Virgin and Child with Four Angels, Gerard David, Metropolitan Museum of Art

Mother of God, pray for us

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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.

KHAN'S Testimony

My name is VU THANH KHAN. I am Scalabrinian Missionary. I came from Vietnam to a nation very far from mine. After almost a year of being with you, I just want to give thanks to the Lord and to each one of you. You gave me the wonderful experience that I could not believe. My heart had been filled with joy and happiness for being with each one of you this year. Through this year, I have learned how to be the missionary among the big community with different people, culture and languages. From the experience with each of you, I feel more confident and strong in my vocation. I feel more in touch with my charisma to serve the migrants and I feel that I am a migrant among the migrants. I feel that we are not strangers, we are family. I would like to stay with you more time but I can't; I need to go back to Colombia to finish my formation and study. I don't have anything to give to each one of you, but I leave my heart and my memories here with you as my gift.
Thank you very much and Happy New Year to all.

Testimonio de KHAN:

Mi nombre es VU THANH KHAN. Yo soy un Misionero Scalabriniano. Yo vine de Vietnam a un país lejos de mi tierra. Después de casi un año de estar con ustedes, quiero agradecer a Dios y a cada uno de ustedes. Me dieron la maravillosa experiencia que no pude creer. Mi corazón se ha llenado de alegría y felicidad con cada uno de ustedes en este año. En este año, aprendí a ser misionero en medio de la gran comunidad de diferentes personas, culturas e idiomas. Desde la experiencia que tuve con ustedes me siento más seguro y fuerte en mi vocación. Me siento en contacto con mi carisma para servir a los migrantes y siento que yo soy un migrante entre los migrantes. Percibí que no somos extranjeros sino somos familia. Me habría gustado quedarme con ustedes más tiempo, pero no puedo; necesito volver a Colombia para terminar mi formación y estudio primero. No tengo nada que darle a cada uno de ustedes, así que dejo mi corazón y mis recuerdos aquí con ustedes como regalo.
Muchas gracias y Feliz Año Nuevo a todos.

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*
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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 24th Sun/Dom Christmas Eve

- 5:00pm English Mass
- 7:00pm Misa en Español
- 11:30pm 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

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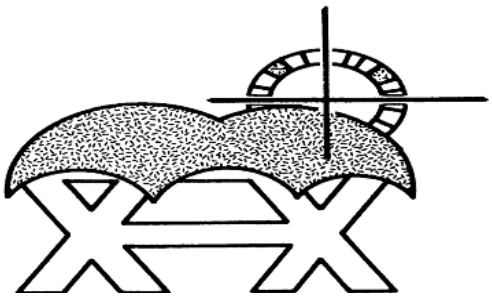

Weekly Offering

December 23 - December 24, 2017

Regular Sunday Collection: $3,877.00
Christmas Collection: $4,745.00

From the Pastor's Desk

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord".

It is with this biblical expression that humbly I come among you in these sacred holy days of Christmas Festivities, end of the year and beginning of the new year, to journey along as pastor together.

I am Fr. Giovanni Bizzotto, scalabrinian missionary, that after several years of formation in Italy where I was born, I spent 9 years in Canada, 6 years in Michoacán, MX, 16 years in Los Angeles, 4 years in CDMX, and 1 ½ year in Nuevo Laredo, MX. Believe me, I am torn within many feelings and thoughts in this moment for what I am presently living, and for what God called me to live through this year 2017.

First, it is with joy and hope that I come among you, parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, to fulfill my vocation and to journey together in building up the Kingdom of God in the hope to continue with the activities and programs of evangelization in the parish, in order to grow as people of God and in our personal call to holiness.

