

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

DECEMBER 31ST 2023 ~ THE HOLY FAMILY



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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BAPTISM AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Parents must be contributing members, regularly attending weekly Mass, for at least 4 months. In preparation for the sacrament, a one hour class for parents must be completed prior to the baptism, please contact the rectory, 652-7660, at least 2 months in advance.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Should be made with the pastor at least six months to one year before the proposed wedding date. One member of the couple must be a registered, practicing member and contributor of record at Mt. Carmel for at least six months. Couples sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm, Tuesday 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm. When available Fathers Campbell and McDermott will hear confessions before Sunday Masses.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:15 am with 7:00 am Morning Prayer, Rosary after Mass.

Tuesday Adoration 3:00pm until 5:30 pm. Mass at 5:45 pm.

Saturday 8:30 am

4:00 pm (anticipated Sunday Mass)

Sunday 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

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A Cause for Confusion & Grave Scandal:

Pope Francis publishes norms for clergy to 'bless' homosexual couples

On Monday, Dec. 18, Pope Francis, through the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, headed by Cardinal Victor Fernández, issued a document that permits the blessing of same sex couples, as well as couples in "irregular situations" (i.e., living together outside of marriage and/or in adulterous relationships), in contradiction to the perennial teaching of the Church which prohibits the blessing of sinful relationships.

Just two years ago, in 2021, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith stated clearly that the Church does not have "power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex," and that it is "not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage (i.e., outside the indissoluble union of a man and a woman open in itself to the transmission of life), as is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex."

Cardinal Fernández, in explaining the new document to *LifeSiteNews* on Dec. 18, 2023, said that "the homosexual **union** is not blessed, because it [the Church] has the clear definition of marriage which is a union between a male and female open to new life." Rather, the document only allows for the **persons** in same-sex unions (or in irregular situations) to receive a blessing. Fernández also said that such blessings could be bestowed "without officially validating their [the couple's] status or changing in any way the Church's perennial teaching on marriage"; but admitted that a blessing "that could confuse and not make clear about this reality is not good for the Church."

But confusion over such blessings is precisely what will happen; for blessing homosexual couples will be **interpreted** by many in society in general and even by many within the Catholic Church, as **validating these relationships and the sexual actions that take place within them** – which are "acts of grave depravity" and which "[u]nder no circumstances can be approved" (CCC 2357), for they are sins that "cry to heaven" (CCC 1867). In addition to causing **confusion**, such blessings will result **grave scandal**, which is contrary to authentic charity, which always must be exercised in accordance with truth.

If a same-sex couple were to approach me and ask that I bless them, I would have to refuse, because I know that to bestow such a blessing would be *perceived* as blessing not only these two persons, but *the relationship* as well. The same would be true if a same-sex couple with children were to ask me for a blessing. To bestow a blessing on a same-sex couple with the notion, "I am blessing only the persons, but not the bond/relationship," would be disingenuous, because I know that I would be blessing them *as a couple* (or *as a "family"*); in fact, I would be a liar, and a murderer – of souls (cf. *Jn* 8:44), for I would be *affirming* them in their sin. The bestowal of such blessings is, in reality, an attack upon the family, the fundamental cell of society, because the family finds its very origin in marriage.

A truly pastoral, and compassionate response to a request for a blessing by a same-sex couple would be to call them, gently and charitably, but clearly and firmly, to repentance: to embrace a chaste life (to which *every* human being is called), then urge that they separate if they are living together (which itself is scandalous), and be reconciled to God and the Church through a sincere confession of their sins, through which they will experience true peace of mind, heart and soul, and find authentic happiness as well.

Finally, instead of blessing the couple, tell them, "I will pray for you, that God grant you strength to do His will, and to embrace a holy, chaste and pure life."

On this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, that they protect the institutions of marriage and the family from all insidious attacks upon it. **Fr. Campbell**



Eucharistic Holy Hour to bring in the New Year: **10-11pm Sunday Dec. 31, Mt. Carmel.** Brief celebration to follow.



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Please PRAY for the sick in our parish

Jean Wawiora, Jeanne George, Maria Savaglio, Gilda Bilotti, Aldo Bosco, Sharon Fair, Dorothy Ramcheck, Rosemary Werwie, Richard Kaminski, Carol Szulcowski, Tom Komarec, Tom & Matilde Woodbury, Patricia Cascio, Alan Vittori, Marge Jarvey, John Ernst, Chris Neugebauer, Santina Lori, Len Hartnell, Gina Missurelli, Sally Knudson, Betty Campbell, Rosann Bartello and Margi Jarvey.

