Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18th, 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

THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905

Humilitas

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 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 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.

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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

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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

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 December

Dec 24th Sat/Sab Christmas Eve
5:30pm English Mass with CCD kids
7:30pm Spanish Mass
12:00am English Midnight Mass

Dec 25th Sun/Dom Nativity of the Lord
Regular Sunday Schedule

Dec 26th Mon/ Lun
7:30pm Misa por la Paz

Dec 31st Sat/Sab New Year's Eve
5:30pm Bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving

Jan 1 Sun/Dom
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Regular Sunday Schedule

Grand Raffle / Rifa Guadalupana

Winners / Ganadores

1st Prize / 1er Premio: Jaz Flores #9225
2nd Prize / 2do Premio: Jose Arreola #769
3rd Prize / 3er Premio: Gabriel Aidan #6154
4th Prize / 4to Premio: Malena Arellano #5970
5th Prize / 5to Premio: Jesus Chavez #2462

Weekly Offering

December 10 – 11, 2016
Regular Sunday Collection: $4,399.00
Second Collection: $1,156.00
Children: $356.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife into your home! On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the memory of Our Lady becomes very much alive. It is through her that we received salvation, it is thanks to her ability to please her Creator that Jesus Our Lord came into the world; nevertheless, very little do we reflect on how difficult it was for this young woman of Israel to embrace God's will in her life and open up her heart to a messianic project that implied giving herself fully to the Lord. Her commitment did not come to pass free of difficulties, however, she was able to live out her mission because she placed her trust in the One who never fails, never abandons and never turns His back on His creatures. A difficult part of the story has to do with St. Joseph. He experienced doubts and had a hard time fully comprehending the whole situation. God also takes care of him. An Angel came in dreams to this bewildered husband and revealed to him the plan of God, filling his heart with confidence and courage.

As we approach the nativity of the Lord, the Church invites believers to place their trust in the Lord just as Mary did. Having Mary as a model should encourage us all to embrace the divine plans in ways that allow the Spirit to fully convert our lives to a more devout lifestyle. We cannot call ourselves true children of the Blessed Virgin unless we totally embrace the divine will in our daily experience. To see ourselves as true disciples of the Son of Mary implies to entirely comprehend that God has designed a plan for each one and totally surrender ourselves to such a project. As long as we continue to twist the will of the Lord according to our convenience, as long as we insist in pursuing our own visions and our human interests instead of convincingly promoting Gospel oriented values, our presence in the Church will poorly reflect our human interests and hide that which God has dreamed for his Church and our world.

May the journey to the nativity of Our Lord reflect the true faith of people who realize his salvation is at hand. May we all surrender ourselves before his divine majesty and may this last week of Advent lead all believers to fully experience salvation at hand when the Lord of all visits our human history to impregnate it with divine emotion!

Adsum,

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **The Church's office will be closed on Friday December 23rd, and on Christmas day the 25th.**
- **For more information on the schedules for mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas day, you can refer to the month of December schedule by the front of the bulletin.**
- **Also the Community Center will be closed on the 23rd, 26th, 30th of December, and the 2nd of January due to the holidays.**

Merry CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY New Year

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

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SECOND COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

This year, Christmas day will fall on a Sunday, therefore a second collection will take place as a way of gifting our Church on the day of Christ's birth.

The holyday season provides us with the opportunity to offer presents to those we love the most as a sign of our gratitude and concern for them.

Please make sure the same love is shown towards our Church at the moment we decide on how much we should donate in the second collection that day.

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STARTING AT
11:30pm
On Christmas Eve,
Followed by
Mid-night Mass
Join us for this
beautiful celebration
commemorating the birth
of Our Savior!!!

Mensaje del Párroco

¡La Virgen concebirá y dará a luz un Hijo, y le podrá por nombre Emmanuel! Esta expresión del Ángel en el evangelio que la Iglesia nos presenta este cuarto domingo de Adviento, puede causar desconcierto en el corazón creyente: La virgen está embarazada… Que contradicción tan tremenda, pareciera que el mensajero divino quiere reírse de José, el prometido de María que lleno de confusión se pregunta: ¿Qué es lo mejor que puedo hacer? Sin embargo cuando la intervención de dios queda clara en la explicación que el Ángel ofrece, José es capaz de aceptar de buena gana e incluso hacerse parte del proyecto divino a través del cual toda la creación quedara lista para experimentar la Salvación que en Cristo viene al mundo.

