



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

*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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 (*Saint Francis Xavier*)

5:00pm Pearl Odu, Maddalena & Rocco Sacramone,  
Antonio & Domenica Tenaglia and for  
All Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (*Second Sunday of Advent*)

8:00am U Angelo  
9:00am San Nicola'  
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of  
Our Parish's Rosary Society  
11:00am Rose Pinto  
12:30pm Said Sanchez, Abraham Alvarez, Carmen,  
Aiden & John Siguencia, Marina Chamorro &  
Luis Gerardo Matabanchoy, y por  
Jose Jaime Deaza Corredor  
5:00pm For the people of our parish

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00am Dominador V. Castroverde, Sr.  
12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the  
Doronila & Castroverde Families

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 (*Saint Nicholas*)

8:00am Edward & Marianne Carlino  
12:00pm Dr. George Mascia

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 (*Saint Ambrose*)

8:00am Mario Carullo  
12:00pm Jorge Soto

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### (*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)

8:00am For the Intentions of our parish's  
Mothers Prayers Group  
12:00pm Giuseppe & Caterina Barretta  
7:30pm Elvira Bitancur (Birthday Memorial)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 (*San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta  
12:00pm Living Members of the Castroverde &  
Doronila Families

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00am John Togher  
5:00pm Pearl Odu, Derna Moncini, Nikola Telesmanic,  
Cruzita & Luis Munoz, Saul Solomon Mendoza  
& Candido Amigon

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 (*Third Sunday of Advent*)

8:00am Alberto Gomez  
9:00am Salvatore Chiaramonte  
9:30am Sr. Annette & Elaine Marie Roeder  
11:00am Barry Amodeo  
12:30pm Gilberto Hinstroza Perlaza, Miguel Carlos  
Fuentes, Cecilia Ann & Richard Socci,  
Eusebio Contreras, Dolores Matos de  
Contreras & Santiago Carpy y por la  
Sanacion de Milton Melendez  
5:00pm For the people of our parish

## MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

The Altar Candles are being offered for  
**Mario Nicolo & Maria del Greco,**  
requested by Ida del Greco &

The Altar Bread & Wine is being offered for  
**Nikola Telesmanic,** requested by Matilda, Angelo  
& Nicholas Telesmanic





## 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

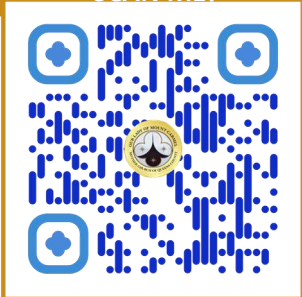
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## DONATION MADE EASY

Advent is upon us. We light the season with hope, love, joy, and peace while we await the coming of our Lord! It's a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's arrival and reflect on how we serve Him. The parish ministries you support help us to spread Christ's love in our community and share His mercy with those in need. To sustain these works, I'd like to ask you to consider taking the next step in your stewardship by embracing eGiving.

Faith Direct is a secure eGiving option that lets you support the ministries you care about, even if you can't attend Mass. eGiving is a safe, simple solution. When you choose a recurring monthly gift, you provide our parish consistent support that lets us better plan and budget for programs that allow us to build God's kingdom throughout our community.

Please, prayerfully consider eGiving as a way for you to make sure that your faithful support will always make a difference. It is easy to do. Enroll today by visiting [Faith.direct/NY370](https://Faith.direct/NY370), or call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757, or send a text with the word "Enroll" to 929-254-3850. Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



## SECOND COLLECTIONS

**December 4, 2022**— There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to keep and maintain the parish spaces and buildings in good condition for your use.

**December 11, 2022**— There will be a second collection after communion for the Religious Retirement. Your donations, as always, are very much appreciated.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of November 28, 2022, 198 of our parishioners have pledged \$72,417 towards our goal of \$67,815. \$67,218 have been collected so far. Any amount collected over the goal will be returned to the parish for projects that will benefit you. We are grateful to those who have made a pledge and donated, and we encourage everyone to participate in this worthy cause.

