

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 11th, 2018



The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles – Scalabrinians
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-John Battisto
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-Jose Ramon Arenas

Secretaries

- Nancy Diaz
- Daniel Michel

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 7:30am

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 were 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

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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—5:00pm 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
MARCH*****March 9th Fri/Vie**

- 6:00pm Fish Fry Dinner
Fiesta de Pescado Frito

March 10th Sat/Sab

- 9:00am Community Lenten
Retreat / Retiro de
Cuaresma

March 14th Wed/Mier

-6:00pm Evening of Recollection
Noche de Reflexión

March 21st Wed/Mier

- 7:00pm Reconciliation Service/
Servicio de Reconciliación

March 25th Sun/Dom

- 10:30am Madonna del Arco

March 26th Mon/Lun

- 7:30pm Servicio de las
Tinieblas

March 29th Thu/Jue

- Pilgrimage to 7 Churches

**All Fridays of Lent 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross**

Via Crucis
(Trilingual)

Weekly Offering

March 3 - March 4, 2018

Regular Sunday Collection: \$6,098.00

Second Collection: \$2,222.00

From the Pastor's Desk



Fourth Sunday of Lent. Sunday in Laetare, that is, rejoice. We have already passed half of our Lenten pilgrimage. The liturgy of the Church, interrupting for a moment the austerity of this time, invites us "to rejoice". Even the color of the liturgical paraments diminishes, going from the violet to the "pink", to underline this moment of joy, exhorting us to rejoice because Easter is approaching, that is, the victory of good over evil, of light over darkness and of life over death. We know that the objectives of Lent are to prepare ourselves to renew with knowledge of the baptismal promises. This means appreciating the gift of baptism and being aware of its implications in the Christian life.

The readings of this Sunday offer us various elements to renew our baptismal life. The Gospel emphasizes the theme of grace. Everything is due to the love of God who has sent his Son so that we may have life and have it in abundance. "As Moses raised the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." The book of Wisdom had intuited in that episode of the bronze serpent a sign of the salvation and love of God. "The one who looked at it healed ...". That serpent placed on a mast becomes for John the sign of the cross of Christ "raised" in the midst of humanity. We are baptized with water in the name of the Holy Trinity and we renew our love for the Holy Trinity.

To believe in the Father is to accept him as a creator and father whose love overflows us and asks in response for a love and total trust in his providence every day of our life. To believe in Jesus Christ is to appreciate his life, accept him as Lord of our existence, put ourselves in his hands and live doing his will every day. To believe in the Spirit is to believe in the strength of the love that he instills in us, dwelling in us, becoming living temples and enabling us to do good works. To believe in the Church is to accept her as a family in which Jesus wants us to live his lordship, receiving his help and helping our brothers to walk towards the goal, despite limitations and sins. We remember salvation is given to us, as St. John affirms: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life." Let us go rejoicing toward Easter!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

125th Anniversary of the Feast of

**OUR LADY
of MOUNT CARMEL**

Annual Award Dinner Dance

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Dinner Music by: Frank Fratto

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*The Golden Jubilee of the new church
& the 125th Feast*



March 14 at 6:00pm Lenten Evening of Recollection
Hosted by Altar & Rosary

April 21 at 6:30pm - Feast Kick Off Dinner
Hosted by the Feast Committee

May 5 at 7:00pm - "Cinco de Mayo"
Hosted by Grupo Hispano

June 10 - Golden Jubilee Mass & Ice Cream Social
Hosted by the Scouts

Lenten Evening of Recollection

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Shrine Altar & Rosary will be sponsoring their annual Lenten Evening of Recollection on Wednesday, **March 14, 2018**, in the gym. Located on the corner of 22nd & Cortez in Melrose Park.

Fr. Sunny Castillo, a multi-parish pastor in Kankakee, will be the guest celebrant for the evening. He has lead pilgrimages throughout Europe and the Holy Land, participated in missions in the US, South America, and the Philippines, in addition to having his own online ministry website. He is a priest for the modern ages with his speaking engagements, presentations, books, poetry, photography, songs, and his sense of humor, humanity, and profound love for God.

