



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” - Jn 14:16-17a

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 13 (*Our Lady of Fatima*)

5:00pm Giuseppe Castellisi, Alicia & Roberto Vazquez,
Maria Caposio Savino, Anne McGloin,
Joseph Sabater (*Anniversary*),
Living & Deceased Camenzuli &
Ragusa Families

SUNDAY, MAY 14 (*Sixth Sunday of Easter*)

Our Masses at 8:00am, 9:00am (Italian), 9:30am (Bilingual),
11:00am (English), 12:30pm (Español), and 3:00pm
(Vietnamese) are offered for all Mothers of Our Parish.

MONDAY, MAY 15 (*Saint Isidore*)

8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Lucy & Pietro Mascia

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:00am Fiorindo, Nicola, & Luigi DiPompo
12:00pm Joseph Albanese

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:00am Mercedes Beck
12:00pm Alfred G. Magistrado, Jr.

THURSDAY, MAY 18 (*The Ascension of the Lord*)

8:00am Filippo & Rosaria Cannavo
12:00pm Leonard Burton
7:30pm John May

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:00am Mildred Franteglo
12:00pm Ricardo Machado

SATURDAY, MAY 20 (*Saint Bernadine of Siena*)

8:00am Amparo Calle Haincapie
(*Peace for his soul & Healing for his Family Tree*)
5:00pm Michael Ramis, Abdel Halim, Dagoberto
Guillermo Magallanes Perez, Rosa Bustamante
Camacho, Michelle Macias & All those Living
the Jornada Retreat

SUNDAY, MAY 21 (*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Jesus B. & Gina Mejia
9:00am Santa Rita
9:30am Maria Pastora Rodriguez
11:00am In Honor of Blessed Roberto DaSalle
12:30pm Norberto & Angela Pacheco, Cesar L. Zea,
Rosario Ortega (*Aniversario de Muerte*),
Rosalba Betancur, Manuel Santos Spulveda,
Santa Isabel Nuñez (*1 Aniversario*)
3:00pm For the People of Our Parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK

*The Altar Candles have been offered for
Margherita Petruso & Sabbia Carullo,
by Tony & Nina Carullo & Family*

*The Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp have been
offered for Mercedes Beck,
by Nora Harkins*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 14, 2023— Today, there will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. Your generosity enables us to keep and maintain our parish buildings in good condition for your use.

May 21, 2023— Next week our second collection will support the Catholic Communications Campaign which uses internet, television & radio to engage and build Catholic Communities in the USA and developing countries.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Main Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) Chapel: 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 (Bi-lingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (Chapel)

CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am—6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am—5:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

1:00pm—8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

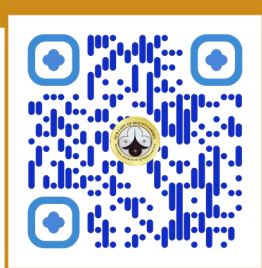
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NEW TO THE PARISH?



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all the generous individuals who have made a pledge to our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of May 8th, there are 88 donors who pledged \$32,615 towards our goal of \$67,815. We have received \$25,606.

ELECTRONIC GIVING BY FAITH DIRECT

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. Ensuring that such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct, if you have not already done so. You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY370, text 'Enroll' to 929-254-3850 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your support.

WIN-WIN SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH

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 please contact the Catholic Foundation and mention the name of our parish at 718-965-7375.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

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. We have currently enrolled **Maggie Madiefsky, Emmanuel Pippis, Faustina Sandoval, Paula Enrique Morelos, Carmelo Sandoval, Mario Santos Rodriguez.**

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. If you wish your loved ones who is sick to be prayed for at our daily Mass, kindly contact our parish office to place their names in our Prayer List. We are currently praying for **Raymond Pickering & Ophelia Roas, Maria Neiva, Valdir Alves, Joanne Callahan, Regina Barbosa, Daysi Ortiz, Rafael Sanchez.**

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Does not Include Electronic Donations by Faith Direct, which will be reported monthly.

Last weekend's collection: \$4,831

Same weekend last year: \$5,178



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, it's a time to reflect on the immeasurable impact that mothers have on our lives. The liturgy of the Church on this Sixth Sunday of Easter presents Jesus' teaching about the connection between love and obedience. He tells his disciples, "If you love me, keep my commands" (Jn 14:15-21). This is a powerful reminder that love is not just an emotion, but an action. It's something we do, not just something we feel. We see this principle operating in the life of mothers every day, especially in the sacrifices that they make for their children.

