Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
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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

Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, cs, a Priest and Scalabrinian Missionary, comes to this community with a very rich missionary experience. As a young priest he served the Italian community in Windsor, Canada. Afterwards, he was assigned as Vocation Director in Mexico and after serving our congregation as a successful recruiter, he became Pastor to St. Peter's Italian Church in Los Angeles CA. After his time of service in that Parish, he was assigned once again as Vocation Director for USA and Canada, a ministry he served very well until the moment he became the Rector of our Formation House in Mexico City. Soon after his term ended, he was assigned as Director of the Shelter for Migrants our Religious Community staffs in Nuevo Laredo in the Mexican border. It is with gladness he has accepted his new assignment as Pastor to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a service I know he will develop with integrity and passion so characteristic in his missionary life. WELCOME!

Padre Giovanni Bizzotto, cs, Sacerdote y Misionero Scalabriniano, viene a nosotros con una amplia experiencia misionera. Como un joven sacerdote, él sirvió a la comunidad italiana en Windsor Canadá; después fue destinado como Promotor Vocacional en México y luego de haberse desarrollado como un magnifico reclutador de jóvenes para el seminario, fue destinado a la Parroquia Italiana de San Pedro en Los Ángeles CA. Después de su servicio en la parroquia, fue llamado una vez mas al ministerio de la Pastoral Vocacional en Estados Unidos y Canadá, un servicio que llevo a cabo con mucho éxito hasta que fue enviado a servir como Rector del Seminario que los Misioneros Scalabrinianos tenemos en Ciudad de México. Al término de su servicio en el seminario, fue asignado como Director de la Casa del Migrante en Nuevo Laredo Tamaulipas, donde permaneció hasta que recibió su nuevo destino. Es con mucha alegría que Padre Giovanni ha aceptado venir a Monte Carmelo como Párroco, y sabemos que su servicio en este lugar será marcado por la integridad y pasión que caracterizan su vida misionera.

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

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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 DECEMBER

December 3rd Sun/Dom

- 7:00pm Novena a Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe

Decermber 8th Fri/Vie

- 6:00pm Presentación de las rosas a la Virgen de Guadalupe

December 11th Mon/Lun

- 11:00pm Misa en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe

December 12th Tue/Mar Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 5:00am Misa en Español
- 7:00pm Bilingual Mass for the unborn

December 13th Wed/Mie St. Lucy

- Blessing of the Eyes after Novena

December 24th Sun/Dom Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm English Mass
- 7:00pm Misa en Español
- 11:00pm Christmas Caroling

December 25th Mon/Lun Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00am *English Midnight Mass*
- 10:30am Italian Mass
- 12:00pm English Mass
- 1:30pm Misa en Español

December 31st Sun/Dom New Years Eve

- Regular Sunday Schedule

January 1st Mon/Lun
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 10:30am Italian Mass
- 12:00pm English Mass
- 1:30pm Misa en Español

From the Pastor's Desk

Advent is a time of joyful waiting! The fulfilment of God's promises is about to happen, and the Church invites believers to prepare their hearts and welcome the Savior. Four Sundays before the celebration of Christmas, we gather to lit one after one, the lights that illuminate our way to the encounter. In attentive listening to God's Word, and with an attitude of true conversion, we make sure the fulfillment of God's promises come to enrich our lives and those of all peoples of good will.

This Advent will be a special journey for all the members of OLMC. Not only are we preparing the heart to welcome Jesus when Christmas comes, but we are also called this year to prepare the way to a new Pastor in our Faith Community. The change in leadership in the Church, is an opportunity for believers to understand how God in His infinite goodness always provides shepherds according to his own heart. The gift of Ministry is to be seen as the continuation of Jesus' caring and loving concern for his people. Therefore, those appointed to serve in the Church must make sure the people entrusted to their care, experience the fatherly guidance of God through their efforts and their direction.

I am pleased to let you know that Father Giovanni Bizzotto, cs has been appointed as the New Pastor to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I am confident under his guidance; this Faith Community will continue to embrace the Gospel as the perfect way to Salvation. At the same time, I know Fr. Bizzotto's responsibility to preside in the liturgical assembly, will inspire you all to continue seeking the face of the Lord while establishing here and now the Kingdom of heaven.

