Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 30th, 2016

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

Sunday
-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday
-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday
-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday
- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
-Monday - Saturday at 7:45am

Español
-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano
-Sotto richiesta

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These are the official sites for the Parish-Shrine

We're not responsible for information provided anywhere else

Who are the Priests serving at Mount Carmel?

MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES - Scalabrinians

The Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles – Scalabrinians – is an International community of religious serving migrants and refugees of different cultures, religions and ethnicities in 32 countries and on five continents.

The Congregation was founded on November 28, 1887, by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini (1839-1905), bishop of Piacenza (Italy). It was the period of massive emigration from Italy and Europe toward the Americas. It was a far-reaching phenomenon whose importance Bishop Scalabrini was able to grasp in both its social and religious dimensions.

Our missionary focus has been to be migrants with the migrants and to be in mission with people on the move along with a special priority for the poorest migrants. What has become very obvious is that as we have taken more missionary risks and made an effort to clarify our Charism we have been blessed with more and more vocations.

humilitas

Bishop Scalabrini

Father of the Migrants

Church Services

We encourage all to register
at the Parish-Shrine.
+ + +
Les invitamos a registrarse
en el Santuario Parroquial.

Support Staff

Business Manager
Alexander Sanchez 708.345.3632

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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

Grupo de Estudio Bíblico
Miércoles 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 OCTOBER

Sun/ Dom 9
+ 8:00am St. Anthony's Breakfast

Sun/ Dom 30
+ 9:00am Feria del Mole

Mon/ Lun 31
+ 7:00pm Misa de Todos los Santos

Monday/Lunes
5:30 Clases de Guitarra

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

Wednesday/ Miercoles
6:30 Ballet Folkorico
7:00 Grupo de Biblia

Thursday/Jueves
6:30 Ballet Folkorico

Friday/Viernes
7:30 Practica de Coros
7:00 Matrimonios con Proposito
7:00 Jornadas Matrimoniales
7:30 Boys/Girls Scouts
7:00 JPC Jovenes para Cristo

Wedding Banns

♥ Andres Sanchez & Janelle Moreno...1
♥ Ubaldo Ramos & Isabel Reyes...1

Weekly Offering

October 22 – 23, 2016

Regular Sunday Collection: $5,485.00
Second Collection: $2,181.00

From the Pastor's Desk

The importance of being registered in our Parish community and the use of our weekly envelopes for our donations are two very concrete ways of expressing both: our loyalty to our Parish-Shrine as well our devotion to our Blessed Mother. Those two actions, together with our presence in Sunday Eucharist, sanctifying the day of the Lord and thus fulfilling the third commandment, make us true and active members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Family of Faith. As I have mentioned in previous reflections, the Church is not a human-invented gathering of peoples, but rather, she is the Bride of Christ, an assembly of believers chosen by God and congregated through Baptism sealed by the Spirit of God in Confirmation and nourished at the Altar every time we approach Holy Communion while celebrating the Eucharist.

For the last few weekends we have been offering our parishioners the opportunity to register in our Parish-Shrine. We are also encouraging everyone to make use of their envelopes when presenting their weekly offering. This practice will provide our families with certain privileges that otherwise cannot be obtained. Very often our front desk secretaries are approached with these type of requests: A letter of recommendation, a statement verifying a certain person's address is correct, the Pastor's signature proving that someone is a regular practicing catholic and thus can be a Godfather or sponsor for a sacrament, etc. Any of these documents require for the parishioner to be a registered member otherwise we do not have the possibility of providing any help since our records cannot confirm what is being requested. The use of your weekly envelopes is being recorded in our system and thus can provide the necessary proof that you are a practicing Catholic whose presence in our Sunday Mass shows not only your financial responsibility towards our Parish-Shrine but it also demonstrates your assistance to the Eucharist where Jesus Himself instructs us by the Proclamation of Sacred Scriptures while nourishing us with the Life-giving Bread and the Chalice of Salvation.

