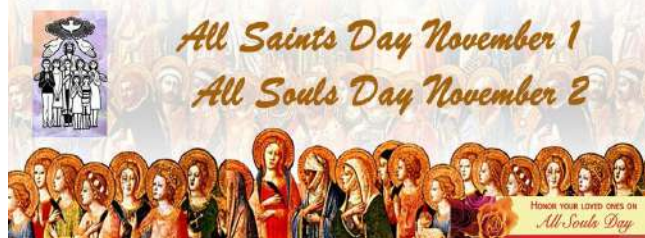
**If you are a high school student or have received Confirmation recently, this Youth Group is for you.** The only requirement is a good attitude. Beware: You might meet some old friends and end up making new ones.

**Also, if you are a young adult who does not mind being around teens and can give an hour of your time per week, come to join our fun leadership team!** We need you to guide and inspire our youth in various spiritual, social and charitable activities according to your availability. Together, we can help our youth to develop a real sense of belonging to a church community. See the special flyer in this bulletin.

## NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES

Our parish has switched envelope companies beginning November. Please note that you may have 2 envelopes dated November 6, 2022; one from the old envelope company and one from the new. Please only use ONE for your contributions next week, thank you. If there is an error with your envelope, please call the parish office so that we may correct it.

## ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY



November 1 is the **Feast of All Saints**. We celebrate those who have made the long journey to the feast of heaven. The Scriptures tell us that we are part of that vast throng standing before God's throne in ceaseless praise. The image from the Book of Revelation: *"I saw before me a huge crowd which no one could count from every nation, race, people and tongue...dressed in long white robes"* reminds us of our baptism, when we received our white robes and became part of this great assembly. Indeed, every time we go to Mass, we sing *"Holy, Holy, Holy,"* with *"angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven."* Pray to your favorite Saints and imitate their virtues today.

November 2 is **All Souls Day**. We remember and pray for all the dead. We look forward to the harvest at the end of time when all will be gathered into heaven. On this day we visit the cemeteries and decorate the graves because we believe that Christ has won for us victory over death; our lives continue beyond the graves. This month, many of us will light votive candles in memory of our loved ones. This reflects the light of Christ given to each one of us on our baptism day and reminds us of the wise bridesmaids who kept their lamps lit while waiting for the groom to come. Other Catholic traditions such as requesting Holy Masses for the deceased; memorializing something to the Church in their name; supporting a charity cause or offering up daily sacrifice in their memory, etc., are all praiseworthy. In remembering the dead, we express our faith in their own resurrection and ours. This "communion" strengthens us as we hasten on our own journey to the feast of heaven. Who will you pray for this month?

## ALL SOULS MASSES

This year All Souls Day will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. The names of those deceased from this parish in the past year will be read at the 8:00am, 12:00pm & 7:30pm masses. You may write names of your deceased loved ones on the envelopes available by the entrances of the church.





# Youth Night

**FRIDAY, NOV 4TH**

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## DIA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS Y TODAS LAS ALMAS

El 1 de noviembre es la fiesta de **Todos los Santos**. Celebramos aquellos que han caminado la gran jornada hacia el banquete en el Cielo. Las Escrituras nos dicen que somos parte de esa gran multitud que está de pie ante el trono de Dios en incesante alabanza. La imagen del libro de Revelación: *“Yo vi ante mi una multitud de gente de cada nación, raza, gente y lengua... vestidos en batas blancas”* nos recuerda de nuestro bautizo, cuando recibimos nuestras batas blancas y nos hicimos parte de esta gran asamblea. De hecho, cada vez que vamos a Misa, cantamos *“Santo, Santo, Santo,”* con *“ángeles y arcángeles y toda la compañía del cielo.”* Reza hoy a sus Santos favoritos e imita sus virtudes.

El 2 de noviembre es el **Día de Todos las Almas** o **Día de los Fieles Difuntos**. Recordamos y oramos por los que han fallecido. Esperamos la cosecha al final de los tiempos cuando todos serán reunidos en el cielo. En este día visitamos los cementerios y decoramos las tumbas porque creemos que Cristo nos ha ganado la victoria sobre la muerte; nuestras vidas continúan más allá de las tumbas. Este mes, muchos de nosotros encenderemos velas votivas en memoria de nuestros seres queridos. Esto refleja la luz de Cristo dada a cada uno de nosotros el día de nuestro bautismo y nos recuerda a las sabias damas de honor que mantuvieron sus lámparas encendidas mientras esperaban la llegada del novio. Otras tradiciones católicas como pedir Santas Misas por los difuntos; conmemorando algo a la Iglesia en su nombre; apoyar una causa benéfica o ofrecer un sacrificio diario en su memoria, etc., son todas dignas de elogio. Al recordar a los muertos, expresamos nuestra fe en su propia resurrección y en la nuestra. Esta "comunión" nos fortalece mientras nos apresuramos en nuestro propio viaje a la fiesta del cielo. ¿Por quién orarás este mes?

## MISA DE TODAS LAS ALMAS

Este año, el Día de Todas Las Almas es el miércoles, 2 de noviembre. Los nombres de todos los que han fallecidos de nuestra parroquia durante el año pasado serán leídos en las Santas Misas de las 8:00am, 12:00pm y 7:30pm. Puede escribir nombre en los sobres que se encuentran por las entradas de la Iglesia y serán puestos en el altar.

## COMPANIA DE SOBRES NUEVA

Si usted recibió dos sobres marcados con la fecha de 2 de Noviembre, por favor solo use **UNO** para dar su donación en la colecta ese día. Puede descartar la otra copia.

