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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (*Saint Jerome*)

5:00pm Mary McCullagh, Barbara Howard,
TJ DiMarco, Jorgelina Chamorro,
Agnes A. Moran

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

(*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Mrs. Neida Martinez (*3rd Anniversary*)
9:00am San Francesco d'Assisi
9:30am The Living & Deceased Members of
Our Parish's Rosary Society
11:00am Genevieve Roeder (*Birthday*)
12:30pm Miguel Carlos Fuentes (*Memorial de
Cumpleaños*), Cristian Wilfredo Ponce
(12 Aniversario), Rosa M. Padilla Alegria
(3 Aniversario), Señor de los Milagros
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 (*The Holy Guardian Angels*)

8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm Mrs. Neida Martinez

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00am Walther Offutt
12:00pm Patricia Wagner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 (*Saint Francis of Assisi*)

8:00am Salus Bitancur
12:00pm Madonna Immordino Faraci

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

(*Saint Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos*)

8:00am Vincenzo & Giuseppa Barretta and Family
12:00pm Andy & Anna Daffada

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

(*Saint Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher*)

8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Guadalupe Rodriguez Salgado
7:30pm Fr. Brady (*Living— Birthday*)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 (*Our Lady of the Rosary*)

8:00am Mario Carullo
5:00pm Living & Deceased Machesona & Vas Families
Salvatore Mignano, Ernesto de Guzman,
Cesar Conde & Consuelo Rosales

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

(*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8:00am Yolanda & Noe Vazquez
9:00am Mario Carullo
9:30am Julia Rosa Mejia
11:00am Mario & Dorothy Nacinovich
(*Anniversary Memorial*)
12:30pm Antonia Regalado Paredes,
Vitantonio & Nicola Chiechi
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



The Altar Candles are being offered for Maria del Greco, by Ida del Greco & Children

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 14/15: There will be a second collection after communion for our Parish Maintenance.

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, October 6, 2023**. 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.

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—4:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

1:00pm—8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

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WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

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

Last weekend's collection: \$6,554

Same weekend last year: \$4,919

Faith Direct:

August 2022: \$4,846

August 2023: \$4,607



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

We would like to thank all those generous individuals who made a pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.

We are asking each family to consider making a tax-deductible gift today. It is important that our parish make its goal of \$67,815 in order to fulfill our mission and provide for all who depend on your generosity and good will. As of September 15, 2023 we have a total of 178 parishioners who have pledged a total of \$65,167 from which \$58,940 has been collected.

Give your support today on behalf of our parish online at annualcatholicappeal.org, scanning the QR code or texting "ACA" to 917-336-1255 or call 718-965-7375 ext. 1602 to have a pledge card mailed to your home.



ARE YOU READY TO "FALL INTO EGIVING?"

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

* Visit faith.direct/NY370

* Call the parish office at 718.278.1834

* Scan the QR code

* Text "Enroll" to 929.254.3850



Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

¿ESTÁS LISTO PARA "CAER EN EGIVING"?

Después de los alegres meses de verano, la temporada de otoño es un buen momento para optimizar su administración. eGiving es una forma de simplificar sus donaciones y brindar un apoyo constante y constante que nos ayuda a estar listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de nuestra iglesia y para aquellos en nuestra comunidad. Sus donaciones recurrentes ayudarán a fortalecer nuestra parroquia y sustentar nuestros ministerios durante todo el año, incluso si necesita faltar a un servicio dominical. Es fácil empezar. Estas son las formas de registrarse:

* Visite faith.direct/NY370

* Llame la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834

* Escanea el código QR

* Textear la palabra "Inscribirse" a 929.254.3850



Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad.



Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings from Rome, the Eternal City!

As you gather for the Eucharist on this 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, I pray that today's Scripture readings may deeply resonate with you. They invite us to reflect on virtues like repentance, humility, and obedience to God – essential in our Christian journey. Even from Rome, these themes profoundly shape my daily reflections.

Spiritual life, as we know, isn't a one-time affair. It's a continuous journey, demanding consistent alignment with God, placing Him at the center, and putting His will above our own desires. Embracing virtues of humility, conversion, and obedience has its challenges, even for me, a priest. But as I walk amidst the ancient beauty of Rome, passing holy sites where Saints once tread and reflecting upon their timeless stories, I'm reminded that embodying these virtues, while daunting, remains achievable. The legacies of St. Peter and St. Paul, amidst numerous others down the ages, serve as living testaments to this possibility.

