

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 5th, 2017



The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians
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Office Hours

Sunday

-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday

-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday

-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday

- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
7:45am - English
9:00am - Español
10:30am - Italiano
12:00pm - English
1:30pm - Español
5:00pm - Español

Weekly Mass Schedule

English

-Monday - Saturday at 7:45am

Español

-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano

-Sotto richiesta

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES
AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905



Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served by the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles – Scalabrinians –.

We are an community of Catholic religious serving migrants and refugees of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in 32 countries.

The Congregation was founded in Italy on November 28, 1887, by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrin (1839-1905), bishop of Piacenza (Italy).

Our missionary focus is to be migrants with the migrants and to be in mission with people on the move, with a special priority for the poorest And neediest migrants.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL —MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community bound by the Grace of God the Father who adopted us all as beloved children through Baptism.

We journey as brothers and sisters inspired in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished with the Eucharist and strengthened by the love of the Holy Spirit.

Encouraged in the practice of our Catholic Tradition, we experience and honor the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel while joyfully celebrating the religious practices of our ancestors in Faith.

Heartened by the zealous ministry of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians), we strive to create a welcoming space where justice for all and the wellbeing of God's people become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE CARMEL — VISIÓN

Somos una comunidad de fe vinculada por la Gracia de Dios Padre, que nos ha adoptado como hijos amados por el Bautismo.

Caminamos como hermanos y hermanas inspirados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, nutridos con la Eucaristía y fortalecidos por el amor del Espíritu Santo.

Alentados en la práctica de nuestra Tradición Católica, experimentamos y honramos a la protección materna de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, celebrando alegremente las prácticas religiosas de nuestros ancestros en la Fe. Animados por el celo ministerial de los Misioneros de San Carlos (Scalabrinianos), nos esforzamos por crear un espacio de bienvenida donde la justicia para todos y el bienestar del pueblo de Dios nos inspiran en nuestros esfuerzos para construir el Reino de Dios.

Church Services

We encourage all to register at the Parish-Shrine.

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Les invitamos a registrarse en el Santuario Parroquial.

Support Staff

Business Manager
Alexander Sanchez 708.345.3632

Religious Education
Modesta Martinez 708.344.4140

Activities Coordinator
Miguel Aldana 708.345.3632

Music Coordinator
Ann Marie Nabor 708.579.5373

Community Center Site Director
Pablo Cruz 708.345.3632

Sacramental Life

Confessions *Confesiones*

Saturdays—*Sábados*

4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita*.

Baptisms *Bautizos*

Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial.*

Weddings *Bodas*

Contact the priest at least six months in advance.

Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera

Contactar a la secretaría cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones

Contactar la Secretaría al menos dos semanas antes

Religious Services

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*
Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction
Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática
Martes a las 7:00pm

Other Services

Gift Shop Hours *Venta de Artículos Religiosos*
During the regular office hours.
Durante las horas de oficina

Community Center *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

Food Pantry *Despensa de comida*
Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*

Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm

Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm

- Mass Included—*Incluye la Misa*

For the Month of FEBRUARY**Feb 11 Sat/Sab**

11:00am Mass for Anointing of Sick

3:00pm Misa de Uncion de los Enfermos

Feb 25 Sat/Sab

10:00am Retiro Parroquial

4:00pm Misa St. Toribio

Feb 27 Mon/Lun

7:30pm Misa por la Paz

Monday/Lunes

5:30pm Clases de Guitarra

Thursday/Jueves

6:30pm Ballet Folklorico

Tuesdays / Martes

6:30pm Ballet Folklorico

7:00pm Grupo de Oracion

7:00pm Eng. Choir Practice

Friday/Viernes

7:30pm Practica de Coros

7:00pm Matrimonios con

Proposito

7:00pm Jornadas Matrimoniales

7:00pm Boys/Girls Scouts

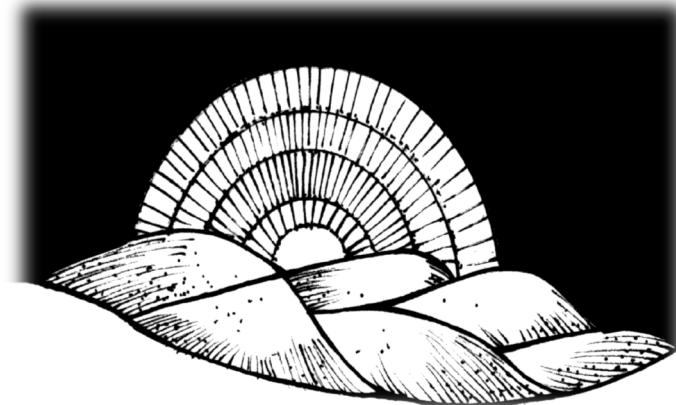
7:00pm Jovenes para Cristo

Wednesday/ Miércoles

6:30pm Ballet Folklorico

7:00pm Men of Mt. Carmel

7:00pm OLMC Fitness Club

***Weekly Offering***

January 28 – January 29, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: \$4,919.00

Second Collection: \$2,570.00

Children: \$331.00

From the Pastor's Desk



The establishment of God's Kingdom here on earth, is a mission that all the baptized people of God should take very seriously. It takes everyone's commitment, everyone's efforts and everyone's decision to make it happen. When believers in Christ allow the freshness of the Gospel to enter our lives and turn them around, one of the first emotions to be experienced is that of incredible passion for the Kingdom. To see the efforts Jesus made to establish in our world a new order, to realize his entire life was dedicated to make his followers understand the value of love, peace, justice, brotherhood and sisterhood; to see how his capacity to sacrifice had no limits in order to grant us freedom from sin, to restore us to Grace, to teach us how to behave as true children of God; to suddenly learn that our human history can actually be influenced by God's intervention if we dare to give God a chance... all these new discoveries, provoke our hearts to be filled with passion for the Church's Mission, for that is what the Kingdom of God is all about: A reality filled with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

The Missionaries of Scalabrini, are courageous man whose life has been consecrated in full to establish the Kingdom amongst the poorest of the poor: the migrants and refugees. This weekend while thanking you all for your generosity towards our religious congregation in the second collection, I would like to also take the opportunity, and let you know that the Lord is calling Fr. Juan Francisco our Pastor associate to a new mission. For almost a year and a half, He has shared our mission here at OLMC, his commitment and hard work are something I highly appreciate, and I am sure the people of St. Leo the Great in Houston TX will be truly blessed to have him as their Pastor Associate. While thanking him for his ministry in our Faith community, let us pray that the Lord may invest him with much needed courage and strength to continue serving in the Church's mission.

This is what our life as missionaries is all about: no belongings, no boundaries, no limits, only passion for the Kingdom. May the Lord continue to bless us with generous hearts willing to serve in the Church and may we all as members of God's flock continue to pray for an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish & Shrine
Altar & Rosary
LENTEN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION



Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OBM

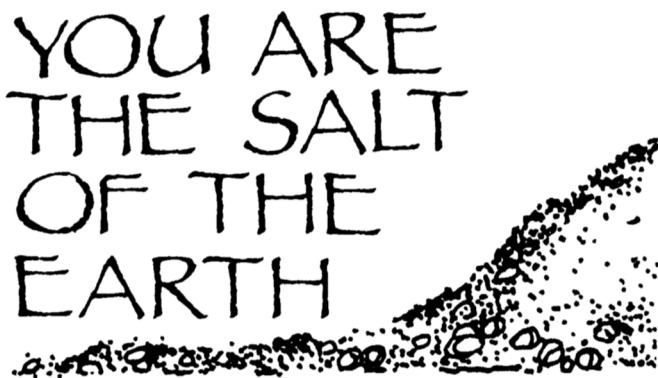
When: Thursday, March 9th, 2017
Mass at 6:00pm / Followed by Dinner & Reflection

Where: O.L.M.C. Gym
22nd and Cortez st. Melrose Park

\$15.00 Donation

Dear partner(s) Agencies:

On behalf of everyone at Illinois Welcoming Center (Casa Esperanza) we would like to express our most sincere thank you for all your hard work in the planning, execution, and development of our most recent Family Health Fair held on Saturday January 28th, 2017 in our Church Gymnasium. Your unconditional support has helped to assist over 75 participants. Thank you for your support.



