Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

March 21st, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00am—7:30pm

Saturday
9:00am — 4:00pm

Sunday
Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
8:00am - Español
10:00am - Italiano
11:30am - English
1:00pm - Español
6:00pm - Español

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
Tuesday & Thursday at 8:00am

Español
Lunes a Viernes a las 6:30pm

Italiano
Sotto richiesta

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THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served
by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
St. Charles – Scalabrinians – .
We are a 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 Scalabrini (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 CARMELO — 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 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
Xochitl Duran 708.345.3632

Programs Director
Daniel Michel 708.345.3632

Religious Education
Sister Alma Huerta 708.344.4140

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*
Contact the secretary at least a month in advance.
Contactar a la secretaria un mes antes .

Weddings ***Bodas***
Contact the priest at least six months in advance.
Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera
Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones
Contactar a la Secretaria al menos dos semanas antes.

Religious Services

Adoration ***Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento***
Thursdays 5:30pm—6:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática
Martes a las 7:00pm

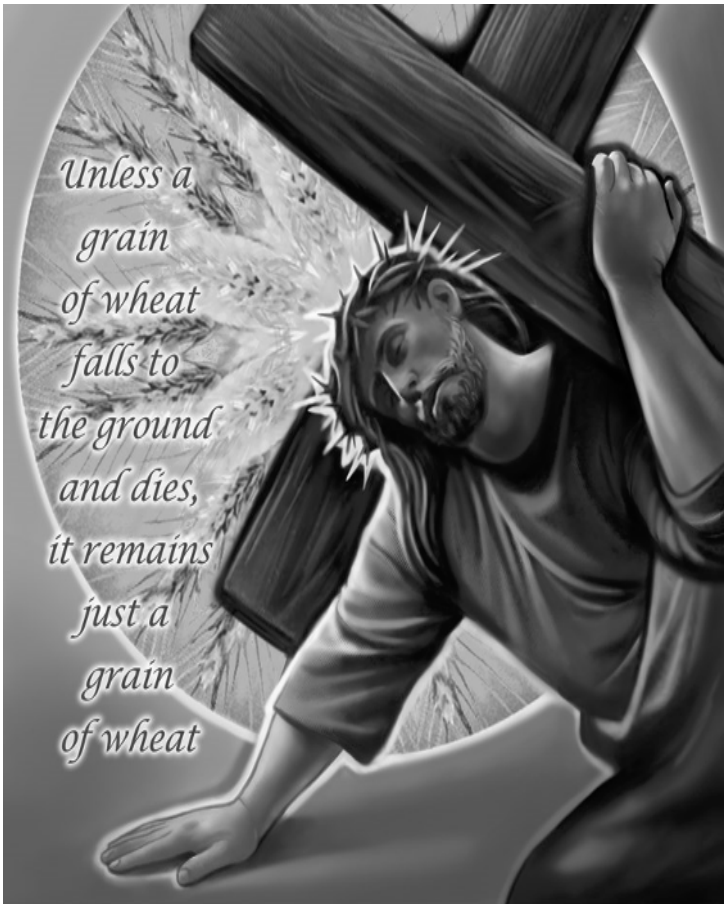
Other Services

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***
Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00pm—4:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*
Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm
Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm
- *Mass Included—Incluye la Misa*



Catholic Conference of Illinois

Stop the Repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion!

Illinois House Bill 1797 & Senate Bill 2190 seek to dismantle current law requiring an adult family member be notified when a minor girl seeks an abortion.

Our Illinois bishops have written a letter to Catholics across Illinois, urging them to contact their state lawmakers and tell them to vote "no" on HB 1797 and SB 2190.