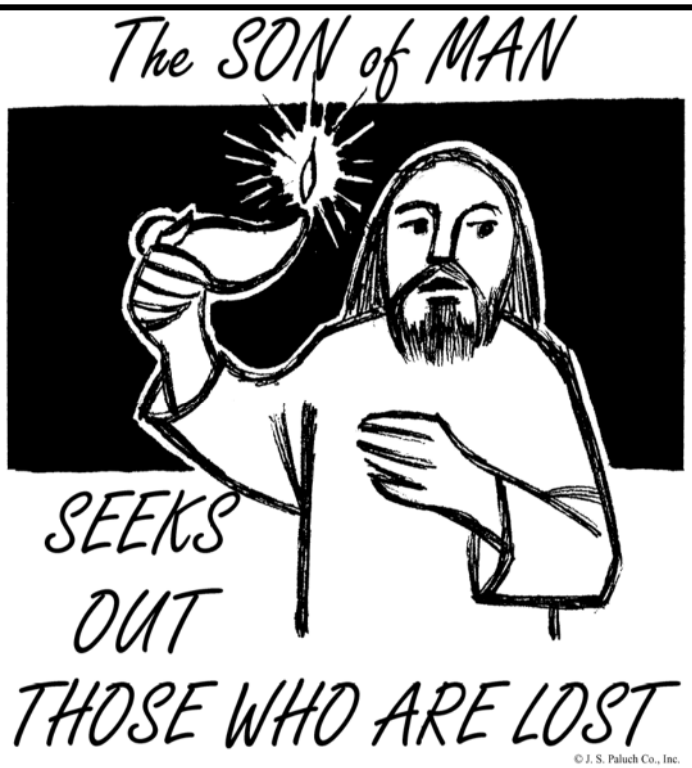
It is my hope that many will take advantage of this registration-weekends and, hopefully, consider the use of their envelopes for their offering. Donations to the Church are tax exempt; therefore, those who deposit their envelopes in the collection basket will receive a letter at the beginning of the year stating the total amount they donated towards the Church and, in turn, will be able to use that letter for tax return purposes. Let's show our love and devotion towards OLMC by registering and using our weekly envelopes. This practice will be of great benefit to both Parish and Parishioners.

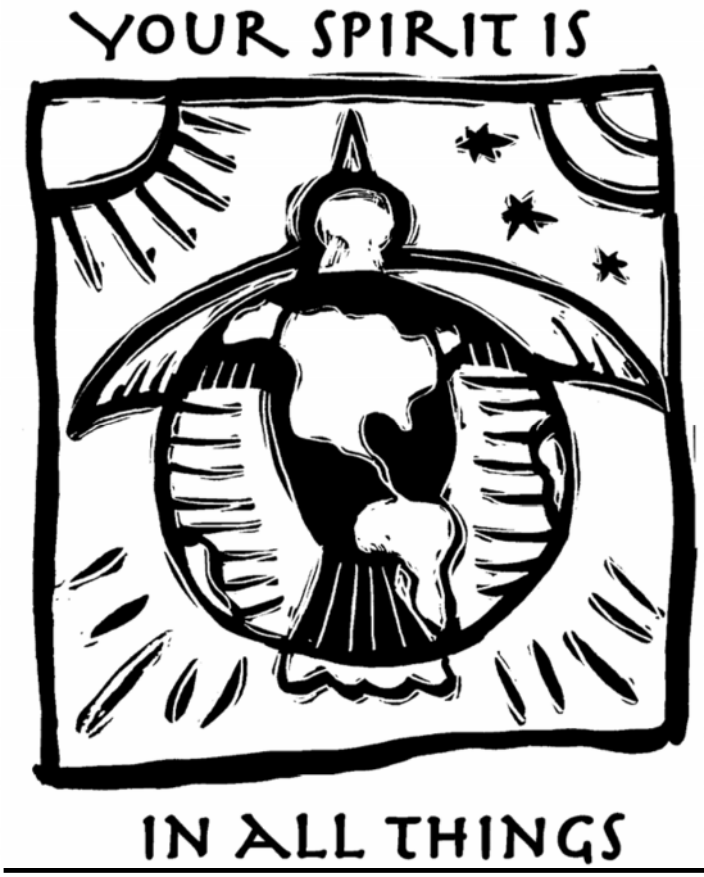
Adsum,

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!

