Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00 am—1:30 pm
2:00 pm—7:30 pm

Saturday
9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Sunday
Closed

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

English
Monday — Friday 8:00 am

Español
Lunes a Viernes a las 6:30 pm

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 Saint 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 (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 comunita di fede circondata dalla grazia di Dio Padre che ci ha adottato come figli amati attraverso il Battesimo. Camminiamo come fratelli e sorelle, inspirati dal Vangelo di Gesù Cristo, nutriti con l'Eucaristia , e fortificati dall'amore dallo Spirito Santo. Rimaniamo incoraggiati nella pratica della nostra Tradizione Cattolica, sperimentiamo 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 construire 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

Operation Director
Xochitl Duran 708.345.3632

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Director of Evangelization & Ministry
Deacon Ivan Lazcano

Community Center Social Service Director
Cinthya Aguirre 708.345.3632

Sacramental Life

Confessions - *Confesiones*
Thursdays — Jueves
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Saturdays —*Sábados*
4:00 pm—5:00 pm or by appointment /*o con cita.*

Baptisms - *Bautizos*
Contact the secretary at least a month in advance.
Contactar a la secretaria por lo menos 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 Secretaria por lo menos tres semanas antes.

Religious Services

Novena for Our Lady of Mt.Carmel
Wednesdays 7:30 pm

Adoration - *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*
Thursdays 5:30 pm—6:30 pm

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 3:30 pm —5:30 pm

Religious Education — Office Hours/Horario de Oficina
Tuesday & Thursday - Martes y Jueves: 3:30pm —7:30pm
Wednesday — Miércoles: 10:00am —5:00pm
Friday—Viernes: 10:30am—12:00pm ; 3:30 –7:30pm
Saturday—Sábado: 9:00am—3:00pm

Catecismo

Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30 pm — 5:00 pm
Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00 am—11:30 am - 11:45 am -1:15pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 20th Late Advent Weekday
5:30 pm †Mary Lou Campanella by: family

Sunday, December 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †Raffaele Ambrosino, Dante & Julia Trombetta by: Antonia Manzo
60th Marriage Anniversary of Antia & Rocco Manzo
Special intention for Dominic Toresen, Mario Cinardi, Alessandra, Vince Spilotro & Ancona Jewellers
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

Monday, December 22nd Late Advent Weekday
8:00 am For St. Carlo Acutis
6:30 pm †

Tuesday, December 23rd Late Advent Weekday
8:00 am †Marion Giuglio by: family
Special intention for Dennis Gurgone
Special intention for St. Peregrine by: Formusa family
6:30 pm †

Wednesday, December 24th Late Advent Weekday
5:00 pm †
7:00 pm †
12:00 am †

Thursday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord
10:30 am †
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †

Friday, December 26th St. Stephen
8:00 am †Mary DiBiasio by: Louise Sarlo
6:30 pm †

Saturday, December 27th St. John Apostle
5:30 pm †

Sunday, December 28th The Holy Family
7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †Maria Campobasso by: Maria Dipierro
† Concetta Picano by: daughter & Angelo De Biasio
Special intention for Elio Bartolotta, Pete Camaci, Julene Barder, McEwen family & Kate Decanto

12:00 pm †

Greetings from the priest and staff of OLMC

This Christmas is special for our Lady of Mt Carmel. A group of 48 participants just came back from Rome in which we participated in a pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year that is about to end. We came back enthusiastic because of the history, saints, religious experience and blessings received.

Today, the Savior has been born. With hope we welcome HIM. This is the good news of this Christmas Eve. Like in every Christmas, Jesus is born again in the world, in each home, in our heart. But unlike what our consumerist society celebrates, Jesus is not born in an environment of waste, purchases, comfort, whim, and meals. Jesus is born in the humility of the Nativity scene.

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord"

Jesus wants to be born for those who have lost family, property, and friends in the war in Ukraine and Gaza. Jesus wants to be born in the hearts of those who have lost dear ones in the violent streets of Chicago. Jesus wants to be born in the hearts of those marginalized, the poor, aliens or simply different from us, because in Christmas we celebrate peace, solidarity, and love.

I wish a merry Christmas to all the families of Melrose Park. I know that your home will be open to welcome those you love and please save a space for those who might show up unexpectedly and have nowhere to go nor no one to welcome them. Merry Christmas! Buon Natale! Feliz Navidad! Christ has born! Yes, amid so much unexpected diseases, masks, violence, wars and desperation…Christ has born again. HE is our hope and the best gift for Christmas!

May the light of the season glow and fill your soul with peace, joy, and love.
Wishing you and your family all of God's blessings this Christmas
and throughout the new year.

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MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES
SCALABRINIANS

Saludos de parte de los sacerdotes y de los trabajadores de la Iglesia del Monte Carmelo

Esta Navidad es especial para Nuestra Señora del Carmen. Un grupo de 48 participantes acaba de regresar de Roma donde vivieron un peregrinaje en este Año Jubilar. Regresamos con entusiasmo después de tocar con las propias manos historia, santos, experiencias religiosas y recibir muchas bendiciones.

Hoy, el Salvador ha nacido. Con esperanza le damos la bienvenida. Esta es la buena noticia de esta Nochebuena. Como en cada Navidad, Jesús nace de nuevo en el mundo, en cada hogar, en nuestro corazón. Pero a diferencia de lo que celebra nuestra sociedad consumista, Jesús no nace en un ambiente de desperdicio, compras, comodidades, caprichos y comidas. Jesús nace en la humildad del pesebre.

