

God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because

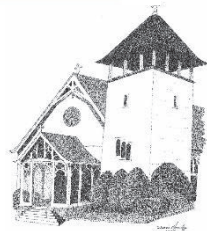
He **L·O·V·E·S** us!

John 3:16-17



Church of St Mary – Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - Cuarta Domingo de Adviento 19 December 2021

Prayer for lighting Candle from Advent Wreath

The fourth candle of our Advent wreath is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent, is the Angel's candle. As we light this flame, we are reminded of the heavenly hosts that proclaimed Christ's arrival with "Behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy!" The Angel candle is also purple, reminding us that it was a King's birth the angels were announcing. Suggested Bible Reading: Ezekiel 34:23, Luke 2: 15-20 and John 10:11. Prayer as we light all fourth Advent Candles - The Candle of Joy. Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Christmas Flower & Wreaths

Another beautiful way to remember a family member or friend at Christmas is to dedicate or memorialize a Christmas Poinsettia or Christmas Wreath which will be remembered and you, also in all our prayers during the Christmas Season. There are special envelopes available in which you can make your request and enclose your donation.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit

retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

For Peace During Christmas Season

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our Christmas stockings. Crazy weather disasters strike at unsuspecting areas, ravaging peaceful homes and interrupting the lives of unsuspecting residents. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, "Be afraid!" We need your peace, Jesus. Lord, we still carol the wonderful message, huddled beneath winter caps on snow-covered porches, or from churches, led by enthusiastic musicians or choir members. Yet we confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever. Amen.

Mass Intentions - December 19 - December 25

Sunday, 12/19	8:00 am – Katherine Geary (Deceased) 9:30 am – Bienvenido Marmolejos (16 th Aniversario en cielo) 11:30 am – Martin Sorhaindo (Deceased)
Monday, 12/20	9:00 am – Josephine Williams (Deceased) 7:00 pm – No Hay Intenciones Para la Misa en español
Tuesday, 12/21	9:00 am – Francis & Marion Scanlon (Deceased)
Wednesday 12/22	9:00 am – Health of Jorge Maia 7:00 pm – No Hay Intenciones Para la Misa en español
Thursday, 12/23	9:00 am – Josephine Solano (23 rd Anniversary in Heaven)
Friday, 12/24	9:00 am – Frank Calami & Joseph Spear (Deceased) 5:00 pm – Margaret Koster (Birthday in Heaven) 7:00 pm – Marivel Suarez (Deceased)
Saturday, 12/25	10:00 am – Hector Cintron (Deceased)
Christmas Day	11:30 am – Health of Ann & Anthony Orlando 5:00 pm – Louis & Lois Royal (Deceased) 7:00 pm – Abel Sousa (Deceased)



Parish Office Hours: Mon – Fri 9:30 – 2:00; **Closed:** Saturday & Sunday

Oración para encender la vela de la corona de Adviento

La cuarta vela de nuestra corona de Adviento se enciende el cuarto domingo de Adviento, es la vela del ángel. Al encender esta llama, recordamos las huestes celestiales que proclamaron la llegada de Cristo con "¡He aquí, os traigo buenas nuevas de gran gozo!" La vela del ángel también es de color púrpura, recordándonos que era el nacimiento de un rey que anunciaban los ángeles. Lectura bíblica sugerida: Ezequiel 34:23, Lucas 2: 15-20 y Juan 10:11. Oración mientras encendemos las cuartas velas de Adviento: la vela de la alegría. Gracias Dios por el gozo que nos das. Te pedimos que mientras esperamos que todas tus promesas se hagan realidad y que Cristo venga de nuevo, permanezca presente con nosotros. Ayúdanos hoy y todos los días a adorarte, a escuchar tu palabra y a hacer tu voluntad compartiendo tu gozo con los demás. Te lo pedimos en nombre del que nació en Belén. Amén.

Flores de Navidad y guirnaldas

Otra hermosa forma de recordar a un familiar o amigo en Navidad es dedicar o conmemorar una Poinsettia o Corona de Navidad que será recordada y usted, también en todas nuestras oraciones durante la temporada navideña. Hay sobres especiales disponibles en los que puedes hacer tu solicitud y adjuntar tu donación.

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Los religiosos expresan su gratitud. Una hermana escribe: "Nuestras oraciones son, sobre todo para los generosos benefactores cuyos donativos han hecho posible esta ayuda financiera". Gracias por su apoyo a la colecta la semana pasada para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Visiten retiredreligious.org para aprender cómo su donativo apoya a las

hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes ancianos de órdenes religiosas.

Por la paz durante la temporada navideña

Señor, en una época en la que todo corazón debe estar feliz y ligero, muchos de nosotros estamos luchando con la pesadez de la vida, cargas que nos roban el gozo de nuestras medias navideñas. Desastres climáticos locos azotan áreas desprevenidas, devastando hogares pacíficos e interrumpiendo las vidas de residentes desprevenidos. La tragedia llega cuando víctimas inocentes sufren y una voz interior susurra: "¡Ten miedo!" Necesitamos tu paz, Jesús. Señor, todavía cantamos el maravilloso mensaje, acurrucados bajo gorros de invierno en porches cubiertos de nieve, o desde iglesias, dirigidos por músicos entusiastas o miembros del coro. Sin embargo, confesamos que nuestros corazones se llenan con demasiada frecuencia de maravillas de otro tipo: preguntarse cuándo se pagarán las facturas, cuándo cesará el terror, cuándo llegará el descanso. Lo hará alguna vez? Sigue siendo cierto el mensaje? En un mundo donde prevalece la preocupación, no la paz, aviva esa buena noticia nuevamente. Esta Navidad, hazla realidad en nuestros corazones. Nunca hemos necesitado tu gozo y tu paz más que ahora. Gracias por el don de Jesús, nuestro Emanuel, el Verbo hecho carne. Perdónanos por olvidarnos de que Tu amor nunca cambia, nunca se desvanece y que nunca abandonas el propósito por el que viniste: salvarnos de nuestra condición pecaminosa y darnos la vida eterna, el gozo de la relación con un Dios santo. Tu nacimiento, y tu muerte, sellaron tu promesa para siempre. Amén.

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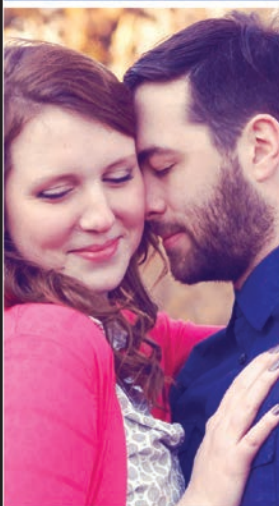
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