Cuando Dios cubrió con la sombra de su Espíritu a esta joven doncella, hizo con ella lo que Dios sabe hacer mejor: ¡llenarla de vida! La duda no pudo establecerse en el corazón de José porque El era un hombre justo y no puede haber espacio para la falta de confianza en Dios en el corazón justo. Se levanto y abrazó con convicción la misión que Dios le encomendaba: desposo a María y adopto a Jesús como su Hijo. Dios muchas veces nos exige comportamientos que van mas allá de nuestras posibilidades e incluso de nuestra comprensión, sin embargo con un Espíritu de Fe somos capaces de abrazar sus proyectos sabiendo que nunca quedaremos decepcionados. El Dios que nos ha creado sabe cómo conducirnos a la plenitud misma de la vida y si le permitimos obrar con libertad seremos capaces de confirmar no únicamente su poder sino también la tremenda fascinación que la aventura de la fe es capaz de provocar en el corazón creyente.

Mientras avanzamos hacia el pesebre, dejemos que Dios obre con sutileza en nuestras vidas, como lo hizo con María, como lo hizo con José, también en nosotros será capaz de marcar con sorpresa nuestro caminar muchas veces desconcertado. Que este ultimo trecho hacia el portal se vuelva una aventura digna de contarse a los demás.

Adsum,

"A quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros."

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AVISOS INPORTANTES

- La oficina parroquial, estara cerrada el Viernes 23 y domingo 25 de diciembre. El sabado 24 estara abierta en horario regular.
- El Centro Comunitario estara cerrado el Viernes 23 y el Lunes diciembre,
- Para los horarios de las misas de Navidad, por favor de referirse a la segunda pagina del boletin.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La tradición mexicana de las Posadas se acompaña de las tradicionales piñatas. Aunque hay piñatas de animales y caricaturas, la piñata original es una estrella con siete picos.

La piñata llegó al continente con los misioneros agustinos procedentes de España, mismos que la habían recibido de italianos; y éstos, a su vez, la obtuvieron de Marco Polo quien conoció decoraciones de animales coloridos en China. El asociar la piñata con las Posadas viene de la cultura Náhuatl quienes celebraban a Huitzilopochtli (dios de la guerra) del 17 al 26 de diciembre. Estos ponían cazuelas de barro decoradas con listones y plumas sobre palos en el templo. Al romperlas, tesoros y alhajas caían a los pies de su dios.

Los misioneros mezclaron las dos costumbres para la catequesis. La estrella de siete picos representa al diablo y los 7 pecados capitales, mientras que la venda en los ojos es la fe en Cristo. El acto de pegarle a la piñata son nuestros esfuerzos cristianos a pesar de las desorientaciones que trae la vida. Romper la piñata es estar bañado con la gracia del Espíritu Santo y recibir los dones de Dios.

SEGUNDA COLECTA DE NAVIDAD

Este año, la celebración de Navidad coincide con el día Domingo, por lo que se estará llevando a cabo una segunda colecta considerada como nuestro regalo navideño para la Iglesia.

En una época cuando los regalos manifiestan nuestro cariño y profundo agradecimiento hacia los demás, les pedimos que consideren ser generosos en su regalo ese dia.

Que lo que ofrecen en esa segunda colecta, manifieste la gratitud de nuestro corazón hacia el Monte Carmelo, nuestro hogar espiritual, Y que nuestra generosidad sea digna de alabanza en esta época tan especial.

GRACIAS, MUCHAS GRACIAS

Durante las festividades Guadalupanas, tuvimos la oportunidad de compartir como familia nuestra fe, nuestras tradiciones … y nuestro apetito!!!

Agradecemos profundamente a algunos establecimientos de nuestra comunidad por su generosa colaboración con la comida y bebida que nos ofrecieron:

El Anzuelo

El Duranguito

Carnicerías Jiménez

Rezamos para que la Virgen Santísima les colme de bendiciones y que Dios Nuestro Señor les recompense con generosidad su dedicación a nuestra Parroquia.

P. Miguel, cs

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

Riconoscere il carattere tardivo dei racconti dell'infanzia di Gesù, non significa minimizzarli. Alla luce degli avvenimenti pasquali, infatti, questi vennero inseriti, senza dubbio per ultimi, nelle tradizioni riguardanti Gesù di Nazaret, «*nato dalla stirpe di Davide secondo la carne, costituito Figlio di Dio con la potenza secondo lo Spirito di santificazione mediante la risurrezione dai morti*». (Rm 1,3)

Riferendo l'annuncio a Giuseppe, Matteo non intende soffermarsi sulle relazioni psicologiche del personaggio. Il suo scopo è semplicemente quello di rispondere alla domanda: chi è il messia? Per lui, Gesù è colui «che salverà il suo popolo dai suoi peccati», è l'erede ultimo di Israele, e Giuseppe è colui che lo inserisce nella stirpe di Davide.