Read the letter and email or call your state lawmakers by visiting

www.ilcatholic.org

From the Pastor's Desk

V SUNDAY OF LENT. This Sunday Jesus tells us that the time of His glorification is near. I would like for your reflection to propose the letter that Pope Francis, has written for THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH and for the Year of the FAMILY. With the theme: **A FATHER'S HEART**, Pope Francis tells us: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as *"the son of Joseph"*. Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence. We know that **Joseph was a lowly carpenter** (cf. *Mt* 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. *Mt* 1:18; *Lk* 1:27). He was a "just man" (*Mt*1:19), ever ready **to carry out God's will** as be revealed to him in the Law (cf. *Lk* 2:22.27.39) and **through four dreams** (cf. *Mt* 1:20; 2:13.19.22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since "there was no place for them" elsewhere (cf. *Lk* 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. *Lk* 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. *Mt* 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples. Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (*Mt* 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship. In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord and listened with amazement to Simeon's prophecy concerning Jesus and his Mother (cf. *Lk* 2:22-35). To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-18). After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from Bethlehem, his ancestral town, and from Jerusalem and the Temple. Of Nazareth it was said, "No prophet is to rise" (cf. *Jn* 7:52) and indeed, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (cf. *Jn* 1:46). When, during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph and Mary lost track of the twelve-year-old Jesus, they anxiously sought him out and they found him in the Temple, in discussion with the doctors of the Law (cf. *Lk* 2:41-50). After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church", Venerable Pius XII proposed him as "Patron of Workers" and Saint John Paul II as "Guardian of the Redeemer". Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the "patron of a happy death". Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as *Patron of the Catholic Church* by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (*Mt* 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. **The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint**, to encourage us to implore his intercession and **to imitate his virtues and his zeal**. Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses, and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (*1 Tim* 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (*1 Jn* 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (*Heb* 7:25; cf. *Rom* 8:34). The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". **Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.** We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion. Let us now make our prayer to him: ***Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.***

Palm Sunday Schedule and Holy Week.

Please, remember to register for celebrations. We look forward seeing you.

BLESSINGS OF PALMS.

Saturday March 27, 2021 at 5:30PM in English
Sunday March 28, 2021 at 8:00AM in Spanish
10:00AM in Italian
11:30AM in English
1:00PM in Spanish
6:00PM in Spanish

CELEBRATION OF DARKNESS

Holy Monday March 29, 2021 at 7:00PM in Spanish (some English and Italian)

LAST SUPPER CELEBRATIONS

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 6:00PM in English
at 8:00PM in Spanish
Private personal Adoration until 11:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS – April 2, 2021

10:00AM to 12:00PM – Confessions
12:00PM – Service of the Passion in English
5:00PM – Service of the Passion in Italian
7:00PM – Service of the Passion in Spanish

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3, 2021

10:00AM to 12:00PM – Confessions
8:00PM – Easter Vigil – Trilingual

EASTER SUNDAY – April 4, 2021

8:00AM – Mass in Spanish
10:00AM – Mass in Italian
11:30AM – Mass in English
1:00PM – Mass in Spanish
6:00PM – Mass in Spanish

I invite you to take advantage of these last days of Lent and Holy Week by participating in the liturgies, for a journey of renewal and grace, strengthening our spiritual journey as true children of God to celebrate with deep faith the Paschal Mystery of our Salvation and thus be able to enjoy the true spirit of Easter enjoying the fruits of the Risen Lord. Amen.

Del Escritorio del Párroco:

V DOMINGO DE CUARESMA. Jesús nos invita en este domingo a darnos cuenta que el tiempo de Su glorificación ha llegado. Quisiera dejarles por su meditación el escrito que Papa Francisco nos ofrece, para este **año especial Consagrado a San José** con motivo del **150° Aniversario de la Declaración de San José, como Patrono de la Iglesia Universal**, con el tema: **Con corazón de padre**: así José amó a Jesús, llamado en los cuatro Evangelios «el hijo de José. Los dos evangelistas que evidenciaron su figura, Mateo y Lucas, refieren poco, pero lo suficiente para entender qué tipo de padre fuese y la misión que la Providencia le confió. Sabemos que fue un humilde carpintero (cf. Mt 13,55), desposado con María (cf. Mt 1,18; Lc 1,27); un «hombre justo» (Mt 1,19), siempre dispuesto a hacer la voluntad de Dios manifestada en su ley (cf. *Lc* 2,22.27.39) y a través de los cuatro sueños que tuvo (cf. *Mt* 1,20; 2,13.19.22). Después de un largo y duro viaje de Nazaret a Belén, vio nacer al Mesías en un pesebre, porque en otro sitio «no había lugar para ellos» (*Lc* 2,7). Fue testigo de la adoración de los pastores (cf. *Lc* 2,8-20) y de los Magos (cf. *Mt*2,1-12), que representaban respectivamente el pueblo de Israel y los pueblos paganos. Tuvo la valentía de asumir la paternidad legal de Jesús, a quien dio el nombre que le reveló el ángel: «Tú le pondrás por nombre Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados» (*Mt* 1,21). Como se sabe, en los pueblos antiguos poner un nombre a una persona o a una cosa significaba adquirir la pertenencia, como hizo Adán en el relato del Génesis (cf. 2,19-20). En el templo, cuarenta días después del nacimiento, José, junto a la madre, presentó el Niño al Señor y escuchó sorprendido la profecía que Simeón pronunció sobre Jesús y María (cf. *Lc* 2,22-35). Para proteger a Jesús de Herodes, permaneció en Egipto como extranjero (cf. *Mt* 2,13-18). De regreso en su tierra, vivió de manera oculta en el pequeño y desconocido pueblo de Nazaret, en Galilea —de donde, se decía: "No sale ningún profeta" y "no puede salir nada bueno" (cf. *Jn* 7,52; 1,46)—, lejos de Belén, su ciudad de origen, y de Jerusalén, donde estaba el templo. Cuando, durante una peregrinación a Jerusalén, perdieron a Jesús, que tenía doce años, él y María lo buscaron angustiados y lo encontraron en el templo mientras discutía con los doctores de la ley (cf. *Lc* 2,41-50). Después de María, Madre de Dios, ningún santo ocupa tanto espacio en el Magisterio pontificio como José, su esposo. Mis predecesores han profundizado en el mensaje contenido en los pocos datos transmitidos por los Evangelios para destacar su papel central en la historia de la salvación: el beato Pío IX lo declaró «Patrono de la Iglesia Católica», el venerable Pío XII lo presentó como "Patrono de los trabajadores" y san Juan Pablo II como «Custodio del Redentor». El pueblo lo invoca como «Patrono de la buena muerte». Por eso, al cumplirse 150 años de que el beato Pío IX, el 8 de diciembre de 1870, lo declarara como *Patrono de la Iglesia Católica*, quisiera —como dice Jesús— que "la boca hable de aquello de lo que está lleno el corazón" (cf. *Mt* 12,34), para compartir con ustedes algunas reflexiones personales sobre esta figura extraordinaria, tan cercana a nuestra condición humana. Este deseo ha crecido durante estos meses de pandemia, en los que podemos experimentar, en medio de la crisis que nos está golpeando, que «nuestras vidas están tejidas y sostenidas por personas comunes —corrientemente olvidadas— que no aparecen en portadas de diarios y de revistas, ni en las grandes pasarelas del último *show* pero, sin lugar a dudas, están escribiendo hoy los acontecimientos decisivos de nuestra historia: médicos, enfermeros y enfermeras, encargados de reponer los productos en los supermercados, limpiadoras, cuidadoras, transportistas, fuerzas de seguridad, voluntarios, sacerdotes, religiosas y tantos pero tantos otros que comprendieron que nadie se salva solo. […]