*A parte del 28 de noviembre, 2022, 198 de nuestros feligreses han prometido \$72,417 hacia nuestra meta de \$67,815. \$67,218 han sido colectados hasta ahora. Cualquier donación sobre la meta sera regresada a la parroquia para un proyecto que le beneficiara a usted. Estamos agradecidos a aquellos quienes han hecho una promesa y han donado, y alentamos a todos a participar en esta causa tan importante.*

Dear parish family and friends,

We have arrived at the Second Sunday of Advent, a sacred time to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as a child in a humble manger. It is also a season to prepare for His return in glory at the end of time. Certainly, it is a time to remind ourselves that our own individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes.



Advent, which comes from the Latin word for "arrival" or "coming," is a short liturgical season comprising of four Sundays and culminating with the vigil of Christmas on December 24th. It is a time of joyous anticipation, but also of penance. Hence, purple is the color of this liturgical season, with a rose color on the Third Sunday of Advent signifying the joy of the nearness of the Lord.

The Advent liturgy resounds with the longing cries of the Hebrew prophets, the voice of John the Baptist's preaching that the Lord is near. It is also rich in imagery of Mary and Joseph who, together with all creation, waited for God's promise to be fulfilled. They all remind us that in everything that we do - working, studying, playing, praying, we need to prepare for the day when we shall meet Jesus, no longer in Sacraments, but in person. Since no one knows neither the day nor the hour of this ultimate encounter, we live our lives with the expectation and the hope that at our death, we will be found worthy of Him.

Advent often seems to come and go in the blink of an eye. All of a sudden you find yourself at Christmas wondering how it has so easily slipped through your fingers. This doesn't have to be the case this year. You and I can make the conscious choice—right now—to stop in our busy tracks and embrace this holy time. The way we prepare our home for our guests during the holidays should inspire our own groundwork this Advent to welcome Christ into our heart—and thus truly be ready for His second coming:

- 1. Prepare Him room:** Your heart is where Christ wishes to dwell. If your heart is filled with un-forgiveness, greed, spiritual laziness, or any sinful attachment, it has no room for Christ. Begin Advent by making an examination of conscience to find out what should not belong in your heart.
- 2. Clean out the cobwebs:** It is important to clean out the suffocating clutters in your heart. This means making a point of getting to Confession during Advent. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest acts in the person of Christ to help you identify the cobwebs that you may not see on your own—typically those that have been hanging on for so long they no longer get your attention.
- 3. Hang new curtains:** The room of your heart is now ready. Now it is time to hang new curtains! Many of us simply get lost in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and forget how to live in joy. The Lord loves to be with those who have joy in their hearts. So throw out the old curtains of despair and exhaustion and hang new curtains of joy and anticipation.
- 4. Set the table:** Company is on its way! We are certain of Christ's arrival as we hear the Church urgently proclaims "The Lord is near!" This is the time to get the fine china out of the cupboard—our smile, our patience, our generosity, our enthusiasm, and our charitable attitude. These virtues quicken our hearts in anticipation of His presence.
- 5. Open wide the door:** After all the preparation is complete, we open our door and wait expectantly for the guest. It is a time of quiet for us—all the work is finished and we are ready. So in preparing our hearts for Christ this Advent, the last step after all the prep work is to simply "be." Be vigilant; be alert; be prayerful. In this state of "being" we don't question how time slipped through our fingers; we don't worry if there was more we should have done. We've been good and faithful servants and are ready for Christ.

May your heart be made ready for Christ and may your Advent season be a blessed one!

*Msgr. Cuong M. Pham*

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Hemos llegado al Segundo Domingo de Adviento, un tiempo sagrado para prepararnos con asombro para la Fiesta de la Encarnación de Jesús, nacido para nosotros como un niño en un humilde pesebre. También es una temporada para prepararse para Su regreso en gloria al final de los tiempos. Ciertamente, es un momento para recordarnos que también se acerca nuestro propio día de juicio individual, cuando seremos llamados a dar cuenta de todo lo que Dios nos ha dado durante nuestras vidas.



El Adviento, que proviene de la palabra latina para la "llegada" o "venida", es un breve tiempo litúrgico que comprende cuatro domingos y culmina con la vigilia de Navidad el 24 de diciembre. Es un tiempo de gozosa anticipación, pero también de penitencia. Por lo tanto, el púrpura es el color de este tiempo litúrgico, con un color rosa en el tercer domingo de Adviento que significa la alegría de la cercanía del Señor.

