

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 21st, 2017



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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 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.*

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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 secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones

Contactar la Secretaria 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 MAY**May 14th Sun/ Dom**

- Mother's Day/ Regular Sunday Schedule

May 20th Sat/ Sab

- St. Rita Mass
9:00am

- First Communions
11:00am, 1:00pm, & 3:00pm

May 29th 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 Prop.
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

***Wedding Banns***

♥ Eusebio D. Tellez & Virginia Beltran...3

♥ Santiago A. Rios & Rocio C. Ojeda...3

♥ Michael Body & Leslie McMillen...2

Weekly Offering**May 13 - May 14, 2017**

Regular Sunday Collection: \$5,399.00

Second Collection: \$2,188.00

Children: \$246.00



From the Pastor's Desk

Our Faith Family was blessed yesterday with the celebration of First Holy Communion! For Christians, celebrating the Sacraments is always a special Grace. Those are the moments when Christ becomes real and concrete in our history, they provide the followers of Christ with the possibility to experience the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives, while allowing ourselves to be immersed in the infinite love of God the Father. In other words, our sacramental celebrations provide believers with the possibility of experiencing the action of the Most holy Trinity in our ordinary lives.

First Holy Communion is the culmination of our Christian Initiation. Those who were adopted as children of God the Father in Baptism and filled with the Grace of the Spirit in Confirmation, arrive at the table of the Church and are fed with the life-giving bread, the body of Christ, this Grace-filled moment makes it possible for us to taste the goodness of the Lord and the sweetness of His redemption. To see the youngest members of the Church approaching the altar and receiving Jesus for the First

Time, is an action that should move our hearts to gratefulness and thanksgiving. The Church, as a tender mother delights herself when feeding her children, in the reception of the holy Eucharist, our wondering hearts find peace and our thirsting soul encounters satisfaction. Something to keep in mind when celebrating First Holy Communion is how this special moment in the lives of our youngest brothers and sisters in faith, should be the First of many other occasions where they will approach the altar and nourish their lives by partaking of that Sacred Table. It makes no sense to believe that one single communion will be enough, for just as our bodies need to be nourished over and over again, so our souls need to be continuously fed with the Bread from Heaven.

It is my hope that the joy and delight present yesterday in the lives of our first communicants will be renewed each Sunday when their parents bring them to celebrate our Sunday Eucharist. Receiving Jesus is an action the Church requires celebrating as often as possible in the hope that our spirit will never grow weary while our Faith will always grow stronger. Let's teach our children by example and let us pray for those parents and Sponsors who yesterday committed themselves to teach by example.

Adsum,

“OLMC Pentecost Open House Breakfast”

Come celebrate Pentecost with our OLMC family and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our very own Parishioners. Enjoy delightful pancakes, eggs and much more on this special day of gathering.

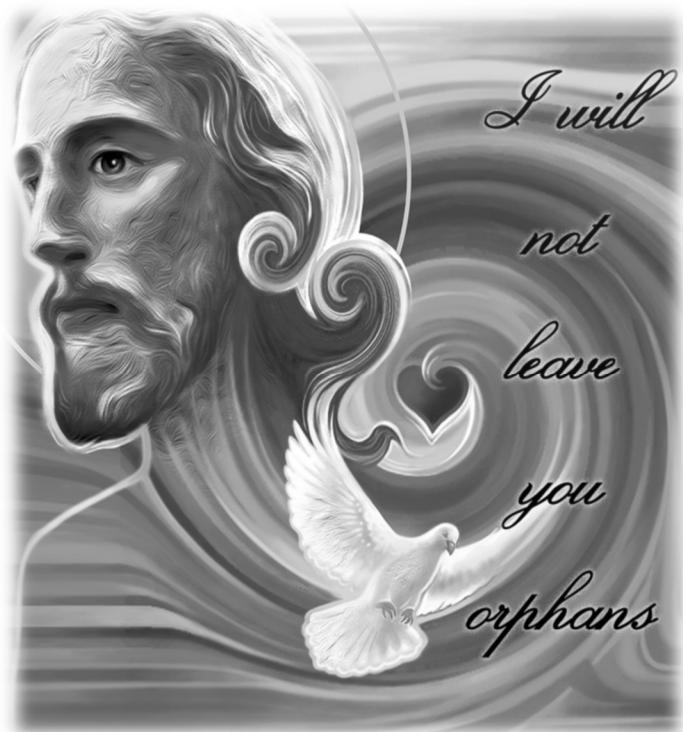
Also, you will have the opportunity to interact with all of our groups and programs, and inform yourself of all the relevant activities that take place in our community.