Cuánta gente cada día demuestra paciencia e infunde esperanza, cuidándose de no sembrar pánico sino corresponsabilidad. Cuántos padres, madres, abuelos y abuelas, docentes muestran a nuestros niños, con gestos pequeños y cotidianos, cómo enfrentar y transitar una crisis readaptando rutinas, levantando miradas e impulsando la oración. Cuántas personas rezan, ofrecen e interceden por el bien de todos». Todos pueden encontrar en san José —el hombre que pasa desapercibido, el hombre de la presencia diaria, discreta y oculta— un intercesor, un apoyo y una guía en tiempos de dificultad. San José nos recuerda que todos los que están aparentemente ocultos o en "segunda línea" tienen un protagonismo sin igual en la historia de la salvación. A todos ellos va dirigida una palabra de reconocimiento y de gratitud. Papa Francisco continua sus reflexiones presentando algunas características de San José: **1.** ***Padre amado,*** **2.** ***Padre en la ternura,*** **3.** ***Padre en la obediencia,*** **4.** ***Padre en la acogida,*** **5.** ***Padre de la valentía creativa,*** **6.** ***Padre trabajador y*** **7.** ***Padre en la sombra.*** Concluye, el objetivo de esta Carta apostólica es que crezca el amor a este gran santo, para ser impulsados a implorar su intercesión e imitar sus virtudes, como también su resolución. En efecto, la misión específica de los santos no es sólo la de conceder milagros y gracias, sino la de interceder por nosotros ante Dios, como hicieron Abrahán y Moisés, como hace Jesús, «único mediador» (*1 Tm* 2,5), que es nuestro «abogado» ante Dios Padre (*1 Jn* 2,1), «ya que vive eternamente para interceder por nosotros» (*Hb* 7,25; cf. *Rm* 8,34). Los santos ayudan a todos los fieles «a la plenitud de la vida cristiana y a la perfección de la caridad». Su vida es una prueba concreta de que es posible vivir el Evangelio. Jesús dijo: «Aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón» (*Mt* 11,29), y ellos a su vez son ejemplos de vida a imitar. San Pablo exhortó explícitamente: «Vivan como imitadores míos» (*1 Co* 4,16). San José lo dijo a través de su elocuente silencio. Ante el ejemplo de tantos santos y santas, san Agustín se preguntó: «¿No podrás tú lo que éstos y éstas?». Y así llegó a la conversión definitiva exclamando: «¡Tarde te amé, belleza tan antigua y tan nueva!». No queda más que implorar a san José la gracia de las gracias: nuestra conversión. A él dirijamos nuestra oración: ***Salve, custodio del Redentor y esposo de la Virgen María. A ti Dios confió a su Hijo, en ti María depositó su confianza, contigo Cristo se forjó como hombre. Oh, bienaventurado José, muéstrate padre también a nosotros y guíanos en el camino de la vida. Concédenos gracia, misericordia y valentía, y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.***

MISA POR LA PAZ Y BIENESTAR PERSONAL, SOCIAL Y FAMILIAR

Este lunes Marzo 22, 2021 a las 6:30PM los invitamos a unirse con nosotros a un momento de oración por pedir fortaleza y sabiduría **para superar la pandemia, para los diferentes conflictos** que hay en el mundo: Myanmar, Siria, Yemen, Congo, Mali, Níger…, **para la crisis migratoria** en muchos países y nuestra frontera USA/ MEXICO y **para el cese de violencia** en muchos países y ciudades.

Los esperamos.

Programa de Domingo de Ramos y Semana Santa.
Favor de Registrase, los esperamos.

BENDICION DE LAS PALMAS/RAMOS.

Sábado Marzo 27, 2021 5:30PM en Inglés
Domingo Marzo 28, 2021 8:00AM en Español (Iglesia y Gimnasio)
10:00AM en Italiano
11:30AM en Ingles
1:00PM en Español (Iglesia y Gimnasio)
6:00PM en Español

CELEBRACIÓN DE LAS TINIEBLAS

Lunes Santo Lunes Marzo 29, 2021 a 7:00PM en Español (algo en Ingles e Italiano)

ÚLTIMA CENA

Jueves Santo, Abril 1, 2021 6:00PM en Ingles
8:00PM en Español
Adoración personal hasta a las 11:00PM

VIERNES SANTO – Abril 2, 2021

10:00AM a 12:00PM – Confesiones

12:00PM – Liturgia de la Pasión en Ingles

5:00PM – Liturgia de la Pasión en Italiano

7:00PM – Liturgia de la Pasión en Español

SABADO SANTO – Abril 3, 2021

10:00AM a 12:00PM – Confesiones

8:00PM – Vigilia Pascual – Trilingüe

DOMINGO DE PASCUA – Abril 4, 2021

8:00AM – Misa en Español

10:00AM – Misa en Italiano

11:30AM – Misa en Ingles

1:00PM – Misa en Español

6:00PM – Misa en Español

Los invito a aprovechar estos últimos días de cuaresma y la semana santa participando a las liturgias, para un camino de renovación y de gracia, fortaleciendo nuestro caminar como verdaderos hijos y verdaderas hijas de Dios para celebrar con profunda fe el Misterio Pascual de nuestra Salvación y poder así gozar la verdadera Pascua de resurrección con el Señor Resucitado. Amen.

