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Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church



Remembering loved ones who have passed away...

Mass of Remembrance

MONDAY, NOV. 29, 2021 AT 5:30 PM



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~ regardless of when your loved one passed away ~
is invited to attend this peace-filled liturgy.
Please feel free to invite family and friends.*

Hospitality & fellowship will follow.

All are welcome!

If you are planning to attend this Remembrance Mass, you may click [HERE](#) to submit the name of your deceased loved one and the phonetic pronunciation of their name. The names will be read during the Mass.

Preaching Practicum

This past Saturday morning, a Preaching Practicum session was held in our church, one of several being held in selected parishes in the Diocese as part of the Diaconate Formation journey. This particular session hosted three candidates to the Diaconate, including parishioner Eric Kispert. Deacon Joe Harris facilitated the session.



After the proclamation of their assigned readings and Gospel, each candidate shared a homily before a small group of Notre Dame parishioners who gathered to offer feedback via an evaluation form, as well as comments, thoughts, and questions following each homily.

All three candidates expressed their gratitude for the feedback shared which included well-deserved affirmation as well as developmental opportunities.



Let us continue to pray for Eric and all diaconate candidates in our diocese as they continue on their Formation journey. God willing, they will be ordained in 2023!

SS Life Teen





A Special Journey to Guatemala

For the past two years, and due to the pandemic, our Guatemala Outreach ministry decided to hold off on sending the annual group of missionaries to build homes in Guatemala. However, four of the ministry's past participants felt the call to finance and embark on the mission independently. So they spent last week building a home for a family in need through the **From Houses to Homes** (FHTH) organization:

"After almost two years of adjusting our lives, sheltering in place, and praying for safety, we are overwhelmed, feeling so blessed to have returned to Guatemala. We were given the opportunity to serve a family and community in need, and we were welcomed over and over by many - our "new" family, their extended family and friends, the beautiful children, our wonderful From Houses to Homes workers and families, and the city of Antigua. We each experienced this journey in a special transforming way. But we are deeply grateful that our brother in Christ, Mike Carrubba, who, after having experienced the loss of his beloved daughter Kristina, felt the journey brought laughter back into his heart. Our faith-filled team shared in fulfilling another chapter in God's plan. Thank you, Notre Dame family, for praying for us and the mission." Kim, Karen, Mike & Ken



Oscar Mejia, FHTH Project Director: *"Both the beneficiary families and we, the Guatemalan workers, enjoyed the company of Ken Folan, Mike Carrubba, Kim Castellucci, and Karen Harris, who are members of Notre Dame Church, from where we have had large groups that before the pandemic had been coming every year to help us build houses. Thank you so much for the support and blessings always."*

Special thanks from the Guatemala Outreach Ministry: Even though fundraising was not pursued this year, the ministry is deeply grateful for those in the community who still sent generous donations. These funds have been used to cover the annual education costs for Danilo, the child our parish has sponsored for the past five years, and to purchase 30 large bags of food which will be distributed during Christmas to families in need at the FHTH Kemna 'Oj school. Thank you, for your generous hearts!

Women's Guided Meditation



"The Women's Guided Meditation has had a huge impact on me personally, and it is helping me heal in more ways than anyone can imagine. That one-hour experience once a month gives me peace and helps me let go of sadness and every difficulty that I go through in life. The participants are incredible, and I thank everyone who shares their thoughts and feelings with the group. I'm thankful for Gail, our leader, who listens and guides us. There is never any judgment. I truly look forward to attending each month. Most importantly, this experience brings me closer to God and my faith in Him and knowing there is always hope!"
Mary Scudellari

An Evening of Marriage Enrichment

By Ministry Co-Chair Ann Bono

On Friday, November 12th, the Marriage Ministry gathered for food, fellowship, and a chance to take a deeper look at our relationships.



*The evening's theme, "**Finding Joy and Contentment in Your Marriage,**" led by Brian and Jenifer Dicker, provided a window through which to view our marriages as God does with unconditional love.*

It is our job as a spouse to get our partner to heaven, and it was so good to be reminded of the many ways to do this within our own marriages.



Notre Dame Crèche Exhibit: Be a part of it!



**Saturday, Dec. 11th
4:30 – 6:30 PM
&
Sunday, Dec. 12th
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

On this weekend of Advent, our parish will bring together for public display an array of nativity scenes, each reflecting the diversity, beauty, and uniqueness of the birth of our Savior through the eyes and hearts of different cultures or perspectives. Some will be vintage, some heirlooms, and some contemporary, but no two will be alike.