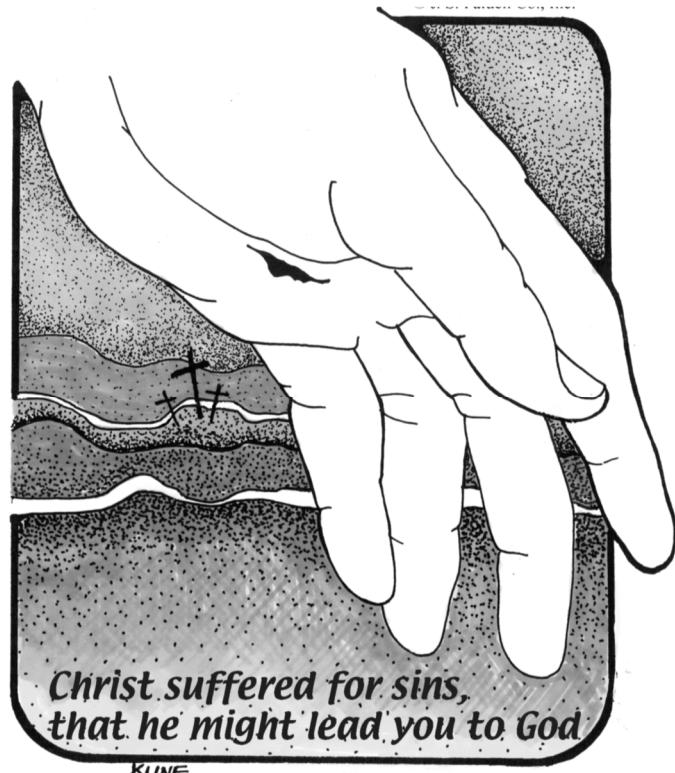
When: Sunday, June 4th

Where: OLMC Gym

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Price: \$5.00 per plate





MAY CROWNING

On Saturday May 27th, the CCD Program will be hosting our May Crowning event. You are cordially invited to join the CCD students on this joyous occasion. In honoring our Blessed Mother, we ask her intercession over all those who made their First Holy Communion. The celebration will take place after 5:30pm Mass, it will begin with procession and recitation of the Holy Rosary. Upon returning into Church, we will honor our Blessed Mother by placing a crown of flowers on her head. After service, the students will receive their certificates of First Holy Communion.



PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.



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*"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth."
—John 14:16-17*



Mensaje del Párroco

La celebración de las primeras comuniones el día de ayer, es un evento que llena a toda nuestra comunidad de alegría y bendición. Es un gozo verdadero ver más de cien pequeños hermanos y hermanas en la Fe, subiendo al altar para su primer encuentro con Jesús Eucaristía. La celebración de los Sacramentos, ofrece al creyente en Cristo la oportunidad de constatar la presencia gentil y fiel de Dios en nuestra vida. Al ver estos hijos e hijas de la Iglesia acercarse al altar de Dios para honrar la presencia viva de Cristo en medio de su Iglesia, nuestros corazones se elevan al cielo en acción de gracias.