DISPENSARIO DE COMIDA

Todos los martes y jueves a las 3:00pm estamos distribuyendo comida a toda las personas necesitadas. Para registrarse favor de llamar al centro comunitario 708-345-3632
O presentarse al dispensario.
Los esperamos!

Catholic Conference of Illinois

¡Detengan la derogación de la Notificación Parental del Aborto!

El Proyecto de Ley 1797 de la Cámara de Representantes de Illinois y **el Proyecto de Ley 2190 de la Cámara de Senadores de Illinois** buscan desmantelar la ley actual que requiere que un miembro adulto de la familia sea notificado cuando una joven menor de edad busca un aborto.

Nuestros obispos de Illinois han escrito una carta a los católicos de todo Illinois, instándolos a ponerse en contacto con sus legisladores estatales y decirles que voten "no" al Proyecto de Ley 1797 (HB 1797) de la Cámara de Representantes de Illinois y el Proyecto de Ley 2190 (SB 2190) de la Cámara de Senadores de Illinois.

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V DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA. Oggi Gesú annuncia che il tempo della Sua glorificazione é vicino. Per questi giorni santi vi lascio per la meditazione il documento di Papa Francesco, nella occasione del 150° Anniversario della Dichiarazione di San GIUSEPPE quale Patrono della Chiesa Universale. Con il tema: **Con cuore di padre**: così Giuseppe ha amato Gesù, chiamato in tutti e quattro i Vangeli «*il figlio di Giuseppe*». I due Evangelisti che hanno posto in rilievo la sua figura, Matteo e Luca, raccontano poco, ma a sufficienza per far capire che tipo di padre egli fosse e la missione affidatagli dalla Provvidenza. Sappiamo che egli era un umile falegname (cfr *Mt* 13,55), promesso sposo di Maria (cfr *Mt* 1,18; *Lc* 1,27); un «uomo giusto» (*Mt*1,19), **sempre pronto a eseguire la volontà di Dio** manifestata nella sua Legge (cfr *Lc* 2,22.27.39) e **mediante ben quattro sogni** (cfr *Mt* 1,20; 2,13.19.22). Dopo un lungo e faticoso viaggio da Nazaret a Betlemme, vide nascere il Messia in una stalla, perché altrove «non c'era posto per loro» (*Lc* 2,7). Fu testimone dell'adorazione dei pastori (cfr *Lc* 2,8-20) e dei Magi (cfr *Mt* 2,1-12), che rappresentavano rispettivamente il popolo d'Israele e i popoli pagani. Ebbe il coraggio di assumere la paternità legale di Gesù, a cui impose il nome rivelato dall'Angelo: «Tu lo chiamerai Gesù: egli infatti salverà il suo popolo dai suoi peccati» (*Mt* 1,21). Come è noto, dare un nome a una persona o a una cosa presso i popoli antichi significava conseguirne l'appartenenza, come fece Adamo nel racconto della Genesi (cfr 2,19-20). Nel Tempio, quaranta giorni dopo la nascita, insieme alla madre Giuseppe offrì il Bambino al Signore e ascoltò sorpreso la profezia che Simeone fece nei confronti di Gesù e di Maria (cfr *Lc* 2,22-35). Per difendere Gesù da Erode, soggiornò da straniero in Egitto (cfr *Mt* 2,13-18). Ritornato in patria, visse nel nascondimento del piccolo e sconosciuto villaggio di Nazaret in Galilea – da dove, si diceva, "non sorge nessun profeta" e "non può mai venire qualcosa di buono" (cfr *Gv* 7,52; 1,46) –, lontano da Betlemme, sua città natale, e da Gerusalemme, dove sorgeva il Tempio. Quando, proprio durante un pellegrinaggio a Gerusalemme, smarrirono Gesù dodicenne, lui e Maria lo cercarono angosciati e lo ritrovarono nel Tempio mentre discuteva con i dottori della Legge (*Lc* 2,41-50). Dopo Maria, Madre di Dio, nessun Santo occupa tanto spazio nel Magistero pontificio quanto Giuseppe, suo sposo. I miei Predecessori hanno approfondito il messaggio racchiuso nei pochi dati tramandati dai Vangeli per evidenziare maggiormente il suo ruolo centrale nella storia della salvezza: il Beato Pio IX lo ha dichiarato «Patrono della Chiesa Cattolica», il Venerabile Pio XII lo ha presentato quale "Patrono dei lavoratori" e San Giovanni Paolo II come «Custode del Redentore». Il popolo lo invoca come «patrono della buona morte». Pertanto, al compiersi di 150 anni dalla sua dichiarazione quale *Patrono della Chiesa Cattolica* fatta dal Beato Pio IX, l'8 dicembre 1870, vorrei – come dice Gesù – che "la bocca esprimesse ciò che nel cuore sovrabbonda" (cfr *Mt* 12,34), per condividere con voi alcune riflessioni personali su questa straordinaria figura, tanto vicina alla condizione umana di ciascuno di noi. Tale desiderio è cresciuto durante questi mesi di pandemia, in cui possiamo sperimentare, in mezzo alla crisi che ci sta colpendo, che «le nostre vite sono tessute e sostenute da persone comuni – solitamente dimenticate – che non compaiono nei titoli dei giornali e delle riviste né nelle grandi passerelle dell'ultimo *show* ma, senza dubbio, stanno scrivendo oggi gli avvenimenti decisivi della nostra storia: medici, infermiere e infermieri, addetti dei supermercati, addetti alle pulizie, badanti, trasportatori, forze dell'ordine, volontari, sacerdoti, religiose e tanti ma tanti altri che hanno compreso che nessuno si salva da solo. **Lo scopo di questa Lettera Apostolica è quello di accrescere l'amore verso questo grande Santo**, per essere spinti a implorare la sua intercessione e per imitare le sue virtù e il suo slancio. Infatti, la specifica missione dei Santi è non solo quella di concedere miracoli e grazie, ma di **intercedere per noi davanti a Dio**, come fecero Abramo e Mosè, come fa Gesù, «unico mediatore» (*1 Tm* 2,5), che presso Dio Padre è il nostro «avvocato» (*1 Gv* 2,1), «sempre vivo per intercedere in [nostro] favore» (*Eb* 7,25; cfr *Rm* 8,34).