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke.

Pilgrimage to St. Martha Church

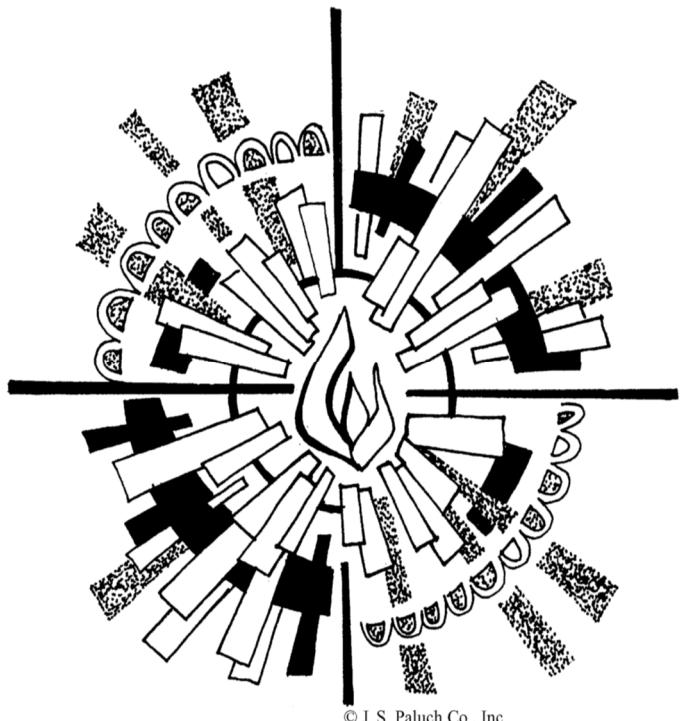
On Sunday, February 26, some members of Altar & Rosary will be going on a pilgrimage to St. Martha's Church in Morton Grove. They will depart Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at 10:00 am in order to attend 11:00 am mass and a tour by Fr. O'Neil, Pastor of St. Martha's.

The church is home to over 1500 relics, statues, and other religious artifacts which go back centuries. Their collection even includes hair from the Blessed Mother. After the tour, there will be a stop for lunch before heading back to Mt. Carmel, which should be at approximately 3:30 pm.

Total cost of the pilgrimage will depend on how many people are going and if we need to rent a bus. Currently we have access to a 16 passenger van and several members offered to drive and take people with them. If we have enough drivers, the only cost will be a collection to give Fr. O'Neil for St. Martha's. Lunch will be on your own.

If you are interested in going on this pilgrimage, please call Lucia at 312/860-2530 or the rectory at 708/344-4140 as soon as possible.

Also, let me know if you will be driving, or if you need a ride.