These days, I have the joy of reuniting with friends who are priests, religious and lay people serving the Church at the Vatican and in Rome. Coming from many different corners of the globe, each shares a unique narrative of relinquishing familiar comforts to serve the Holy Father and the global Church here. Their stories, brimming with sacrifice and love for God, further illuminate the depth of repentance, humility and obedience required in our Christian journey. Their faithful service, often hidden and unsung, yet profound and significant, underscores the depth of true discipleship, emphasizing God's will above personal desires.

Though I may be miles away, my heart remains close to our parish. Each day, as I walk pass the Eternal City's ancient and revered sites, I offer up prayers for all of you. I hope that, inspired by the indomitable spirit of Rome's Saints – both past and those still walking its streets – we too find the resolve to prioritize God's will in our lives. This Sunday's Gospel, contrasting two sons, serves as introspection. I often see myself in the first son, who quickly assents but fails to follow through. Yet, my deeper desire is to mirror the transformed spirit of the second son, who, despite initial hesitance, chooses to align with the Father's desires. This parable tells me that repentance, humility, and obedience, while challenging to embody at times, remain achievable to us. No matter our past hesitations, it's never too late to realign with God's call.

If even this recognition seems difficult, we have a powerful tool to guide and strengthen us: the Holy Rosary. This simple yet profound prayer has, for generations, turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples, leading them towards virtuous lives. As we step into October, the Month of the Rosary, may we daily strive to emulate Mary who epitomized these virtues so perfectly. Remember, with every recitation of the Hail Mary, we are called to transform, serve humbly, and submit to God's divine plan, echoing Mary's unwavering "yes" to the Lord.

In the United States, October also marks Respect Life Month, emphasizing the sanctity and inherent dignity of life from conception to natural death. In a world often indifferent to the vulnerable – the preborn, the differently-abled, the elderly – we are summoned to champion their cause. Embracing the values of repentance, humility, and obedience to God becomes even more crucial now. May the examples set by Our Lady, the Saints, and countless other holy people in the Church propel us towards a life steeped in these transformative virtues.

With warm regards and blessings,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



Estimados hermanos y hermanas,
¡Saludos desde Roma, la Ciudad Eterna!

Al reunirse para la Eucaristía en este 26º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, espero que las lecturas de la liturgia resuenen profundamente en ustedes. Nos invitan a reflexionar sobre virtudes como el arrepentimiento, la humildad y la obediencia a Dios, esenciales en nuestro camino cristiano. Incluso desde Roma, estos temas moldean profundamente mis reflexiones diarias.

La vida espiritual, como sabemos, no es un acto único. Es un viaje continuo que exige una alineación constante con Dios, poniéndolo en el centro y anteponiendo su voluntad a nuestros deseos. Abrazar virtudes como la humildad, la conversión y la obediencia tiene sus desafíos, incluso para mí, sacerdote. Pero al caminar entre la belleza milenaria de Roma, pasando por lugares sagrados donde los Santos caminaron y reflexionando sobre sus historias atemporales, me doy cuenta de que es posible vivir estas virtudes. Las legacías de San Pedro y San Pablo, entre muchos otros a lo largo de los tiempos, son testimonios vivos de esta posibilidad.

Estos días, tengo la alegría de reencontrarme con amigos sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos que sirven a la Iglesia en el Vaticano y en Roma. Provenientes de diferentes partes del mundo, cada uno comparte una historia única de renuncia a comodidades conocidas para servir al Santo Padre y a la Iglesia universal aquí. Sus historias, llenas de sacrificio y amor por Dios, refuerzan la profundidad del arrepentimiento, la humildad y la obediencia requeridos en nuestro camino cristiano. Su servicio fiel, muchas veces oculto pero significativo, destaca la verdadera esencia del discipulado, priorizando la voluntad de Dios.

