Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

June 7, 2026
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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
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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 — Vision
A home for all hearts, fulfilling the mission of Christ

Mission Statement
Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a Catholic community with the Blessed Mother as a guiding star, providing a spiritual home built on a strong foundation of those who came before us.
A home served by the Missionaries of St Charles Scalabrinians leading us by honoring our diversity and building God's Kingdom with genuine hospitality inviting all to open their hearts to God's love and grace.

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NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE CARMELO — VISIÓN
Un hogar para todos los corazones, cumpliendo la misión de Cristo

Declaración de misión
Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una comunidad católica con la Santísima Virgen como estrella guía, proporcionando un hogar espiritual construido sobre una base sólida de quienes nos precedieron. Un hogar atendido por los Misioneros de San Carlos Scalabrinianos, guiándonos a honrar nuestra diversidad y construyendo el Reino de Dios con una hospitalidad genuina, invitando a todos a abrir sus corazones al amor y la gracia de Dios.

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NOSTRA SIGNORA DEL MONTE CARMELO - VISIONE
Una casa per tutti i cuori, compiendo la missione di Cristo

Dichiarazione di missione
Nostra Signora del Monte Carmelo è una comunità cattolica con la Beata Madre come stella guida, offrendo una casa spirituale costruita su solide fondamenta di coloro che ci hanno preceduto. Una casa servita dai Missionari di San Carlo Scalabriniani che ci guidano onorando la nostra diversità e costruendo il Regno di Dio con una vera ospitalità, invitando tutti ad aprire il proprio cuore all'amore e alla grazia 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

Religious Education
Sister Roschelle Isada, MSCS 708.344.4140

Liturgy & Music Director
Liliana Bartolotta lbartolotta@archchicago.org

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 – 7:00 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

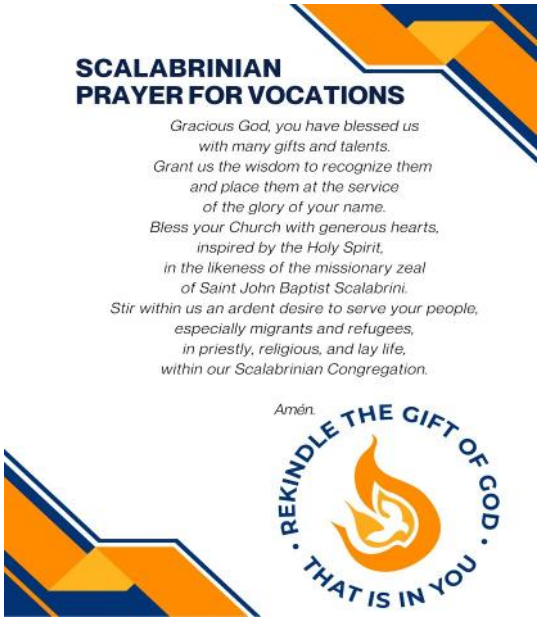
Community Center - *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