Avvertito sin dall'inizio — e da chi, se non da Maria? —della nascita inattesa, in un primo momento pensa di doversi ritirare di fronte a un mistero in cui non crede di avere un ruolo da svolgere. Allora Dio interviene. Senza dubbio, il bambino che Maria porta in grembo, «*viene dallo Spirito Santo*». Ma Giuseppe deve assicurargli uno statuto legale, deve riconoscerlo dandogli il proprio nome. Bisogna che, grazie a lui, la casa di Davide possa vedere in questo figlio il «Dio-con-noi» (Is. 7,14) accogliendo così un piano di salvezza che va dall'incarnazione all'ascensione (Mt. 1,23; 28,20)

«*Un lieto evento*», così viene designato comunemente una nascita. Che dire dell'attesa di questo bambino, durante la quale Giuseppe svolge un ruolo umile ma indispensabile?Non si tratta della storia di una famiglia come tante altre ma della «storia di Dio con noi», della storia della salvezza.

La collaborazione degli uomini—Dio chiama anche Giuseppe a collaborare, nell'incarnazione del Figlio, col compito di inserire legalmente Gesù nella famiglia di Davide, secondo la promessa di Natan (2 Samuele, 7,12). L'incarnazione viene con la collaborazione degli uomini. Al contrario del re Acaz, Giuseppe accetta il segno del Bambino nato da una vergine, a dispetto di ogni paura e di ogni scrupolo. E noi, in che modo collaboreremo alla nascita di Cristo nel mondo di oggi?

L'Emmanuele: Dio con noi

La Chiesa, attraverso la predicazione e la liturgia, continua a ripetere all'uomo che la salvezza vera e definitiva è un dono che Dio stesso ci porta venendo fra noi.

Al centro della liturgia di questa domenica sta la rivelazione di questo segreto, di questo mistero tenuto nascosto per secoli: lo svelamento, cioè, del piano salvifico che Dio ha preparato ed attuato per nostro amore. Questo disegno di salvezza ha una sua storia ed ha dei segni rivelatori.

Il profeta annuncia un segno che può essere riconosciuto e accolto solo nella povertà e nella umiltà della fede. Parla della nascita miracolosa dell'Emmanuele figlio di una vergine, segno miracoloso concesso da Dio al piccolo «resto» dei credenti che, per la fede in lui, nonostante gli sforzi dei nemici, saranno liberati (prima lettura). Sarà questo il nuovo popolo costituito nell'ordine della fede e non in forza di privilegi nazionalistici o di casta.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am †
5:30pm † Mary Lou Campanella by Sheri

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:45am † Josefina Villareal by Family
9:00am †
10:30am †
12:00pm †
1:30pm †
5:00pm †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am † Eleanor Culotta by Gabriella Rauzi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am †
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 — ADVENT WEEKDAY
7:30 am † Marion Guiglio by Husband Frank & Children
5:30 pm †
7:30 pm †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 — THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
12:00 am †
7:45 am † Frank Maidl by Maidl Family
† Roseann Morroco by Husband
For Mari Ann Gaul by Maidl Family
For Nancy Black by Maidl Family
For Barbara Maidl by Maidl Family
9:00 am †
10:30 am † Lino Rauzi by Family
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

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

Linda Bandy
Art Conti
Antonela De Biasio
Nico De Biasio
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie Goldi
Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Carol Maioni
Vandy Liala
Ethan Maidl
Joseph Pulido
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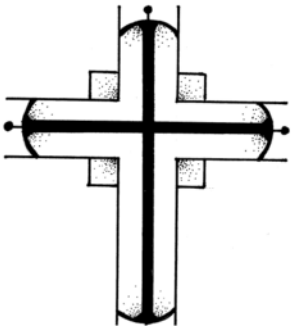

Rest In Peace

† Mary Conti

THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNAL MASS CELEBRATION: DECEMBER 2016
+ MASSES REQUESTED DURING OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 2016 FEAST +

This Mass, requested during the Feast of OLMC, is celebrated for the benefit of the following persons:
Questa Messa, richiesta durante la Festa della Madonna del Carmine, viene celebrata a beneficio delle seguenti persone:

Saturday, December 17 5:30 p.m. Mass	Sunday, December 18 7:45 a.m. Mass	Sunday, December 18 10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday, December 18 12:00 a.m. Mass
Kevin, Lisa, Ben, Faith and Christian Lindell	Spano and Patano Family	Tony Fornato	Jason Kurey and family
Gianni Pincente	Alan Bianchi	Fedele e Carmelo Gervasio	Betty Tosto
Marsellis Family	Louise Willes and Family	Giovanni e Maria C Nicodemo	Carol Colapietro and Daniel
Mazzei Family	Michael Tosto Sr.	Tony Formusa	Donna Leoni Peluso and Family
Ponte Berger	Carly Crispino	Renato Franch	John and Josephine Madoni
Michael Tosto Sr. and Family	Biagio and Michelina Tudisco	Alice Neumann	Kaner and Haugh Family and Friends
		Wilfred Neumann	Benjamin Lindell
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