Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Giulio Camerini

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Nancy Diaz
Bianca Lara

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.

Humilitas
MISSIONARIES OF ST. CHARLES SCALABRINIANS

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

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

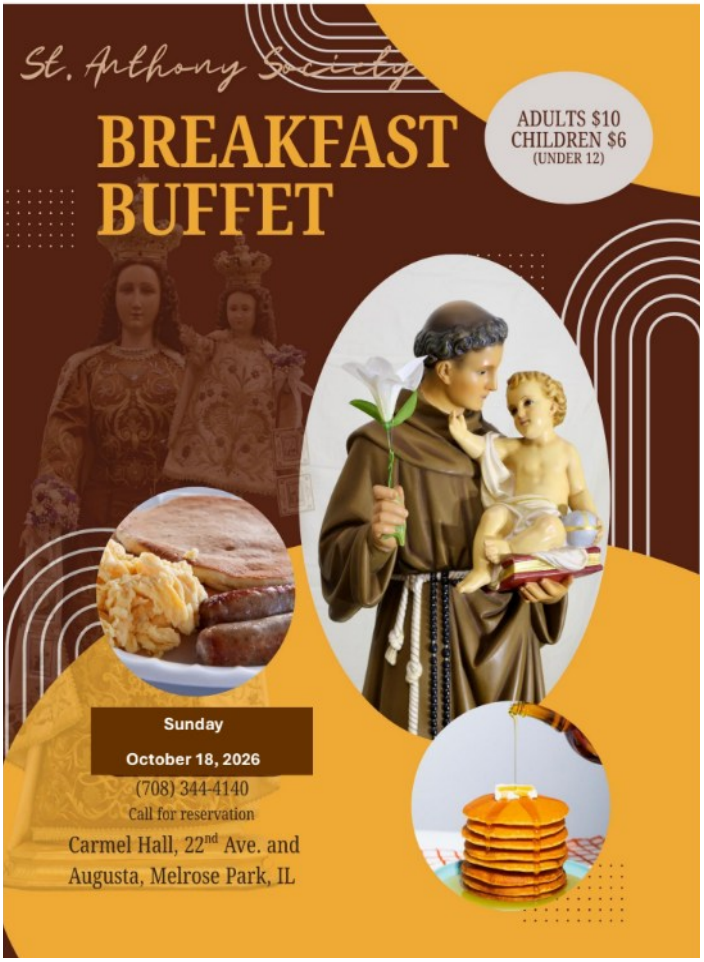
Community Center - *Centro Comunitario*
Social outreach *Servicios a la comunidad* (708) 345 - 3632

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



REKINDLE THE GIFT OF GOD THAT IS IN YOU

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Wedding Banns

♥ Frank Cataudella & Karina Posada...3

♥ Hugo Romero Maravilla & Adriana Rojas Guzman...3

♥ Antonio Lopez & Rubi Chavirra...2

♥ Jesus Lopez & Raquel Almazan...2

♥ Ivan Patricio Reinoso & Heidy Guadalupe Velasquez...1

Weekly Offering

<u>September 26 – September 27, 2026</u>

Regular Sunday Collection: $8,434.00

Thank You

"Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'"

Fr. Jorge LORING SJ (Cádiz, Spain)

Today, we contemplate the mystery of the rejection of God in general, and of Christ in particular. It is surprising to see the repeated resistance of humans to God's love. However, today's parable refers more specifically to the rejection the Jews had towards Christ: "Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him" (Mt 21:37-39). This is not easy to comprehend: It's because Christ came to redeem the entire world, and the Jews were waiting for their own "messiah" to grant them dominion over the entire world…

When I was in the Holy Land, I was given a tourist brochure of Israel that featured the most famous Jews in history: from Moses, Gideon, and Joshua, to Ben Gurion, founder of the State of Israel. However, Jesus Christ was not in that brochure. Yet, Jesus has been the most well-known Jew in history: He is recognized worldwide, and it's been two thousand years since he died..

Over time, great figures are admired, but they are not loved. Today, no one loves Cervantes or Michelangelo. However, Jesus is the most loved in history. Men and women give their lives out of love for Him. Some through martyrdom, and others "drop by drop," living only for Him. There are thousands and thousands throughout the world.