The evening begins at **6:00 pm with Mass**, followed by dinner and a reflection by Fr. Sunny.

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from any Altar & Rosary member, or by calling the rectory at 708/344-4140.

LENTEN GIVING



We are distributing banks for you to take and please fill as part of your offering for the season of lent. Please return the bank to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on April 7th or 8th.

Thank you for your kindness



TAP Ladder Up Program

The TAP Ladder Up program will begin providing free tax applications for those who qualify every Saturday.

Applications will be done in our Parish St. Anthony's room. Doors will open at 8:00a.m on a first come first served basis. Please bring your income statements, social security card or I-Tin card, photo identification and bank account number.

For more info call our Community Center at (708) 345-3632.



Mensaje del Párroco

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma. Domingo en **Laetare**, es decir de la **alegría**. Ya hemos superado la mitad de nuestro peregrinaje cuaresmal. La liturgia de la Iglesia, interrumpiendo por un momento la austedad de este tiempo, nos invita a **"alegrarnos"**. Incluso el color de los paramentos litúrgicos se atenúa, **pasando del violeta al "rosáceo"**, para subrayar este momento de alegría, exhortándonos a alegrarnos porque se acerca la Pascua, es decir, **la victoria del bien sobre el mal, de la luz sobre la oscuridad, de la vida sobre la muerte**. Sabemos que los objetivos de la Cuaresma es prepararnos para renovar con conocimiento de causa las promesas bautismales. Esto supone **apreciar el don del bautismo** y ser conscientes de sus implicaciones en la vida cristiana. Las lecturas de este domingo nos ofrecen diversos elementos para **renovar nuestra vida bautismal**. El Evangelio subraya el **tema de la gracia**. Todo se debe al amor de Dios que ha enviado a su Hijo para que tengamos vida y la tengamos en abundancia. "Como Moisés elevó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser elevado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea tenga en él la vida eterna". El libro de la Sabiduría había intuido en aquel episodio de la **serpiente de bronce un signo de la salvación y del amor de Dios**. "El que lo miraba se curaba ...". Aquella serpiente puesta sobre un mástil se convierte para Juan en el **signo de la cruz de Cristo "elevada" en medio de la humanidad**. Somos bautizado con agua en nombre de la SS. Trinidad, renovemos nuestro amor a la SS. Trinidad.

Creer en el Padre es aceptarlo como creador y padre cuyo amor nos desborda y pide en correspondencia un amor y confianza total en su providencia todos los días de nuestra vida. **Creer en Jesucristo** es agradecer su vida, aceptarlo como Señor de nuestra existencia, ponernos en sus manos y vivir haciendo su voluntad cada día. **Creer en el Espíritu** es creer en la fuerza del amor que él nos infunde, habitando en nosotros, convirtiéndonos en templos vivos y capacitándonos para hacer buenas obras. **Creer en la Iglesia** es aceptarla como familia en que Jesús quiere que vivamos su señorío, recibiendo su ayuda y ayudando a nuestros hermanos a caminar hacia la meta, a pesar de limitaciones y pecados. **Recordamos la salvación se nos dona**, como afirma S. Juan: **"Tanto amó Dios al mundo que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna"**. Con alegría vamos rumbo la Pascua!!!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la Cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres.

NOCHE DE REFLEXIÓN CUARESMAL

El comité de Altar y Rosario esta organizando la noche de reflexión cuaresmal el miércoles, marzo 14 en el gimnasio localizado en la esquina de la 22nd y Cortez ave.

El Rev. Sunny Castillo sera el invitado especial

La noche empezara con misa a las 6:00pm y después habrá una cena y reflexión con el Rev. Sunny Castillo.

Los boletos son de \$15.00 y están disponibles con cualquier persona del comité de Altar y Rosario. También están disponibles en la oficina parroquial.