Sign Up for FLOCKNOTE! To sign up: Text the word LOOP (in all CAPS) as a text message and send to **84576**. Then you'll be in our parish "loop" and will receive texts, news & emails from Fr. Campbell.

Please join us Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany for our world & personal intentions before Jesus in the Tabernacle.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH: THE PERFECT EXAMPLE AND SCHOOL OF ALL CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Homily: Pope St. Paul VI Feast of the Holy Family

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus – the school of the Gospel. The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning – at once so deep and so mysterious – of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of his life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices – in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal himself to the world. Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning.

Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ.

How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.

But I am only a passing pilgrim. I must renounce this desire to pursue in this home my still incomplete education in the understanding of the Gospel. I will not go on my way however without having gathered – hurriedly, it is true, and as if wanting to escape notice – some brief lessons from Nazareth.

First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life.

May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order.

Finally, there is a lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the ‘Carpenter’s Son’, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken.

And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mount Carmel: Tuesdays 3-5:30 pm. Please come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Benediction at 5:30 pm, Mass 5:45 pm.

St. Therese: Fridays at 8:30am-5pm. (1st Friday Adoration continues through Sat 6 am)



Readings & Observances

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or

3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

ITALIAN CHRISTMAS POEM

<i>Tu scendi dalle stelle</i>	<i>O Bambino mio Divino</i>
<i>O Re del Cielo</i>	<i>Io ti vedo a tremar,</i>
<i>E vieni in una grotta,</i>	<i>O Dio Beato</i>
<i>Al freddo al gelo</i>	<i>Ahi, quanto ti costò</i>
	<i>averci amato!</i>

From starry skies descending,
Thou comest, glorious King
A manger low thy bed,
A winter's icy sting

O my dearest Child most holy,
Shudd'ring trembling in the cold!
Great God, Thou lovest me!
What suffering Thou didst bear,
That I near thee might be!

TOUR of CATHOLIC FAITH & RCIA CLASS

Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., Mt. Carmel School (enter through school door facing east/Columbus Park)

Text: Basic Catholic Catechism Course by Fr. John Hardon, S.J., cost: \$25. A year-long, complete tour of Catholic Faith Join class any time, come when able, for any Catholic who needs Confirmation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 30

4:00 pm Gilbert & Eve Saldana (Daughter Alicia)
Nick Guarascio (Family)

Sunday December 31 Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 am Priest Intention

10:00 am Jean Fliess

12:00 pm Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners

Monday January 1 The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

8:30 am Priest Intention

10:00 am Priest Intention (Latin Mass)

Tuesday January 2

5:45 pm Priest Intention

Wednesday January 3

7:15 am Shirley Dworak (Sharon & Bob Beales)

Thursday January 4

7:15 am Priest Intention

Friday January 5

7:15 am Priest Intention

Saturday January 6

8:30 am The Mothers of Raising Saints Home
School Group (Heather Schweitzer)

4:00 pm Benny Ricchio & Danielle Ricchio
(Ada Ricchio & Family)

Sunday January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am Priest Intention

10:00 am Elianora Palermo
(Mr. & Mrs. Luigi DeFranco)

12:00 pm Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners

LECTORS

Saturday January 6 4:00 pm Tom Aiello

Sunday January 7 7:00 am Wes Ricchio

10:00 am Bob Ellison

ALTARBOYS

Jaxson Anderson, Dominic & Pascal Blome, Domenico Chiappetta, Christopher Doan, Vinnie & Dominic Gentile, Robert, Peter, Nicholas & Timmy George, Tony, Richard, Stephen, Paul Hazinski, Samir Khoury, Vincent Meyerhofer, Isaac Purdy, Christian Roushia, Landen & Sam Traczyk.

Monday, January 1:

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

English Mass at 8:30am; Latin Mass 10am. Although this year it is not a day of obligation, we should come to honor Mary under this ancient title and ask Her help and guidance in the coming year.

Parish Support for December 10, 2023

Budgeted Need \$6,800.00

Parish Support \$5,141.00 **Under \$1,659.00**

The Mass Book for 2024 is open. Each family can schedule 3 Masses, one of them can fall on the weekend. You can call the parish office to do so.