- Now is the time to share your love of music with your Parish. Come, join the Festival Choir as we prepare for Christmas celebrations.
- All are welcomed to the music ministry program, which meets on Tuesday from 6:45pm to 8:30pm in the St. Anthony Room. (Choir does not meet on the last Tuesday of the month)
- We are a multi-generational, multi-lingual choir. Instrumentalists and vocalist alike are most welcomed!

Questions? Please call Anne Marie at (708)579-5373





GOD IS WITH US

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The recent "October count" tracking the statistics of participation at Sunday Mass calls to mind the situations of churches where it is difficult or impossible for Catholics to worship freely. This is especially striking in English Catholic history, as freedom of worship was systematically dismantled at the time of the Reformation. It seems that most English people retained deeply Catholic sympathies throughout the period of religious upheaval. Catholics who refused to participate in the public worship of the Church of England were called "recusants," and beginning with the reign of Elizabeth I, they were subject to strict penalties. Recusant literally means "a person refusing to obey a command." Most of those laws were in force until the early 1800s, and Catholics were not entirely emancipated from the duty of Anglican worship until 1829.

Recusants paid heavy fines for not attending the state church. Holding on to Catholic faith was therefore a luxury of the very rich, who maintained private chapels, and sent their daughters and sons to English convents and monastery schools on the continent. Remarkably, the first among all British peers, the Dukes of Norfolk, the hereditary Earls Marshal of England, have never given up their Catholic faith. Many of these wealthy recusant families founded the colony of Maryland, and later many members of the old Catholic families continued on to the Kentucky frontier in search of greater religious freedom.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Altar and Rosary

2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 13, 2016
8:30am-4:00pm
OLMC Gym 22nd & Cortez
Melrose Park, Illinois 60160

Join us before or after mass for a treat or snack in the Bazaar Cafe, shop for religious items, purchase a homemade Bake Sale item and visit our white elephant table and Crafters to get ready for this Holiday Season.

Admission is Free

There will be a raffle drawing, however, winner need not be present at 3:00pm for drawing.

Come one, Come All!
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mensaje del Párroco

Registrarse en el Santuario Parroquial ha sido una invitación que durante los últimos fines de semana hemos estado promoviendo con gran insistencia. Creemos que es muy importante que todos los asistentes a Misa Dominical sean miembros registrados y activos de nuestra Comunidad de Fe. Al registrarse en la parroquia y al comenzar a hacer uso constante de los sobres dominicales para su donación, los feligreses demuestran no únicamente su pertenencia a nuestra familia parroquial, sino también su devoción a La Virgen Santísima del Carmen, patrona de nuestra comunidad. Por otro lado, esta práctica tan común en las parroquias de Estados Unidos, nos proporciona toda una serie de beneficios, que de otra manera pueden ser negados cuando los solicitemos en la oficina parroquial.

Muy seguido encontramos feligreses que vienen a nosotros en busca de una carta de recomendación, una constancia que verifique su dirección, una firma del párroco para poder ser padrinos, etc. La mayoría de estos documentos requieren que la persona que los pide sea un parroquiano registrado y que usa semanalmente sus sobres para la ofrenda dominical. Cuando el individuo no está registrado estos documentos no pueden ser otorgados porque nosotros no tenemos un registro que confirme lo que estamos señalando en ellos; de allí la importancia de que su registro se mantenga activo. Yo sé que la mayoría de nuestros asistentes a Misa son personas generosas que colaboran con la Iglesia en sus necesidades, sin embargo, es mucho mejor tener un record que indique que aquí estamos cada semana y que nos respalde cuando lo necesitemos. En otras palabras, el registrarnos en la Parroquia y utilizar nuestros sobres para la ofrenda dominical no solamente confirma nuestra pertenencia a esta Comunidad de Fe, sino que se vuelve de gran ayuda en el momento que necesitemos un comprobante eclesial para algún trámite.