Mothers are often called upon to be the primary nurturers, protectors, and caregivers for their families. They are the ones who stay up late to tend to a sick child, who cook meals and clean up messes, who offer a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on. Being a mother can be exhausting, emotionally draining, and isolating at times. In these moments, it can be easy to feel alone and overwhelmed. Some women, understandably, are even afraid of being mother.

Yet Jesus goes on to say that those who love him will be loved by the Father, and that he will send the Holy Spirit to be with them always. Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are never truly alone. God is with us, and his love and comfort are always available to us, no matter what challenges we may face. This promise brings great consolation in times when we feel lost, alone, or in need of guidance. It is especially relevant to mothers, who face countless challenges and struggles as they raise their children, and sometimes even as they continue to raise their children's children.

To all mothers in our parish, I would like to let you know that the Lord truly appreciates you and your hard work. Like my own mother who courageously bore and raised seven children, and even some grandchildren, some days you probably wonder if what you are doing even matters. Perhaps you may feel that your work is never done; that you are always exhausted. There is certainly no big financial reward, since your role is neither defined by a paycheck nor by a promotion. In an age that seems to diminish service and exalt glitz, sometimes it is simply hard to value your investment. Yet, the truth is that you are highly esteemed by God, and that your children are some of His most precious gifts to you (Psalms 127:3). As I have said to my mother more than once: "Many women have done these wonderful things, but you've outshined them all", I can imagine myself saying the same to some of you.

And to anyone who might not feel a good reason to celebrate Mother's Day, including those who did not have the blessing of a mother's loving presence in life; anyone who has walked the hard path of infertility, fraught with tears and disappointment; any woman who mourns the loss of her child through abortion: I would like to express our Church's spiritual closeness and understanding. Be assured that there are so many other maternal gifts that you can share in the faith community. I encourage you to seek the healing that God desires for you, then seek ways to be a mother that loves and encourages others.

Finally, to those who are pregnant with a new life, both expected and surprising, I wish to assure you that Holy Mother Church joyfully anticipates with you and accompanies you with prayers. Mothering is certainly not for the faint of heart, and I will be the first to salute all mothers as the real heroes in our midst.

Commending you all to the intercession of Mary, our heavenly Mother who accompanies us each day with her maternal love and divine protection, I assure you of my personal remembrance at the Altar on this very special occasion, and during the month of May.

Happy Mother's Day!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Mientras celebramos el Día de las Madres este fin de semana, es un momento para reflexionar sobre el impacto inconmensurable que todas las madres tienen en nuestras vidas. La liturgia de la Iglesia en este Sexto Domingo de Pascua presenta la enseñanza de Jesús sobre la conexión entre el amor y la obediencia. Dice a sus discípulos: “Si me amas, guardarás mis mandamientos” (Jn 14, 15-21). Este es un poderoso recordatorio de que el amor no es solo una emoción, sino una acción. Es algo que hacemos, no sólo algo que sentimos. Vemos este principio operando en la vida de las madres todos los días, especialmente en los sacrificios que hacen por sus hijos.

A menudo se les pide a las madres que sean las principales cuidadoras, protectoras y guardianes de sus familias. Son las que se quedan despiertas hasta tarde para atender a un niño enfermo, las que cocinan y limpian el desorden, las que ofrecen un oído atento y un hombro sobre el que llorar. Ser madre puede ser agotador, emocionalmente agotador y aislado a veces. En estos momentos, puede ser fácil sentirse solo y abrumado. Algunas mujeres, comprensiblemente, incluso tienen miedo de ser madres.

Sin embargo, Jesús continúa diciendo que aquellos que lo aman serán amados por el Padre y que enviará el Espíritu Santo para que esté siempre con ellos. La promesa de Jesús del Espíritu Santo nos recuerda que nunca estamos realmente solos. Dios está con nosotros, y su amor y consuelo siempre están disponibles para nosotros, sin importar los desafíos que podamos enfrentar. Esta promesa brinda un gran consuelo en los momentos en que nos sentimos perdidos, solos o necesitados de guía. Es especialmente relevante para las madres, que enfrentan innumerables desafíos y luchas mientras crían a sus hijos y, a veces, incluso mientras continúan criando a los hijos de sus hijos.