I Santi aiutano tutti i fedeli «a perseguire la santità e la perfezione del proprio stato». **La loro vita è una prova concreta che è possibile vivere il Vangelo**. Non resta che implorare da San Giuseppe la grazia delle grazie: la nostra conversione. A lui rivolgiamo la nostra preghiera: ***Salve, custode del Redentore, e sposo della Vergine Maria. A te Dio affidò il suo Figlio; in te Maria ripose la sua fiducia; con te Cristo diventò uomo. O Beato Giuseppe, mostrati padre anche per noi, e guidaci nel cammino della vita. Ottienici grazia, misericordia e coraggio, e difendici da ogni male. Amen.***

Programma della Domenica delle Palme e della Settimana Santa.

BENEDIZIONE DELLE PALME.
Sabato Marzo 27, 2021 alle 5:30PM in Inglese
Domenica Marzo 28, 2021 alle 8:00AM in Spagnolo
10:00AM in Italiano
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1:00PM in Spagnolo
6:00PM in Spagnolo

CELEBRAZIONE DELLE TENEBRE
Lunedì Santo Marzo 29, 2021 alle 7:00PM in Spagnolo (Qualcosa Inglese e Italiano)

ULTIMA CENA
Giovedì Santo, Aprile 1, 2021 alle 6:00PM in Inglese
alle 8:00PM in Spagnolo
Adorazione personale e privata fino ore 11:00PM

VENERDI SANTO – Aprile 2, 2021
10:00AM alle 12:00PM – Confessioni
12:00PM – Liturgia della Passione in Inglese
5:00PM – Liturgia della Passione in Italiano
7:00PM – Liturgia della Passione in Spagnolo