Ojalá sean muchos los que se registran estos días y que, al comenzar con esta modalidad novedosa de los sobres, podamos al inicio del año tener el beneficio de recibir una carta que respalde el total de nuestra ofrenda. Dado que en Estados Unidos las donaciones a la Iglesia son deducibles de impuestos, esta carta que recibimos se vuelve una herramienta que nos concede un mejor provecho de nuestros famosos *Income Taxes.* Que Nuestra Señora del Carmen continúe bendiciendo su devoción y su generosidad y que sigamos caminando como familia unida en la Fe en Cristo y la devoción a su Madre Santísima.

Adsum,

GRAN RIFA!

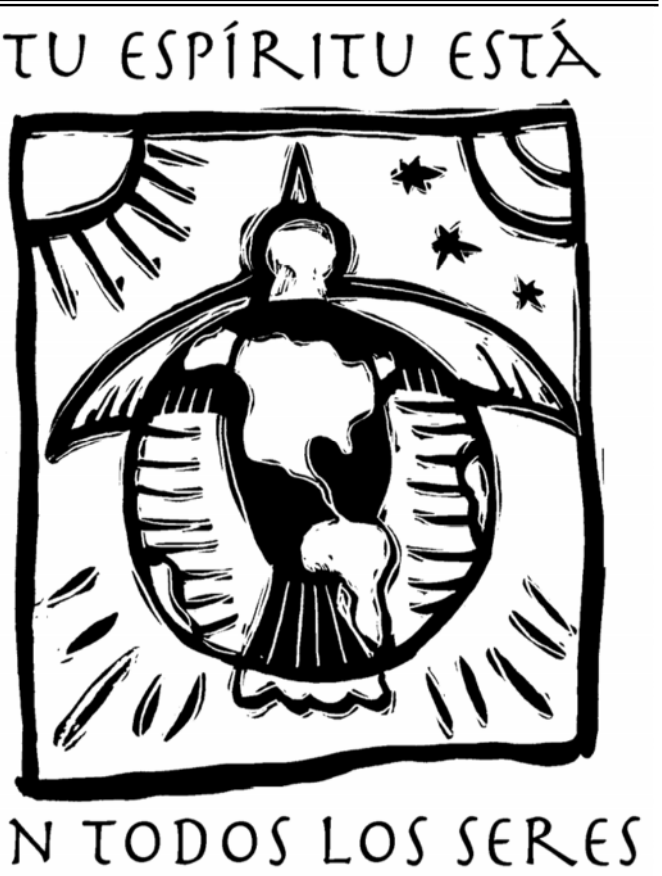
LOS BOLETOS PARA LA FIESTA DE LA VIRGIN DE GUADALUPE YA ESTAN DISPONIBLES.

SI GUSTA AYUDARNOS A VENDER Y OBTENOR SUS BOLETOS, POR FAVOR DE PASAR A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.

DIOS ESTÁ CON NOSOTROS

El libro de la Sabiduría nos dice que el Espíritu de Dios está en todas las cosas. ¡Qué maravilloso pensamiento! ¡Qué maravillosa imagen para tenerla frente a nosotros mientras vamos por el camino de la vida! Si el camino se revela al andar, es bueno saber que Dios está con nosotros –y alrededor de nosotros– a cada paso.

