Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 23rd, 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 7:30am

Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano
-Sotto richiesta

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 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 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 SENORA 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 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 JULY

July 7th Fri/Vie

- 7:30pm Novena to OLMC Begins

July 11th Tue/Mar

- 7:00pm Banner Presentation

July 12th Wed/Mie

- 6:00pm Rose Presentation

July 13th Thu/Jue

- 7:00pm Feast Committee Memorial

July 16th Sun/Dom

- 9:00am Italian Mass — Procession
- 12:00pm English Mass — Procession

July 31st Mon/Lun

- 7:30pm Misa por la Paz

Monday/Lunes
5:30pm Clases de Guitarra

Tuesdays / Martes
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion
7:00pm Eng. Choir Practice

Wednesday/ Miercoles
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico
7:00pm Men of Mt. Carmel
7:00pm OLMC Fitness Club

Thursday/Jueves
6:30pm Ballet Folkorico

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

Wedding Banns

♥ Carlos J. Vera & Nancy D. Prado...3
♥ Mario Rodriguez & Guadalupe Rojo...3
♥ Edgar Gomez & Hilda Alatorre...2

Weekly Offering

Feast Sunday - Noon mass
$2,800

From the Pastor's Desk

A word of thanks is necessary after the Feast to better express my gratefulness to those who, in one way or another, shared their Time, Talent and/or Treasure in order to make out of our 124th anniversary an incredible experience for all. The amount of work, time invested in planning and executing and energy that goes into this event is incredible. Very seldom do we stop and think on the importance of all that is happening behind the scenes. People come celebrate with us and enjoy our festivities but, for some of us, it is not unknown the amounts of people working hard to make out of the entire project a true success.

I would like to take the opportunity and thank first the Feast Committee: their dedication, strong commitment and love for la Madonna are the keys to an incredible celebration, year in and year out. What we live during the Feast is the result of a year-round effort. A big Thank you to the Altar and Rosary Society as they take care of the Rose presentation, the sales of religious articles and are also the ones in charge of making sure La Madonna looks beautiful during her Feast. The members of the choir, under the direction of Ann Marie Nabor, also work very hard to honor the Lord and His Blessed Mother during these days, thank you to each one of you. The statue carries are the ones who make sure Our Lady can move through the streets of Melrose Park during our procession. I hold no doubt their efforts will be greatly rewarded by her. The sacristan, altar servers and those making sure our liturgies are not only very Solemn but also very inspiring, I pray your good will and dedication find also a prize. To the many other unknown volunteers, whose names are certainly written in the heart of God, I express my gratefulness and admiration. I am sure our celebrations in honor of our patroness goes so well because of your discrete presence and demanding work.

As we reach the end of this beautiful celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel let us all thank the Lord for giving us His own mother as our Protectress and Guide. Generation after generation has experience her maternal intercession here in Melrose Park. We are the heirs of a Grace that has been present in our neighborhood for over a century and, I am sure, will continue to perpetuate itself for generations to come. Let us praise the Lord for indeed he has been good to us!

Adsum,

Back to School Fair

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Presence Health
Invites you to their Annual Back to School Fair.
Free School Supplies, Free Dental Check-ups, Free Physicals, Free Haircuts.
School Supplies will be given on a first come first serve basis, limited availability.

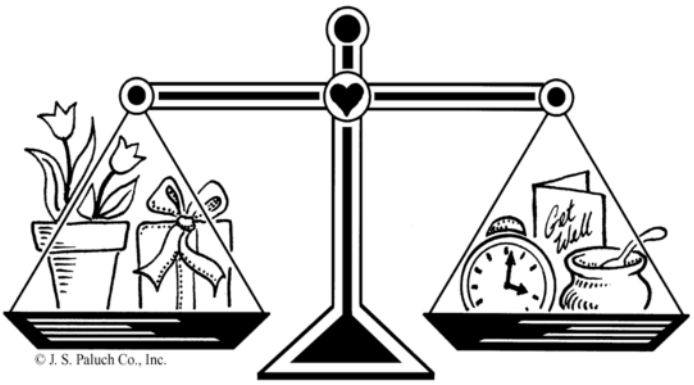
Location: Mount Carmel Gymnasium
Date: Sunday, August 13th
Time: From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Free raffles throughout the event.