Second, I believe that this year 2017 has being for all of us a year of many opportunities of growth, many excellent decisions, blessings with grateful and rich experiences as well as challenges and lost. Personally, it has been a year in which, on one side, God offered me the opportunity to live the experience of being a good samaritan, welcoming, and hosting daily an average of 100 migrants in our **Casa del Migrante Nazareth, House for Migrants**, in Nuevo Laredo, MX. I learned a lot and it filled my missionary heart with many gratifications and wisdom. I thank God for allowing me daily to be one with the migrants by listening to their stories of journey or of return as deportees. Where many shared their despair and pain for being separated from their spouse or their 3 or 8 children, after being living and working here for 43, 30, 20, or 10 years with documents and losing the status for a lie or an administrative failure, or due to lack of proper process.
On the other hand, God called my mother Caterina to enter to the eternal Glory on Good Friday. I am grateful to God and my family for the abundant and caring life he gave her. As a result, I was left with a heart full of peace for all that she shared with me in her 90 years of life. Finally, I do not deny it, for all that I lived in the past year in Nuevo Laredo, believe me, it was not easy to leave my migrants, but you know this is the missionary life that I embrace and **as missionary I am happy to be here with you.**

And so for you, which are the experiences, you thank God in this year 2017?

Third, I believe that all of us men and women of God, it is with hope that we welcome the New Year, certain that it will bring a lot of good opportunities and blessings. And of course in case of difficult situations, we firmly believe that God will be always with us to strengthen and enlightening our way.

God is our light and our salvation!!!

Happy blessed YEAR 2018!

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE **FRANCIS**
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE **51st WORLD DAY OF PEACE**
1 JANUARY 2018

Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace

1. *Heartfelt good wishes for peace*
Peace to all people and to all nations on earth! Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night, is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence. Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Pope Benedict XVI, my beloved predecessor, spoke of them as "men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace." In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal.

In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.
We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home.

For complete text: www.vatican.va Mensaje PAZ 2018

The Golden Jubilee of the new church & the 125th Feast

January 20 at 7:00pm - "Spaghetti Dinner"
Hosted by the Youth Group

February 10 at 7:00pm - "Mardi Gras"
Hosted by Altar & Rosary & Feast Committee

March 9 at 6:00pm - St. Anthony annual Lenten Fish
Hosted by St. Anthony Society

March at 6:00pm Lenten Evening of Recollection
Hosted by Altar & Rosary

April 21 at 6:30pm - Feast Kick Off Dinner
Hosted by the Feast Committee

May 5 at 7:00pm - "Cinco de Mayo"
Hosted by Grupo Hispano

June 10 - Golden Jubilee Mass & Ice Cream Social
Hosted by the Scouts

Feast of the Holy Family

The family is the natural and fundamental treasure that God offered us in which you and I became the matured and educated person that we are, thanks to the values, principles and affection we received in our homes.
Think for a moment, the minutes, we spend with our dear ones has to be valuable for them as for us. Be our children, spouses, brothers, sisters or parents.
The moments of shared experiences have to nurture our spirit, harmonized our conscience and help to mature and to grow human, intellectual, emotional and spiritual.
Be aware that if you die tomorrow, within days, for example your place of work will be replace soon by someone else, nonetheless, the family, we leave behind will miss us for the rest of their life.
Consider this, to too often we give ourselves more at the workplace or to the sport activities or to our friends then to our own family, risking to distort our hierarchy of priorities,
values and forgetting what indeed should be important in our lives.
Remember, if we could be cordials and polite with our neighbors, much more,
we should be with those we love and surround with affection.
Think about as well:
Who is closer to your heart than the members of your family?

Mensaje del Párroco

"Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor".

Es con esta expresión bíblica que humildemente llego entre ustedes en estos días sagrados de las Festividades Navideñas, de Fin de Año y de comienzo de Año Nuevo, para hacer camino como párroco entre ustedes. Soy P. Giovanni Bizzotto, misionero scalabriniano, que luego de mis años de formación en Italia en donde nací, estuve 9 años en Canadá, 6 años en Michoacán, 16 años en Los Ángeles, 4 años en DF y 1 ½ año en Nuevo Laredo. Créanme, tengo muchos sentimientos y pensamientos en este momento por lo que estoy actualmente viviendo y por lo que he vivido a lo largo de este año 2017.

Primero, es con alegría y esperanza que llego a ustedes feligreses de la Iglesia de Monte Carmelo para hacer camino junto en la construcción del Reino de Dios y en la esperanza de seguir con las actividades y programas de evangelización para continuar creciendo como pueblo de Dios y en nuestro camino de santidad personal.