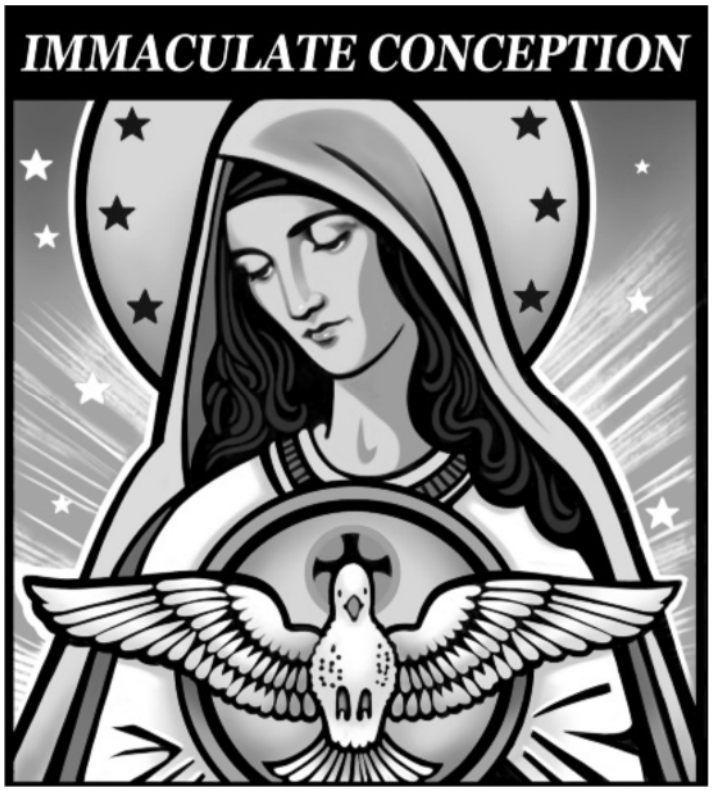
I invite each one of you to prepare your hearts and welcome Fr. Giovanni as a heaven-sent Pastor to our church. I know there is always a certain degree of uneasiness in times of transition, however, the more we dare to trust the Lord, the less restlessness we experience in our lives. For knowing that God is good, and He will always provide for His people with Fatherly care, allows us to move forward with confidence and trust. ***Welcome Father Giovanni!***

Adsum

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

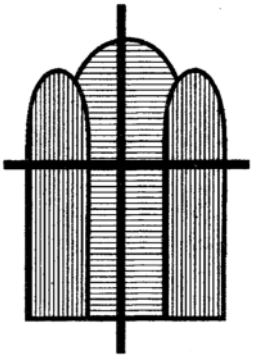
Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.



Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
— *Mark 13:33*

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH & SHRINE
ALTAR & ROSARY

ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION



With
Fr. Dan Brandt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017
(PEARL HARBOR DAY)

Fr. Dan Brandt, Chicago Police Department Chaplin will pay tribute to all our veterans, police, fire, and military personnel as he celebrates mass at 6:00pm.

Dinner and a reflection by Fr. Dan will follow.

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Respect-Life Mass
On Tuesday December 12th
On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the Unborn
there will be a bilingual Mass at 7:00pm.
We will be praying for all
victims of abortion
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on behalf of the many victims of
this genocide

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Mensaje del Párroco

¡El Adviento es un tiempo de espera gozosa! El camino hacia el pesebre nos recuerda que las promesas de Dios están a punto de cumplirse. Por cuatro domingos, los creyentes nos reuniremos y encenderemos una a una las velas que paulatinamente irán iluminando nuestra jornada en la Fe. Escuchando atentamente la Palabra de Dios y preparando el corazón para recibirle cuando llegue y toque, es como nos aseguramos de que las promesas del Señor se hagan expresión festiva en nuestra historia al llegar la Navidad.

Este año, el Adviento tiene un significado aun mas profundo para los parroquianos del Monte Carmelo. Mientras se nos invita a preparar el corazón para recibir a Cristo en su nacimiento, también se nos anima a preparar el camino para un nuevo Párroco. El cambio de liderazgo en una comunidad de Fe abre la posibilidad para experimentar como es que Dios nunca nos deja huérfanos, pues siempre nos da Pastores según su corazón. El don del ministerio es un mandato que debe manifestar la preocupación genuina de Dios para siempre guiar a su Pueblo y aquellos responsables de esa guía deben asegurarse de que los fieles experimentan a través de su liderazgo la gentileza y paternidad amorosa del Dios que nos ha elegido como su Asamblea Santa.