And Jesus has had the most significant influence on history. Values now accepted everywhere have Christian origins. Not only that, but it is also evident that there is a growing closeness to Jesus Christ, even among Jews ("our elder brothers in faith," as said by Saint John Paul II). Let us specifically pray for the conversion of the Jews, for theses people with their great values, when converted to Catholicism, can be of immense benefit to all of humanity.

"Tendrán respeto a mi hijo"

La liturgia de este domingo nos propone una parábola que se refiere a la pasión del Señor. Jesús prevé su pasión y cuenta esta parábola para avisar a las autoridades de su pueblo que están tomando un camino equivocado.

Finalmente, el propio hijo representa al mismo Jesús, que de este modo anuncia su propio fin. Es conmovedor reconocer que Dios regaló al hombre rebelde lo más precioso, su propio Hijo. El mismo Dios que detuvo a Abraham cuando estaba por sacrificar a su hijo Isaac, entregó a su propio Hijo en nuestras manos homicidas.

El Hijo de Dios venía a buscar los frutos de la viña del Padre, ese pueblo que había sido preparado durante muchos siglos. Pero las autoridades, que se sentían dueños del pueblo, no permiten al Hijo de Dios recoger los frutos de la fe de su pueblo. No comprendían que el único dueño de la viña es solo Dios.

Las autoridades, al escuchar a Jesús, se dan cuenta que esta comparación iba dirigida precisamente a ellas, que estaba planeado la muerte de Jesús, pero no pueden arrestarlo por temor a la gente. Una vez más se ve que el problema de Jesús no era el pueblo, sino con las autoridades.

Y así vemos que el corazón de la gente sencilla suele estar más abierto a las novedades de Dios, "Te doy gracias, Padre, porque has escondido estas cosas a los sabios y las has revelado a la gente sencilla" San Mateo (Cf, Mt.11,25-27), pero los que tienen poder económico, intelectual o político suelen poner su seguridad en ese poder y se aferran tanto a esa seguridad falsa que no aceptan un cambio de planes, aunque el mismo Dios lo esté proponiendo.

Esta parábola debe ser también para nosotros un aviso la actitud posesiva. Todos tenemos responsabilidades: unos a un nivel modesto, otros a un nivel más alto, otros a un nivel altísimo. Mas para todos es decisiva la actitud que asumamos respecto a tales responsabilidades. La tentación que nos acecha es siempre la misma: adoptar una actitud posesiva, diciendo: “Dios me ha dado unos dones, soy su propietario, hago con ellos lo que quiero. He recibido un puesto de autoridad, me aprovecho de él en mi propio interés, para acumular dinero, etc.”. De este modo, asumimos una actitud posesiva, en vez de ejercer la autoridad en bien de todos.

Fr. Leoncio Vallejo Benítez O.P.
Convento de Santo Domingo Ra`ykuëra (Asunción, Paraguay)

«Da ultimo mandò loro il proprio figlio dicendo: "Avranno rispetto per mio figlio!"»

P. Jorge LORING SJ (Cádiz, Spagna)

Oggi, contempliamo il mistero del rifiuto generale di Dio, e di Cristo in particolare. È sorprendente vedere come l'uomo si resiste ad accettare l'amore di Dio.