Segundo, creo que para todos nosotros este año 2017 ha sido un año de oportunidades de crecimiento, de muchas buenas decisiones y bendiciones con agradables y ricas experiencias como también de retos y desafíos. Para mi ha sido el año en donde Dios, de un lado, me ofreció la oportunidad todos los días de vivir la experiencia del buen samaritano, acogiendo y hospedando a diario un promedio de 100 migrantes en Nuestra Casa del Migrante Nazareth, en Nuevo Laredo. He aprendido mucho y ha llenado mi corazón misionero de muchas gratificaciones y sabiduría. Agradezco a Dios por haberme permitido hacerme a diario uno con los migrantes, escuchando sus historias de camino o de deportación en donde algunos compartían sus destrozos, porque separado de su pareja o de sus 3 o 8 hijos. Otros que luego de 43, 30, 20 o 10 años en este país con documentos, se los vieron quitados por una mentira o un indebido proceso legal. De otro lado, Dios me llamó a entregarle a mi mamá Caterina, que el viernes santo entró en Su Gloria. Estoy agradecido con Dios y mis familiares por la abundante vida que le regaló. Me quedé con el corazón lleno de paz, por todo los que nos regaló en sus 90 años de vida.

Finalmente, no le escondo, por todo lo vivido en Nuevo Laredo, créanme no me fue fácil dejar mis migrantes, pero así es nuestra vida misionera y como misionero feliz aquí estoy!

¿Y tú de que agradeces al Señor por este año 2017?

Tercero, creo que todos nosotros como hombres y mujeres de Dios es con ilusión que damos la bienvenida al Nuevo Año, cierto que nos brindará un abanico de muchas oportunidades y que en el caso de situaciones difíciles, la GRACIA de Dios siempre estará con nosotros para iluminarnos y fortalecernos.

¡El Señor es nuestra LUZ y SALVACION!

¡FELIZ AÑO 2018!

Jubileo de Oro y 125 Aniversario de la Fiesta de Ntra. Sra. Del Monte Carmelo

Enero 20 (7pm) - Cena de Spaguetti
Organizado por el Grupo de Jóvenes

Febrero 10 (7pm) - Fiesta de Mardi Gras
Organizado por el Comité de Altar y Rosario, y el Comité de la Fiesta.

Marzo 9 (6pm) - Fiesta Anual de Pescado Frito
Organizado por la Asociación de San Antonio

Marzo (6pm)- Noche de Reflexión Cuaresmal
Organizado por el Comité, Altar y Rosario

Abril 21 (6:30pm) - Cena de Inauguración de la Fiesta
Organizado por el Comité de Fiesta

Mayo 5 (7pm) - Fiesta de Cinco de mayo
Organizado por el Grupo Hispano

Junio 10 - Misa de Jubileo y Convivio
Organizado por las niñas y niños exploradores

MENSAJE DEL SANTO PADRE **FRANCISCO**
PARA LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA **51 JORNADA MUNDIAL DE LA PAZ**
1 DE ENERO DE 2018
Migrantes y Refugiados: hombres y mujeres que buscan la PAZ

1. Un deseo de paz
Paz a todas las personas y a todas las naciones de la tierra. La paz, que los ángeles anunciaron a los pastores en la noche de Navidad, es una aspiración profunda de todas las personas y de todos los pueblos, especialmente de aquellos que más sufren por su ausencia, y a los que tengo presentes en mi recuerdo y en mi oración. De entre ellos quisiera recordar a los más de 250 millones de migrantes en el mundo, de los que 22 millones y medio son refugiados. Estos últimos, como afirmó mi querido predecesor Benedicto XVI, «son hombres y mujeres, niños, jóvenes y ancianos que buscan un lugar donde vivir en paz». Para encontrarlo, muchos de ellos están dispuestos a arriesgar sus vidas a través de un viaje que, en la mayoría de los casos, es largo y peligroso; están dispuestos a soportar el cansancio y el sufrimiento, a afrontar las alambradas y los muros que se alzan para alejarlos de su destino.

