

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Served by The Missionaries of Saint Charles - Scalabrinians



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Fr. Leandro Fossá, C.S.

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John Battisto
Giulio Camerini
Jose Ramon Arenas

Secretaries

Nancy Diaz
Bianca Lara

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00am—12:00pm
12:30pm—7:30pm

Saturday

9:00am — 1:00pm
2:00pm— 4:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
Monday — Friday 8:00am
Español
Lunes a Viernes a las 6:30pm
Italiano
Sotto richiesta

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**THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES
AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905.**



Our Lady of Mt Carmel is served
by the Congregation of the Missionaries of
St. Charles Scalabrinians.

We are a 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 Scalabrin (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 (Scalabrinian) we strive to create a welcoming space where justice for all and the well-being of God's people become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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NUESTRA SEÑORA 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 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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NOSTRA SIGNORA DEL MONTE CARMELO - VISIONE

Siamo una comunità di fede circondata dalla grazia di Dio Padre che ci ha adottato come figli amati attraverso il Battesimo. Camminiamo come fratelli e sorelle, inspirati nel Vangelo di Gesù Cristo, nutriti con l'Eucaristia, e fortificati dall'amore dello Spirito Santo. Rimaniamo incoraggiati nella pratica della nostra Tradizione Cattolica, esperimentiamo ed onoriamo la protezione materna della Nostra Signora del Monte Carmelo, celebrando con gioia le pratiche religiose dei nostri antenati nella Fede. Animati dallo zelo ministeriale dei Missionari di San Carlo (Scalabriniani), cerchiamo di creare uno spazio di accoglienza, Dove la giustizia per tutti e il benessere del popolo di Dio diventa l'ispirazione nel nostro lavoro per costruire il Regno di Dio.

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

Xochitl Duran 708.345.3632

Programs Director

Jose Michel 708.345.3632

Religious Education

Sister Alma Huerta 708.344.4140

Community Center Site Director

Pablo Cruz 708.345.3632

Sacramental Life

Confessions Confesiones

Thursdays — Jueves

5:30pm — 7:00pm

Saturdays — *Sábados*

4:00pm—5:00pm or by appointment /o con cita.

Baptisms Bautizos

Contact the secretary at least a month in advance.

Contactar a la secretaria un mes antes .

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 a la Secretaría al menos dos semanas antes.

Religious Services

Adoration Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento

Thursdays 5:30pm—6:30pm

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 3:30pm —5:30pm

Religious Education—Office Hours/Horario de Oficina

Tuesday & Wednesday - Martes & Miércoles:

3:30pm —7:30pm

Thursday & Friday — Jueves & Viernes:

10:00am —5:00pm

Catecismo

Saturday - Sábados 3:30pm — 6:30pm

Upcoming Events

December 12, 2021

+ English baptismal class at 9:00am

December 13, 2021

+ Feast day of St. Lucy Mass at
7:00pm

December 18, 2021

+ Bautizos en Español a las 9:30am

December 19, 2021

+ English Baptism at 3:00pm

December 24, 2021

+ English Mass at 5:00pm
+ Misa en Español a las 7:00pm
+ Christmas Carols at 11:30pm
+ Midnight Mass at 12:00am

December 25, 2021

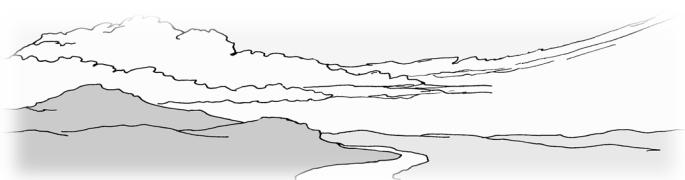
+ English Christmas Mass at 9:00am
+ Italian Christmas Mass at 10:30am
+ Misa de Navidad a las 12:00pm

December 31, 2021

+ English Mass at 5:00pm
+ Misa en Español a las 7:00pm

January 1, 2022

+ New Year English Mass at 9:00am
+ New Year Italian Mass at 10:30pm
+ Misa de Año Nuevo a las 12:00pm



Weekly Offering

November 27 – November 28, 2021

Regular Sunday Collection: \$4,639.00

Christmas Flowers Collection: \$733.00

Thank You

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

Dear Parishioners.