Do you have a nativity you would consider lending us for the exhibit? Please click [HERE](#) to find out details!

Let us bring Christmas Joy to those in need!

Please consider taking a tag or two from our Angel Trees in the Gathering Space, or signing up online via our [Virtual Angel Tree](#). You may also make a monetary donation online.

Please bring the donated gifts back by Sunday, December 5th. Click [HERE](#) to find out more!



Special Parishioner Announcements

A recent suggestion was made to create a space on our website where announcements may be posted for sacramental celebrations, including Baptism, Weddings, and Funerals. That page is now available [HERE](#) (you may always get to it from the Event/News drop-down menu towards the top of our website's homepage)

Dear Parish Family,

Your prayers for and accompaniment with our Momma-san, Kaori Shaul, during her recent final "test" were felt and appreciated. When she was told that our parish was praying for her, including our Irish pastor who also liked to sing, her eyes gleamed and a tender smile graced her face while a gentle bow of her head in thanksgiving was given. We too give thanks for you; "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Peg & Chris Buck, and on behalf of Kaori Shaul



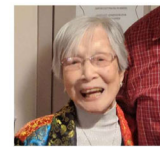
art by Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858)

Cloud Mountain Haiku

Cathedral of stone
Robed in pine, baptized in snow
Its spires reach heaven

~Ariana Murphy

In memory of our Momma-San
Kaori Shaul
12/12/26 - 11/5/21



UPCOMING

**This week's Mass
& Lamp Intentions**

**Welcoming Help
Needed for
Weekend Masses**

The Cherubs are coming!

And we are calling children 3-5 years old
to be a part of this special choir!



Come to a rehearsal

Thursday, Dec. 16th at 5:30 pm in our Parish Hall.

The Cherubs will sing a Preparation song at the
9:30 am Family Mass on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

Let us know your Cherub(s) will be joining us!

RSVP: Nicole Payne at nicole.danielle313@gmail.com

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LIFE TEEN

Youth Mass & Life Night

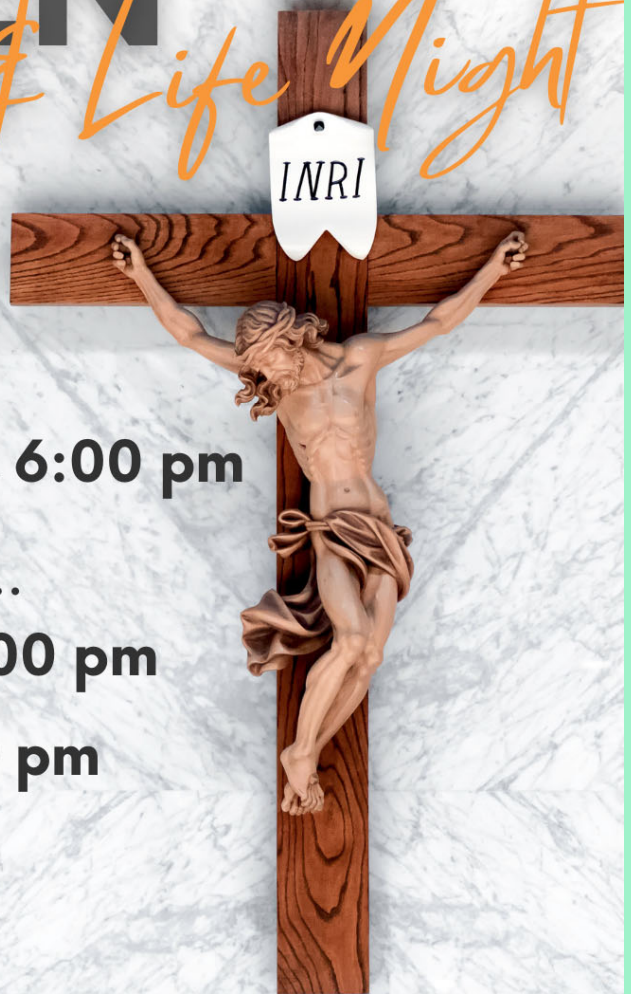
All are welcome!

Youth Mass, Sundays, 6:00 pm

For High School Teens...

Food & Fellowship, 7:00 pm

Life Night, 7:30 -8:30 pm





Men's Group

Join us in faith and friendship!

We explore a different topic each month and offer an opportunity for sharing and discussion. Our next gathering is

SATURDAY, NOV. 27, 8:00-10:00 AM

Downstairs in the Resource Library

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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE**

JOB BOARD & LOCAL AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for hanging in there with this long Parish Update!



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