La liturgia de Adviento resuena con los gritos de anhelo de los profetas hebreos, la voz de la predicación de Juan Bautista de que el Señor está cerca. También es rico en imágenes de María y José que, junto con toda la creación, esperaban que se cumpliera la promesa de Dios. Todos nos recuerdan que en todo lo que hacemos: trabajar, estudiar, jugar, orar, debemos prepararnos para el día en que nos encontraremos con Jesús, ya no en los sacramentos, sino en persona. Como nadie sabe ni el día ni la hora de este último encuentro, vivimos nuestras vidas con la expectativa y la esperanza de que en nuestra muerte seremos hallados dignos de Él.

El Adviento a menudo parece ir y venir en un abrir y cerrar de ojos. De repente nos encontramos en tiempo de Navidad preguntándonos cómo se nos escapó tan fácilmente el tiempo. Este no tiene por qué ser el caso este año. Tú y yo podemos tomar la decisión consciente, ahora mismo, de detenernos en nuestros caminos ocupados y abrazar este tiempo sagrado. La forma en que preparamos nuestro hogar para nuestros invitados durante las fiestas debe inspirar nuestro propio trabajo preliminar este Adviento para recibir a Cristo en nuestros corazones, y así estar verdaderamente listos para Su segunda venida:

**1. Prepárale la habitación:** Tu corazón es donde Cristo quiere habitar. Si su corazón está lleno de falta de perdón, codicia, pereza espiritual o cualquier apego pecaminoso, no tiene lugar para Cristo. Comienza el Adviento haciendo un examen de conciencia para saber qué es lo que no debe estar en tu corazón.

**2. Limpia las telarañas:** Es importante limpiar los desordenes sofocantes en tu corazón. Esto significa hacer un punto de llegar a la Confesión durante el Adviento. En el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, el sacerdote actúa en la persona de Cristo para ayudarte a identificar las telarañas que quizás no veas por ti mismo, generalmente aquellas que han estado colgando durante tanto tiempo que ya no llaman tu atención.

**3. Cuelga cortinas nuevas:** La habitación de tu corazón ya está lista. ¡Ahora es el momento de colgar cortinas nuevas! Muchos de nosotros simplemente nos perdemos en el ajetreo y el bullicio de nuestra vida diaria y olvidamos cómo vivir con alegría. El Señor ama estar con aquellos que tienen alegría en sus corazones. Así que tira las viejas cortinas de desesperación y agotamiento y cuelga nuevas cortinas de alegría y anticipación.

**4. Poner la mesa:** ¡La compañía está en camino! Estamos seguros de la llegada de Cristo cuando escuchamos a la Iglesia proclamar con urgencia "¡El Señor está cerca!" Este es el momento de sacar la porcelana fina del armario: nuestra sonrisa, nuestra paciencia, nuestra generosidad, nuestro entusiasmo y nuestra actitud caritativa. Estas virtudes animan nuestros corazones en anticipación de Su presencia.

**5. Abra la puerta de par en par:** Después de completar toda la preparación, abrimos nuestra puerta y esperamos expectantes al invitado. Es un tiempo de tranquilidad para nosotros: todo el trabajo está terminado y estamos listos. Entonces, al preparar nuestros corazones para Cristo en este Adviento, el último paso después de todo el trabajo de preparación es simplemente "ser". Estar atentos; estar alerta; sea orante. En este estado de "ser" no cuestionamos cómo el tiempo se nos escurrió entre los dedos; no nos preocupamos si hubo algo más que debimos haber hecho. Hemos sido siervos buenos y fieles y estamos listos para Cristo.

¡Que tu corazón se prepare para Cristo y que tu tiempo de Adviento sea bendecido!

**Mons. Cuong M. Pham**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday, December 4

9:00am—1:00pm	Rosary Society	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym
2:00pm—7:00pm	Children's Christmas Concert	Guadalupe A/B

### Monday, December 5

7:00am—5:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
5:00pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym

### Tuesday, December 6

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
6:00pm—7:00pm	Spanish Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

### Wednesday, December 7

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—9:30pm	CYO	Gym

### Thursday, December 8

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

### Friday, December 9

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
11:00am—1:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—9:00pm	Set Up— Eucharistic Reviv. Day	Gym
6:30pm—8:30pm	Youth Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
7:30pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima

### Saturday, December 10

9:00am— 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Eucharistic Revival Day	Gym
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
10:00am—1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
1:30pm—4:00pm	TYWLS	Gym
4:00pm—9:00pm	Catechist Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Fatima

### Sunday, December 11

7:00am—9:30pm	Desayuno—O.L Guadalupe	Gym
8:00am—11:30am	Italian Community	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym
1:00pm—5:00pm	Italian Community	Guadalupe A/B



## 2023 MASS BOOK OPENING

The 2023 Mass book will open Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Mass Intention Request sheets will be placed by the doors of the church this weekend. Mass requests will not be accepted prior to December 6th.



## VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**Fraternitas, December 17, 2022** — A group for middle school—high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch and Sunday Vigil Mass. Please view the forms that are available in the parish office for more information.

**Jeremiah Project, December 9-11, 2022**— A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Contact the vocations office at [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month — the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is \$10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year.

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Would you like the parish community to pray for your loved ones who are sick or suffering in our daily Mass? You may enroll their names in our Prayer List by calling the office. This is a meaningful way to comfort and console those who are most in need of healing and peace through the power of prayer. This week we are praying for Mateo Velazquez & Demetrio Fuentes



## ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rosary Society  
FIRST ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON  
Saturday, December 3, 2022

2:00pm – 5:00pm in the Institute

\$40.00 per person

Hot Buffet Lunch including  
Wine and Beer will be served  
Assorted Gifts Baskets &  
50/50 will be raffled



Payments in cash or check payable to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be accepted at the parish office. For more information, please call 718-278-1834 or email Neida C. Martinez at [media@mountcarmelastoria.org](mailto:media@mountcarmelastoria.org). All are invited.

## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting, due to the holiday, will take place **on February 5, 2023** 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We are a leadership team of young adults who enjoy working with teenagers and help them grow in youth ministry. Each Friday evening, we lead a Youth Night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Institute for a group of high school teens who gather for prayer, friendship, fun activities. The goal of our involvement with the youth is to enhance their faith and spiritual commitment in our parish. While it is a sacrifice of time and talent, the effort is well worth the while. If you are a young adult who do not mind sharing faith and talents with vivacious teens, come join us in this exciting endeavor! Contact Dayonel Mejia at 718-278-1834 for more information.

## CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The choir is back and is preparing a Christmas concert which will take place on Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, at 9:30pm in the Upper Church. It will feature the Mount Carmel string ensemble and the choir percussionists. This concert of sacred music from the 15th to the 21st centuries, is sure to put all in the true spirit of the season. There will be a variety of styles, and in several languages. We are grateful for the return of this Mount Carmel Holiday tradition. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this joyful music. Admission is free & all are welcome. Christmas Mass immediately follows at 10:00pm.

## INFANT BAPTISM/BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting <b>Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute</b>	Baptism Ceremony <b>Saturday—12:00pm—Church</b>
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NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER 2022

January 24, 20223

January 28, 2023

February 21, 2023

February 25, 2023

## FECHAS DE BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación <b>Martes—6:00pm—Instituto</b>	Ceremonia de Bautismo <b>Sábado—12:00pm—Iglesia</b>
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10 de Enero, 2023

14 de Enero, 2023

7 de Febrero, 2023

11 de Febrero, 2023

**Please Note:** Beginning January 2023, all Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Both English & Spanish preparation meetings will take place on the scheduled dates. The schedule will be printed in the Bulletin as always. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

**Por Favor Notar:** Empezando enero 2023, todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Las juntas de preparación tomaran lugar en las fechas descritas en este boletín, como siempre. Asistencia a estas juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

## CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

We wish to congratulate the Vietnamese Community of our parish on the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Founding as a Diocesan Apostolate. Last Sunday's Solemn Mass at 3pm and the celebration afterwards was a huge success and a happy occasion to all. We wish to say a special "THANK YOU" to everyone involved, including members of our American, Vietnamese, Italian, Hispanic and Filipino communities who truly came together and put on the best face of our parish as a united spiritual family. May this spirit of generosity continue to be the hallmark of our parish always!