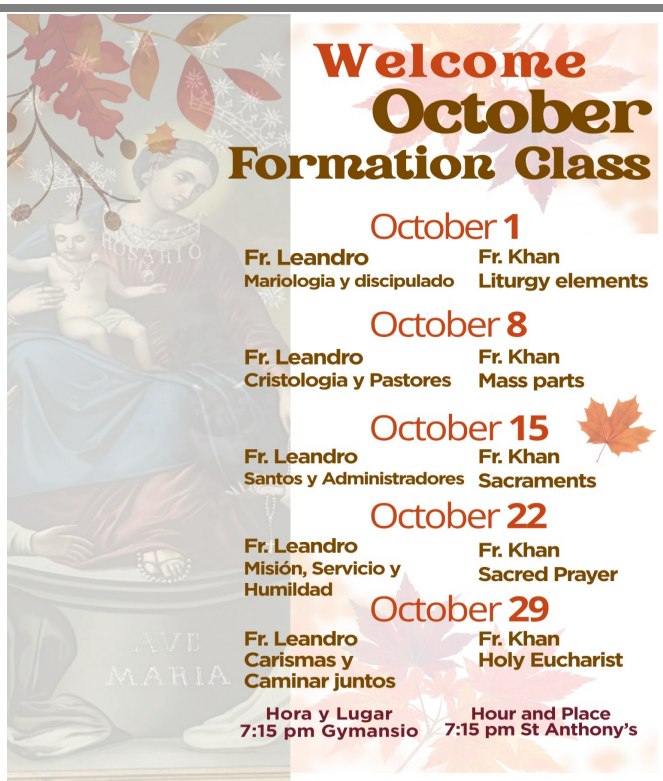
Tuttavia, oggi la parabola si riferisce in particolare al rifiuto che gli ebrei ebbero con Cristo: «Da ultimo mandò loro il proprio figlio dicendo: "Avranno rispetto per mio figlio!". Ma i contadini, visto il figlio, dissero tra loro: "Costui è l'erede. Su, uccidiamolo e avremo noi la sua eredità!". Lo presero, lo cacciarono fuori dalla vigna e lo uccisero.» (Mt 21,37-39). Questo non è certamente facile da capire: è perché Cristo è venuto a redimere il mondo intero, mentre gli ebrei attendono ancora il loro proprio "messia" particolare che dia loro il dominio sul mondo intero. Quando andai in Terra Santa mi diedero un prospetto turistico di Israele nel quale vi erano gli ebrei più famosi della storia: da Mosè, Gedeone e Giosuè fino a Ben Gurion, che fu il realizzatore dello Stato di Israele. Tuttavia, in quel prospetto non vi era Gesù, e dire che Gesù è stato l'ebreo più famoso della storia: oggi è conosciuto nel mondo intero, ed è morto duemila anni fa…

Ai grandi personaggi, dopo un po' di tempo, sono ammirati, ma non amati. Oggi nessuno ama a Cervantes o a Michelangelo. Tuttavia, Gesù è il più amato della storia. Uomini e donne danno la vita per amor suo. Alcuno di colpo attraverso il martirio, e altri "goccia a goccia", vivendo unicamente per Lui. Se ne contano a migliaia nel mondo intero.

E Gesù è il più influente nella storia. Valori oggi accettati dappertutto sono di origine cristiana. Non solo, ma oggi si può constatare che vi è un avvicinamento a Gesù, anche tra gli ebrei ("nostro fratelli maggiori nella fede", come disse Giovanni Paolo II). Chiediamo a Dio soprattutto per la conversione degli ebrei: un popolo di grandi valori, convertito al cattolicesimo, può essere di gran beneficio per l'umanità intera.

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

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



Rest In Peace

† Donald Difazio

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 3rd — **Weekday**

5:30 pm †Michael Maratto by: family

Sunday, October 4th — **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:45 am †
9:00 am †
10:30 am †Eugenio & Teresa Marsico
12:00 pm †
1:30 pm †
5:00 pm †

Monday, October 5th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †Michael Carlini by: family
6:30 pm †

Tuesday, October 6th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †
6:30 pm †

Wednesday, October 7th — **Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:00 am For Padre Pio
6:30 pm †

Thursday, October 8th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †
6:30 pm †

Friday, October 9th — **Weekday**

8:00 am †
6:30 pm †

Saturday, October 10th — **Weekday**

5:30 pm †Severina Marcelino Garcia
†Josephine Misasi by: family

Sunday, October 11th — **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

The Parish of Our Lady
of Mount Carmel

Gran Feria del Mole

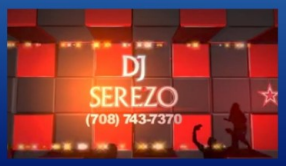
Platillo de mole, arroz, frijoles
y tortillas por $10

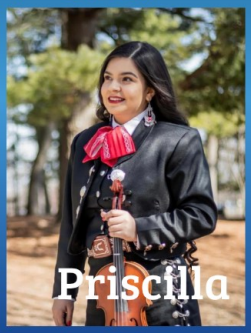
25 de Octubre 2026 **Domingo** **10:15 am a 5:00 pm**

EN CARMEL HALL, 22 AVE. Y AUGUSTA EN MELROSE PARK, IL 60160

¡Entrada Gratis!

Comida Deliciosa y Espectáculos
en Vivo para Todos





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