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Mensaje del Párroco

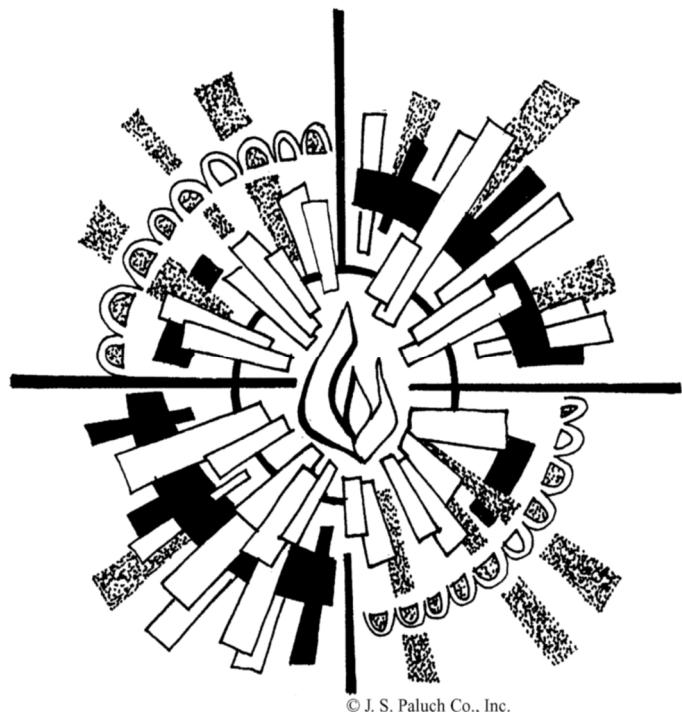


La Misión que Cristo encomendó a su Iglesia tiene como principal objetivo el establecer aquí en la tierra el Reino de los Cielos. Los bautizados son llamados a convertirse en auténticos colaboradores de Dios en la creación de un mundo mejor. La fuerza para dedicarse con pasión a este llamado de la Iglesia, viene de una lectura atenta y bien meditada del Evangelio. Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús de Nazaret en las Sagradas Escrituras, vemos como toda su vida fue un esfuerzo constante para transformar el quehacer humano con vestigios de Justicia, Paz, Libertad, Fraternidad, Amor... no podemos hojear la biblia y permanecer ciegos a la increíble pasión con la que el Señor se dedicó a sanar a los enfermos, perdonar a los pecadores, ayudar a los necesitados, etc. Sin duda que en todas estas acciones el Espíritu nos conduce a descubrir la importancia de soñar con un mundo mejor, una realidad donde todos caben y una historia humana en la que Dios tiene la última palabra.

Los Misioneros de Scalabrin, desde su fundación se han dedicado al servicio en la Iglesia, procurando establecer el Reino entre los más desprotegidos y necesitados: Los Migrantes y los Refugiados. Esta semana, quiero agradecer su generosidad en la segunda colecta, su ayuda económica, sin duda se vuelve un instrumento más en nuestros esfuerzos por construir un mundo más libre y fraternal. Al mismo tiempo aprovecho para compartir con ustedes que nuestro Vicario Parroquial, el P. Juan Francisco Aguiar, ha sido destinado a una nueva misión. Quiero agradecer por este medio todo el servicio y la dedicación del P. Juan en nuestra comunidad; sin duda su testimonio de vida nos anima a seguir siendo miembros activos en la Iglesia. Estoy seguro que la comunidad de San León Magno en Houston TX, será muy bendecida con su presencia. Lo enviamos en un auténtico espíritu misionero; si bien es cierto que las despedidas nunca son fáciles, también es cierto que nuestro cambiar de lugar siempre enriquece los esfuerzos misioneros de la Iglesia.

Le deseamos lo mejor al P. Juan Francisco, y rezamos para que su partida nos ayude a unirnos en oración por un aumento a las vocaciones religiosas y sacerdotales en la Iglesia. Necesitamos de corazones generosos que puedan decir SI al proyecto de Amor al cual Dios nos invita cuando nos consagra. De esto es de lo que nuestra vida se trata: avanzar sin barreras, sin apegos, sin límites, confiando únicamente en la Providencia del Dios que nos ha llamado a servirle y que sin duda nunca nos dejará de su mano.

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Estimadas Agencias y Colaboradores:

En nombre del Centro de Bienvenida Casa Esperanza, queremos expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por su arduo trabajo en la planificación, ejecución y desarrollo de nuestra más reciente Feria Familiar de Salud, que se llevó a cabo el sábado 28 de Enero de 2017 en el Gimnasio de la Iglesia. Su apoyo incondicional ha ayudado asistir a más de 75 participantes. Gracias por su apoyo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La primera santa americana fue Rosa de Lima, peruana de nacimiento. Murió en 1617 y fue canonizada en 1671, diez años después de la primera fundación inglesa en lo que hoy son Estados Unidos de América. Esta santa americana es acompañada por otros santos como san Felipe de Jesús (mexicano) canonizado en 1862 y Madre Francisca Cabrini (italoestadounidense y la primera santa de EE. UU.) canonizada en 1946.