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



Wedding Banns

♥Joseph Faraci & Mary Torossian...1
♥ Merzon Cifuentes & Esmeralda Castillo...1

Weekly Offering

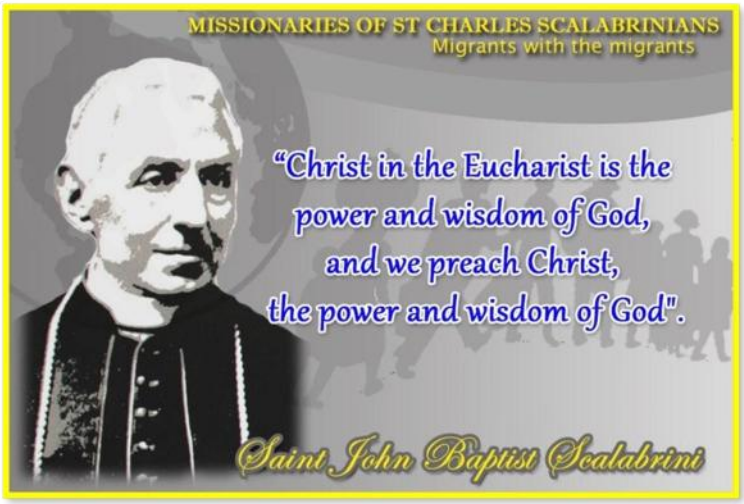
<u>May 30 - May 31 , 2026</u>

Regular Sunday Collection: $9,175.00

Thank You

Corpus Christi:
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The feast of Corpus Christi was established some 800 years ago. It sought to foster devotion to the Eucharist and an affirmation of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The readings for the feast are drawn from Deuteronomy, St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and Chapter Six of John's gospel (Bread of Life discourse). The readings proclaim the heart of the Eucharist. It is the real presence of Jesus: "…the bread I will give is my flesh..." It is our real union with the Lord: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." It is our real union with each other in the Lord: "The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"



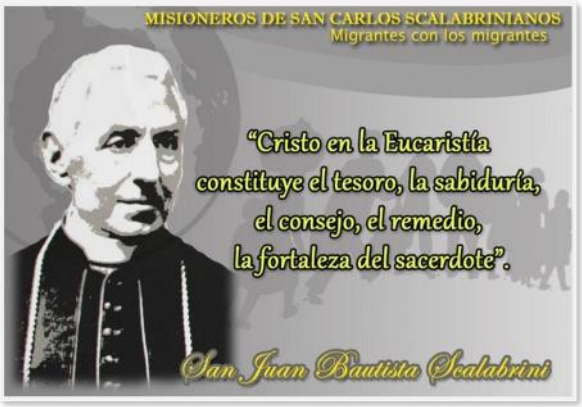
"Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." It holds the real promise of eternal life: "…whoever eats this bread will live forever." It is the real sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross: "…the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Across the centuries, there has been much philosophical and theological speculation about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. How can he be present under the forms of bread and wine? How does it come about? And, in our own time, if polls are to be believed, a large percentage of Catholics either do not know about the real presence or are reluctant to embrace it as a part of their faith. How can we respond to these often shaky convictions about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist?

The best response seems to come from Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century. His teaching was simple and to the point. He says: Since Christ himself declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, "This is my blood," who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood? Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ…Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith. The understanding of the Eucharist as sacrifice has generated much discussion, especially in Christian communities outside of the Catholic Church.

Corpus Christi: Todo converge en la Eucaristía

Mientras la Iglesia celebra hoy la Solemnidad del Corpus Christi, ofreciendo oraciones y alabanzas al Santísimo Sacramento, Cuerpo y Sangre de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, se mantiene presente la memoria de grandes santos que dieron testimonio de un ardiente amor por la Eucaristía. Entre ellos brilla la figura de San Juan Bautista Scalabrini, el «Padre de los Migrantes», cuya vida y ministerio fueron un vínculo indisoluble con el misterio eucarístico, fuente y cumbre de toda la vida cristiana.

Para San Juan Bautista Scalabrini, la Eucaristía no era meramente un rito simbólico, sino el corazón palpitante de su espiritualidad y la roca inquebrantable de su fe. Expresó claramente la centralidad de este sacramento, afirmando que *«Quien cree en la Eucaristía, cree, podría decirse, en todas las verdades cristianas»* (Devoción al Santísimo Sacramento, Piacenza, 1902, pp. 5-6). Esta profunda convicción de Scalabrini encuentra eco en la Sagrada Escritura, donde Jesús, en Juan 6:54-56, proclama: «El *que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré en el último día. Porque mi carne es verdadera comida, y mi sangre es verdadera bebida. El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí, y yo en él*». La Eucaristía, por lo tanto, es la promesa viva de la eternidad, la anticipación del Reino de Dios que ya se manifiesta en nuestra historia.