«Porque hoy en la ciudad de David os ha nacido un salvador, que es el Mesías y el Señor»

Jesús quiere nacer para aquellos que han perdido a su familia, propiedades y demonios en la guerra en Ucrania y Gaza. Jesús quiere nacer en los corazones de aquellos que han perdido a sus seres queridos en las violentas calles de Chicago. Jesús quiere nacer en el corazón de los marginados, de los pobres, de los extranjeros o simplemente diferentes a nosotros, porque en Navidad celebramos la paz, la solidaridad y el amor. Deseo una feliz Navidad a todas las familias de Melrose Park. Sé que tu hogar estará abierto para recibir a tus seres queridos y, por favor, reserva un espacio para aquellos que puedan aparecer inesperadamente y no tengan a dónde ir ni a quién recibirlos.

¡Feliz Navidad! ¡Buon Natale! ¡Merry Christmas! ¡Cristo ha nacido! Sí, en medio de tantas enfermedades inesperadas, mascarillas, violencia, guerras y desesperación... Cristo ha nacido de nuevo. ¡ÉL es nuestra esperanza y el mejor regalo para Navidad!

Saluto dei sacerdoti e degli operai della Chiesa del Monte Carmelo

Questo Natale è speciale per la Madonna del Monte Carmelo. Siamo appena stati con un gruppo di 48 parrocchiani a R0ma per il pellegrinaggio dell'Anno Santo Giubilare. È stato meraviglioso.

Oggi è nato il Salvatore. Vi accogliamo con speranza. Questa è la buona notizia di questa Vigilia di Natale. Come ogni Natale, Gesù rinasce nel mondo, in ogni casa, nel nostro cuore. Ma a differenza di ciò che celebra la nostra società consumistica, Gesù non nasce in un ambiente di rifiuti, acquisti, comodità, capricci e pasti. Gesù nasce nell'umiltà della mangiatoia.

"Oggi, nella città di Davide, vi è nato un Salvatore, che è il Cristo e il Signore".

Gesù vuole nascere per coloro che hanno perso la loro famiglia, i loro beni e i loro demoni nella guerra in Ucraina, a Gaza. Gesù vuole nascere nel cuore di coloro che hanno perso i propri cari nelle strade violente di Chicago. Gesù vuole nascere nel cuore degli emarginati, dei poveri, degli stranieri o semplicemente di coloro che sono diversi da noi, perché a Natale si celebra la pace, la solidarietà e l'amore.

Auguro un Buon Natale a tutte le famiglie di Melrose Park. So che la vostra casa sarà aperta per ricevere i vostri cari e vi prego di riservare uno spazio per coloro che potrebbero apparire inaspettatamente e non hanno un posto dove andare o chi riceverli.

Que la luz de la estación brille y llene tu alma de paz, alegría y amor.
Os deseo a ti y a tu familia todas las bendiciones de Dios esta Navidad y durante todo el año nuevo.

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Che la luce della stagione risplenda e riempia la tua anima di pace, gioia e amore. Auguro a te e alla tua famiglia tutte le benedizioni di Dio per questo Natale e durante tutto il nuovo anno.

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

Theresa Battisto Bochat
Mary Burns
Roxana G Benavides
Gerardo Carrillo R.
Silvia Culotta
Mary Donato
Judith Escamilla
Bruno Floretta
Virginia Frulla
Nicole Hamilton
Kelly Ann Haymaker
Jonathan Hernandez
Susan Humpf
Janet Horvath
Rita Longnecker
MaryAnn Maloberti
Lena Martymel
Miriam Mendez
Silvia Diaz Mireles
Donna Mcgowean
Christopher McHugh
Victor Nieto
Linda Norini
Bernardo Ordaz
Marta Ordaz
Noah Ortiz
Eleanor Peters
Joseph Pulido
Fernando Rangel
Ralph Ravenesi
Guadalupe Rico
Laura Rico-Vera
Mayra Sauri
Bernadette Scala
Francisco Serrano
Adalynn Sorto
Kleber Soriano
Celeste Soult
Samanthony A. Santiago
Hector Trujillo Tapia
Julia Valles
Damian A. Velasquez
Robert J . Villa
Danny Ziga

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.

GANADORES DE LA RIFA GUADALUPANA

1er Premio: #2026
2do Premio: #3836
3cer Premio: #3465
4to Premio :# 5220
5to Premio: #0097

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RAFFLE WINNERS

1st place: #2026
2nd place: #3836
3rd place: #3465
4th place :# 5220
5th place: #0097

Weekly Offering

December 13 – December 14, 2025

Regular Sunday Collection: $7,307.00

Second Collection: $2,930.00

Thank You

THIRD SUNDAY COMMUNAL MASS CELEBRATION: December 2025
+ MASSES REQUESTED DURING OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL 2025 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 20 5:30 p.m. Mass	Sunday, December 21 7:45 a.m. Mass	Sunday, December 21 10:30 a.m. Mass	Sunday, December 21 12:00 p.m. Mass
For the Scalabrini Priests, Brothers, and Sisters	+ John Ochon	+For the Family of Robert Franch +Stefano e Maria Rizzi Orrico Riccito and Veronico Families Elvino and Josephine Battelli Conforti Family	Kaner and Haugh Families Michael and Bernice Kasian Joe and Rose Martinet

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