Advent is here and invites us to wait for the Lord. This weekend's gospel mentions, "***Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight.***"

Today, the Church proposes the contemplation of Isaiah's prophetic words about John the Baptist, the Precursor of our Lord, who made himself known on the banks of the river Jordan by announcing the salvation of God. He had the mission to prepare new ways for the Lord, to smooth the rough paths, to make the mountains low, to turn rugged earth into fertile valleys (cf. Lk 3:4-5). Now, we Christians are also requested, without any fear of the present world, to work apostolically so that every mortal will see the salvation of God (cf. Lk 3:6) that only comes from God through Jesus Christ.

We have many valleys to fill, many paths to smooth, many mountains to move. Maybe these are difficult times; but if we rely upon God's Grace, we will not be lacking the necessary means. We shall be precursors insofar as we live near our Lord. I like these words from the Blessed Scalabrini: "***What the soul is to the body, so are Christians within our world.***" Naturally, we have to love the world we live in with all our heart. As a personage from a novel by Dostoyevsky used to say: "Love Creation in its entirety and its elements, each leaf, each beam of light, the animals, the plants. And, while loving them, you will be given to understand the divine mystery of things. And once this is understood we shall end up loving the whole world with a universal love."

This second week of advent we are invited to prepare the way of the Lord. Here at Our Lady of Mt Carmel we will start Our Lady of Guadalupe novena and the English community will have an advent reflection this coming Tuesday. As your pastor I invite you to take advantage of the spiritual opportunities offered by the parish to prepare our hearts and souls for the birth of the Savior.

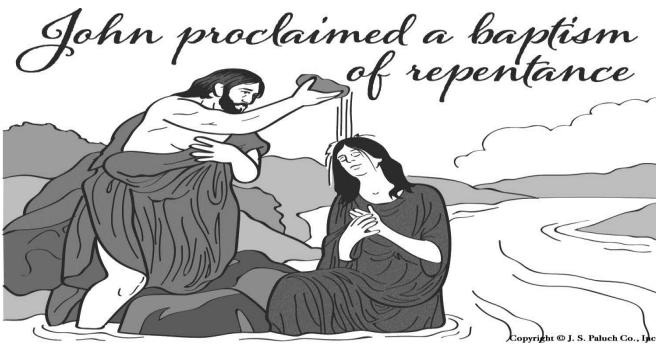
These spiritual events will strengthen each of us so from the bowels of the earth, amidst our job, our family, and our social environment we shall be precursors in preparing the ways of salvation that comes from God. With our example and our words, as Saint Jose María Escrivá described the Apostolic work of us, Christians, in the middle of the world, "We shall shake the complacency of those around us, we shall open wide horizons for them to face their selfish and bourgeois existence; we shall complicate their life, by making them forget about themselves while bringing them peace and joy."

"Every mortal will see the salvation of God."

Fr. Leandro Fossá, cs
Pastor and Rector

Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH & SHRINE
ALTAR & ROSARY
ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION
With
Fr. Larry Dreffein.**

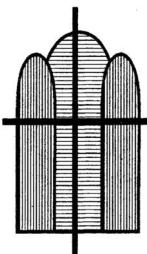
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

Mass begins at 6:00pm

Dinner and a reflection by Larry Dreffein will follow.

Tickets are available in the rectory or with any of the Altar and Rosary members.

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL GYM
22nd & Cortez
Melrose Park**



Good Boundaries Yield Healthy Relationships

By **Sharon Doty, J.D., M.H.R.**

Imagine that you are standing in the middle of 25ft circle in the middle of a school gymnasium. The circle represents your life. Everything inside the circle is you and everything outside the circle is not you.

Think about what fills up your circle:

- Everything you care about
- All the things you believe and value
- Your opinions and points of view
- Your likes and dislikes
- The people and things you love
- The people and things you find attractive and unattractive
- The things you know and don't know
- The things you want
- The things that are uniquely YOU!