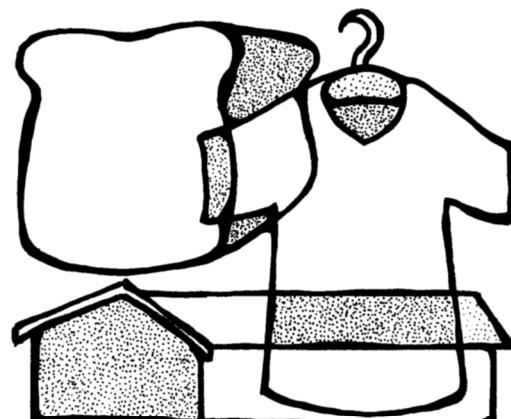
Oficialmente hay 60 santos y 77 beatos que hicieron o trabajaron en América. La mayoría de estos son 50 mexicanos, 33 brasileños, 12 canadienses, nueve estadounidenses, ocho colombianos, siete peruanos, tres argentinos y tres chilenos. Guatemala, Cuba, República Dominicana, Uruguay y Venezuela tienen un santo(a) cada uno. Estados Unidos y Canadá comparten siete mártires. La mayoría de los santos o santas del continente americano fueron beatificados o canonizados durante los últimos 100 años. Sólo ocho de ellos fueron canonizados durante los últimos ocho años.

No todos estos santos nacieron en América, pero sí dedicaron su vida a evangelizarla. Estos 137 santos de la Iglesia universal son un testimonio de la obra del Espíritu Santo en el continente americano.

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MI PEQUEÑA LUZ

Cuando éramos niños cantábamos efusivamente la canción *Mi pequeña luz (This Little Light of Mine)*. La letra de la canción, desde luego, está basada en el Evangelio de hoy, en este estamos llamados como discípulos a ser la sal y la luz del mundo. Los niños no tienen dificultad para compartir su fe; solo es cuando crecemos que preferimos esconder nuestra luz bajo un tazón porque nuestra cultura tiende a no enfatizar el discipulado. El mensaje en las lecturas de esta semana es claro: para poder dar gloria a Dios por medio del discipulado, debemos mostrar la luz de Cristo en nuestras palabras y obras. No es algo fácil para adultos inhibidos. A menudo podemos pensar en la sal y la luz en términos de lo que hacemos por los demás, pero puede ser tan importante como el no hacer nada, ya sea como enojarse con un desconocido en la carretera o decir una broma ofensiva.



Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Quinta domenica del T.O.— Il brano evangelico di oggi, che fa seguito alle beatitudini nella parte iniziale del discorso della montagna, completa, per contrasto, quello della scorsa domenica. «*Beati voi*», aveva detto Gesù a coloro a cui annunziava le persecuzioni. Qui essi vengono rivelati a se stessi: «*Voi siete...*» rivolgendosi attraverso di loro ai cristiani di tutti i tempi, Gesù proclama la loro grandezza nella misteriosa solidarietà in cui li unisce. Che cosa sono dunque? **Sale della terra, luce del mondo.** Per meglio comprendere queste immagini che, prese in se stesse, possono presentare

qualche difficoltà, bisogna sapere che la Bibbia prescriveva di mettere un poco di sale, segno di alleanza, su ogni offerta presentata a Dio, e che gli antichi attribuivano al sale una funzione fertilizzante. La luce, poi, per Israele, era il simbolo della rivelazione messianica che trionfa sulle tenebre del paganesimo. I cristiani, nuovo Israele, ricevono dunque una missione nei confronti di tutti gli uomini, con la fede e con la carità, devono diventare, consacrare, rendere feconda l'umanità. Bisogna che viviamo la certezza racchiusa in questo «*voi siete...*». Oggi, per molti cristiani, la denigrazione sistematica del messaggio della chiesa è una tentazione per lo meno pari a quella del rinnegamento su se stessi. Sono stati talmente messi in guardia contro la superbia confessionale, il trionfalismo e l'esagerazione clericale, che rischiano sia di voler tornare alle catacombe, sia di inginocchiarsi ingenuamente davanti al mondo. Sono invece chiamati a diventare in esso un vangelo vivente; se così non avviene, il loro messaggio perde tutta la propria forza, e «*a null'altro serve che ad essere calpestato sali uomini*». «*riconosci, cristiano, la tua dignità!*» (s.Leone) per viverne e così rendere gloria a Dio.