A todas las madres de nuestra parroquia, me gustaría hacerles saber que el Señor realmente las aprecia a ustedes y su arduo trabajo. Al igual que mi propia madre, que valientemente dio a luz y crio siete hijos e incluso algunos nietos, algunos días probablemente se preguntan si lo que están haciendo importa. Tal vez sientan que su trabajo nunca termina; que siempre están agotadas. Ciertamente, no hay una gran recompensa financiera ya que su rol no está definido por un cheque de pago ni por una promoción. En una era que parece disminuir el servicio y exaltar la ostentación, a veces es simplemente difícil valorar su inversión. Sin embargo, la verdad es que son muy estimadas por Dios y que sus hijos son algunos de sus regalos más preciados (Salmos 127:3). Como le he dicho a mi madre más de una vez: “Muchas mujeres han hecho estas cosas maravillosas, pero tú las has superado a todas,” me imagino diciéndoles lo mismo a algunas de ustedes.

Y para cualquiera que no sienta una buena razón para celebrar el Día de la Madre, incluidos aquellos que no tuvieron la bendición de la presencia amorosa de una madre en su vida; cualquiera que haya recorrido el duro camino de la infertilidad, plagado de lágrimas y decepciones; todas las mujeres que lloran la pérdida de su hijo a causa del aborto: quisiera expresar la cercanía y comprensión espiritual de nuestra Iglesia. Tengan la seguridad de que hay muchos otros dones maternos que puede compartir en la comunidad de fe. Te animo a buscar la sanación que Dios desea para ti, luego busca formas de ser una madre que ama y alienta a los demás.

Finalmente, a las que están embarazadas con una vida nueva, tanto esperada como sorprendente, quiero asegurarlas que la Santa Madre Iglesia las espera con alegría y las acompaña con la oración. La maternidad ciertamente no es para los débiles de corazón, y seré el primero en saludar a todas las madres como las verdaderas heroínas entre nosotros.

Encomendándolos a todos a la intercesión de María, nuestra Madre celestial que nos acompaña cada día con su amor maternal y su protección divina, os aseguro mi recuerdo personal en el Altar en esta ocasión tan especial y durante el mes de mayo.

¡Feliz día de Las Madres!

Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, May 14

8:00am—11:30pm Italian Community *Lourdes A/B*
 10:00am—2:00pm Czech Community *Guadalupe A*
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish RCIA *Upper Room+ Fatima*
 10:30am—12:30pm Cursillo *Guadalupe B*

Monday, May 15

5:00pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*

Tuesday, May 16

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, May 17

4:30pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*
 7:30pm—9:30pm CYO *Gym*

Thursday, May 18

10:00am—11:30am Legion of Mary *Guadalupe B*
 6:00pm—7:30pm Religious Education *All Rooms*
 7:30pm—8:30pm Grupo de Amistad *Fatima*
 7:30pm—9:00pm CYO *Gym*

Friday, May 19

6:30pm—8:30pm Youth Meeting *Gym*
 7:00pm—9:00pm Hispanic Meeting *Fatima*

Saturday, May 20

9:00am—1:00pm AA Meeting *Guadalupe A/B*
 10:00am—12:00pm Spanish Children's Choir *Fatima*
 10:00am—1:00pm Saturday Lessons in Faith *Lourdes A/B*
 5:00pm—7:00pm Ministerio de Consolacion *Nazareth*
 5:00pm—7:00pm Bilingual Choir Practice *Fatima*



INFANT BAPTISM

BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm— Upper Church
May 23, 2023	May 27, 2023
June 20, 2023	June 24, 2023
July 18, 2023	July 22, 2023
August 22, 2023	August 26, 2023
September 19, 2023	September 23, 2023
October 24, 2023	October 28, 2023
November 21, 2023	November 25, 2023
December 19, 2023	December 23, 2023

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba
6 de Junio, 2023	10 de Junio, 2023
27 de Junio, 2023	8 de Julio, 2023
8 de Agosto, 2023	12 de Agosto, 2023
5 de Septiembre, 2023	9 de Septiembre, 2023
10 de Octubre, 2023	14 de Octubre, 2023
NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE	
5 de Diciembre, 2023	9 de Diciembre, 2023

Please Note: All Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

Por Favor Notar: Todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a las juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

PARISH REGISTRATION

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

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.

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ Apt _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Nombre(s): _____
 Dirección: _____ Apt _____
 Teléfono: _____
 E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK [] *New Registration* [] *Changed Address*
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POR FAVOR [] *Nueva Registración* [] *Cambio de dirección*
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VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DISCERNMENT BE NOT AFRAID



FRATERNITAS — MAY 20, 2023

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. Contact vocations@diobrook.org for more information.

JEREMIAH PROJECT — JUNE 2—4, 2023

A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Forms are available in the parish office or you may contact the Vocations Office at vocations@diobrook.org.