Ha sido una larga jornada de dos años de asistencia semanal al catecismo, el esfuerzo de tantos voluntarios, la dedicación de los padres de familia, la constancia de los catequistas... todo eso ha rendido su fruto, sin duda que la celebración de ayer es el resultado de la suma de esfuerzos de tantos y tantas que generosamente colaboran con nuestra iglesia en la propagación de la Fe. El trabajo que sigue es importante y será el quehacer de los padrinos: asegurarse que sus ahijados y ahijadas continúen acercándose al altar para recibir a Jesús sacramentado. No olviden que esta es llamada Primera Comunión porque después tiene que haber una segunda y una tercera, y muchas más. Lo ideal es que cada domingo la familia venga a Misa con la disposición de recibir al Señor, es allí, en la recepción de ese Pan de Vida que nuestros corazones inquietos se llenan de paz y donde nuestros corazones atribulados encuentran serenidad. Invito pues a los padres y padrinos a insistir con esta práctica tan saludable a la Vida Espiritual de los creyentes.

Espero que la alegría que nuestros estudiantes de Catecismo manifestaron el día de ayer al celebrar su encuentro con Cristo Resucitado en el Altar de la Iglesia, se prolongue a lo largo de toda su vida. Que siempre busquen el encuentro con Dios con la misma euforia y fiesta que lo han hecho al encontrarse con El por primera vez. Que Dios guarde siempre a todas nuestras familias y que en la medida de lo posible, continuemos procurando la educación religiosa que la Iglesia nos ofrece como un medio de profundizar en nuestra Fe.

Adsum,

DESAYUNO DE PENTECOSTES

Venga a celebrar con nosotros el día de Pentecostés disfrutando de un delicioso desayuno preparado por nuestros propios parroquianos. Disfrute de ricos panqueques, huevos y mucho más en este día especial.

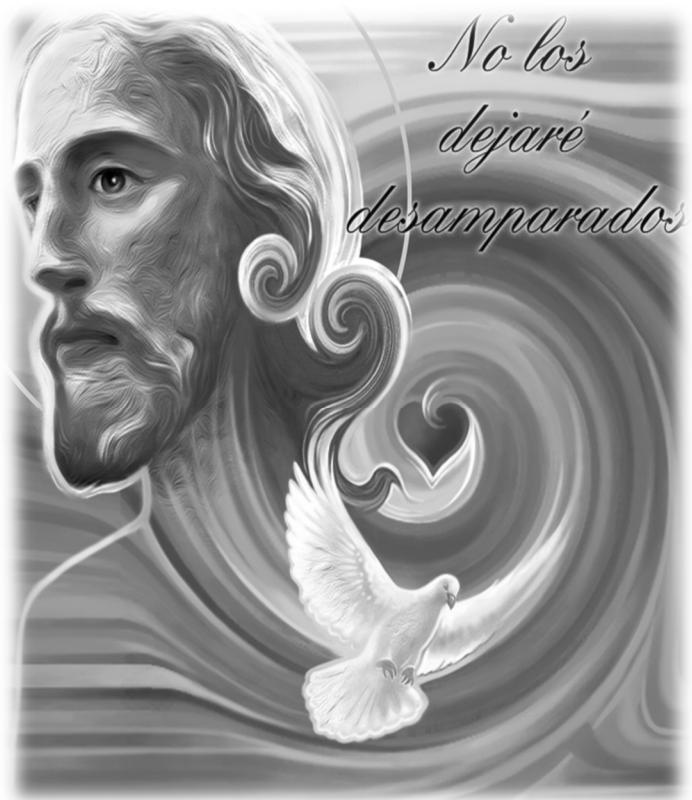
Tendrá también la oportunidad de conocer más sobre nuestros distintos grupos y programas, y sobre la variedad de actividades que se dan a cabo en nuestra comunidad.

Cuando: Domingo, 4 de Junio

Dónde: Gimnasio de nuestra parroquia

Hora: 8:00 am-3:00 p.m.