*Deseamos felicitar a la Comunidad Vietnamita de nuestra parroquia por el 35 Aniversario de su Fundación como Apostolado Diocesano. La Misa Solemne del pasado domingo a las 3:00pm y la celebración posterior fue un gran éxito y una feliz ocasión para todos. Deseamos decir un "GRACIAS" especial a todos los involucrados, incluyendo a los miembros de nuestras Comunidades Americana, Vietnamita, Italiana, Hispana y Filipina que realmente se unieron y pusieron la mejor cara de nuestra parroquia como una familia espiritual unida. ¡Que este espíritu de generosidad siga siendo el sello distintivo de nuestra parroquia siempre!*

## DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

**Fraternitas, 17 de Diciembre, 2022** — Un grupo para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria, inculcando los valores Cristianos a ellos con la meta de fomentar caballeros Católicos verdaderos. La tarde incluye oración, catecismo, deporte, almuerzo de pizza y Misa Dominical de Vigilia. Por favor pida los formularios que se encuentran en la oficina parroquial.

**Jeremiah Project, 9-11 de Diciembre, 2022**— Retiro de fin de semana para jóvenes adultos mayores de 18 años. Es una oportunidad para discernir una posible vocación al sacerdocio por medio de discusión, oración y fraternidad.

## DONACIONES HECHO MAS FACIL

El Adviento está sobre nosotros. ¡Encendemos la temporada con esperanza, amor, alegría y paz mientras esperamos la venida de nuestro Señor! Es un tiempo para prepararnos para la llegada de Cristo y reflexionar sobre cómo le servimos. Los ministerios parroquiales que apoyan nos ayuda a difundir el amor de Cristo en nuestra comunidad y compartir su misericordia con los necesitados. Para sostener estos trabajos, me gustaría pedirle que considere adoptar "eGiving", donaciones electrónicas.

Faith Direct es una opción segura de eGiving que le permite apoyar los ministerios que le interesan, incluso si no puede asistir a Misa. Cuando elige una donación mensual recurrente, brinda a nuestra parroquia un apoyo constante que nos permite planificar y presupuestar mejor los programas que nos permiten construir el Reino de Dios en toda nuestra comunidad.

Por favor, considere en oración la donación electrónica como una forma de asegurarse de que su fiel apoyo siempre marque la diferencia. Es fácil de hacer. Inscríbese hoy visitando [Faith.direct/NY370](https://Faith.direct/NY370), o llame a Faith Direct al 866-507-8757, o envíe un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Inscribirse" al 929-254-3850. Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad.

## SE BUSCAN LIDERES JUVENILES

Somos un equipo de líderes de jóvenes adultos quienes disfrutamos trabajar con los jóvenes y ayudarlos a crecer en el ministerio de jóvenes. Cada viernes por la tarde, tendemos una Noche de Jóvenes de 7:00pm—8:30pm en el Instituto para un grupo de jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria que se reúne para oración, amistad, y actividades divertidas. La meta de nuestra involucración con los jóvenes es para fortalecer su fe y compromiso espiritual con nuestra parroquia. Mientras si es un sacrificio de tiempo y talento, los esfuerzos vale la pena con alegría. Si eres un joven adulto que podría compartir su fe y talentos con otros jóvenes, únense a nosotros.

## LIBRO DE MISAS DEL 2023

El libro para reservar sus intenciones de misa se abrirá el martes 6 de diciembre, 2022. Los formularios estarán disponibles por las entradas de la Iglesia este fin de semana del 3-4 de diciembre. No se aceptaran formularios antes del 6 de diciembre. Recuerden que el libro se llena rápidamente; no espere al ultimo momento para reservar sus misas para el año que viene.

## PROXIMAS SEGUNDA COLECTAS

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

**11 de diciembre**— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para la jubilación de los religiosos. Apreciamos su generosidad a esta causa importante.

## NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE



PARROQUIA:  
**NUESTRA SEÑORA DE MONTE CARMELO,**  
23-25 Newtown Avenue Astoria NY, 11102.

COMITÉ GUDALUPANO, Y CARRERA GUADALUPANA,  
INVITAN A LA CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA  
DE GUADALUPE.

DICIEMBRE 12 DE 2022.  
DICIEMBRE 3, DAMOS INICIO A ESTA HERMOSA CELEBRACIÓN  
CON LA NOVENA DE ROSARIOS. HORA: 7:00PM.

DICIEMBRE 11.  
ULTIMO DIA NOVENA HORA 7:00PM. CONTINUAMOS  
CON LA PRESENTACIÓN DEL GRUPO: **FRONTERIZOS DEL NORTE** QUE  
OFRECEN A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE UNA HORA DE SERENATA  
Y ALABANZAS. HORA 8:30PM.

