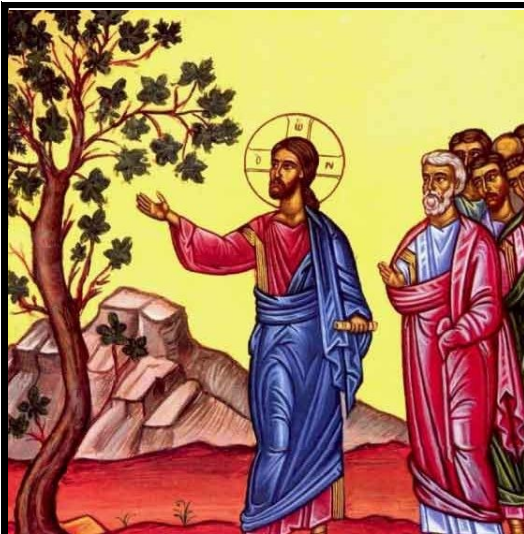


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent March 19-20, 2022

1st Reading: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Psalm 103; 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 Gospel: Lk 13: 1-9

"The fruitless fig tree"



Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Lk 4:24-30

Tues. Mt. 18: 21-35

Wed. Mt. 5: 17-19

Thurs. Lk. 11: 11-23

Fri. Lk. 1: 26-38

Sat. Lk 18: 9-14

The Lord is kind and merciful

Ps. 103

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

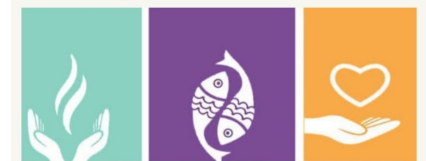


"On Friday, March 25, during the Celebration of Penance at which he will preside at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary." March 25 was the day in 1984 that Pope John Paul II consecrated Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is also the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

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Let us join Pope Francis in this prayer of Consecration as we would have a short Prayer service immediately following Stations of the Cross (5:30pm) on Friday March 25th .

Unámonos al Papa Francisco en esta Consagración, en un breve Servicio de Oración después del Santo Viacrucis (5:30 pm) el viernes 25 de Marzo.



First Lenten Dinner

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

Friday March 25th at 6pm

Salmon and Hawaiian Rice Dinners include entrée, salad, bread, & dessert.

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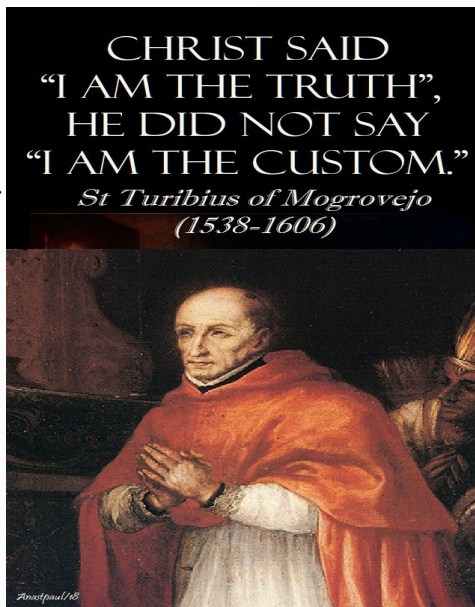
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**Saint of the week: March. 23rd
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

A Spaniard, served God from his infancy. Appointed Archbishop of Lima, he landed in South America in 1581. He died March 23, 1606, having, by his indefatigable zeal and by the boundlessness of his charity, literally renewed the face of the Church of Peru. According to the 1962 Missal of Saint John XXIII, in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, this feast is celebrated on April 27. I Brevary



**Santo de la semana: Marzo 23
Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo**

Español, sirvió a Dios desde su infancia. Nombrado Arzobispo de Lima, desembarcó en América del Sur en 1581. Murió el 23 de marzo de 1606, habiendo, por su celo infatigable y por la inmensidad de su caridad, literalmente renovado el rostro de la Iglesia del Perú. Según el Misal de San Juan XXIII de 1962, en la Forma Extraordinaria del Rito Romano, esta fiesta se celebra el 27 de abril.