PROJECT ANDREW— MAY 21, 2023

An opportunity for young men (high school age and older) to learn more about the priesthood. Join bishops, priests, and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn with Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for Sunday evening prayer, dinner, and conversation, 4:00pm — 6:00pm. Contact vocations@diobrook.org for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for our Religious Education Program will be open during the months of **May, June, July & August ONLY**.

For new registrations, please pick up an application at the parish office, fill it out with clear letters, & please provide the certificates of all the sacraments your child has already made along with the birth certificate and pay the required fee.

If your child was in our religious education program this year, please ask for the re-registration form, update the form as needed and pay the required fee.

Registration Fee:	May	June, July, August
1 Child	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 Children	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 or more	\$140.00	\$160.00

ROSARY SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place **on June 4**, 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

ROSARY SOCIETY FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Mount Carmel Institute— Lourdes Room

Grand Prizes

1st Prize: \$500 cash

2nd Prize: \$300 cash

3rd Prize: \$100 cash

You need not be present to win!

Ticket Prices: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Seating is limited.

For more information please contact the parish office.

CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Every fourth Sunday of the month, all members are invited to attend Mass at 9:00am in Italian preceded by the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will be installed at our annual Feast Day Mass in July. Please call the parish office and leave your name and number.

CHOIR & STRING TRIO

The Mount Carmel Choir will be performing at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, May 20th. On Sunday, May 28th, they will be joined by the Mount Carmel String Trio, at the 11:00 A.M. mass to celebrate the feast of Pentecost.

WIN—WIN CAR DONATION

When you donate your car, our parish may be able to share in the profits. For every car, truck or van, **running or not**, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$100/\$2000 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of. Call the Association of Vincentian Charities at 718.491.2525 and mention the name of our parish.

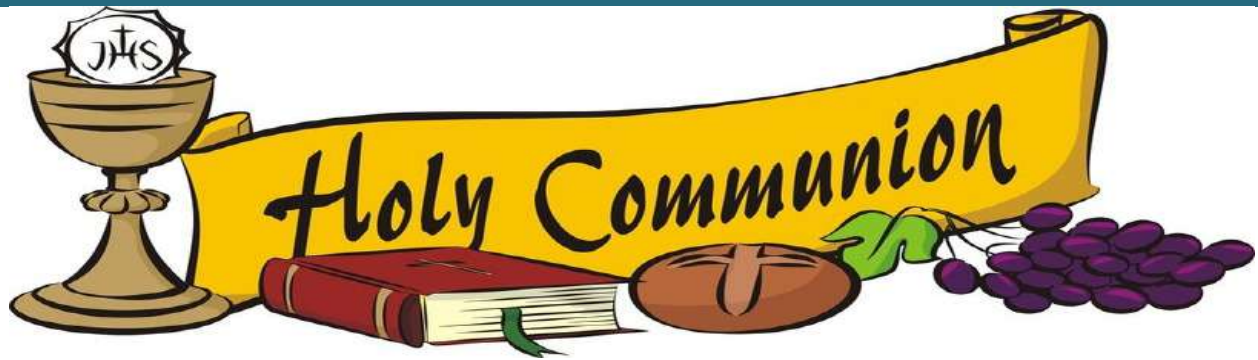


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CONGRATULATIONS!



First Communion Class of 2023

Aca Ponce, Vania
Arce, Kaiden
Arista, Mark
Barahona-Guzman, Alvin Daniel
Barrera, Hazel
Bermejo, Brian Alexis
Bermejo, Ashley Samantha
Carrasco, Alejandro
Crisantos, Andrew
Dominguez Diaz, Sofia
Dominguez Diaz, Emiliano
Falcons Saldana, Hannah M.
Flores, Liam Weasley
Ganzhi Quiroz, Julie Diana
Garcia-Martinez, Allen Daniel
Hartnett, Henry Seamus
Hernandez, Eleni Jazlynn

Hernandez, Matthew Lionel
Huerta, Jasmine
Illescas Pascuru, Haley Samantha
Krasniqi, Christopher
Martinez, Justin Gael
Mejia, Luke Javier
Morales, Ahtziri
Munoz-Moyotl, Kimberly
Pena, Allison
Ponce, Aixa
Ponce, Juliette
Pucha Suqui, Adrian Andrey
Pucha Suqui, Juan Diego
Quintana Guerrero, James David
Quiroz Aguayza, Charlie Leo
Quiroz Lazo, Joseph Mateo
Reyes, Hugo