A million things make you different from the person next to you and every one of those differences establishes a boundary. The more you know about these things, yourself and how you operate, the more you can see and establish boundaries for greater harmony and a more efficacious ministry.

Your boundaries, in turn, allow you to help others set appropriate boundaries in their own lives. Identifying and honoring personal boundaries is essential to providing responsible, effective ministry. Seeing that some boundaries are not appropriate and "resetting" them is also a hallmark of good ministry skills. Violating boundaries can destroy the pastoral relationship and interrupt any possibility of a successful ministerial relationship.



Program Information

Our Lady of Mount Carmel hosts a meal program for Senior Citizens. Meals are served Monday - Friday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in Carmel Hall. In addition to enjoying a delicious lunch, participants engage in social activities from 10:30am to 1:00pm and are treated to a variety of informational presentations. In order to participate, individuals must be at least 60 years of age and if someone you know or you are interested in participating, please come join us!

Transportation is available if needed. Please call the Parish office at (708)345-3632



DEL ESOCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO:

Queridos feligreses.

El Adviento está aquí y nos invita a esperar al Señor. El evangelio de este fin de semana menciona: "Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad su camino."

Hoy, la Iglesia propone la contemplación de las palabras proféticas de Isaías sobre Juan el Bautista, el Precursor de nuestro Señor, que se dio a conocer, a orillas del río Jordán, anunciando la salvación de Dios. Tenía la misión de preparar nuevos caminos para el Señor, de allanar los caminos ásperos, de hacer las montañas bajas, de convertir la tierra escarpada en valles fértiles (cf. Lc 3, 4-5). Ahora bien, a los cristianos también se nos pide, sin temor alguno al mundo actual, que trabajemos apostólicamente para que cada mortal vea la salvación de Dios (cf. Lc 3, 6) que sólo viene de Dios a través de Jesucristo.

Tenemos muchos valles que llenar, muchos caminos para suavizar, muchas montañas para escalar. Tal vez estos son tiempos difíciles; pero si confiamos en la Gracia de Dios, no nos faltarán los medios necesarios. Seremos precursores en la medida en que vivamos cerca de nuestro Señor. Me gustan estas palabras del Beato Scalabrini: *"Lo que el alma es para el cuerpo, también lo son los cristianos en nuestro mundo."* Naturalmente, tenemos que amar el mundo en el que vivimos con todo nuestro corazón, como decía un personaje de una novela de Dostoievski: «Ama la Creación en su totalidad y sus elementos, cada hoja, cada rayo de luz, los animales, las plantas. Y, mientras los ames, serás dado a comprender el misterio divino de las cosas. Y una vez entendido esto terminaremos amando al mundo entero con un amor universal.»

Esta segunda semana de adviento estamos invitados a preparar el camino del Señor. Aquí en Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo comenzaremos la novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y la comunidad de habla inglesa tendrá una reflexión de Adviento este próximo martes. Como su párroco, los invito a aprovechar las oportunidades espirituales que ofrece la parroquia para preparar nuestra alma y corazón para el nacimiento del Salvador. Estos eventos espirituales nos fortalecerán a cada uno de nosotros, por lo que, desde lo cotidiano de nuestras vidas, en medio de nuestro trabajo, nuestra familia y nuestro entorno social, seremos precursores en la preparación de los caminos de salvación que provienen de Dios. Con nuestro ejemplo y nuestras palabras, como describió san José María Escrivá la obra apostólica de nosotros, los cristianos, en medio del mundo, *"Sacudiremos la complacencia de quienes nos rodean, abriremos amplios horizontes para que enfrenten su existencia egoísta y burguesa; les complicaremos la vida, haciéndoles olvidarse de sí mismos mientras les traemos paz y alegría."*

Y podemos desear que, "Todo mortal vea la salvación de Dios."