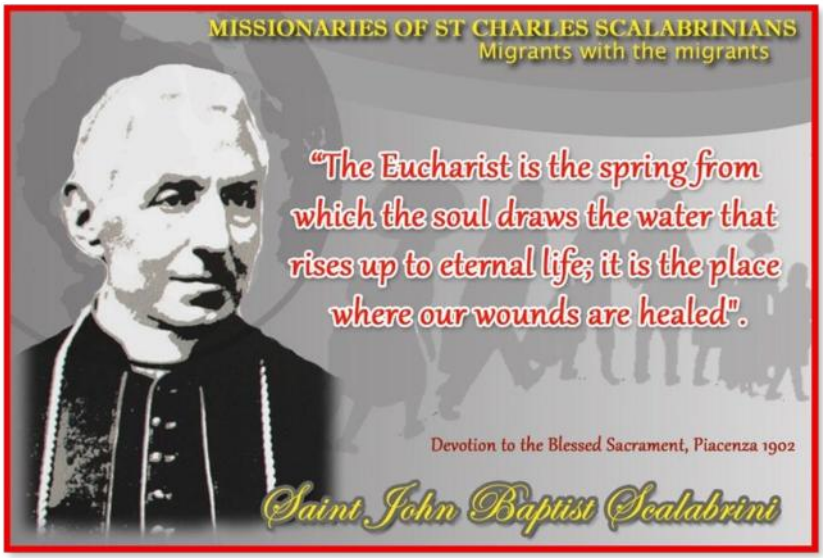
Scalabrini, con notable profundidad teológica y sensibilidad pastoral, describió la Eucaristía como «la *obra maestra de la mente y el corazón de Dios, el punto de encuentro donde se unen lo finito y lo infinito, la naturaleza y la gracia*» (Carta Pastoral para la Santa Cuaresma de 1878, Piacenza, p. 15). Esta visión poética y, a la vez, dogmática, resuena con la enseñanza perenne de la Iglesia. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC 1324), reafirma con vehemencia: «La Eucaristía es la "fuente y cumbre de toda la vida cristiana"». Y el Concilio Vaticano II, en la Constitución Dogmática Lumen *Gentium* (n. 11), subraya que «(...) nutridos por el cuerpo de Cristo en la Eucaristía, manifiestan visiblemente la unidad del Pueblo de Dios, que en este augusto sacramento se significa perfectamente y se realiza admirablemente».

El santo de Piacenza fue un profeta de la centralidad eucarística, enfatizando que «Todo converge en la Eucaristía». En una de sus cartas pastorales, comparó la Eucaristía con el sol en el mundo físico, afirmando: «*Es a través de ella que la universalidad de las cosas creadas, que descienden del Creador, regresa a Él incesantemente*» (Carta Pastoral para la Santa Cuaresma de 1878, Piacenza, p. 15). Esta perspectiva teológica, que ve en la Eucaristía el centro gravitacional de la existencia, encuentra apoyo en la doctrina de la Creación y la Redención, donde Cristo es el Alfa y la Omega (Ap 1,8), por quien todas las cosas fueron creadas y por quien todas las cosas son redimidas. En Colosenses 1:16-17, San Pablo corrobora esta idea: *«Porque en él fueron creadas todas las cosas, las que están en los cielos y las que están en la tierra, visibles e invisibles; sean tronos, dominios, principados o autoridades; todo fue creado por medio de él y para él. Él es antes de todas las cosas, y en él todas las cosas subsisten».*

Pero ¿cómo podemos vivir esta devoción eucarística de forma auténtica? San Juan Bautista Scalabrini no solo teorizó sobre la Eucaristía, sino que también exhortó a los fieles a una experiencia práctica y profunda. Enseñó que la devoción debe brotar de una fe viva y un amor sincero por Jesús, la Hostia divina. «Vuestra devoción interior y exterior debe proceder de una fe viva y un amor sincero por Jesús, la Hostia divina» (Devoción al Santísimo Sacramento, Piacenza, 1902, pp. 26-28). La preparación interior, el autoexamen y la contrición son elementos esenciales para una participación digna, como nos advierte san Pablo en 1 Corintios 11:27-29: «Por lo tanto, cualquiera que coma el pan o beba la copa del Señor indignamente, será culpable de pecar contra el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor. Examínese cada uno antes de comer del pan o beber de la copa. Porque el que come y bebe sin discernir el cuerpo del Señor, come y bebe su propia condenación».

Texto de: Vitor da Cruz Azevedo, Sector de Contenidos del Departamento Regional de Comunicación.