(708)344-4140

*Jubileo de Oro y 125 Aniversario de la
Fiesta de Ntra. Sra. Del Monte Carmelo*



Marzo 14 (6pm)- Noche de Reflexión Cuaresmal
Organizado por el Comité, Altar y Rosario

**Abril 21 (6:30pm) - Cena de Inauguración
de la Fiesta**
Organizado por el Comité de Fiesta

Mayo 5 (7pm) - Fiesta de Cinco de mayo
Organizado por el Grupo Hispano

Junio 10 - Misa de Jubileo y Convivio
Organizado por las niñas y niños exploradores

RESPONSABILIDAD COMUNAL

El pueblo de Dios olvidó la alianza y se burló de las leyes de Dios. No escucharon a los profetas que había entre ellos, los cuales les advertían en nombre de Dios. Los profetas son enviados por Dios para recordarnos por qué estamos aquí, pero muchas veces, incluso en nuestra época, nos burlamos de ellos, los despreciamos y los maltratamos, en vez de escucharlos y agradecerles.

El libro de las Crónicas nos cuenta los resultados de estos pecados: la destrucción del Templo y de toda Jerusalén, asesinatos, caos y por último el exilio a una tierra desconocida. ¿Por qué hallamos estos relatos en la Biblia? ¿Están ahí sólo para informarnos lo que les sucedió a nuestros antepasados? ¿Qué bien nos puede traer eso a menos que también haya un mensaje y una advertencia para nosotros? ¿Somos personas que respetan las enseñanzas de Dios, que obedecen las palabras de Cristo en la segunda alianza en su sangre? ¿O continuamos sembrando obras de maldad y violencia? Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que seremos juzgados como pueblo, no sólo como individuos.

OFRENDA CUARESMAL

Estaremos distribuyendo alcancías.

Por favor de tomar y llenarlas como parte de su ofrenda cuaresmal esta temporada.

Por favor de regresar la alcancía a la Parroquia para abril 7 o abril 8.



Gracias por su amabilidad y generosidad.



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en el salón San Antonio.

Las puertas abrirán a las **8:00 a.m.**
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identificación y número
de cuenta de banco.

Para más información contacte al
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Casa Esperanza al (708) 345-3632



Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Quarta domenica di quaresima. Anno "B" — Nella seconda parte del colloquio con Gesù, il fariseo Nicodemo non prende più la parola. Eppure la meditazione che troviamo in questo brano del vangelo giovanneo è rivolta a lui. Andato di notte a cercare Gesù, trova la luce, ma dovrebbe distaccarsi dalle tenebre della legge ed aprirsi pienamente a questa luce operando secondo la verità (Gv. 3,21). Fatto di ombra e di luce come ciascuno di noi, Nicodemo esita ad aprirsi al dono di Dio, a fare il salto della fede che potrebbe salvarlo. Basterebbe guardare il figlio dell'uomo innalzato sulla croce per

scoprire ciò che è venuto a salvarci: l'amore di Dio per il mondo di cui la croce è il segno evidente. Abramo è stato sul punto di sacrificare suo figlio Isacco, ma Dio è andato oltre, spingendo il suo amore fino a donarci il suo Figlio unigenito. Quale sprazzo di luce sul mistero di Dio. Noi ci limitiamo spesso a vedere nella croce del Cristo una semplice realtà storica, mentre si tratta innanzitutto di un avvenimento che ci pone tra lui e il Padre suo. Agli occhi della fede, ciò che è visibile di Dio è la passione del Cristo; in essa Gesù si consegna alle mani degli uomini, e il Padre consegna il proprio figlio: Gesù soffre andando incontro alla morte, e il Padre vedere morire il proprio figlio. Abbandono eppure comunione: separati l'uno dall'altro nel modo più profondo essi sono nello stesso tempo uniti nel modo più intimo.

Come è ancora possibile credere in Dio dopo Auschwitz? Perché tanto odio, tante lacrime e tanto sangue? Perché tanti interrogativi senza risposta? Non c'è risposta. O piuttosto, il Dio crocifisso è l'unica risposta. Accogliendo nella fede, anche soltanto come un problema aperto, è già uscire dalle tenebre e camminare verso la luce.