P. Leandro Fossá, cs
Párroco y Rector

**CELEBRACIONES EN HONOR DE
LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE**



Viernes, Dic. 3: **6:30pm** Comienzo de la Solemne Novena

Jueves, Dic. 9: **6:00pm** Presentación de las Rosas a La Virgen Morena

Sábado, Dic 11 **7:00pm** Rosario y villancicos
9:00pm Música a la Virgen
10:00pm Misa
Menudo después de Misa

Domingo, 12 Dic. **4:00am** Mañanitas con banda
5:00am Matachines
5:30am Misa Solemne con Mariachi
7:00am Desayuno con Menudo gratis para todos en el Carmel Hall
10:00am Kermes en el Carmel Hall
5:00pm Misa de Tardecitas y sorteo de la rifa después de misa en el Carmel Hall

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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

Colecta para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Los religiosos ancianos necesitan su ayuda. Hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de ordenes religiosas de edad avanzada laboraron durante muchos años con poco o ningún pago. Sus sacrificios ahora dejan a sus comunidades religiosas sin ahorros suficientes para su jubilación. Su donativo a la segunda colecta de hoy al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos proporciona fondos vitales para medicamentos, enfermeros y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. Sean generosos.

PASO
El Proyecto de Apoyo a Familias Inmigrantes.

Este Proyecto busca ofrecer ayuda económica a familias inmigrantes afectadas por la crisis del Covid-19. Para mas información comuníquese al 708-410-2000



Información de Programa

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo organiza un programa de comidas para adultos mayores. Las comidas se sirven de lunes a viernes de 12:00pm a 1:00pm en Carmel Hall. Además de disfrutar de un delicioso almuerzo, los participantes participan en actividades sociales de 10:30am a 1:00pm y reciben una variedad de presentaciones informativas. Para participar, las personas deben tener al menos 60 años de edad.

Si conoce a alguien o usted está interesado en participar, ¡Únase a nosotros!. El transporte esta disponible, si lo necesita. Llame a la oficina de la parroquia al

(708) 344-4140



Carissimi parrocchiani, ci prepariamo alla venuta del Signore.

Il vangelo di questo fine settimana menziona: "**Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzatevi sul suo cammino**". Oggi la Chiesa propone la contemplazione delle parole profetiche di Isaia su Giovanni Battista, precursore di nostro Signore, che si fece conoscere, sulle rive del fiume Giordano, annunciando la salvezza di Dio.

Giovanni Battista ha avuto un ruolo importante nella storia di nostro Signore, ha avuto la missione di preparare nuove vie per il Signore, di appianare i sentieri accidentati, di rendere basse le montagne, di trasformare la terra aspra in valli fertili (cfr Lc 3,4-5).

Oggi, anche a noi cristiani è chiesto di fare tutto ciò, senza alcun timore del mondo attuale, ci è chiesto di operare apostolicamente affinché ogni mortale veda la salvezza di Dio (cfr Lc 3,6), salvezza che viene da Dio solo per mezzo di Gesù Cristo. Abbiamo molte valli da riempire, molti sentieri da smussare, molte montagne da spostare. Si!!!!!! Forse questi sono tempi difficili, ma, se ci affidiamo alla Grazia di Dio, non ci mancheranno i mezzi necessari. Saremo precursori nella misura in cui vivremo vicino a nostro Signore.

Mi piacciono queste parole del **Beato Scalabrini**: «**ciò che l'anima è per il corpo, così sono i cristiani nel nostro mondo**». Naturalmente, dobbiamo amare il mondo in cui viviamo con tutto il cuore!!!

Come diceva **Dostoevskij** in un suo romanzo: «Amate la creazione nella sua interezza e nei suoi elementi, ogni foglia, ogni fascio di luce, gli animali, le piante. E, amandoli, vi sarà dato di comprendere il mistero divino delle cose. E una volta compreso questo finiremo per amare il mondo intero con un amore universale». In questa seconda settimana di avvento siamo invitati a preparare la via del Signore. Qui, nella nostra parrocchia, si prospettano diverse iniziative, inizieremo la novena a Nostra Signora di Guadalupe e si terrà una riflessione sull'avvento, in inglese, martedì prossimo. Come vostro Parroco vi invito a partecipare alle attività ed eventi che la parrocchia ci offre, per preparare i nostri cuori e le nostre anime alla nascita del Salvatore. Partecipare a questi eventi si fa che cresciamo e ci rafforziamo spiritualmente e che ognuno di noi possiamo essere e precursori nel preparare le vie di salvezza che vengono da Dio

