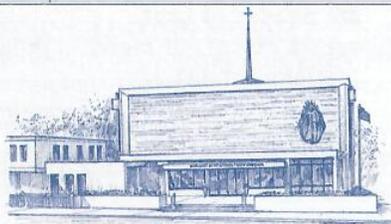
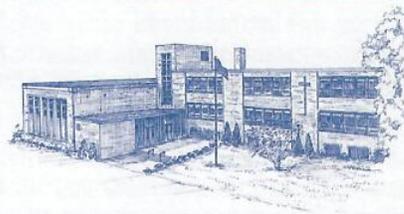


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 7:30 pm (Español)
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 & 6:00 pm (Español)
 Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
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 7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holyday Masses Times, language and places will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas El tiempo, el idioma y el lugar será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Reconciliation/Reconciliacion: Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm; 6:45 pm-7:15 pm (Español). Priest is available upon request or by appointment. El sacerdote estará disponible con cita también

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You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Bautismo

Hay que inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicara para visitarte. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases y reflexión sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora tres meses. Ceremonia del bautismo; Cada primer y tercer sabado del mes a las 12:00pm.

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If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Natalia at 475-295-2293.

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Weekly Announced Mass Intentions



Saturday – July 16 ~O.L. Mt. Carmel~

5:00pm- † Marilyn Connors

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – July 17

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Alexander A. Zuntag

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Alexander E. Zuntag

Monday – July 18

12:05pm- † Fernanda & Jesie Gil

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

Tuesday – July 19

12:05pm~ Special Intentions of
Liam Winter-Renazile

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Elza Renazile

Wednesday – July 20

12:05pm- † Ashley Ailin Rodriguez

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

Thursday – July 21

12:05pm- † Javier Flores Guarneros

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

Friday – July 22

12:05pm † Grace Frulio

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family

Saturday – July 23

5:00pm- † Donna Currie

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Tommy & Colleen

Sunday – July 24

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Adell Pendergrass Simpson

~Birthday in Heaven~

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

~ Our **Bread & Wine** is offered this week in Thanksgiving of **The Mikos Family** at the request of their **Family**.

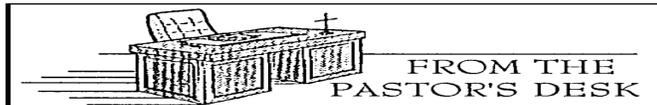
~ Our **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for the special intentions of **Tom & Jennifer** at the request of their **Family**.



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“The first task in life is this: prayer. But not the prayer of words like parrots, but the prayer of the heart, through which it is possible to look at the Lord, listen to the Lord, ask of the Lord. And we know that prayer works miracles”. (Pope Francis)



"Martha and Mary, Jesus' friends" (Luke 10:38-42)

Last week we were asked to love even foreigners and, for some of us, that is a difficult demand to fulfill; this week the **Gospel** introduces us to a friendship that we can all enthusiastically embrace. Indeed, today we see **Martha and Mary welcoming** Jesus to their house. A true friendship makes us yearn for those moments, when sharing with friends is the place to love and be loved. Martha and Mary, **friends of Jesus**, allow us to discover that human facet of Jesus that we often overlook. Jesus has his personal friends and allows himself to be taken care of by them. Furthermore, he is ready to visit them in good and bad times.

As if they were typical summer readings, the Old Testament recounts the visit of the three strangers to **Abraham** and his wife **Sarah**. They welcome three strangers and insist they rest and eat. In the gospel, Marta takes care of all the serving while Mary visits with him. As the old song says: *“If you have a good friendship, praise God because friendship is good; to be a friend is to do all the good to our friends, how good it is to know how to love...”* May this and all the Eucharists be those moments of friendship with Jesus whom we know by listening to his **Word** and in the breaking of the **Bread**.

Beyond the story, these readings try to be a sample of what our life as believers should be; that is to say, a constant welcome of those who come to our houses or churches. It is welcoming Jesus who wants to reach our hearts and make us true friends. Celebrating our encounter with Jesus, i.e., prayer, leads us to encounter others. It is not in vain that Pope Francis reminds us that: *“You can never be without the other. We are not islands, we are in the world to live in the image of God: open, in need of others and in need of helping others.”*

In today's Gospel passage we have Jesus in the middle of two sisters' conflict. One of them, Martha, is concerned with serving Jesus a good meal while her sister Mary is seated listening to him. Martha complains that her sister does not help her with the housework and Jesus, far from sympathizing with her, teaches her a lesson in true hospitality. Welcoming others is not only giving them food and drink but something more... Mary represents those who care to listen to the word of Jesus. For the Divine Master, *“Mary has chosen the better part”* (Luke 10:42). Let us pray to the Lord that we may hear his Word and know how to share his Bread even with strangers. Be like Mary, so we may be true Jesus Disciples, breaking paradigms, ready to accept men and women as well as to listen to the Lord. May we learn from the two sisters and from their contemplative and active vocation in the presence of Jesus and in the service of our poorest brothers and sisters. ~ **Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 17: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10
Psalms 15:2-5
Colossians 1:24-28

July 24: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalms 138:1-3, 6-8
Colossians 2:12-14



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

As members of this Parish Family, we are all invited to join us for Mass in celebrating our patroness this weekend. There will be a parish social gathering at the school gym after the **10:00am Mass** on **Sunday, July 17th**. Your presence is important. We hope to see you there!

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Virgen of Mount Carmel:
If I suffer any difficulty: help me;
If I lose my way: guide me;
And if evil torments me: protect me;
In moments of doubt: guide me;
When I am sick: heal me;
If I find myself alone: be with me;
If my faith wavers: Make me stronger;
In difficult times: give me strength.
Pray for us holy Mother of God
And I will know how to thank you. Amen.

2022 – 2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory or online in our Parish website. It is a two-year program for each sacrament; children entering the 1st grade should now be registered for First Holy Communion classes and children entering the 6th grade should now be registered for Confirmation classes. The child's baptismal certificate is required and classes will start in September. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – *A journey of faith.* If you age 18 or older and interested in becoming Catholic, or need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA is the answer to your prayers. RCIA guides you through the process of discernment, prayer, and education. To find out more, contact the rectory and leave a message for Colin.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Jesus, Divine Shepherd of souls, you called the Apostles to be fishers of men. Send us holy priests, O Lord through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Model of all vocations. Let your call be heard and answered by generous and courageous men to meet the pressing needs of your Church and the world. Come, Lord, do not delay. Send to your Church holy priests! Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY / INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK - We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and lifegiving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.



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