Presence Health

Early Head Start program services pregnant women and children from 0 - 32 months. It is a free program where we meet with the families in their home once a week and work on developmental activities and with a focus of school readiness. As home visitors, we deliver parent support and healthy child development in their home environment. If you would like to know more about this program or how to enroll, please contact:

Gabriela Santilanes at 708 620-9153



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

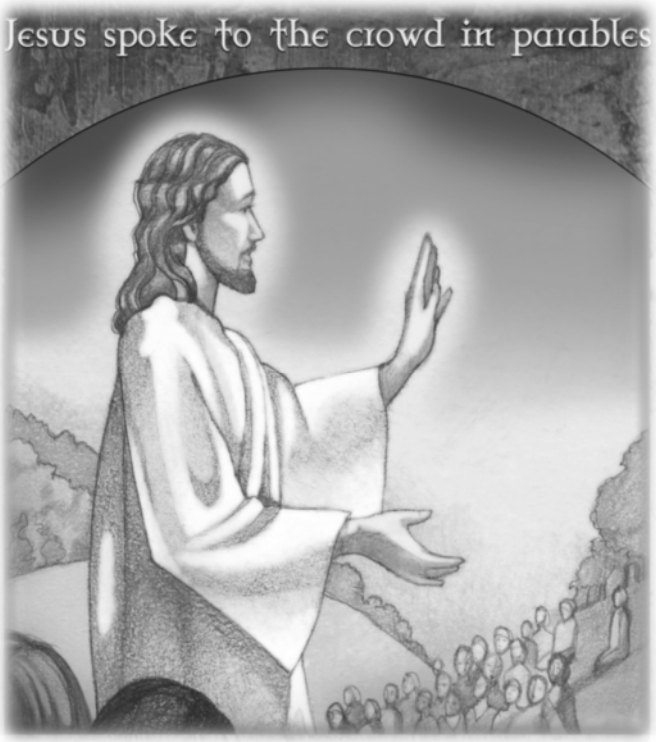
For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest's position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.



Mensaje del Párroco

Las Fiestas Patronales en honor de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo han llegado a su conclusión. Pareciera increíble que por 124 años ininterrumpidos estas celebraciones hayan alegrado a los pobladores de Melrose Park y a todos los devotos de nuestra Madre Santísima, aquellos que de cerca y de lejos se dan cita en estas fechas para venir a honrar a la mujer llena de Dios que habiendo dicho "si" a la voluntad divina se mantiene en la historia de la Iglesia como modelo de fe y ejemplo de lo que significa ser discípulo de Jesucristo.

Aprovecho de este espacio para agradecer profundamente a quienes generosamente donaron de su tiempo y su talento para hacer de estas celebraciones patronales una autentica expresión pública de Fe. Gracias a quienes se dedicaron a preparar las celebraciones y ayudar en ellas. Dios bendiga también a quienes estuvieron ayudando en el puesto de ventas que se tuvo en la calle. Son muchos los corazones generosos que hacen posible el éxito de nuestra Fiesta. La dedicación y el amor con que lo hacen son sin duda la muestra más clara de su devoción a la Virgen Santísima. Rezo para que ella pueda interceder ante su Hijo y les alcance todas las gracias necesarias para su bienestar, que bendiga también a sus familias y que con su manto les cubra y proteja en los momentos de peligro. Sabemos bien que todo lo que hacemos por Dios no queda sin recompensa, entonces sigamos confiados sabiendo que nuestro esfuerzo y dedicación alcanzaran a ser tocados por la generosidad del buen Dios a quien servimos con un corazón sincero.

Finalmente, una palabra de gratitud a quienes participaron en la celebración Eucarística el día Sábado. Fue muy emocionante ver como por segundo año consecutivo la Iglesia estaba casi llena. Es importante que, como comunidad hispana, hagamos presencia en las Fiestas Patronales. La Santísima Virgen nos ama a todos sin distinción así que nuestra presencia en su casa durante estas celebraciones es muy importante. Sigamos desarrollando en el corazón ese amor filial a Nuestra Madre del Cielo y continuemos buscando la manera de involucrarnos cada vez más en estas celebraciones, de tal manera que nuestra comunidad crezca no solo en número, sino también en la expresión pública de nuestra Fe.

Adsum,

Evento Comunitario de Inmigración

Fecha: Domingo 30 de Julio, 2017
Lugar: Gimnasio de Monte Carmelo
1100 N. 22 Avenida, Melrose Park, IL 60160
Hora: 10:00 AM a 12:30 PM

Presentaciones:
Clínica Legal de Chicago
Plan de Emergencia
IRS
Renovación de ITIN
Cook County Clerk

Registre a sus hijos mayores de edad para votar.
Habrán Abogados disponibles para sus preguntas y también habrán rifas y sorteos gratis durante el evento.