Es mi alegría compartir con ustedes que el Padre Giovanni Bizzotto, cs ha sido destinado como Párroco a esta comunidad de Fe. Tengo la confianza que bajo su liderazgo, todos ustedes continuaran a hacer del Evangelio su inspiración continua; al mismo tiempo, estoy convencido que la guía del Padre Bizzotto en la asamblea litúrgica, los seguirá inspirando a buscar el Rostro de dios mientras se esfuerzan por construir el Reino de los Cielos aquí en la tierra.

Invito a cada uno de ustedes a preparar el corazón y recibir al Padre Giovanni como un Ministro enviado por Dios. Yo se que los cambios siempre ocasionan inquietud en el corazón, que las transiciones no son fáciles, sin embargo, puedo también asegurarles que entre mas nos atrevamos a confiar en Dios, y descansar en El, nuestras inquietudes, más y más podremos probar que el Señor es Bueno y que su misericordia es eterna. ***¡Bienvenido Padre Giovanni!***

Adsum,

DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: "estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos" (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: "Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia" (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro. Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación.

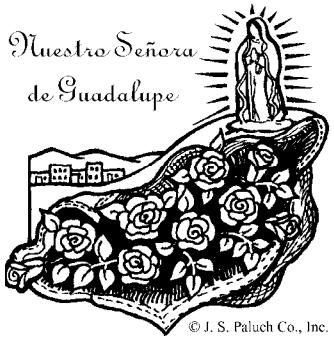
Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento.

— Marcos 13:33

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El significado de la palabra "¡Adviento!" es muy interesante. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando". Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "adviento"? ¿Del Rey de la Gloria?, ¿del Príncipe de la Paz?, ¿del Hijo del Dios Altísimo?, ¿del Salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y otra vez, sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niñito de María. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey? ¿de un niñito que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el *mall*, en el barrio, en el hogar y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes.

CELEBRACIONES EN HONOR DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



Dom. Dic. 3: **7:00pm** Comienzo de la Solemne Novena predica el *Padre Miguel Alvarez c.s.*

Vier. Dic. 8: **6:00pm** Presentación de las Rosas a La Virgen Morena

Lun. Dic 11: **10:00pm** Serenata a la Virgen Santísima con el Mariachi *Perla de México.*

11:00pm Misa Solemne con Mariachi

Mar. 12 Dic: **12:00am** Mañanitas a Ntra. Madre del Cielo con Banda
- Al termino de las mañanitas se ofrecerá Menudo gratis y café a las personas que gusten pasar al Carmel Hall.

4:00am Mañanitas Festivas a La Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe con Banda

5:00am Misa solemne de Acción de Gracias por todas las Familias Migrantes

6:00am Desayuno con Menudo gratis para todos en el Carmen Hall

7:00pm Santa Misa Bilingüe en Honor de los no-nacidos recordando que la Virgen Stma. de Guadalupe es Madre de Todos.

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SI DESEA ORDENAR UN RAMO DE ROSAS FAVOR DE CONTACTAR A LOS VOLUNTARIOS DESPUÉS DE LAS MISAS O LLAMAR A LA OFICINA O PASAR A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Prima Domenica di Avvento – Ciclo "B" — «*Se tu squarciassi i cieli e scendessi…*» Ancora una volta, all'inizio dell'Avvento, la nostra invocazione sale a Dio, sostenuto dalla certezza della salvezza già donata, ma non ancora pienamente realizzata. Il nostro Dio è un Dio che viene, e Gesù Cristo è totalmente impegnato in questa venuta: egli è «*colui che era, che è e che viene*». (Ap. 4,8)

È necessario capire come ci dobbiamo porci di fronte a questo mistero di avvento. Sarebbe inutile interrogarsi su quando si verificherà la manifestazione definitiva del Signore: è una vecchia tentazione a cui cedono regolarmente le società nei momenti di crisi e, ancora oggi, molte sette con i loro profeti di sventura. Quello che ci deve preoccupare non è la data della*parusia*, che non è possibile prevedere, il suo carattere decisivo: il giudizio che essa pronuncerà su tutto lo sviluppo della storia e della nostra vita personale. Di fronte alla venuta del Figlio dell'uomo, che nessuno può prevedere e nessuno può impedire, durante questa lunga veglia nella notte di un mondo di cui ignoriamo la fine, è meglio stare sempre all'erta, prendendo coscienza della nostra responsabilità nei confronti del presente, e dando ad ogni istante il suo valore eterno.

