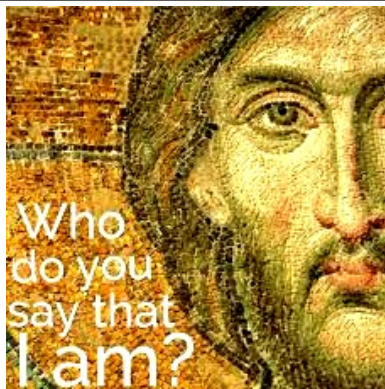


Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020



GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: John 1:45-51

Tues: Mt 23:23-26

Wed: Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: Mt 24:42-51

Friday: Mt 25:1-13

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138;
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36; Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."—Matthew 16:16

Pope Francis tells us, "Since our life is a gift, to serve is to be faithful to who we are; it is about that intimate capacity to give what we are, to love without limits." The question of Jesus is truly a reminder of the importance of being who God has created us to be. Jesus continues to ask each of us, as he asked Peter and the other disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Recognizing Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God," gifts and empowers us to look more deeply at ourselves and our relationship with Christ, one another, and all of God's beloved creation.

Each one of us, like Peter, have been given authority and responsibility through our baptism to live and witness our belief in Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Our prayer and life in the Spirit enable us to truly be God's faithful servants. Like Peter, we have received "the keys to the kingdom of heaven" to open the doors of faith, hope and love to others and serve them with compassion and generosity. During COVID-19, the tragic fires, and always, may the Cross of the Son of God be our hope and promise.

Maintaining God's House: 8th Week of Construction

This week the forms and re-bar for the new hall footings and foundation were completed, inspected, and signed-off by our structural engineer and the county. Concrete will be poured in the next few days, exact timing will depend on air quality.

We thank all of you for your prayerful and loving support of our special building renovation project to maintain God's house.

Let us pray:

All powerful and all merciful Father,
You have created all things and have made your Son the unshakable foundation of your Kingdom. Through the gift of your eternal wisdom, grant that our building project give you glory, serve our own well-being, and the needs of our parish ministries. May Our Blessed Mother's Merciful and Miraculous Heart accompany us daily and bring our project to successful completion through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever!" —Psalm 107

Letter from Bishop Daniel

I invite you to join me in praying for our brothers and sisters throughout our State and in our Diocese who have been and are presently affected by the recent fires. In our diocese alone the CZU, River, Carmel Valley and Dolan fires have already caused profound damage to property, persons and the environment. Likewise, several of our parish sites have been evacuated due to the close proximity of the fires. Although it may not be clear to us, it is at times like these that we are called to not lose sight that the Lord is with us even amidst the uncertainty of the moment. You and I are called to come together as the Body of Christ, to pray for each other, even if we cannot physically gather in each other's presence. Let us also earnestly pray for our first responders who place themselves in harm's way to protect all of us.

The Bishop's entire letter is available on our website.

Special Mass with Bishop Daniel

Our special bilingual Mass planned for this weekend has been postponed until the fire conditions are safe. Let us pray for one another and for all who have been evacuated from their homes here in our community and throughout the State of California.

2020 Census

If you have not yet done so, you are encouraged to please respond online (2020CENSUS.GOV), by phone (844-330-2020) or by mail. All homes should have received a by mail census form earlier in the year. Our participation is very important so that our community receives the funds and services needed.

Hope's Boutique Request

At this time we are unable to receive donations for Hope's Boutique. We ask that you please take clothing and household donations to the Saint Vincent DePaul Thrift Shop on Fremont Street in Seaside. Thank you.

COVID-19 Testing

Please consider being tested. Free testing is available on Abbott Street in Salinas. For those without any insurance, the State will cover the full cost of testing. Testing is by appointment—call: 1-888-634-1123.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available by appointment (659-2224) in our Saint Francis Prayer Garden.

We Are Salt and Light

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith into the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. As Catholics, we must model a better way. You are invited to join the Civilize It campaign. Civilize It is about making room in our heart for those whom we disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God. It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people. Consider going to the website of the U.S. Bishops and make a pledge: www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it

2020 Annual Ministry Appeal

A special thank you to parishioners who are supporting the Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal. We have received 77 donations or pledges totaling \$33,673.

Weekly Offertory Report 8/16/20

Offertory: \$3,356; Baptism \$100; Other \$40; Total \$3,496.

Mass Intentions - August 23-28, 2020



Sun	10:00 am	Families evacuated from their homes
Wed	12:00 pm	+Teofila & Frank Siudut - Birthdays
Thur	12:00 pm	Sick and Home Bound of the Parish
Fri	12:00 pm	Victims of COVID-19



21 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Isaías 22:19-23; Salmo 137; Romanos 11:33-36
Evangelio de San Mateo 16:13-20

La respuesta de Pedro sobre la identidad de Jesús es el inicio de una vida nueva. Pedro será el primero en dar un servicio de poder al recibir las llaves, un servicio fundamentado en Jesús y el Reino de amor.

Misa Especial bilingüe con nuestro Obispo Daniel García ha sido cancelada por causa de los incendios.

La Primera Confesión y Misa de la Primera Comunión de los Niños - Cambiaremos las fechas hasta después de los incendios. Si hay preguntas favor de hablar con las catequistas o con P. Dennis. Gracias.

Carta del Obispo del 20 de agosto sobre los Incendios
Los invito a unirse a mi para orar por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en todo nuestro estado y en nuestra diócesis que han sido y están actualmente afectados por los recientes incendios. En nuestra diócesis, los incendios de CZU, River, Carmel Valley y Dolan ya han causado profundos daños a la propiedad, a las personas y al medio ambiente. Cientos de personas ya han tenido que ser desplazadas de sus hogares, con temor en la incertidumbre. Asimismo, varios de nuestros sitios parroquiales han sido evacuados debido a la proximidad de los incendios. Aunque no lo tengamos en claro, es en momentos como estos que estamos llamados a no perder de vista que el Señor está con nosotros, incluso en medio de la incertidumbre del momento. Usted y yo estamos llamados a unirnos como el Cuerpo de Cristo, a orar el uno por el otro, incluso si no podemos reunirnos físicamente en la presencia del otro. Oremos también sinceramente por los bomberos combatiendo los incendios, quienes ponen en peligro su vida para protegernos a todos. *(La carta entera esta en nuestra pagina de web.)*

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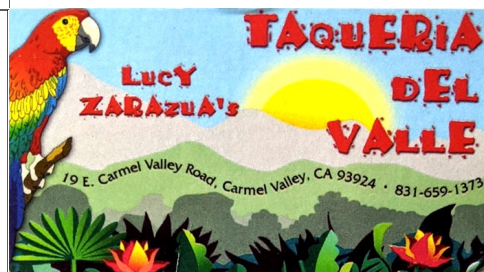
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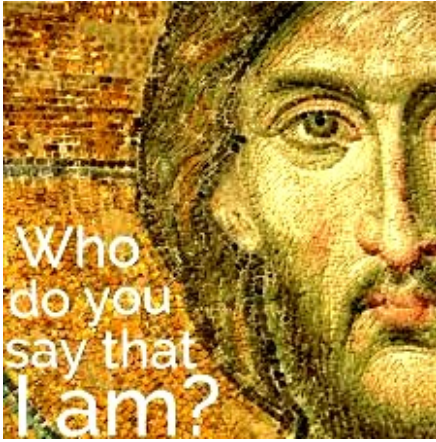
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Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Special Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10 am and 12 Noon

Weekday Masses: Wednesday - Friday, 12 Noon

Special Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment in the Parish Office

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Wednesday through Friday
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