Precio: \$5 por plato





CORONACION DE LA VIRGEN



El sábado 27 de mayo, al término de la misa de 5:30pm, los estudiantes del catecismo estarán celebrando la coronación de la Santísima Virgen. Les invitamos a participar en este momento de fiesta para nuestra parroquia. Al término de la Misa tendremos procesión y rezo del Santo Rosario, al regresar a la Iglesia se corona la Imagen de María y luego se distribuyen los certificados de primera comunión.

TRACIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Uruguay se celebra la fiesta patronal más grande durante el mes de junio. Celebran a san Cono, un santo italiano del siglo doce. En el siglo diecinueve los inmigrantes italianos que vivían en Uruguay deseaban tener una capilla para honrar la memoria de este santo, oriundo de la provincia en Uruguay.

En junio 1885, las campanas de una modesta capillita anunciaron el recibimiento de una imagen de san Cono que llegó en procesión. Desde entonces esta costumbre italiana se fue haciendo parte integral de la devoción cristiana en Uruguay.

Como fue el hijo de una pareja anciana que vivía en la ciudad de Teggiano, Salerno. Según la leyenda, una noche mientras dormían, esta pareja soñó un cono de luz que brotaba de la madre. Al nacer el niño decidieron llamarlo Cono. Desde muy niño, Cono mostró un afán por las cosas de Dios y a los dieciséis años ingresó a un monasterio benedicto siguiendo el consejo de una voz interior que lo invitaba a consagrarse al Señor. A los dieciocho, su monasterio se llenó de luz y una voz anuncio su muerte, y al día siguiente falleció.





Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Sesta domenica di Pasqua — Gesù annuncia la sua prossima partenza, e il modo nuovo in cui sarà possibile vederlo: con gli occhi della fede che conduce alla vita eterna. «*Voi mi vedrete perché io vivo e voi vivrete*» (Gv. 14,19). Si dice a volte che la memoria è la facoltà che dimentica. Fare memoria di Gesù, invece, significa ricorrere al suo Spirito, senza del quale non possiamo né amarlo, né servirlo.

Gesù chiede al Padre un altro Consolatore, perché sia sempre con noi e ci aiuti a mantenere vivo il suo ricordo. Solo se accoglieremo con amore lo Spirito di verità potremo amare colui che non abbiamo mai visto e che altri, come Giovanni, il discepolo che Gesù amava, ci annunciano. Lo Spirito di verità è dentro di noi, la memoria creatrice che ci guida a penetrare il mistero di Cristo, via, verità e vita, e a partecipare alla comunione vitale che esiste tra lui, il Padre e noi. A anche colui che ci dona di amare veramente Gesù, «*non a parole e con la lingua, ma con fatti e la verità*» (1Gv.3,18).

L'amore del cristiano per il suo Signore non può accontentarsi di parole. In tutto il pensiero biblico, c'è un legame indissolubile tra conoscenza e vita morale: dire che si conosce il Cristo, e non osservare i suoi comandamenti significa semplicemente mentire... invece «*chi osserva la sua parola, in lui l'amore di Dio è veramente perfetto*» (1Gv.2,5). Vivendo come Gesù ha vissuto si passa già con lui, dalla morte alla vita.

È un'immensa speranza, resa ancora più certa dal fatto che non saremo soli. Davvero, «*io so che il mio vendicatore è vivo, e che, ultimo, si ergerà sulla polvere! Col mio corpo, starò ritto davanti a lui, e con i miei occhi di carne vedrò Dio*» (Gb 19,25-26).

Un difensore d'eccezione — Secondo antiche testimonianze, sembra che i tribunali ebraici conoscessero un personaggio a noi sconosciuto: quando veniva pronunciata una sentenza accadeva a volte che un uomo dalla reputazione incontestata, venisse silenziosamente a porsi a fianco dell'accusato. Lo si chiamava il paraclito. La sua muta testimonianza confondeva gli accusatori. Gesù si presentò come il paraclito dell'adultera; il ricco epulone avrebbe gradito avere Abramo come paraclito; i discepoli di Gesù saranno accusati spesso. Ma il «Paraclito» con la sua testimonianza silenziosa, assicurerà loro la vittoria.