SABATO SANTO – Aprile 3, 2021
10:00AM alle 12:00PM – Confessioni
8:00PM – Vigilia Pasquale – Trilingue

DOMENICA DI PASQUA – Aprile 4, 2021
8:00AM – Messa in Spagnolo
10:00AM – Messa in Italiano

Vi invito ad approfittare di questi ultimi giorni di Quaresima e Settimana Santa partecipando alle liturgie, per un cammino di rinnovamento e di grazia, rafforzando il nostro cammino di veri figli e figlie di Dio per celebrare con profonda fede il Mistero Pasquale della nostra salvezza e così poter godere del vero spirito della Pasqua di Risurrezione. Amen!

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

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Kristie & Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Vandy Liala
Joseph Pulido
Luke Westrick
Alexandra Vitali
Anna Baffa
Jan Clark
Sara Zonca
Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Nico Felice
Nell Baker
Isabel Pintor
Kelly Ann Haymaker
Macy Grace Giacone
Josephine Grasso
John Sepka
Robert J. Villa

Baltazar Garcia
Margarito Flores
Guadalupe Rico
Ann Yench
Damian A. Velasquez
Fred & Chad Ballog
Dayan Del Valdiveeso
John S. & Mary S.
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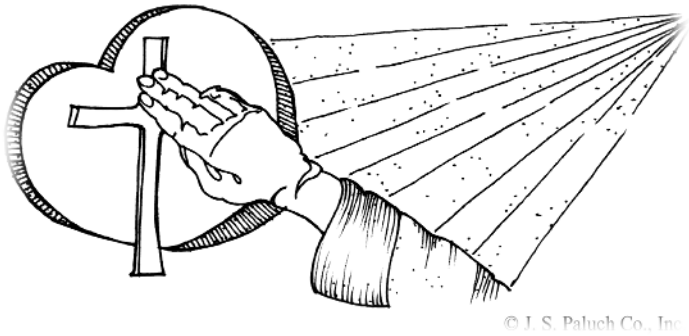

Rest In Peace

†Maria Diomede
†Marie Torchia

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 20th — Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm †Francesca Polizzotto birthday

Sunday, March 21st — Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 am †
10:00 am †Frank Palermo by: Giosina Palermo
†Mario Palermo by: Giosina Palermo
†Vito Scarpelli by: St. Anthony Society
†Francesco Polizzotto birthday

11:30 am †Maggie DeBartolo birdya by: Daughter
1:00 pm †
6:00 pm †

Monday, March 22nd — Lenten Weekday
6:30 pm †

Tuesday, March 23th — Lenten Weekday
8:00 am †Ortenzi Family by: Daughter Jean
6:30 pm †

Wednesday, March 24th — Lenten Weekday
6:30 pm †

Thursday, March 25th — Annunciation of The Lord
8:00 am †
5:30 pm ADORATION
6:30 pm †

Friday, March 26th — Lenten Weekday
6:30 pm †
7:30pm Viacrucis/ Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th — Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm †

Sunday, March 28th — Palm Sunday
8:00 am †
10:00am †
11:30am †
1:00 pm †
6:00 pm †

Prayer of the Faithful

Let us offer our prayers and supplications to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For our Church be so united to Christ's dying and rising that our witness will, like the grain of wheat, bear fruit for the reign of God, let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders in our world to hear God's voice and glorify God's name in actions of peacemaking, reconciliation, and international collaboration, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who suffer anguish in mind or body, that their loud cries and supplications may be heard by the One who is able to save them from death, let us pray to the Lord.

For those preparing for the Easter sacraments, especially those in our midst, as they seek to serve and follow Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

For our church community as we work to make Jesus' presence tangible in the world around us, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick, for all who suffer from COVID-19, and for all who have died, especially N., N., and N., let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

Loving God, you have written your law upon our hearts. May that law be so evident to others that we draw them to you by all our words and deeds. We ask for this and for all these our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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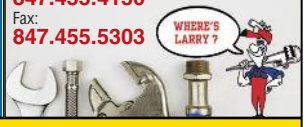

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