VELACIÓN HORA 10:00PM.  
Y TERMINA 6:00AM DE DICIEMBRE 12.

DICIEMBRE 12  
PROCESIÓN HORA: 5:30PM.  
MISA 6:30PM.

DESPUES DE MISA PEQUEÑO FESTIVAL EN EL INSTITUTO PARROQUIAL.  
CONTAMOS CON TU PRESENCIA.

## CONCIERTO NAVIDEÑO

El Coro en Ingles, esta de vuelta y esta preparando un bello concierto de música navideña que tomara lugar el Sábado, 24 de diciembre, a las 9:30pm en la Iglesia de Arriba. Este grupo presentara música de los siglos 15 y 21, cual pondrá a todos en el espíritu de la temporada. Habrá una variedad de estilos en varios lenguajes. Estamos agradecidos poder regresar esta tradición en nuestra parroquia. Traiga a su familia y amigos para disfrutar de esta música alegre. Todos están bienvenidos y el evento es gratis! Misa de Navidad en Ingles a las 10:00pm seguirá de inmediato al concluir el concierto.



## GIVING TREE DONATION BOXES— 2022

Our 15th annual "Giving Tree" Donation Boxes to help parishioners in need this Christmas season are available through Sunday, January 1st. One box will be located by the entrance on Newtown Avenue and the other will be by the elevator. Please donate: cash, checks (made out to Our Lady of Mount Carmel) or gift cards. Any donations made during the week, please bring to the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity.



## CAJAS DE DONACION DE ARBOLES— 2022

Nuestro anual decimoquinto arbol de donaciones para ayudar a los feligreses necesitados esta temporada navideña están disponible hasta el domingo, 1 de enero. Una caja estará ubicada junto a la entrada de Newtown Avenue y la otra junto al ascensor. Por favor donar: efectivo, cheques (a nombre de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo) o tarjetas de regalo. Cualquier donación durante la semana, por favor tráigala a la oficina en la rectoría. Gracias por su amabilidad y generosidad.



### CHRISTMAS AT OUR PARISH 2022

#### NAVIDAD EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA 2022

Saturday, December 24th, 2022 at the 5pm Family Mass  
*Sábado 24 de Diciembre—5:00pm Misa Familiar*

#### "I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME"

We need 12 parish youngsters to help prepare for a special **FAMILY-CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 5:00pm ON CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24th**. We plan a living nativity scene. We need actors as angels, shepherds, and a Mary and Joseph.

Please return the form below to Nelly Gutierrez in the parish office or email it to [ccdmountcarmel@gmail.com](mailto:ccdmountcarmel@gmail.com) or [reled@mountcarmelastoria.org](mailto:reled@mountcarmelastoria.org) no later than Monday, December 12th, 2022.

Yes, we'll be home for Christmas. Please enter our child's name as a volunteer for Christmas Eve at 5:00pm.

Child's Name/Nombre del Niño: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Escuela: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Grado: \_\_\_\_\_

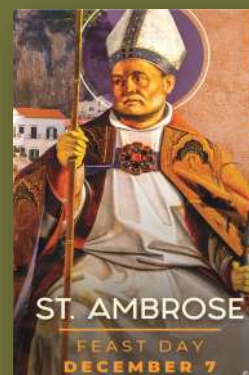
Your Address/Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia in about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called to be a bishop by popular acclamation. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.

As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity). and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo whom Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose is one of the four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, where he lies with Saint Gervasius and Saint Protasius.





OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH  
*presents*

# CHRISTMAS Tree LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

7pm - 9pm

*Join us for a Night of  
Family & Fun!*

## Live Performances

English Children's Choir, Spanish Adult  
& Children Choirs, Vietnamese Community Choir,  
OLMC Bilingual Choir, Youth Night Ministry &  
Mariachi Youth Band

Blessing of Children & New Manger Scene  
Meet Santa Claus  
Hot Refreshments & More!

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# **Santa's Toy Shop**

## **Toy Distribution for Families in Need**



**Thursday, December 22, 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

**Friday, December 23, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Gymnasium**

**23-20 Newtown Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102**

**RSVP required; visit link below or scan code**

**<https://ccbqueenschristmas2022.eventbrite.com>**

**Parents: bring your ID and your child's birth certificate**

**Please dress for weather and be prepared to wait outside**

**NO CHILDREN ALLOWED**



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