San José María Escrivá descriveva l'opera apostolica di noi cristiani, in mezzo al mondo, con queste parole «scuoteremo la compiacenza di coloro che ci circondano, apriremo loro ampi orizzonti per affrontare la loro esistenza egoistica e borghese; complicheremo la loro vita, facendoli dimenticare di sé stessi e portando loro pace e gioia». "Ogni mortale vedrà la salvezza di Dio".

Che il bambinello Gesù che sta per arrivare, per intercessione della Beata sempre Vergine Maria e del Beato Giovan Battista Scalabrini ci protegga sempre.

Che la seconda candela della corona dell'avvento irradi di pace i nostri cuori.

P. Leandro Fossá, cs
Parroco e Rettore

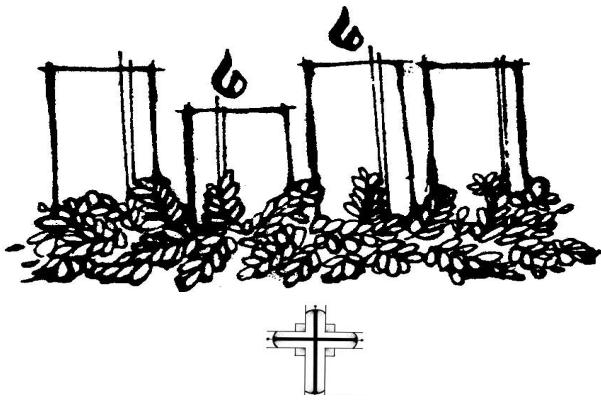
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :

Linda Bandy
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Jacob Duda
Kristie & Linna Goldi
Susan Humpf
Vandy Liala
Joseph Pulido
Luke Westrick
Alexandra Vitali
Anna Baffa
Jan Clark
Sara Zonca
Nancy Oshea
Madeline Vittori
Nico Felice
Nell Baker
Isabel Pintor
Kelly Ann Haymaker
Macy Grace Giaccone
Josephine Grasso
John Sepka
Robert J. Villa
Baltazar Garcia
Margarito Flores

Damian A. Velasquez
Fred & Chad Ballog
Dayan Del Val-
diveeso
John S. & Mary S.
Jennifer Sanchez
Rosa Castro
Miriam Mendez
Peggy Marro
Virginia Frulla
William A. Aliperta
Lena Martymel
MaryAnn Maloberti
Julia Valles
Joseph Lebakken
Victor Nieto
Danny Ziga
Tammy Lynn Perez
Bernadette Scala
Celeste Soult
Laura Rico-Vera
Baby Leo Di Fazio
Scott Lebakken
Joseph Lebakken

*May our prayers bring them strength,
healing, and peace.*

Please call our Parish Office to add a loved one's name to our parish prayer list.



Rest In Peace

† Juan Manuel Gutierrez

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**



Saturday, December 4th Advent Weekday

5:30 pm † Tomas Murillo by: Murillo family
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Sunday, December 5th Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am †
7:45am †
9:00am †
10:30 am †
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Monday, December 6th Advent Weekday

8:00 am †
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 7th St. Ambrose Bishop

8:00 am †Richard DiDomenico by: Carmen
DiDomenico
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Wednesday, December 8th Immaculate Conception

8:00 am †Sam & Rosalie Lisuzzo by: daughter Rose
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 9th Advent Weekday

8:00 am †William Convey by: Bob & Marilyn
Berkshire
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Friday, December 10th Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Ralph & Grace Doyle by: children
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Saturday, December 11th Advent Weekday

5:30 pm †Louis DeStefano Saletta by: Gina Saletta
†Christine DeStefano Saletta by:Gina Saletta
6:30 pm NOVENA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Sunday, December 12th Third Sunday of Advent

7:45am †
9:00am †
10:30am †
12:00pm †
1:30pm †
5:00pm †