## LIBRO DE MISAS DEL 2023

El libro para reservar sus intenciones de misa se abrirá el 15 de noviembre, 2022. Los formularios estarán disponibles por las entradas de la Iglesia el fin de semana del 12-13 de noviembre. No se aceptarán formularios antes del 15 de noviembre. Recuerde que el libro se llena rápidamente, reserve sus misas para todo el año que viene con anticipación.

## PROXIMAS SEGUNDA COLECTAS

**6 de Noviembre**— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para la Archidiócesis de los Servicios Militares. Esta colecta beneficia a todos los que sirven en las 6 ramas de las Fuerzas Armadas, veteranos y sus familias para buscar preparación sacramental para Bautizo, Comunión, Confirmación y Matrimonio mientras que defienden nuestros derechos de libertad. Los sobre para esta colecta están disponibles por las entradas de la iglesia. Gracias por su generosidad.

**13 de noviembre**— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para nuestro mantenimiento parroquial. Su generosidad nos permite mantener los espacios y edificios en buena condición para su uso. Gracias.

## MINISTERIO DE JOVENES

Nos complace anunciar que la próxima semana se estrenará un nuevo Ministerio Juvenil para los adolescentes de nuestra parroquia, cuyo objetivo es brindar una serie de eventos enfocados en la juventud donde los jóvenes experimentarán una noche inspiradora de juegos, música, oración, mensaje de fe, películas, debates y diversión. La primera Noche de la Juventud se realizará el próximo viernes 4 de noviembre, de 19 a 20 horas en el Instituto Parroquial. Todos los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia y sus padres están invitados a este evento inaugural.

Si eres estudiante de secundaria, o has recibido la Confirmación recientemente, este Grupo de Jóvenes es para ti. El único requisito es una buena actitud. Cuidado: es posible que te encuentres con algunos viejos amigos y termines haciendo nuevos.

Además, si usted es un adulto joven al que no le importa estar rodeado de adolescentes y puede dar una hora de su tiempo a la semana, únase a nuestro divertido equipo de liderazgo! Te necesitamos para guiar e inspirar a nuestra juventud en diversas actividades espirituales, sociales y caritativas de acuerdo a tu disponibilidad. Juntos, podemos ayudar a nuestros jóvenes a desarrollar un verdadero sentido de pertenencia a una comunidad eclesial. Vea el volante especial en este boletín.



## RESPONSABILIDAD DE LOS VOTANTES CATOLICOS



Todos los católicos elegibles tienen el deber moralmente obligatorio de ejercer el derecho al voto (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 2239-2240*). Como ciudadanos católicos, debemos considerar cuidadosamente todos los temas de esta elección y basar nuestros votos en esas preocupaciones. Nadie debe votar únicamente sobre la base de las personalidades de los candidatos o las afiliaciones partidarias. En realidad, no hay ningún partido político que tenga una vertiente claramente católica, y así mismo, los católicos no pertenecemos todos a un partido específico. Sin embargo, debemos estar informados sobre las posiciones de los candidatos sobre temas de vida no negociables como el aborto y el infanticidio, la eutanasia, la homosexualidad, el llamado matrimonio homosexual y otros temas sociales. Como declaró la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe del Vaticano: *“Una conciencia cristiana bien formada no permite votar por un programa político o una ley individual que contradice los contenidos fundamentales de la fe y la moral,”* se sigue que debemos saber las posiciones de la Iglesia para decidir en consecuencia. Para obtener un resumen de las enseñanzas y los problemas críticos que enfrenta esta elección, visite [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). Recuerde, si realmente queremos construir un mundo más justo, no podemos dejar nuestra fe fuera de la cabina de votación.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to contact you with “good news” from your Academy at St. Joseph. As I write today, we are completing two successful months of classes. Thankfully, though we have had an occasional case of Covid, we are happy finally to be back to pre-Covid routines. The students – nearly four hundred strong - are eager to come to school each day and are continuing to develop their friendships with each other and their relationships with God. We began the year with a special liturgy concelebrated by several pastors from our aligned parishes and look forward to additional opportunities throughout the year to have them meet our pastoral needs.

Early this month, the eighth graders participated in a day of discussion and reflection at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston. Focus Day – as we call it – gives the students the opportunity to set academic, social, and spiritual goals for themselves for the year while learning how to be good examples to the rest of the Academy students. In December, the eighth graders will be receiving their class rings in a special ceremony in church. In June, they will participate in a retreat before their graduation to assess how well they did this year and establish new goals as they begin their high school careers.

We are grateful to have a dedicated, active parent community that helped us sponsor two highly successful spirit building and fundraising events – a SUPERMARKET BINGO on October 1, attended by over four hundred, and a TRUNK OR TREAT event for the children in our school yard last Saturday. You can learn more about these events by visiting us on Facebook and Twitter.

To celebrate Halloween, the students from kindergarten through eighth grade will be spending a fun-filled morning of bowling on Monday, October 31. Before long, the holidays will be here, and preparations for our traditional Nativity and Christmas production are soon to be underway.

In addition to the core curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Religion, the students are exposed to many co-curriculars that complement a whole-child approach to their learning. These special programs include physical education, art, music, world languages (Spanish and Mandarin Chinese), yoga, dance, filmmaking, drama, and S.T.E.M. Every child has personal access to either an iPad or a Chromebook – depending on grade level – during the school day.

Our team academic support personnel have begun working in small groups with students who need extra support, and our counselors meet individually and in large groups with students to support their social and emotional development. All in all, we are off to a great start!

We are grateful to you for whatever support you are able to give to keep Catholic education viable at St. Joseph, and if you have school-age children, we ask that you consider giving them the gift of a Catholic education at the Academy. Above all, we continue to ask you to keep our Academy community in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Luke Nawrocki