Il gusto dell'esistenza— Il sale è fatto per salare, cioè per essere preso dal posto dove si trova, essere gettato nel mondo e dare sapore a tutto ciò che tocca. Sciogliendosi e perdendosi realizza la sua vocazione. se volesse conservare il suo sapore, rimanendo nella saliera, in realtà lo perderebbe. Messaggio di consolazione! Voi credevate di non essere utili a niente, e ed ecco che una vocazione si apre davanti a voi: dare gusto all'esistenza. Lo stesso avviene per la luce. Al buio non si sa dove porre il piede, ma appare un fascio di luce e la strada si illumina.

Vedano le vostre opere buone

Lo sottolinea la prima lettura. Al popolo ebraico preoccupato della pratica esteriore ed irrepreensibile dei culto, indaffarato a ricostruire il tempio distrutto, Dio ricorda che, più dello splendore del culto, gli è gradito l'ospitare i senza tetto, il dividere il pane con l'affamato... «Allora sì la tua luce sorgerà come l'aurora». Non basta pregare e digiunare. La preghiera e il digiuno devono essere uniti all'azione «per far brillare fra le tenebre la luce». L'astinenza dal cibo conta poco, se non è per nutrire l'affamato. Come, in concreto, il discepolo può diventare «sale della terra e luce del mondo », lo dice chiaramente anche il vangelo quando conclude: «Vedano le vostre opere buone e rendano gloria al vostro Padre che è nei cieli». Non sono le parole che testimoniano la venuta del regno di Dio, ma il pagare di persona, il compromettersi negli avvenimenti

costruttivi. Il discepolo deve dissolversi, penetrare profondamente nel mondo per dargli il gusto nuovo, il fermento di salvezza portato da Cristo.

Nel rito del battesimo il sacerdote affida al padre del battezzando una candela accesa al cero pasquale. Cristo risorto è la «luce». Il battezzato è l'«illuminato» che si inserisce nella morte-risurrezione di Cristo. Vivere la luce è l'impegno che l'attende: lo Spirito lo «muove», lo «trascina». Le «azioni della luce» sono azioni dello Spirito; e in lui non c'è posto per presunzione, vanto, superbia personale...



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 am † Clara Weiss by Roseann
5:30 pm † Pamela Grunt by Piazza Family
† Florence Perez by Husband & Twins

WEEKDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Domenica Cacucciolo by St. Anthony
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SAINT PAUL & COMPANIONS

7:30 am †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

WEEKDAY

7:30 am † Nick Saletta by Guiglio Family
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

WEEKDAY

7:30 am †
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

WEEKDAY

7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

7:30 am †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

WEEKDAY

7:30 am †
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

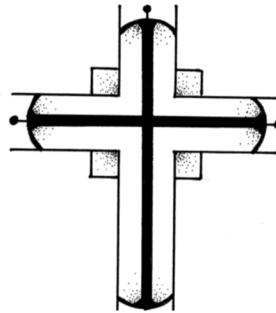
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm † Maryann Ciaccio Wilezewski by St. Joseph Academy
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED:

Linda Bandy
Antonela De Biasio
Nico De Biasio
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie Goldi
Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Carol Maioni
Vandy Liala
Ethan Maidl
Joseph Pulido
Lauren Rendi
Bobby J. Villa
Luke Westrick

Ann Yench
Angela Williams
Alexandra Vitali
Vicki Parisi
Ken Douglas
Michael Turso
Anna Baffa
Jan Clark
Sara Zonca
Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Victor Mejia Jr.
Tony Stellato
Nico Felice
Emilio Scalzitti



Rest In Peace

† Sylvio A. Conti
† Anthony Stellato

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stational liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stational church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.



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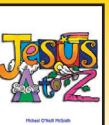
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