



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JUNE 25TH, 2023*

**“THE LORD IS WITH ME, LIKE A MIGHTY CHAMPION:**

**MY PERSECUTORS WILL STUMBLE, THEY WILL NOT TRIUMPH” JR. 20,11**

We read today’s Gospel in the context of last week’s Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week’s reading and today’s reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples’ commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today’s Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew’s Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew’s intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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*So, do not be afraid;  
you are worth more  
than many sparrows.*

Matthew 10:31

## EVENT CALENDAR

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **OUR PATRONESS OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST DAY**

**Sat. July 15th,**

**4:30 pm Vigil Mass.**

**5:30 pm Talk:** Meaning of the Brown Scapular, blessing and bestowing of the Scapular Mass & Talk by Fr. Matthias (Discalced Carmelite)

**Sun. July 16th,**

**10am Bilingual Solemn Mass.**

**11am Bbq and Fellowship.**

(No 5pm Mass Spanish Mass)

## XII DOMINGO ORDINARIO- JUNIO 25, 2023

### “EL SEÑOR, GUERRERO PODEROSO, ESTÁ A MI LADO; POR ESO MIS PERSEGUIDORES CAERÁN POR TIERRA” JR. 20, 11

Leemos el Evangelio de hoy en el contexto del Evangelio de la semana pasada en el que Jesús envió a los doce apóstoles a proclamar el reino de los cielos. Entre la lectura de la semana pasada y la lectura de hoy, Jesús ha predicho que los discípulos enfrentarán dificultades en su misión. Mucha gente no los recibirá bien, incluso dentro de la tierra de Israel. Incluso los miembros de la familia se alejarán de los discípulos debido al compromiso de los discípulos con Jesús y el reino. El Evangelio de hoy ofrece a los discípulos consuelo frente a esta difícil verdad.

Esta sección del Evangelio de Mateo debe leerse en el contexto de la audiencia a la que se dirige Mateo, una comunidad judía-cristiana. El Evangelio alude a los peligros y persecuciones que esta comunidad muy probablemente ya ha enfrentado y seguirá enfrentando. Para tranquilizar a esta comunidad, Mateo les recuerda las palabras de aliento de Jesús que leemos hoy.

En este pasaje del Evangelio, se puede entender que Jesús pone el sufrimiento en perspectiva. Los discípulos de Jesús están llamados a mantener su enfoque en Dios. Aquellos que pueden dañar el cuerpo no tienen el poder supremo; Dios lo hace. Aun así, la persecución y el sufrimiento no se pueden evitar ni prevenir. Pero Jesús les asegura a sus discípulos que Dios sabe y se preocupa por lo que les sucede a sus hijos.

Puede que no enfrentemos el mismo tipo de persecución, pero experimentamos dificultades cuando nos esforzamos por vivir una vida cristiana. A veces dejamos que las opiniones de los demás nos impidan hacer lo que sabemos que es correcto. Necesitamos el recordatorio de que lo que Dios piensa de nosotros es más importante. Nos tranquiliza la promesa de que Dios nos cuida y nos protege.

## EMBRACING THE DIVINE GIFT OF FREEDOM: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK 2023



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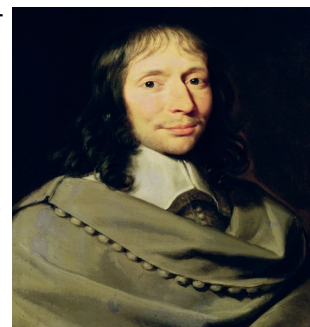
Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. For more information about the Religious Freedom Week please visit the USA Bishops web site: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## VATICAN LIBRARY SHOWCASES FIRST-EDITION WORKS BY BLAISE PASCAL

On the 400th anniversary of the birth of Blaise Pascal, the Vatican Library displayed first editions of some of his most famous works.

Pope Francis published an apostolic letter earlier this week praising the 17th-century French philosopher, mathematician, and scientist as “a tireless seeker of truth.”

To mark the quatercentenary of Pascal’s birth on June 19, 1623, the Vatican Apostolic Library showed journalists its first edition of Pascal’s “Pensées,” his most well-known work of Christian apologetics published posthumously from his notes and manuscript fragments, from 1670. By Courtney Mares. Catholic New Agency.



**“The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of...  
We know the truth not only by the reason, but by the heart.”** Blaise Pascal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Day Celebration will be on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Joe and Bernie Aliotti have graciously volunteered to head the organizational team. There will be a single 10:00 am Bilingual Sunday Mass followed by a BBQ and pot luck. See the flyer for more information.

# SCHEDULE

## Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

## Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, 5:00 PM in Spanish

## Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

## Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

*“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

# MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions June 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

Saturday Vigil June 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30: + **Missy Read**  
7pm Mass in Cachagua

+ **Luis & + Josefina Espinola, +Selina Mandieta**

Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 : + **Claire Falkenberg**

11:15: + **Dana Simonsen**

**NO 5PM SPANISH MASS**

Wed. June 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + **James Bransletter**

Thurs. June 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + **Michael Jensen**

Fri. June 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + **Andrew Huff**

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF*

# WEEKLY COLLECTION

**June 17-18 2023**

General Fund and EFT: **\$1,960.44**

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY*

# PARISH STAFF

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# PARISH VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

## Pastoral Council

- Dede Woodhead (chair), Alondra Klemek (vice chair), Jeff Hawkins (secretary), Tess Arthur, J Concepción Jara, Tom Rowland, Trini Resendiz

## Finance Council

- Alex Gray (chair), Jim Rice (secretary), A.B. Introcaso, Jack McAleer, Ed Quinnan

## Faith Formation

- **First Communion:** Jennifer Bodner (1st year), Marilyn Morgadinho (2nd year)
- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (1st year), Alondra Klemek and Brisa Cabrera (2nd year)
- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon

**Bereavement Ministry:**

Trudy Dowd

**Manna Ministry:**

Janice Hawkins

**Human Trafficking**

Brendan Cook

**Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental:** A.B. Introcaso

**Social Media:**

Lorraine Yglesias

**Website:**

John Finn

**Lectors:**

Dede Woodhead

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

Lorraine Ring

**Coffee Hospitality Ministry:**

Rosemary Ellis

**Sacristans:**


Richard Ring

**Ushers:**

Mary O'Neil and

Marcia Tybroski

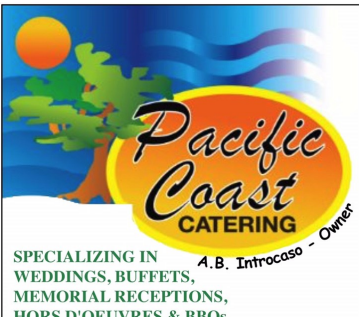




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The Diocese has set our minimum contribution to them this year at \$10,900.

Every dollar above this amount is returned to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Our target for AMA 2023 is \$41,000, and we hope to exceed this amount.

As of the end of this past week, we have donations to AMA 2023 from **75 parish families totaling \$55,858** or 129% of our financial goal.

**Thank you for your generosity to our Parish Community**

**2023 Annual Ministry Appeal**  
Campaña Anual de Ministerios

**We Are The Body of Christ**  
**Somos El Cuerpo de Cristo**




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