Aunque esté a miles de kilómetros, mi corazón sigue cerca de nuestra parroquia. Todos los días, al recorrer los antiguos y venerados lugares de la Ciudad Eterna, elevo oraciones por todos ustedes. Espero que, inspirados por los Santos de Roma, tanto los del pasado como los que aún caminan por sus calles, también encontremos la determinación para priorizar la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas. El Evangelio de este domingo, contrastando a dos hijos, sirve de reflexión. A menudo me veo en el primer hijo, que asiente rápidamente pero no sigue adelante. Sin embargo, mi deseo más profundo es reflejar el espíritu transformado del segundo hijo, que, a pesar de su hesitación inicial, elige alinearse con los deseos del Padre. Esta parábola nos muestra que, aunque a veces sea difícil decir "sí", siempre está al alcance. No importa nuestras pasadas dudas, nunca es tarde para responder al llamado de Dios.

Si incluso este reconocimiento parece difícil, contamos con una herramienta poderosa para fortalecernos: el Santo Rosario. Esta oración, simple pero profunda, ha transformado a generaciones de personas comunes en discípulos extraordinarios, llevándolos hacia vidas virtuosas. Al entrar en octubre, el Mes del Rosario, que podamos esforzarnos diariamente en emular a María, quien personificó perfectamente estas virtudes. Recuerden, con cada recitación del Ave María, somos llamados a transformarnos, servir con humildad y someternos al plan divino de Dios, haciendo eco del inquebrantable "sí" de María al Señor.

En Estados Unidos, octubre también marca el Mes del Respeto a la Vida, subrayando la santidad y la dignidad inherente de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. En un mundo que a menudo se muestra indiferente a los vulnerables, somos convocados a defender su causa. Ahora más que nunca, es esencial abrazar los valores del arrepentimiento, la humildad y la obediencia a Dios. Que los ejemplos de Nuestra Señora, los Santos y tantas otras figuras santas en la Iglesia nos impulsen hacia una vida llena de estas virtudes transformadoras.

Con afecto y bendiciones,
Mons. Cuong M. Pham

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, October 1

All Day	Vietnamese Choir	Guadalupe A/B
9:00am—1:00pm	Rosary Society	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Community	Nazareth
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Gym
4:00pm—8:00pm	Practica Chinos	Gym

Monday, October 2

7:00pm—9:00pm	Practica de Canto	Guadalupe A/B
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Tuesday, October 3

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

Wednesday, October 4

4:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
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Thursday, October 5

10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe A/B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—8:30pm	Grupo de Amistad	Lourdes A/B

Friday, October 6

7:00pm—9:00pm	Practica de Instrumentos	Lourdes A/B
7:00pm—9:00pm	English RCIA	Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Youth Night	Guadalupe A/B

Saturday, October 7

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
4:00pm—9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—6:30pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Lourdes A/B
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir	Guadalupe A/B
6:30pm—8:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society will have their monthly meeting today, October 1, 2023 after the 9:30am Mass. Refreshments will be served. All ladies over age 15 are invited to join. Bring a friend.

SAVE THE DATE!

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 9, 2023

1:00pm – 4:00pm in the Institute

Hot Buffet Lunch including Wine will be served

Assorted Gifts Baskets & 50/50 will be raffled

For more information, please call 718-278-1834 or email Neida Martinez at media@mountcarmelastoria.org.

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 **Manuel Sanchez, Camila Sanchez, Mariano Sanchez, Margarita Garcia, Rafael Garcia, Mary Devitt, Rudi Roedenbeck Valderrama, Thomas Gannon, Alfredo Fernandez Solis, Indiana del Carmen Jaquez.**

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 **Corazon M. Galang, Orlando T. Galang.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They like us intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

- Father John Muir

CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

All members meet every fourth Sunday of the month for the recitation of the Rosary before by the 9:00am Italian Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member please call the parish office and leave your name and number.



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 participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

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

PLEASE CHECK:

New Registration Changed Address
 I prefer envelopes I prefer E-giving

CAN ANYONE OFFER THE ANNOINTING OF THE SICK TO A SICK OR DYING PERSON, OR IS THAT SOMETHING ONLY A PRIEST CAN DO?

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

SATURDAY FAITH FELLOWSHIP

The Saturday Faith Fellowship Ministry invites all to a series of Video Presentations by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception). The video series will take place in the Parish Institute, 10:00am—1:00pm on the dates shown below.

A major component of the program is the group discussions and feedback on how the points raised by the video presentations resonated with the participants experiences. All are welcome to join us!