Con espíritu de misericordia, abrazamos a todos los que huyen de la guerra y del hambre, o que se ven obligados a abandonar su tierra a causa de la discriminación, la persecución, la pobreza y la degradación ambiental.
Somos conscientes de que no es suficiente sentir en nuestro corazón el sufrimiento de los demás. Habrá que trabajar mucho antes de que nuestros hermanos y hermanas puedan empezar de nuevo a vivir en paz, en un hogar seguro.

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FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

La familia es el ***tesoro natural y fundamental*** *que Dios nos regaló en la cual tú y yo nos vamos haciendo persona madura y formada gracias a los valores, principios, educación y afecto que recibimos en ella.*
Piensas por un momento, los minutos que pasamos con nuestros seres queridos deben ser valiosos para ellos y para nosotros. Ya sean nuestros hijos, conyugues, hermanos o padres.
Los momentos de experiencias compartidas deben alimentar nuestros espíritus, armonizar nuestras consciencias y ayudarnos a madurar y crecer humana, intelectual, emocional y espiritualmente.

Ten en cuenta que si morimos mañana, en cosa de días, por ejemplo la empresa en la que trabajamos, encuentra un reemplazo y cubre el puesto. ***Pero la familia que dejamos atrás sentirá la perdida por el resto de su vida****. Considera esto, porque a veces nos entregamos más al trabajo o al deporte o a los amigos más que a nuestra propia* ***familia****, arriesgando de desvirtuar nuestra escala de prioridades, valores y nos olvidamos de lo que* ***debe ser realmente importante en nuestras vidas.***

Si podemos ser cordiales y corteses con nuestro prójimo, también podemos serlo con quienes nos aman y nos rodean de cariño.

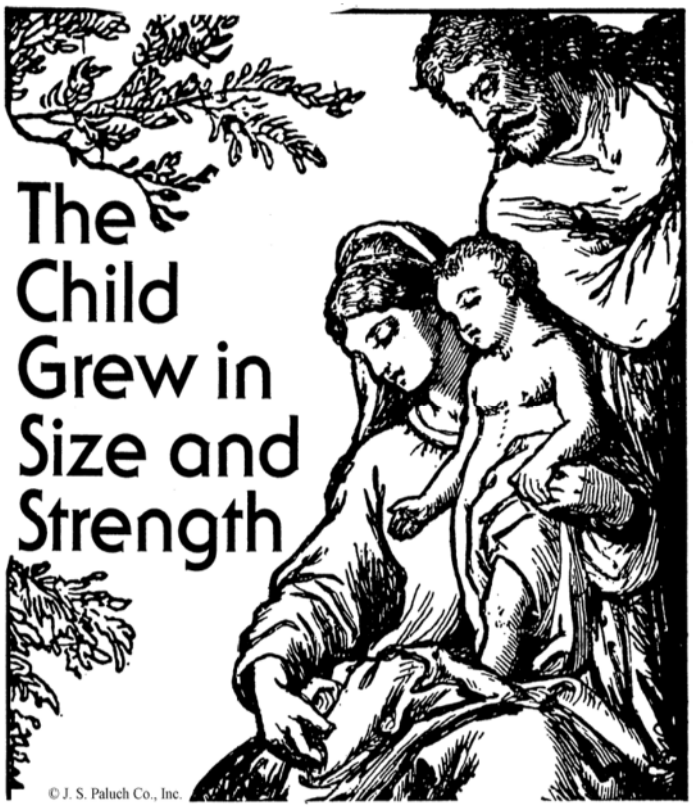
Piénsalo*: ¿quién está mas cerca de tu corazón que los miembros de tu Familia?*