Corpus Domini:
Solennità del Santissimo Corpo e Sangue di Cristo



La festa del Corpus Domini è stata istituita circa ottocento anni fa. Ha cercato di promuovere la devozione all'Eucaristia e l'affermazione della fede nella presenza reale di Cristo nel Santissimo Sacramento. Le letture per la festa sono tratte dal Deuteronomio, dalla prima lettera di San Paolo ai Corinzi, e dal capitolo sei del vangelo di Giovanni (discorso del pane di vita). Le letture proclamano il cuore dell'Eucaristia. È la presenza reale di Gesù: "... il pane che darò è la mia carne..." È la nostra vera unione con il Signore: "Chi mangia la mia carne e beve il mio sangue, rimane in me e io in lui". È la nostra vera unione gli uni con gli altri nel Signore: "Il pane che spezziamo, non è forse una partecipazione al corpo di Cristo?

Poiché la pagnotta è una, noi, pur essendo molti, siamo un solo corpo, perché tutti partecipiamo dell'unica pagnotta". Contiene la vera promessa della vita eterna: "... Chi mangia questo pane vivrà per sempre". È il vero sacrificio di Gesù sulla croce: "... il pane che io darò è la mia carne per la vita del mondo". Nel corso dei secoli, ci sono state molte speculazioni filosofiche e teologiche sulla presenza reale di Cristo nell'Eucaristia. Come può essere presente sotto le forme del pane e del vino? Come si arriva? E, ai nostri giorni, se si deve credere ai sondaggi, una grande percentuale di cattolici o non sa della presenza reale o è riluttante ad abbracciarla come parte della propria fede. Come rispondere a queste convinzioni spesso traballanti sulla presenza reale di Cristo nell'Eucaristia?

La risposta migliore sembra venire da san Cirillo di Gerusalemme nel IV secolo. Il suo insegnamento era semplice e puntuale. Egli dice: Poiché Cristo stesso ha dichiarato che il pane è il suo corpo, chi può avere ulteriori dubbi? Dal momento che lui stesso ha detto categoricamente: "Questo è il mio sangue", chi oserebbe metterlo in discussione e dire che non è il suo sangue? Pertanto, è con piena certezza che riceviamo il pane e il vino come corpo e sangue di Cristo. Non considerate, dunque, gli elementi eucaristici come pane e vino ordinari: essi sono infatti il corpo e il sangue del Signore, come Egli stesso ha dichiarato. Qualunque cosa i vostri sensi possano dirvi, siate forti nella fede. La comprensione dell'Eucaristia come sacrificio ha generato molte discussioni, specialmente nelle comunità cristiane al di fuori della Chiesa cattolica.

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

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

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

†Lucina Michel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 6th — **Weekday**

5:30 pm †

Sunday, June 7th — **Corpus Christi**

7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †Deceased members of Ouska, Brunetti, Italia & Dahly families
12:00 pm †Ventura Nevarez by: daughters
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

Monday, June 8th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †
6:30 pm †

Tuesday, June 9th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †
6:30 pm †

Wednesday, June 10th — **Weekday**

8:00 am For St. Carlo Acutis
6:30 pm †

Thursday, June 11th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †
6:30 pm †

Friday, June 12th — **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

8:00 am Honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus by: Rose Lisuzzo
6:30 pm †

Saturday, June 13th — **Weekday**

5:30 pm †Salvatore Bartolotta by: Joe Augelli

Sunday, June 14th — **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †Antonio Filippo
†Giovanni e Teresa Berardi
†Anthony Iosco Jr by: Beth Ann & Vincent
†Eugenio & Mirella Parrinello by: family
For all St. Anthony members living & deceased by: St. Anthony Society
12:00 pm †Marco & Rose Calabria by: children & families
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

JUNE 2024
Special Masses & Events

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISH & SHRINE

1 Monday	St John Baptist Scalabrini	6:30 pm Trilingual Mass and Blessing with Relic
7 Sunday	Corpus Christi	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule Blessing with Monstrance at all Masses 12:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
11 Thursday	Saint Anthony's Triduum	6:30 pm Trilingual Mass
12 Friday	Saint Anthony's Triduum	6:30 pm Trilingual Mass
13 Saturday	Saint Anthony's Feast Day	5:30 pm Mass and Reception
14 Sunday	Saint Anthony's Feast	10:30 am Mass, Relic Procession and blessing of the bread
21 Sunday	Father's Day	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
28 Sunday	Mass for Saint Padre Pio	10:30 am Mass and Reception

7 Sunday — 10:30 am Festa della Repubblica Italiana Mass and Reception

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