

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10; Responsorial Psalm 112:4-9
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

One Faith, One Family



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the Body of Christ, we are urged by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel to live our faith as salt and light for today's world. It is very appropriate that we prepare this Sunday for the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) of our Diocese of Monterey. The Appeal enables us to bring the light of our Lord—through our faith, hope and charity—more deeply into our world. Jesus tells us: *"Your light must shine before others, that they may*

see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matt 5:16).

Our discipleship as followers of Jesus, reminds us that in *One Faith as One Family* we can brighten—and even transform—the lives of others through the ministries and services of our Diocese. Each of us, however possible, has the ability to confront darkness by participating in this year's Appeal. Please take a few minutes to read the 2017 brochure enclosed in the bulletin this Sunday. Next Sunday will be Appeal Sunday. I hope that each of us can make a donation or pledge this year. As a community, whatever we give beyond our AMA goal of \$10,300, will be returned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel for our capital building/renovation fund.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal, and for all you do for our parish. May the light of Christ shine forth through the loving gift of our faith and service!

Sincerely in Christ,

Lenten Suppers

We are just over a month away from the start of Lent. We are seeking volunteers to help with this year's dinners. In addition to our stalwart supporters, we are hoping to see some new faces this year. If you can only help one night, that is fine. Sign-up sheets are in the rear of the church. For those interested we will have a strategy meeting on Tues., Feb. 7, at 6:00 pm.

Wisdom of Pope Francis

—“There can be no true peace if everyone claims always and exclusively his or her own rights, without caring for the good of others.”
—“Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. We can all be builders of peace.”

2016 AMA Final Report

We would like to thank all of you who participated in the 2016 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) of our Diocese of Monterey.

Our 2016 goal was **\$10,400**. The total amount donated for the AMA was **\$41,007**. Because we exceeded our goal, thanks to you, the difference between the goal and the amount donated, **\$30,607**, is being used to support our ministries and other needs here at OLMC.

May God's blessings be upon all of you who participated during the past year in the AMA. The 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12.

Executive Order on Refugees



President and Vice President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Stand in Defense of All Faiths in Response to Executive Order on Refugees

"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you?" Matthew 25:38

WASHINGTON— Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president of the USCCB, have issued the following joint statement regarding the recent executive order on the new refugee policy announced by President Trump this past Friday. President Trump's executive order suspends the entry of refugees into the United States for 120 days. The order also indefinitely stops the admission of Syrian refugees and for 90 days, bars individuals from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

The statement can be accessed in English and Spanish on our parish website at: www.ourladycarmelvalley.org.

Please also note the USCCB ACTION ALERT: In Solidarity with Refugees <http://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts>

Parish Registration

We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish Registration Form* on the front page of the bulletin.

Second Collection This Sunday—Feb. 5, 2017

Grounds and Building Maintenance Collection

Offertory Report 1/29/2017

Plate collection: \$2,473; Building Fund: \$510; Hope's Pantry \$62; other: \$182; total deposit: \$3,227. Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Feb. 4-10, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm +Feliz and Connie Maldonado
Sun., 9:00 am +The Youth of the Parish
Sun., 11:15 am +Giuseppe Manuguerra
+Ramon Sam Oriel
+Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm Los Jóvenes de la Parroquia
Wed., 7:00 am The Sick of the Parish
Thur., 7:00 am +Joe and Ethel Costello
+Harry and Ruth Hawkins
Fri., 7:00 am The Families of the Parish

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas y Quinceañeras - Favor de hablar con el Padre Dennis.

Registración Parroquial - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial.

2017 Llamado Anual de los Ministerios -

Mis Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo, La AMA comenzará el próximo fin de semana. Este año, nuestra meta parroquial es \$10,300. Parte de esa meta es para ayudar a la Diócesis para que pueda continuar ofreciendo los valiosos programas y servicios de los cuales todos nos beneficiamos. Sin embargo, todos los regalos o compromisos que sobran los \$10,300 se usarán aquí en nuestra parroquia para nuestras necesidades. Por favor, oremos y reflexionemos sobre como podemos participar y ayudar en esta campaña para el bien de la Diócesis y de nuestra Parroquia. Muchísimas gracias. Sinceramente en Cristo,

Youth Corner

Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But what does that mean? Since ancient times, salt has been used to preserve foods and keep them fresh. Salt also makes us thirsty. Jesus is telling us that we are called to help people thirst for God! We are also called to shine bright and to make visible the goodness of God. Let's reflect: How can I be salt and light for others?