Rios Cambizaca, Ariana N
Rivera, Alfonso
Rodas Alvarado, Jacob L.
Rojas, Milan
Rosas, Gabriel
Sanchez, Braian Hugo
Torres, Isaac Omar
Torres Franco, Kevin Alberto
Uribe-Torres, Dadier Diego
Vasquez, Briella Demi
Vega Bermejo, Alan Joel
Vega Bermejo, Lesley M.
Williams, Giovana M.
Williams, Vincent C.
Zenteno Rosas, Cesar



Confirmation Class of 2023

Name	Saint Name
Aguliar, Santiago	Juan Diego
Bravo-Gil, Sara	Guadalupe
Bueno, Daniel Luis	Peter
Bueno, Sarah Haydee	Bernadette Soubirous
Cabrera, Bryan	Jude
Caranay, Linus Patrik	Joseph
Chanax Pazos, Kaylee Gianella	James de Greater
Cruz Vazquez, Henry	José
Felipe Xique, Yamilett	Rita
Garcia Pita, Kaity Edith	Guadalupe
Hernandez, David Adrian	Martin of Tours
Hernandez, Ivan Jose	Dismas
Ibrahim, Tatiana Hashaw	Joan of Arc

Name	Saint Name
Lobo, Ryan Richard	Francis of Assisi
Parra, Maria Rosa	Catherine of Sienna
Pintado, Camila Yadira	Julie Billiard
Pomaquiza, Erica Johana	Margaret of Scotland
Pomaquiza, Moises	John
Rivera, Daniel Xavier	Isaiah
Robles, Valeria	Philomena
Rodriguez Rodriguez, Mariana	Cecilia
Rosas-Valencia, Emmanuel M.	Francis of Assisi
Torres Baez, Marlene	Joan of Arc
Verdejo Lucero, Anthony	Anthony of Padua
Zuniga Razzo, Arianna Jesus	Narcisa de Jesus



DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

Fraternitas, 20 de mayo, 2023 — 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, 2— 4 de junio— 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.



REGISTRACIONES PARA CATECISMO

Las inscripciones para el programa de catecismo estarán abiertas durante de los meses de **Mayo, Junio, Julio y Agosto SOLAMENTE.**

Para una nueva registración, por favor recoja una aplicación en la oficina parroquial y llene el cuestionario con letra clara y además debe de traer los certificados de los sacramentos ya recibidos y haga el pago requerido.

Si su niño/a ya estuvo en nuestro programa este año, por favor vaya a la oficina y pida el formulario de re-inscripción y haga el pago requerido.

Cuota de Inscripción:

Por el mes de	Mayo	Junio, Julio y Agosto
1 niño (a)	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 niños (as)	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 niños (as) o más	\$140.00	\$160.00

DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Se les invita a la Coronilla Cantada el 27 de Mayo, en la Iglesia de Arriba, a las 6:30pm.

Para mas información, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834



THE BIBLE SAYS THAT JESUS CONDEMNED GAMBLING, BUT I NOTICE THAT SO MANY PARISHES HAVE THEM AT FESTIVALS AND OTHER EVENTS. WHATS CORRECT?

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable

when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413). As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with an addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.



WEIRDLY CHRISTIAN

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck - depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to

the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much, to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird...

"... the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows him." - John 14:17

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized. Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?

Second Reading

Peter taught his community to be prepared to defend their faith with gentleness and reverence even in a hostile environment. Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone arguing with you?

Gospel Reading

Jesus assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." When do you experience Jesus' presence in your life?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable



Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church.

Prayer

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our sister in Christ, Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint. Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Juliette worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. She attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century, New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate and be bitter, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love love for God and for neighbor. By following her example and asking for her prayer, may we,

GOSPEL MEDITATION

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope. We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

- Father John Muir

OUR LADY'S MONTH BEGINS



Mary, the Mother of God, plays an essential role in the history of salvation. She therefore enjoys a singular honor and love in the Church's liturgy and devotional practice. Our oldest known Marian prayer is the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*, composed about A.D. 250. In this early prayer, Christians asked Our Lady for her intercession. At a time when many theological nuances were still being hammered out, devotion to the Blessed Virgin was already firmly established. She was always seen as mother, virgin, protector, and interceder for all humanity. Marian devotion has a simplicity and an appeal that transcend theology. When people find themselves overwhelmed by the barrage of theological differences and torn between conflicting ideologies, turning to Mary may be their wisest move. As Pope Paul VI once said, "It is indescribable that we share the child's habit of turning to his mother at every moment and telling her everything." During these days of May, let us pray these words with believers from the early days of the Church: *We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them! Amen.*



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