In particolare, come san Paolo, dobbiamo continuamente rendere grazie. È vero che non godiamo ancora pienamente in tutte le ricchezze che Dio ci ha donato nel momento di crisi. Ma l'azione di grazia non esprime una soddisfazione che conduce al disimpegno. Al contrario, coscienti di quello che non godiamo ancora pienamente e non facciamo ancora, dobbiamo volgerci verso colui che è l'inizio e la fine di tutte le cose, e denunciare ciò che frena la sua venuta, annunciando nello stesso tempo ciò che può affrettarla. In questo modo, come una spina nella carne del secolo, i cristiani diventano la vigilanza del mondo, che vince il sonno e rilancia la speranza: «*Vieni, Signore Gesù*» (Ap. 22,20).

La vigilanza — Vegliare: è la parola d'ordine del Signore. Ma la vigilanza che richiede ai suoi non è più quella degli antichi profeti reclamavano dal popolo eletto. Noi non dobbiamo più sognare un paradiso perduto né un avvento lontano: il regno di Dio è già qui. Vegliare, significa dunque leggere il presente e scoprirvi l'eternità. Si può essere attenti a tutto; ma vi è sempre qualche cosa d'inatteso; si è sempre un po' addormentati e alienati. Il regno di Dio si trova spesso dove noi, nella nostra povera saggezza umana, non avevamo previsto.

Dio viene come Redentore

Un Dio salvatore e redentore viene spesso in mente quando le cose vanno male o una situazione sembra insolubile. Ma è corretta una simile concezione di Dio e della sua manifestazione in mezzo a noi? E giusto chiedere alla sua onnipotenza di risolvere i nostri guai? Non è più dignitoso per l'uomo accettare la propria sconfitta e sfidare un destino avverso con le proprie forze, anziché ricorrere alla forza di Dio? Certo, una purificazione dell'immagine che abbiamo di Dio s'impone: ma l'affermazione della sua trascendenza non porta a concludere che egli non si interessi di noi in modo caldo, concreto, imprevedibile come l'amore. Egli è un «Dio degli uomini», non il Dio cosmico lontano e perfetto nel suo essere divino. Egli ha posto in noi la sua immagine e perciò la nostra identità non può prescindere dalla sua fisionomia: egli, che ci ha dato la vita, fa parte della nostra storia, e perciò il nostro avvenire non si compie che attuando i suoi progetti; egli ci ha creati liberi, e perciò non forza le nostre decisioni, ma interviene con dolcezza e aspetta con pazienza che accettiamo di dialogare con lui come persone.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 — **WEEKDAY**
7:30 am For the birthday remembrance of Aunt Viv by Michael, Gail, and Pally
Miss you these Holidays Mom love Children and Family
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 — **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:45 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata
9:00 am †
10:30 am Filippo Favia by Wife Elisa
12:00 pm For the Birthday of Juliza & Jesus Bonilla
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 — **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 — **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 6 — **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — **SAINT AMBROSE**
7:30 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 — **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**
7:30 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 — **ADVENT WEEKDAY**
7:30 am † Carmela and Enrico DiTata
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 — **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:45 am † Ralph and Lucia De Vito by Doyle Grandchildren
† Juan de la Rosa by Brad and Barbara Dahly
9:00 am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm † Carmela and Enrico DiTata
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
Luke Westrick
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Sara Zonca
Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Nico Felice
Emilio Scalzitti
Nell Baker
Fabiola Pintor
Isabel Pintor
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Kelly Ann Haymaker
Macy Grace Giacone
Josephine Grasso
June Stellato
Conny Rico
John Sepka
Melacia Nuñez
Bridget Midula
Donna Novotny

Rest In Peace

† George L. Gatti
† Raul Gallegos
† Maria Monarrez

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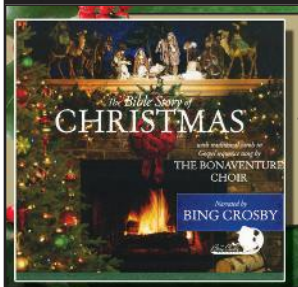

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