Pero Pablo sabe que esta divina presencia no es tímida. En vez de eso, Dios nos llama, y Pablo ruega que nosotros, junto con los tesalonicenses, nos hagamos dignos de ese llamado. ¿Y quién sabe más acerca del llamado de Dios que Zaqueo, el recaudador de impuestos? Todos sabemos que Jesús lo llamó que bajara nada menos que de un árbol, por su bien. Tal vez más correctamente, al reflexionar en el final de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, podríamos decir que para bien del cielo.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 31 de octubre muchos se visten de monstruos y al día siguiente, los cristianos celebramos a *todos* los santos. Es interesante el contraste entre los dos días. Un día recordamos brujas y zombis y al siguiente conmemoramos vírgenes y mártires, religiosos y laicos comprometidos todos con una cosa en común: su amor a Dios, un amor que se hace carne en obras de caridad y justicia.

La mayoría de los santos se hicieron santos gracias a los monstruos que los rodeaban. Los primeros mártires cristianos murieron a mano de los monstruos romanos, muchos religiosos medievales se refugiaban en Dios para protegerse de los monstruos internos que los tentaban con sexo, dinero y poder. Y en América muchos como Manuel Chin Sooj se hicieron testigos de la justicia en manos de los monstruos de gobiernos injustos.

Los monstruos, en fin no pueden vencer a los santos por eso en Guatemala el martirio de Manuel Chin Sooj, animó a los obispos guatemaltecos a unirse con la carta "El clamor de la tierra" a los esfuerzos de pobres en búsqueda de tierra y dignidad humana.

Uno sguardo, un incontro, la conversione.

Nel vangelo di questa ultima domenica di ottobre, emerge, simpatica ed accattivante, la figura del piccolo Zaccheo. Lo potremmo definire un curioso di Dio, un cercatore di Cristo e, volendo, un arrampicatore sui sicomori. Egli si stacca dalla folla, si libera dall'anonimato, arrampica su un sicomoro, vuole vedere chi è Gesù; per ora non osa sperare di più. Il Signore però trascende i desideri degli uomini e si rende visibile e comprensibile a chi lo cerca con cuore sincero. Gesù guarda con simpatia Zaccheo, rannicchiato tra i rami, e lo invita a scendere "Scendi subito, perché oggi devo fermarmi a casa tua". "Se uno mi ama, osserverà la mia parola e il Padre mio lo amerà e noi verremo a lui e prenderemo dimora presso di lui". Gesù attua con Zaccheo la sua solenne promessa e la esplicita ulteriormente dicendo: "Oggi la salvezza è entrata in questa casa". La salvezza coincide con una totale e sincera conversione: Zaccheo alla presenza del Cristo, fa un attento e puntuale esame della sua vita, riconosce i propri errori, si mostra sinceramente pentito, li dichiara in una pubblica confessione alla presenza del Signore, si impegna concretamente a riparare per il maltolto e si rende disponibile a dare ai poveri la metà dei suoi averi. È un esempio mirabile di autentica confessione sacramentale dove tutti gli elementi vengono scrupolosamente e pienamente osservati. Il vero protagonista della storia è però ancora una volta lo stesso Signore: è lui che prende l'iniziativa, lui si autoinvita a casa di Zaccheo, è lui l'autore principale che lo induce alla confessione e alla conversione. Zaccheo potrebbe essere il patrono dei convertiti e anche dei piccoli di statura, di tutti coloro che per vedere qualcosa o qualcuno debbono arrampicarsi su un albero purché non vengano a trovarsi in un deserto!

L'incontro con Cristo apre il cuore e le mani

Il gesto esteriore del dare, come ogni gesto umano, è di per sé ambiguo. Il dono di un uomo chiuso in se stesso, tutto proteso alla affermazione di sé è egoismo camuffato. La beneficenza molte volte può essere la copertura dello sfruttamento, anzi il mezzo per continuarlo.

