

MEMORIAL CANDLES

7 day lights in honor of our
Patroness, Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Candles will cost \$10.00 each,
have the image of Our Lady of Mt Carmel,
be lit on Her feast day July 16, 2022

Name: _____

Number of Candles _____

Amount enclosed: Check _____ Cash _____

In Memory of: _____



FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY

FRIDAY June 10th,
SATURDAY June 11th and SUNDAY June 12th
at 7pm in church.

On the feast day of St. Anthony,
June 13th there will be a mass in his honor at 7:00pm.



- 4th 5:30pm Spanish Baptism
- 4th Novena prayers in honor of St. Anthony at masses
- 5th Novena prayers in honor of St. Anthony at masses
- 6th 7:00pm Novena in honor of St. Anthony
- 7th 7:00pm Novena in honor of St. Anthony
- 8th 7:00pm Novena in honor of St. Anthony
- 9th 7:00pm Novena in honor of St. Anthony
- 10th 7:00pm Novena in honor of St. Anthony
- 11th Novena prayers in honor of St. Anthony at masses
- 11th 11:00 am Memorial Mass for Louis Abin Sr.
- 12th Novena prayers in honor of St. Anthony at masses
- 12th Holy Name Society Mass 8:30am & Meeting
- 13th 7:00pm Mass in honor of St. Anthony
- 18th 5:30pm Spanish Baptism
- 19th Our Lady of Mt Carmel Society Mass 8:30am & Meeting
- 25th Senor de los Milagros Mass 5:30pm & Meeting
- 26th 1:00pm Baptism
- 26th Madonna della Fontana mass 10:00am & Meeting



- 4th Independence Day Rectory closed
- 7th 7:00pm Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
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- 13th 7:00pm Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
- 14th 7:00pm Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
- 15th 7:00pm Healing Mass with Novena prayers
Day #1 Feast 6pm-11pm
- 16th 7:00pm Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Candlelight Procession to follow Mass
Day #2 Feast 6pm—11pm
- 17th 3:00pm Solemn High mass Bishop Arthur Serratelli
Grand Procession to follow mass
Day #3 Feast 6pm—11pm

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132nd Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel.
Information enclosed.



Last month's *Carmelite* I wrote about "What is the Church?" as an introduction to this column on our faith. I had mentioned that there were three inseparable meanings to the word "Church." One of those meanings is the liturgical assembly, which above all means the Eucharist that is celebrated at each mass. Central to our identity, not just as Catholics, but as a people of God is our liturgical worship of God. Our human nature has a need for liturgical worship, that is way when we study the various cultures and civilizations throughout history all had some form of liturgical drama and worship. Of course, we know that all those different civilizations worshiped false gods because in their search for finding an explanation to the world around them and life in general they created this "otherworldly" realm of gods. In reality, their natural inclination to the supernatural was just the natural pull that exists in each person toward the One True God.

In today's modern world which says that it has no need of God and that God doesn't even exist, we still see this need for liturgical worship. Every time you watch an awards ceremony on TV, there is a sense of order and ceremony to it; they even have their own version of a "golden calf" in which they worship, i.e. a golden globe or a gold statuette. Even our political and governmental systems have an order and ceremony.

I bring all this up because we as a Church, and especially our parish, are still living with the effects of the technological innovations as a result of COVID, namely livestreamed masses. When our bishops made the unfortunate decision of closing our churches for so long, that inner need for worship and liturgy on the part of the faithful cause priests throughout the world to come up with innovative ways to bring the family of faith together again around the altar of the Lord, even if it was only virtually. At the time, these services served a great purpose and deep spiritual need. However, in speaking with many of my brother priests and reading commentaries about the effects of these livestream masses, our churches are emptier today than they were before the pandemic. Too many people got use to staying home and "watching" mass comfortably seated on their couch even with a glass of wine in hand, as one person once told me.

I know that some still live in fear of the virus, but for those who don't have this fear my fear is that the majority don't realize the spiritual harm that physically disconnecting themselves from the worshipping liturgical community. Some might skeptically think that my concern as a pastor is more financial, but my true concern as a pastor of souls is the health and wellbeing of the souls entrusted to my care. If you have not yet returned to church because you have become use to watching the livestream, we welcome you back home. Come and worship with us, come and pray together as a family of God, and more importantly of all reconcile yourself with God and receive the greatest gift he left us: his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. For those of you who have already returned to church, invite your family and friends who still sit at home. May we takes these words of the catechism to heart and meditate upon them: *The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.*

A MOTHER'S LOVE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

My dear Friends and Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

Two years ago in June 2020, when the world was coming out of an immediate lockdown but yet the pandemic still persisted; it became evident that we were not able to have our Annual Feast of Our Lady Mount Carmel. Monsignor Ambrosio and I had decided to "reactivate" the Mother's Love Campaign, first started by him and Bishop Di Marzio in 1999. Back then they had raised over \$500,000, I am sure many of you remember that tremendous feat!

Monsignor decided that the goal should be more subdued, at \$130,000 to celebrate the 130 years we celebrated as a parish. To date, we have raised a little over \$87,000 toward that goal and that is "THANKS" to many of you who believe in our parish and having her continue for another 130 years!

With that money that we have collected several known and perhaps a little known projects have been realized. Notably, the painting of the ceiling in church, the refurbishment of the back baptistry into a chapel, the painting of the sacristies, restoration of the altar rail, marble work on high altar and some electrical updating in church and so on.

There are also two major projects that we hope to complete by the end of this campaign and that is the painting of the walls of church to finish out the project and eventually pulling up the rugs in the Church to restore the Terrazzo floors as they were when the church opened in 1955.

It should go without question that a special thank you should be made to the families of those whom we've lost in the past two years who have opted in lieu of flowers to have memorial contributions made to our parish. "Their names are written in heaven" as we read from the Gospel of Saint Luke.

Lastly and most importantly this campaign was not only a campaign of funds but Monsignor also felt that it should be a campaign of membership of people to come back to church, of new friends and old friends and those who we just have not yet met, to come to our church and make OLMC home. We are likewise blessed that our new Pastor, Fr Danny has willingly, openly, and enthusiastically continued this campaign, and with his vision and foresight into the care of the church has had to clean, repair, and replace some aspects of our campus (school, convent, rectory). He has been busy since the day he arrived, but with new energy and a new perspective we feel invigorated to continue on, thank you Father!

We had a record 36 burials from Mount Carmel in the year 2020, a number that has not been seen since 15 years prior and we have registered about 46 parishioners/families since June 2020. Therefore dear friends, there is much work to be done! I encourage all of you who read this notice those who either attend weekly or monthly or perhaps not so frequently at all to make an effort if possible and maybe even an extra effort to reach out to those who used to belong to this parish or are looking for a parish, to make Mount Carmel their home, so that we can continue Our Lady's Love, one of the oldest in the Iron-bound for many decades to come.

May Monsignor Ambrosio Rest In Peace and from his labors take rest, and may Our Lady take us by the hand and lead us bravely into the future which seems ever so uncertain with the passing of time!

Love, peace and good health to all,

Eric Lavin
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