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Beautiful Eucharist

"It is important to understand the heart of our Catholic Teaching, which is simple, even though it's mysterious. And the simple truth is this: the substance of the bread and wine changes completely through the words of consecration, such that there's no more bread and wine there. It appears like bread and wine. It has all the properties of bread and wine, but there's no more bread and wine there. What is there? Jesus."



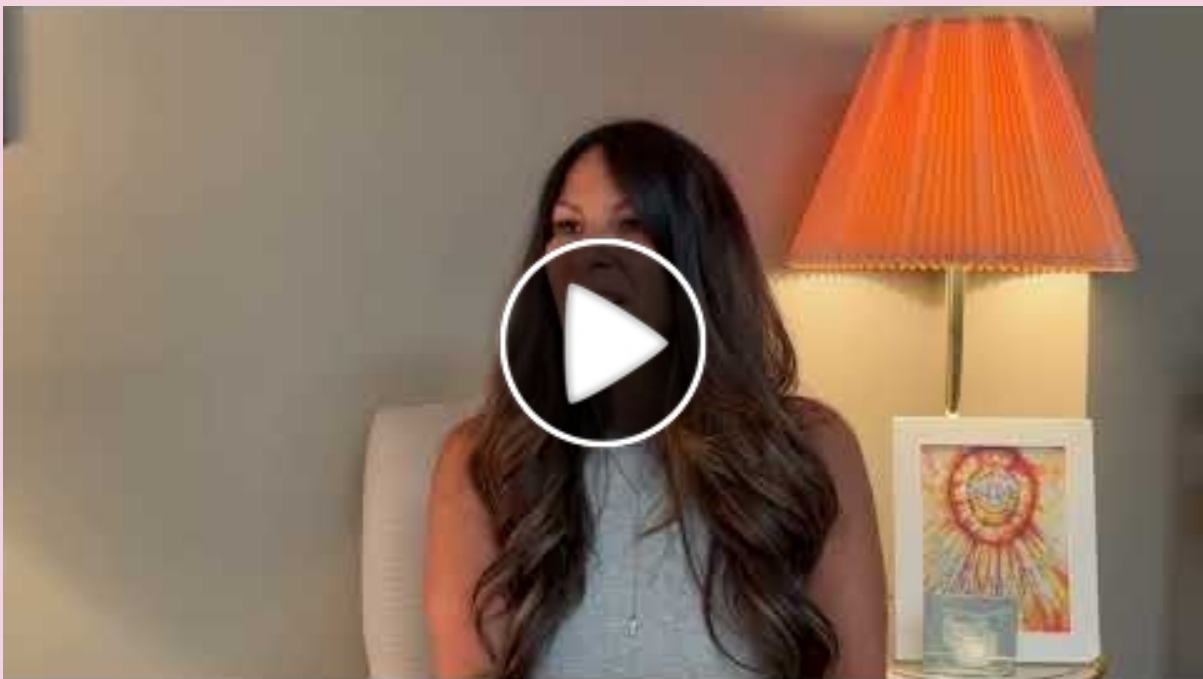
"We need to be clear about the teaching. But it's not just teaching that makes disciples. What we need is to move the heart. And so we need to provide experiences where people can encounter Him -- Adoration, devotions, music, the environment, candle-it processions... When we kneel, when we bow before Him, when we sing, all this helps us as embodied persons to experience His presence. That's what changes hearts."

Bishop Andrew Cozzens (Matthew Kelly's Beautiful Eucharist)



Small Group Alpha: Join the Journey!

At Masses this past weekend, congregants were invited to view a short video of how the Small Group Alpha journey impacted the lives of a few of our Spring series participants:



Alpha welcomes all (regardless of parish affiliation or none) to explore faith, meaning, and purpose, irrespective of where they may find themselves spiritually speaking. Please consider this journey for yourself or someone you know. We hope

that **one of our Small Groups** will be comprised of **Young Adults!** Please visit our website for more details and to register. **The journey begins Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m.**

A First and a First!

What a joy for our faith community to welcome two families bringing their little ones for the first step of their sacramental journey: Baptism! Yet, there was something else to celebrate that day, as it was also Deacon Eric Kispert's first time administering the sacrament of Baptism.



“As a recently ordained deacon, I have the privilege to baptize new members into the faith. On Sunday, I was honored to perform my first pair of baptisms as we welcomed Carson James DeTerlizzi and Dante James LaMarca into our church family. While my time in formation “trained” me how to baptize, nothing could prepare me for the truly beautiful experience of the actual baptism itself. In addition, I was fortunate to have my wife, Debby, assist me in the process. Although we have moved beyond leadership in the marriage ministry, when

possible, we will continue to engage in co-ministry opportunities.” Deacon Eric Kispert



"It was a great joy to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism alongside my husband. Welcoming these families and children into our faith community was such a pleasure. We remain ever grateful to be of service to our incredible parish!" Debby Kispert

Rooftop Air Conditioning Project Update

Our facilities project of installing 11 new air-conditioning rooftop units is underway!



We expect the project to be completed by tomorrow, Wednesday! Still to come the replacement of the chiller. Stay tuned!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EMs) will often say what a privilege it is to serve our parish in this ministry and to be an instrument of bringing our Lord's Real Presence into the lives of those who seek Him. At the same time, many, when they first heard the call to become an EM, also felt unworthy. Yet, before we receive Holy Communion, we say, "*Lord, I am not worthy...*" – and Jesus still invites us to welcome Him into our lives.



If you feel a calling or desire to serve our parish as an **Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist**, please send an email to Fr. Alex at fralex@ndcarmel.com.

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

**Parishioner
Announcements**

Memories that share our story...

Congratulations to our Joan & Frank Clemente, who recently celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary!



"Thank You, Lord, for the testimony of love and faithfulness that shines forth from their union, and we pray that You will bless and honor their life together in the days and years that lie ahead."

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Anniversaries>



Young Adults out and about!



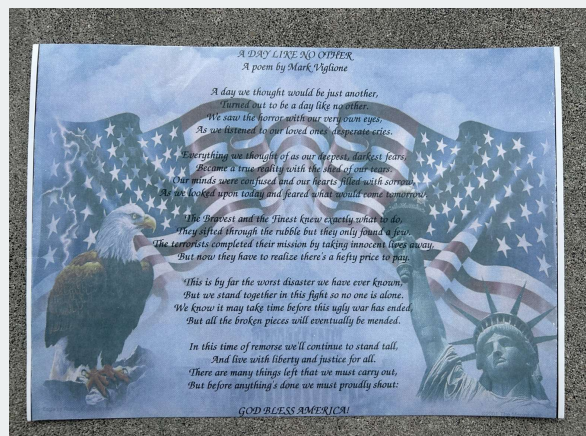
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9/11 Memorial Services:





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