

Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church

PARISH UPDATE

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Parish Update: December 30, 2025





MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 pm Vigil (*livestreamed on YouTube*)

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:30 am (Family Mass)

11:30 am

6:00 pm (Mass with Contemporary Worship)

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon – Sat: 12:00 pm (*followed by praying
of the Rosary*)

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am LENT ONLY and through
Wednesday of Holy Week.

Upcoming Holy Days

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS

Vigil Masses, Wednesday, December 24:

4:00 PM (Family Mass with Prelude at 3:34 PM);

7:00 PM;

Midnight (with Music Prelude at 11:30 pm)

Masses, Thursday, December 25:

9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, Dec. 31 Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 1, Mass at 12 pm

Parish Office will be closed:

Dec. 24, 25 & 26; Jan 1.

Confession

Saturday: 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm

*(Except Holy Saturday and when Christmas Eve or
Christmas Day falls on a Saturday)*

By Appointment with the Pastor (*call the parish office
at 973-538-1358*)

Adoration

Thursday: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Friday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Chapel

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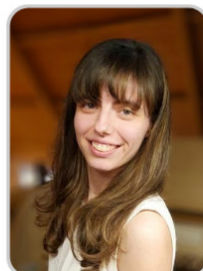
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Christmas Eve Family Mass: click below



Midnight Mass: click below



Generous Hearts of Notre Dame: Witnessing through the "Young" Years

In the life of a parish, it is often the quiet, faithful “yeses” that shape our community in the most meaningful ways. One such witness comes from a family that has been intentional about nurturing their children's faith—bringing them to church consistently, guiding them in their faith and sacramental journey, and modeling what it means to serve with love and humility.

Daniel Davies’s own spirit of giving throughout his young life is a beautiful example of this truth. In his simple yet sincere acts, we are reminded that a child’s faith journey has a real and lasting impact—not only on their own spiritual growth, but also on the traditions and stories that shape our parish. His generosity invites all of us to see faith and generosity through the eyes of a child.



Families like this remind us that when parents courageously and generously live their faith and invite their children along the journey, the fruits extend far beyond their own household. They enrich our parish, inspire our community, and help write the unfolding story of faith that continues to be passed from one generation to the next.

Closing Our Jubilee Year of Hope

This past Sunday, our Diocese celebrated the Closing Liturgy for the Year of Hope. It was an honor to have had several parishioners present at the liturgy, including those who proudly processed holding our parish banner. And what a joy to have our very own Casano family (Joe, Yazmin, Mateo & Lucas) present the Gifts at the Altar!

Bishop Kevin Sweeney invited the congregation to hold in their hearts a special blessing received during this year. For our Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel community, we lift in a special way and with the deepest gratitude the celebration of our Centennial in this Year of Hope.

*Closing Liturgy (ND Perspective) *•*

*Closing Liturgy (Diocesan Perspective) •**



Bishop also highlighted Pope Leo's stated priorities for our Church: ***Mercy, Welcome All, and Mission & Evangelization.***

May Christ's hope always reign in our community as we continue our mission of welcoming all and sharing the Good News of Jesus, both within and beyond the walls of our parish. We are grateful for Bishop Kevin Sweeney -- for his faithful shepherding of our Diocese and for the generous pastoral support he offers to all.

Marriage Ministry Christmas Celebration

By Ann Bono, Marriage Ministry Leader

Several couples gathered for our joyful Christmas Celebration hosted by our Marriage Ministry at the home of Mike and Danielle Jones. As we celebrated and enjoyed great food, we realized that it is times like these that remind us to cherish the blessings of our marriages and the friendships we have made through this Ministry and from our involvement at Notre Dame.



*The Marriage Ministry will once again host the **Not So Newlywed Game** on February 7th! All are welcome (regardless of marital status). Save the date and stay tuned for updates!*

Many blessings for a Happy New Year.

6 PM Mass with Contemporary Worship: ***Started in Faith, Growing in Grace***

Our 6:00 PM Sunday Mass with Contemporary Worship was launched in the fall of 2021 under the leadership of Fr. Alex. What began with a somewhat *worrisome* slow start—attendance in the single digits—has since grown into a beautiful and life-giving liturgical experience, marked by increasing participation among parishioners. The effort has also led to hosting Praise and Worship gatherings, where participants come together to encounter Christ, through personal and communal praise and

worship—listening, singing, praying, reflecting, and simply being present to our Lord.

It has been a true blessing to witness the work of the Holy Spirit through these celebrations. Parishioners of all generations have embraced and deepened their appreciation for contemporary worship, reminding us that worship transcends age.



We are deeply grateful to all who have shared their hearts, time, talent, and treasure to support this initiative, especially those who have served in leadership within Contemporary Worship. If you have not yet experienced this Mass, we warmly invite you to join us and encounter what God is doing in this sacred space.

"How Joseph stayed with Mary as the holy family - "we can handle this.""

"The holidays are fun but we need to make sure we keep Jesus in our lives, especially during this time."

"Mary might have been scared when the baby Jesus was in her belly."

"Keep holding on to God's love and extend it to your family, to the church and the community."

"Always look for signs from God on how he wants you to do things."

"God sent his son to save us. Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus."

"Bring the good news of Christ's Birth to all we meet."

"Life was not easy for the holy family. No matter what they loved each other."

"Honor your father even when you don't agree."

"Mary and Joseph also had difficult things happen."

"We don't have to have everything figured out. The shepherds didn't understand everything, but they followed Jesus."

"Salvation is God."

"Mary went to Elizabeth when she heard she was having a baby boy."

"Forgive those as God has forgiven us."

"We should pray to the holy family when we need more love and peace in our family."

"When you forgive someone you are like the holy family."

"We should all share Jesus' love and peace this Christmas."

"Remember the true meaning of Christmas."

"Salvation is God himself."

"All the decorations still look amazing!"

"I saw a friend at mass."

"A wreath above the altar."

"We listened to a song about Mary and the baby Jesus."

"The feast of the holy family. Father Paddy was priest during mass and he thought it was New Years Eve."

"Everyone dressed up for the occasion."

"We are still celebrating Christmas at church."

"The church was decorated for Christmas. There were lots of red flowers."

"Jesus is in the manger."

"Me and my brother got to stand up on the altar."

"So many special moments, the baby Jesus in the manger, music, our friends son, prelude prior to mass."

"We gave our movie review before we left mass today and there were kids that read the meaning of FAMILY."

"For the homily my sister said Jesus for one of the questions."

"Sometimes we don't understand the things Jesus wants us to do, but we do them because we have faith."

"The angels."

"I sat next to my cousin."

"All the chairs."

"Father Vidal was not there."

"Very crowded! Lots of instruments."

"It was Christmas eve and Granny came with us to mass."

This Week's Lamp & Mass Intentions

Parishioner Announcements

Memories that Share Our Stories

Feast of the Holy Family