LA MISERICORDIA, EL PODER Y EL AMOR DE DIOS

¡La primera lectura de hoy, del libro de la Sabiduría, va al punto una y otra vez, al menos cinco veces en cinco versículos! Dios es poderoso, pero compasivo con todos. La fuerza de Dios se muestra en la bondad y la clemencia, no en la aspereza o la condenación, y quienes gobiernan al pueblo de Dios deben gobernar de igual manera, con bondad. Esta amorosa bondad y delicadeza no son contrarios al poder de Dios, sino directo resultado de la primacía de Dios, sobre todo. ¿Quiénes somos nosotros, entonces, para juzgar el corazón de nuestros hermanos cristianos y a toda la gente, cuando Dios ordena justicia con amor y clemencia?

De igual manera, el Espíritu Santo suple nuestra ignorancia de lo que necesitamos, hablando en un lenguaje que no comprendemos todavía. Pero Dios conoce nuestras necesidades antes que nosotros, entiende las intercesiones del Espíritu, y nos ayuda en nuestra necesidad. Esta es nuestra esperanza: la misericordia, el poder y el amor de Dios.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Bartolomé de las Casa, el gran defensor de los indígenas, nació en Sevilla, España en 1474 y falleció en Madrid en el año 1566. Su larga vida fue dedicada a la presencia española en América.

Bartolomé llego a la Nueva España para encargarse de una Encomienda. Después fue ordenado sacerdote y recibió a cargo una encomienda de mineros amerindios. Poco a poco su corazón cristiano le abrió los ojos a las injusticias españolas en América.

Por eso se hizo fraile dominico hizo varios viajes a España en defensa de los derechos humanos de los amerindios ante los reyes de España. Los cuales le dieron tierras en Venezuela y Chiapas para poner en práctica su teoría humanista acerca de las indígenas.

Hasta el fin de su vida este fraile y teólogo dominico lucho por los derechos de los nativos americanos, buscando convencer a los reyes españoles y a los Papas que la conquista no favorecía la evangelización de los pueblos. Gracias a sus esfuerzos se abolió la esclavitud indígena y se instituyo el dialogo, en lugar de la espada, como instrumento de conversión.

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Sedicesima domenica del T.O. «Anno A»— Una chiesa di «*puri*», una chiesa settaria: è la tentazione ricorrente di ogni comunità animata da un grande desiderio di perfezione. Già ai tempi di Gesù, Giacomo e Giovanni avrebbero voluto far scendere un fuoco dal cielo per distruggere i samaritani inospitali (Lc 9,54). Nella parabola della zizzania emerge un atteggiamento analogo: «*Vuoi che andiamo a strapparla via?*» «*No, dice Gesù, perché non succeda che sradicate con esso anche il grano…*»

Il padrone del campo, dunque, si preoccupa soprattutto della salvezza del grano; si oppone all'iniziativa dei suoi servi perché vuol dare al buon seme tutte le possibilità di crescere. essi sono compiti dalla quantità della zizzania, mentre lui vede in primo luogo le promesse del grano. Quaggiù, nessuno può avanzare la pretesa manichea di classificare tutte le cose in due categorie ben distinte: bene e male, verità e errore. L'eresia stessa può portare in sé una parte di verità, e la buona dottrina può contenere qualche errore. Si può sentire la presenza dell'angelo nello stesso tempo subodorare quella del demonio. Con le sue ambiguità e il suo carattere composto, la situazione presente è il campo della libertà dei cristiani, in cui si compie il difficile esercizio del discernimento.

Si tratta dunque di congiungere, con un grande ottimismo spirituale, due atteggiamenti apparentemente contraddittori. La decisione: voler essere buon grano, con tutte le proprie forze e quindi prendere le distanze dal «mondo» e dalle sue seduzioni, e la pazienza: sapere che è meglio una chiesa che sa essere lievito nella pasta, che non teme di sporcarsi le mani lavando panni dei suoi figli, piuttosto che una chiesa di «*puri*», che pretende di compiere prima del tempo una scelta tra i chiamati al regno. Se bisogna odiare i vizi, bisogna farlo amando sempre le persone. Allora il piccolo seme perduto nel campo del mondo immenso crescerà a poco a poco fino a diventare l'albero, frusciante di uccelli del regno.