La giustizia nell'verità — Nicodemo come tutti gli ebrei attendeva il Messia, l'uomo forte che avrebbe fatto giustizia e giudicato il mondo con potenza. Ma Gesù si presenta come un messia (anzi come Dio stesso) che accetta di essere giudicato anziché di giudicare; che viene dal cielo a salvare, non a condannare. Il giudizio vero, quello valido, non viene dal di fuori, neppure dalla chiesa, ma dal rapporto che ciascuno ha con la verità di Dio ed è un rapporto personale, silenzioso, sconosciuto ai altri e alle istituzioni.

SERATA DI RIFLESSIONE QUARESIMALE

*Mercoledì, Marzo 14, 2018
alle 6:00pm*

Le donne del servizio dell'altare vi invitano a una serata di riflessione

6:00pm Messa / 7:00pm
Cena e Reflessione

Biglietti in canonica
\$15.00 per persona



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 am †
5:30 pm † Bro by Michael, Gail, and Pally

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

7:45 am † Maria Tapia
† Paz Tapia
† Alfred Tapia Jr.
† Amelia Tapia
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Giovanni Latrofa by St. Anthony Society
† Frank Palermo by Mom & Dad
12:00 pm † Mildred Pionto by Les
† Angelo Alfano by Deanna and Deanna and Tony Alfano
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 am †

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 am †

6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 am † Sam and Rosalie Lisuzzo by Daughter Rose

7:30 pm ADORATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 am † Carl Vovola by Family

6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 am †

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 am †

5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

7:45 am †

9:00 am †

10:30 am † Francesco Polizzotto by Anna, Jennie, and Dominick

12:00 pm †

1:30 pm †

5:00 pm †

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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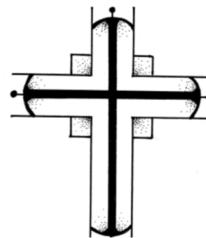
LENTEN WEEKDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Linda Bandy
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie Goldi
Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Vandy Liala
Ethan Maidl
Joseph Pulido
Lauren Rendi
Luke Westrick
Ann Yench
Alexandra Vitali
Anna Baffa
Jan Clark
Sara Zonca

Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Nico Felice
Emilio Scalzitti
Nell Baker
Fabiola Pintor
Isabel Pintor
Marie Torchia
Kelly Ann Haymaker
Macy Grace Giaccone
Josephine Grasso
June Stellato
Conny Rico
John Sepka
Robert J. Villa
Louis DeGuiseppi



Rest In Peace

† Isabella Matta
† Maddalena Marena

**THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNAL MASS CELEBRATION: March. 2018
+ MASSES REQUESTED DURING OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 2017 FEAST +**

This Mass, requested during the Feast of OLMC, is celebrated for the benefit of the following persons:
Questa Messa, richiesta durante la Festa della Madonna del Carmine, viene celebrata a beneficio delle
seguenti persone.

Saturday, March 17 5:30 p.m. Mass	Sunday, February 18 7:45 a.m. Mass	Sunday, February 18 10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday, February 18 12:00 a.m. Mass
Seaman Family Claudia Bak	Ray and Frank Seriko Mr. and Mrs. Jean Sears-Budas Daisy Pompa Jessica, John and Thomas Dalicandro Vigilio Vito and Family Ida Zuccato Mike Kmiecik	Dr. Salvatore and Rose Marabella Giovanni e Maria C Nicodemo Adan Nicodemo Fedele e Maria Gervasio Tony Fornato Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loizzo Elia Family Anna DeVivo Aresa, Belmonte e Simko Families Nudo Family	Sophie Mae Hein Mazzei Family Peiprich, Klein and Baldino Family Dolores and Frank Fazio George and Annette Krueger

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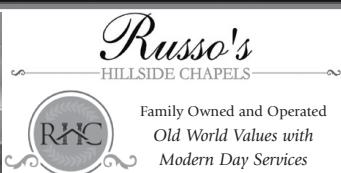
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