October 7: What is "woke?" — Isn't it Christian?
October 21: Charismatic Revival—Good or Bad?

INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm— Upper Church
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
10 de Octubre, 2023	14 de Octubre, 2023
5 de Diciembre, 2023	9 de Diciembre, 2023

JOIN THE ENGLISH CHOIR

The choir will be accepting new members on Monday, October 2nd, at 7:30pm in the Chapel. If you like to sing, have a good ear for music, and can carry a tune, please consider becoming a member of the Choir. There are no auditions.



We perform music of many different composers and styles, from renaissance to contemporary. We meet every Monday night at 7:30pm and all learn the music together in a very pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere. All voices are needed— Soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The ability to read music is not a requirement, but if you have any musical experience it is a great benefit and we would be glad to have you in the choir. Singing is also a great way to increase your participation in the liturgy. We are now preparing for our traditional Christmas Eve concert, as well as for weekend masses. If you are interested in joining, leave your name and number for Lucille at the parish office or speak to us after Mass.

To hear the Choir in action, below is a link to a YouTube video of our last Concert.

"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without" — Confucius

<https://youtu.be/3RZ5DpOXVIY>

MONTH OF THE ROSARY



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on October 7th. The Church honors Mary in gratitude for her protection in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. As St. John Paul II taught, the Rosary is a contemplative prayer that has

great intercessory power; whoever recites it is united to Mary in meditating the mysteries of Christ, and is led to invoke the grace proper to these mysteries in the multiple situations of life and history. Praying the Rosary can help the world in mysterious ways. Where governments, councils and committees have failed to bring peace, something so simple as praying the Rosary have saved peoples and nations. The Rosary is simple, yet like the Gospel, its power is unsurpassed in human history. Great people like St. Bernadette, St. Benedict Labre, St. John Marie Vianney, Saint Padre Pio, Dorothy Day, Blessed Mother Teresa and our beloved John Paul II were devoted to the Rosary. In this month, make this your favorite prayer and see its power at work in you!

2024 MASS BOOK OPENING



The 2024 Mass book will be opened on Tuesday, October 11, 2023. Mass Intention form will be available in English & Spanish by the doors of the Church beginning on October 7/8th. We will not accept any Mass Intention forms prior to October 11th. Payments are only accepted by cash or check made out to "Our Lady of Mount Carmel."



Dedicated offerings can be reserved every week in honor or in memory of a loved one. You can reserve by visiting the parish office. Prices for each are as follows:

*Altar Candles: \$15.00 Sanctuary Lamp: \$25.00
Altar Bread & Wine \$35.00 Altar Flowers: \$100.00*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Respect Life...

October is Respect Life Month



...at every stage

October, besides being the Month of the Rosary, is also the month dedicated to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. These days, it is particularly meaningful to us Catholics since our nation is preparing for another election next year. In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. All believers are called to faithful citizenship, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. The U.S. Bishops *"encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate more fully in building the culture of life."* Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Even those who are not citizens are called to participate in the debates which shape our common life. Please visit www.usccb.org for the latest information.

THE VINEYARD

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin? When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple. It doesn't matter if we intend to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way. Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does the work mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel? Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go? My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

EL MES DEL ROSARIO



Octubre está dedicado al Santísimo Rosario. La fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario es el 7 de octubre. La Iglesia honra a María en agradecimiento por su protección en respuesta a la oración del Rosario por parte de los fieles. Como enseñó San Juan Pablo II, el Rosario es una oración contemplativa que tiene un gran poder intercesor; quien lo reza se une a María meditando los misterios de Cristo y es llevado a invocar la gracia propia de estos misterios en las múltiples situaciones de la vida y la historia. Rezar el Rosario puede ayudar al mundo de maneras misteriosas. Donde gobiernos, consejos y comités han fallado en traer la paz, algo tan simple como rezar el Rosario ha salvado a pueblos y naciones. El Rosario es simple, pero, al igual que el Evangelio, su poder es insuperable en la historia humana. Grandes personas como Santa Bernardita, San Benito Labre, San Juan María Vianney, San Padre Pío, Dorothy Day, la Beata Madre Teresa y nuestro querido Juan Pablo II estuvieron devotos al Rosario. ¡En este mes, hagan de esta oración su favorita y vean su poder actuar en ustedes!