La pazienza di Dio —Come può la chiesa, che realizza talora mediocremente l'ideale evangelico, pretendere di guidarci verso il regno dei cieli? Il vangelo dà una risposta: l'insuccesso è solo provvisorio; l'agricoltore sa bene che, a dispetto di tutto, il suo buon grano non rischia nulla, anzi conoscerà una crescita rigogliosa in vista della mietitura finale. Il lievito non sarà soffocato dalla pasta, ma la farà fermentare: «*Lasciate che l'uno e l'altro* (il buono e il cattivo) *crescano insieme fino alla mietitura*» Il mito della purezza è la caratteristica delle sette e di coloro che preferiscono non fare nulla piuttosto che sporcarsi le mani. La missione del popolo di Dio, invece, è di immergersi nel mondo, esposti al bene e al male.

La pazienza di Dio...

Da una lettura superficiale della Bibbia (dei salmi specialmente) si potrebbe ricavare, forse, l'impressione di un Dio impaziente, che «brucia le tappe». Gli appelli alla vendetta sono assai frequenti (*1 Re* 18,40; *Sal* 82 e 108). Ma i passi più notevoli della Bibbia smentiscono questa impressione. Elia, pieno di zelo geloso, comprende, a sue spese, che Dio non sta nell'uragano o nel terremoto, ma nella brezza leggera, nel soffio del vento più delicato (*1 Re* 19,9.13). Giacomo e Giovanni si sentono rimproverare per il loro desiderio di far cadere la folgore sui Samaritani che non accolgono Gesù (*Lc* 9,51.55; *Mt* 26,51). La Scrittura è il libro della pazienza divina che sempre differisce il castigo del suo popolo (*Es* 32,7-14). I profeti parlano di collera di Dio. Ma la collera non è l'ultimo e definitivo momento della manifestazione divina: il perdono vince sempre. Dio è ricco di grazia e di fedeltà ed è sempre sollecito a ritirare le sue minacce quando Israele si incammina nuovamente sulla via della conversione (prima lettura).

Gesù inaugura il regno degli «ultimi tempi», non come giudice che separa i buoni dai cattivi, ma come pastore universale, venuto prima di tutto per i peccatori. Non esclude nessuno dal regno: tutti vi sono convocati, tutti vi possono entrare. In ogni atteggiamento della sua vita, Gesù incarna la pazienza divina. Nessun peccato può tagliare irrimediabilmente i ponti con la potenza misericordiosa di Dio (vangelo).

La Chiesa, corpo di Cristo, ha per missione di incarnare tra gli uomini la pazienza di Gesù. Il suo compito quaggiù è di *rivelare il vero volto dell'amore.* Qui in terra, al grano è sempre mescolata la zizzania, e la linea di demarcazione tra l'uno e l'altra non passa attraverso le pagine dei registri parrocchiali o per i confini delle nazioni, ma nel cuore e nella coscienza di ogni uomo. Si deve sempre ricordare che la separazione fra i buoni e i cattivi non si farà che al di là della morte.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 22 — **ST. MARY MAGDALENE**
7:30 am †
5:30 pm † Ann Vovola by Children

SUNDAY, JULY 23 — **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Rita Longo
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, JULY 24 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

TUESDAY, JULY 25 — **SAINT JAMES**
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. JULY 26 — **SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE**
7:30 am †Julie Sacchetta & Patrick Gual birthday by family
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, JULY 27 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Lorraine McKenzie by Sister Corinne Principe
6:30 pm †

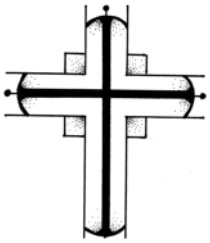
FRIDAY, JULY 28 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †

SATURDAY, JULY 29 — **SAINT MARTHA**
7:30 am † Louis Ariola by Sister Corinne Principe
5:30 pm † Bob Adams by Altar & Rosary
† George Figueroa by Ghizel Figueroa

SUNDAY, JULY 30 — **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

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
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
Kelly Ann Haymaker
Mary Grace Giacone
Josephine Grasso
June Stellato



Rest In Peace

† Alexander P. Kruse
† Jose Moreno

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Tuesday: St. James
Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday: St. Martha

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

FORGIVENESS

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?
—St. Catherine of Siena

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To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.
- Lao Tzu

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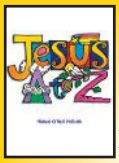

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