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

1era. Lectura: Ex 3, 1-8a. 13-15 **Salmo:** 102;

2da. Lectura: 1 Cor 10, 1-6. 10-12 **Evangelio:** Lk 13, 1-9

“La higuera sin frutos”

Jesús dice en esencia, “Arrepiéntanse o perezcan como como perecieron aquellos Galileos; todos somos pecadores ante Dios y merecedores del castigo de Dios.” El tono cambia, sin embargo, en la parábola que sigue. La parábola de la higuera estéril contrasta la paciencia y la esperanza del viñador con la practicidad del dueño de la propiedad. Cuando se le dice que corte la higuera porque no da fruto, el viñador aconseja paciencia. Si se cuida adecuadamente, la higuera estéril aún puede dar fruto.

A lo largo de su viaje a Jerusalén, Jesús ha estado enseñando sobre el Reino de Dios. En esta parábola encontramos una imagen de la paciencia y esperanza de Dios mientras prepara su Reino. Dios nos llama a arrepentirnos, y está dentro de su poder castigarnos por no habernos apartado de nuestra pecaminosidad. Y, sin embargo, Dios es misericordioso. Él retrasa el castigo y nos atiende para que todavía podamos dar el fruto que él desea de nosotros.

Esta es, pues, nuestra razón de esperanza: Dios no sólo se niega a abandonarnos, sino que elige atendernos incluso cuando no mostramos evidencia de sus esfuerzos.

Lucas nos dice que algunos entre la multitud informaron a Jesús de una masacre de los Galileos por parte de Pilatos. La intención de la multitud parece ser pedirle a Jesús que explique por qué sufrieron estas personas. Era un común presentar el sufrimiento de las personas como evidencia de su pecaminosidad. Jesús desafía esta interpretación. Los que fueron masacrados no eran ni más ni menos pecadores que los que le reportaron la situación a Jesús. Jesús responde que incluso un accidente fatal, un desastre natural, no debe interpretarse como un castigo por el pecado.

Mass Intentions – March 19th – March 25th

- Sat. March 19th 4:30pm: **People of the Parish**
- Sun. March 20th: 9:00am: + **Aurora María Ricardo**
11:15am: + **Max Trybowski, Jr.**
5:00pm: + **Fausta Rubio**
- Wed. March 23rd: 12:00: + **Dave Stainbrook**
- Thurs. March 24th: 12:00: + **Joe & Ethel Costello**
- Fri. March 25th: 12:00: + **María de Jesus Morgadinho**

Weekly Collection Totals: March. 12/13

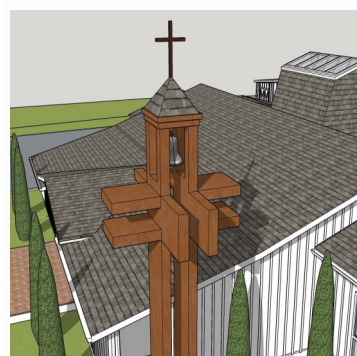
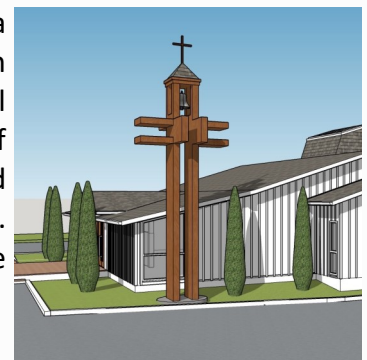
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Bell Tower Project

On Monday, March 21, we will begin a renovation of the parish's iconic wooden cross that will transform it into a small bell tower. This is the last component of our 2020-2021 building program, and this project has been sponsored by Mrs. Ann McGowan in memory of her late husband,



Joe McGowan. Renderings of what the new bell tower will look like are at the church entrance, and have been included as an attachment in this week's parish bulletin. The work is expected to take 2-4 weeks to complete.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spiritfilled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Week Days:

Wed-Fri: 12 noon.

Weekend

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am
5:00 pm Spanish

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 3:30 pm and by Appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday-Friday
10 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

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Sacristans: Richard Ring - J Concepcion Jara

PERSONAL PRAYER

The church is open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-400 pm.
At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service. St. Teresa of Avila



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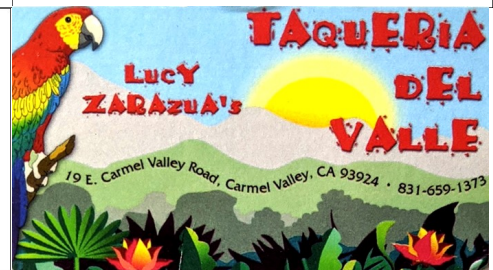
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