MES DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

Octubre, además de ser el Mes del Rosario, también es el mes dedicado a la santidad de toda vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Estos días, es particularmente significativo para nosotros, los católicos, ya que nuestra nación se está preparando para una otra elección el próximo año. En la tradición católica, la ciudadanía responsable es una virtud; la participación en el proceso político es una obligación moral. Todos los creyentes están llamados a una ciudadanía fiel, a informarse, ser activos y responsables en el proceso político. Los obispos de los Estados Unidos *“animan a todos los ciudadanos, en particular a los católicos, a abrazar su ciudadanía no solo como un deber y privilegio, sino como una oportunidad para participar de manera significativa en la construcción de la cultura de la vida”*. Cada voz importa en el foro público. Cada voto cuenta. Incluso aquellos que no son ciudadanos están llamados a participar en los debates que dan forma a nuestra vida común. Por favor, visiten www.usccb.org para la información más reciente.

AGRADECE A DIOS EL PRIVILEGIO DE ESTAR VIVO. Y MANTENTE, COMO CRISTIANO, SIEMPRE DEL LADO DE LA DEFENSA DE LA vida



LIBRO DE INTENCIONES 2024

El libro para intenciones del 2024 estará abierto el martes, 11 de octubre. Los formularios estarán disponibles comenzando el 7/8 de octubre por las entradas de la Iglesia. No aceptaremos formularios antes del 11 de octubre. **Por favor no espere a ultimo momento para reservar!** Las Intenciones pueden ser para un difunto, un ser querido vivo en honor de su cumpleaños o para su salud etc. Llene el formulario y entréguelo a la oficina con su pago en efectivo o cheque a nombre de “Our Lady of Mount Carmel.”

DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Se les invita a la Coronilla Cantada el 21 de Octubre, en la Iglesia de Arriba, a las 6:30pm. Para mas información, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834.

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Saturday, October 7, 2023 Maimonides Park, Brooklyn

- 8:00 AM Gates Open (greetings by Jornada Movement Music Ministry)
- 8:30 AM Praise and worship with Alveris followed by the rosary
- 9:45 AM Liturgical Procession and Eucharistic Liturgy
- 11:15 AM Eucharistic Procession to Eucharistic Chapel
- 11:35 AM Break/Lunch
- 12 Noon Angelus and Youth and Young Adult Praise and worship with Alveris
- 1:00 PM Break
- 1:15 PM Family Catechesis with Deacon Matthew Halbach
- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:30 PM Vocations Talk and testimonials with Fr. Timothy Anastos
- 3:00 PM Benediction and Dismissal

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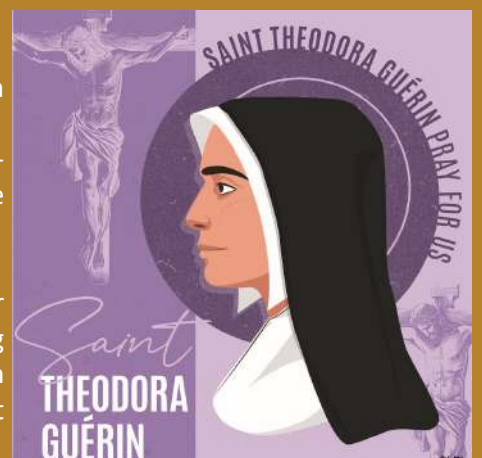
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Theodora Guérin, a French immigrant to the United States, established a community of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Her congregation went on to start numerous schools and institutions as well as orphanages and free pharmacies to care for the poor and sick.

Prayer

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, valiant woman of God, intercede for us in our needs. Implore for us through Jesus, the Christ, the gifts of a living faith, abiding hope and steadfast charity, so that through a life of prayer and service with others we may aid in promoting the Providence of God among all peoples. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us.



ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION!

*It's a Saints Costume Party**

Saturday, November 4, 2023 1:00pm- 4:30pm
All kids - 12 to 17 years old are invited – Bring a friend

1:00PM-2:00PM – Adoration/Reflection/Benediction
Reflection – The Way to Sainthood

2:00PM- 4:30PM

Create your own Costume! Pick a favorite Saint!
There will be games and prizes awarded

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Lower Church



***This is not a Halloween Costume Party**

Parents invited to join us

For more information: email: media@mountcarmelastoria.org
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