Il gesto di Zaccheo invece, che restituisce il quadruplo a coloro che aveva defraudato e dà la metà dei suoi beni «ai poveri», nasce da una «conversione» interiore, da un cambiamento di rotta, avvenuto nell'incontro con Gesù.

Incontrando l'Amore, scoprendo d'essere amato, uno diventa capace di incontrare gli altri.

Li guarda con occhi diversi, non più come soggetti di cui godere, ma come persone da amare. E questo perché finalmente riesce a guardare se stesso e la sua vita con gli occhi di coloro a cui egli aveva fatto ingiustizia. Allora anche il denaro cambia direzione: al gesto dell'arraffare si sostituisce il gesto del dare liberamente e gratuitamente. E così il denaro da oggetto di preda diventa segno di comunione.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29	**WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †	
5:30pm †	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30	**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45am †	
9:00am †	
10:30am Tante Grazie Padre Pio	
12:00pm †	
1:30pm †	
5:00pm †	
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31	**WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †	
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1	**ALL SAINTS**
7:30 am †	
6:30 pm †	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2	**COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED**
7:30 am †	
7:30 pm NOVENA	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3	**WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Elva Mayo de Lopez by Sisters	
6:30 pm †	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4	**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO**
7:30 am †	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5	**WEEKDAY**
7:30 am †	
5:30pm †	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:45am †	
9:00am †	
10:30am † Vito M. Ballard by St. Anthony Society	
12:00pm †	
1:30pm †	
5:00pm †	

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

Phyllis Aiuppa	Joseph Pulido
Linda Bandy	Lauren Rendi
Art Conti	Bobby J. Villa
Mary Conti	Luke Westrick
Antonela De Biasio	Ann Yench
Nico De Biasio	Angela Williams
Mary Donato	Alexandra Vitali
Judith Escamilla	Vicki Parisi
Jacob Duda	Ken Douglas
Kristie Goldi	Michael Turso
Linna Goldi	Anna Baffa
Susan Humpf	Jan Clark
Carol Maioni	Sara Zonca
Vandy Liala	Nancy Oshea
Ethan Maidl	Madeline Vittori

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION

The possibility or certitude of life after the death of our earthly bodies has fascinated religions throughout the world and across the centuries. It certainly is the topic uppermost on the minds of the Sadducees today. They did not believe in a life after this life or a world where angels or other bodiless spirits dwelled. This constricted their ability, then, to imagine such a world or such a life, and made them imagine or construct it according to the life they knew as mortal creatures. Indeed, such a tendency can be seen—even among Christians—today, when we speak of being rejoined or reunited with the faithful departed in a continued, if improved, version of the relationship we had with them. But God is a living God, Jesus points out, and those who believe in this God are made children of the resurrection to life everlasting. This is important, as today's Gospel dispute concludes Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to face his ultimate confrontation, culminating in his resurrection. His forthrightness foretells what the apostle Paul will write to the Thessalonians: "[T]he Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).

EQUAL IN DIGNITY TO THE ANGELS

Television, greeting cards, and some church ornamentation have done a disservice to the biblical notion of angels. Popular imagination perceives them as gentle, safe, and fluffy. Their job description is cast mostly in human, egocentric terms: to keep danger from us, to console us, to restore a sense of wonder or the miraculous to our narrow-mindedness. Some of this has its basis in the biblical traditions. But, above all else, the biblical angels were direct messengers of God. Their voice was God's voice, their presence was the presence of the celestial throne of the Almighty. People were often startled or outright scared at their arrival, and had to be told not to fear; their messages were often difficult to hear, leading mortals into thorny situations. The children of the Resurrection—all of us, born of the living God—are equal in dignity to these angels. But in Christ we already have the power of resurrected life to be strong herald messengers of God. This is the call of all Christian disciples. For this, Paul tells us, we are made strong in God who is not only a living God, but a faithful and loving God as well. Through God we will be given the endurance in Christ necessary to live out the vocation of our baptism.

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