Profeti dell'amore

Nel vangelo di questa domenica la promessa dello Spirito è strettamente unita al tema dell'amore. Di fatto, lo Spirito che il Signore promette e che viene dal Padre, è Spirito di amore; e di questo i cristiani sono chiamati a rendere testimonianza.

Una testimonianza visibile e convincente sarà quell'amore scambievole che deve (o dovrebbe) caratterizzare le comunità cristiane. «Guardate come si amano», dicevano i pagani dei primi cristiani. Oggi i nuovi pagani post-cristiani possono dire altrettanto guardando i cristiani? o il comportamento dei cristiani è tale da farli diffidare del cristianesimo e della sua insistenza sull'amore? Con ogni probabilità, parliamo troppo di amore, ne facciamo quasi un genere letterario; ma non lo viviamo sinceramente tra noi, divisi come siamo da pregiudizi, settarismi, ghetti diversi.

Ma la testimonianza si manifesterà pure attraverso un amore sincero e disinteressato. In ogni epoca la Chiesa è chiamata a dare prova del suo amore fattivo. Nei secoli scorsi si è impegnata per la salvaguardia e la diffusione della cultura, si è data alle opere assistenziali per i poveri e gli indigenti, ha fondato ospedali, si è presa cura dell'istruzione del popolo, ha creato i primi servizi sociali. Oggi tutto questo viene assunto e svolto dallo Stato. Pur liberata da questi compiti immediati, l'attenzione della Chiesa rimane sempre incentrata sull'uomo. «La Chiesa — si legge nella *Redemptor hominis* — non può abbandonare l'uomo, la cui "sorte", cioè la scelta, la chiamata, la nascita e la morte, la salvezza o la perdizione, sono in modo così stretto ed indissolubile unite al Cristo... L'uomo — infatti — è la prima e fondamentale via della Chiesa...»(n. 14).

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 20

7:30 am †

5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, MAY 21

7:45 am For Special Intentions by Rosa & Ennio Guidice

9:00 am †

10:30 am † Charlie T. Chua by St. Anthony Society

12:00 pm †

1:30 pm †

5:00 pm †

MONDAY, MAY 22

7:30 am For the Devotees of Sta. Rita

† Ken Castner

† Michael Castner

† Maria Catalani

† Philomena Theodore

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:30 am † Mario Marena

† Carmine Marena

† Antonio Marena

† Angela Marena

† Maria Marena

† Francesca Marena by Magdalena

6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:30 am † Joseph & Nancy Sciortino by Daughter Madelene

† Lisa Bartuch by Family

7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:30 am †

6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:30 am †

SATURDAY, MAY 27

7:30 am † Dorothy Consolo by Madelene

5:30 pm † Catherine Pollard by Janet & Elio Morso

SUNDAY, MAY 28

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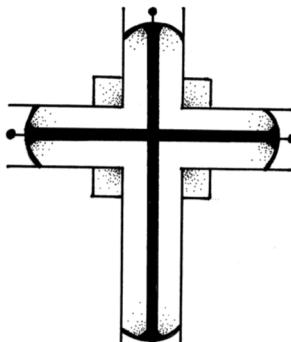
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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
Carol Maioni
Vandy Liala
Ethan Maidl
Joseph Pulido
Lauren Rendi
Bobby J. Villa
Luke Westrick
Ann Yench

Alexandra Vitali
Ken Douglas
Michael Turso
Anna Baffa
Jan Clark
Sara Zonca
Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Victor Mejia Jr.
Nico Felice
Emilio Scalzitti
Nell Baker
Fabiola Pintor
Isabel Pintor
Marie Torchia



Rest In Peace

† Francisco Herrera

† Maria Villanueva

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

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