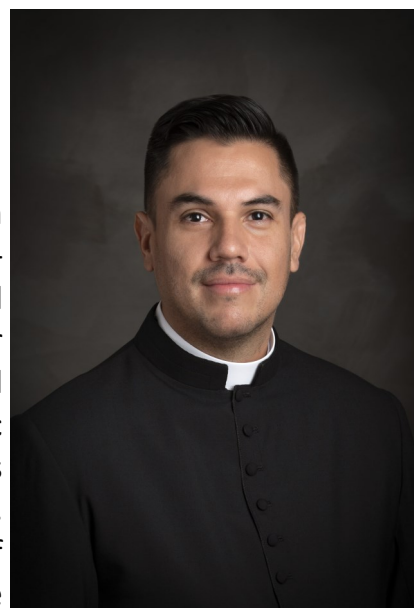


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We have begun the month of November with the celebration of All Saints (Nov. 1st) and remembering our beloved faithful departed (Nov. 2). We also have been praying for those who have lost their lives in Gaza and Israel, especially children. It is so very tragic that in our present moment we see others more as foes rather than brothers and sisters. The month of November heralds the start of fall. Not only are we trying to adjust to the



time change but also preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving; a beautiful opportunity to count our many blessings. Recall that the word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving".

This weekend in our parish is 'Stewardship Sunday.' A member of our Finance council will make a short annual presentation on the parish financial condition. Although we are blessed that our financial situation is stable, my hope is that we not rely so heavily on the Annual Ministry Appeal to continue the many maintenance projects necessary for the upkeep of our church building and campus. We recently accomplished some maintenance projects like painting of rectory and garage, landscaping/tree cutting around rectory/church grounds, and redoing the rectory patio. All of these were made possible by your generosity. I confess that I am still hopeful we will someday realize a new ceiling and lighting inside the church. And with God's help, we can accomplish that and more.

After discussions with the Pastoral Council we are all in agreement over the need to creating new ministries for our parish. For example, an Altar Society to take care of altar flowers, altar linens and the sacred vessels. A Wedding ministry would assist me with all aspects of the marriage ceremony. We also now have fifteen children in our religious education program. How wonderful to have them trained as altar servers. If any of you would like to assist in these ministries, please let me know.

The Holidays are fast approaching, and we will have the opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Lord with the season of Advent.

As your parish priest, I continue praying for you, and if you need my assistance in any case you can write to my personal e mail frjcamrona@ourladycarmelvalley.org

Your in Christ,

Fr, Jhonnatan.