Fr. Feccia's Reflection

La Santa Famiglia — Anno "B"— Il mistero della vita di Gesù Bambino con i suoi genitori: la liturgia di oggi ci presenta una meditazione tutta centrata sul Cristo, che interessa in modo particolare le famiglie cristiane.
«*Da dove viene il Messia?*», si domandavano i contemporanei di «*Gesù di Nazaret!*». Ignoravano la sua nascita a Betlemme di Giuda; perciò si stupivano che si presentasse come il messia uno che veniva dalla Galilea (Giv. 1,46; 7,41). Matteo ripercorre quindi l'itinerario movimentato dell'infanzia di Gesù: il suo esodo come profugo in seguito alla minaccia di Erode, che costringe i suoi genitori a rifugiarsi in Egitto, dove Gesù rivive il destino del popolo eletto; e infine il ritiro nel paese d'Israele e la scelta di abitare a Nazaret, che giustifica il suo soprannome (Anno A). Fin dalla nascita Gesù si trova sotto il segno della croce.
Gli episodi della presentazione di Gesù al tempio (Anno B) e del suo ritrovamento a Gerusalemme, durante il suo primo pellegrinaggio pasquale (Anno C), sottolineano entrambi la crescita «*in sapienza grazia*» di un bambino dedito alla propria missione fin dalla più giovane età. La sua vocazione dolorosa e gloriosa insieme, viene annunziata da Luca: «*Gesù sarà segno di contraddizioni*», ma anche luce per i pagani e gloria del suo popolo Israele. Nel tempio, a dodici anni, il bambino vivrà anticipatamente il proprio destino pasquale quando, perduto e ritrovato,verrà scoperto il terzo giorno nella casa del Padre.
La Santa famiglia non era una famiglia senza problemi. Maria e Giuseppe hanno voluto condividere la condizione di quel figlio sconcertante, seguendolo passo per passo nella rivelazione del suo mistero. Ed è proprio per questa loro disponibilità totale che meritano la nostra ammirazione.
Inizi difficili — Le circostanze obbligano Giuseppe a ritirarsi con la famiglia in Galilea, in una borgata senza gloria. A Nazaret i primi cristiani si riconoscevano in Gesù Bambino: perseguitati anch'essi, venivano chiamati con l'appellativo un po' spregiativo «*nazareni*». questa è la linea dell'incarnazione: il figlio di Dio non ha voluto condividere la vita dei privilegiati, ma dei poveri, dei disprezzati, degli esclusi.

Famiglia piccola Chiesa

La Chiesa e il mondo contemporaneo s'interrogano, oggi più che mai, circa il disegno di Dio sulla famiglia. Mentre da una parte emergono alcuni grandi valori che manifestano la presenza di Dio, come la crescita della libertà e della responsabilità nella paternità e nell'educazione, la legittima aspirazione della donna all'eguaglianza di diritti e di doveri con l'uomo, l'apertura al dialogo verso tutta la grande famiglia umana, la stima delle relazioni autenticamente personali..., dall'altra si constatano crescenti difficoltà, come la degradazione della sessualità, la visione materialistica ed edonistica della vita, l'atteggiamento permissivo dei genitori, l'indebolirsi dei vincoli familiari e della comunicazione tra generazioni.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 — SIXTH DAY, OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY
7:30 am † Christine Ariola DeBuono by Aunt Corinne Principe
† Eda Falco by Children & Family
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm † Lorraine McKenzie by Sister Corinne Principe
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
10:30 am †
12:00 pm † John G. Babowice by Loving Family
1:30 pm †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 — SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN
7:30 am †
6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY. JANUARY 3 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
7:30 am † For the birthday of Nancy Black by Maidl Family
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 — SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
7:30 am For Marianne Gaul by Maidl Family
6:30 pm †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 — SAINT JOHN NEUMANN
7:30 am † Frank & Tommy by Maidl Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
7:30 am †
5:30 pm †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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	Sara Zonca
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Jacob Duda	Nico Felice
Kristie Goldi	Emilio Scalzitti
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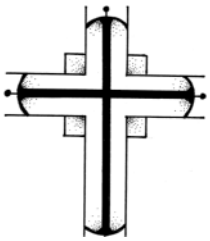

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-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

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- 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

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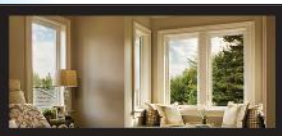

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