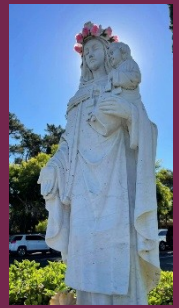




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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – III DOMINGO DE CUAREMA “C” MARCH 23TH 2025 *I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT; IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE*

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. 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.

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. Loyola Press.

‘VOY A AFLOJAR LA TIERRA ALREDEDOR Y A ECHARLE ABONO, PARA VER SI DA FRUTO’

Ya en la tercera semana del tiempo de Cuaresma, nuestro Evangelio dominical nos prepara para escuchar el llamado de la Cuaresma a la conversión y al arrepentimiento. Lucas nos cuenta que algunos entre la multitud reportan a Jesús una masacre de galileos a manos de Pilato. La intención de la multitud parece ser pedirle a Jesús que explique el sufrimiento de estas personas. Era común presentar el sufrimiento de las personas como evidencia de su pecado. Jesús desafía esta interpretación. Quienes fueron masacrados no eran ni más ni menos pecadores que quienes le reportaron la situación a Jesús. Jesús responde que ni siquiera un accidente fatal, un desastre natural, debe interpretarse como castigo por el pecado.



La parábola de la higuera estéril contrasta la paciencia y la esperanza del jardinero con el sentido práctico del dueño de la propiedad. Cuando se le dice que corte la higuera porque no da fruto, el jardinero 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 la esperanza de Dios mientras prepara su Reino. Dios nos llama al arrepentimiento, y está en su poder castigarnos por no alejarnos de nuestros pecados. Y, sin embargo, Dios es misericordioso. Retrasa el castigo y nos cuida para que aún podamos dar el fruto que desea de nosotros. Esta es, entonces, nuestra razón de esperanza: Dios no solo se niega a abandonarnos, sino que elige atendernos incluso cuando no mostramos evidencia de sus esfuerzos.

COMMUNITY AND CAMARADERIE! MEET BERNI ALIOTTI. HOSPITALITY AS A REFLECTION OF GOD'S LOVE.

Hospitality is more than just a profession—it is a way of life. To Berni Aliotti, hospitality means making people feel special and welcomed, meeting their needs with sincerity and a smile. It is about treating everyone with kindness and respect, regardless of who they are. True hospitality goes beyond service; it is about creating a warm and inviting atmosphere where people feel valued and appreciated.

Berni grew up in the world of hospitality. Her father owned Angelo's restaurant on the Monterey Wharf, and from the age of ten, she was immersed in the business. She started with simple tasks—drying silverware, folding napkins, hosting, and waiting tables. Over time, she became involved in the daily operations and accounting, gaining invaluable experience that shaped her understanding of service and dedication.

Eventually, she transitioned into the hospital industry, where she was able to bring her hospitality expertise to an even greater level. Every department she worked in was an opportunity to apply the lessons she learned from her father. Her most fulfilling roles were as the Assistant Director at CHOMP and Director of Environmental Services at SVMH. These positions allowed her to lead by example, emphasizing the values of hard work, treating staff like family, respecting diversity, and prioritizing patients and customers. One guiding principle has always remained true: the customer or patient always comes first and is always right.

Joining the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Community: Berni and her husband Joe moved to Carmel Valley about four years ago and found a cozy little house on Panetta Rd. Their landlords were parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and they invited them to join the 9 AM Mass one Sunday. From that very first visit, they felt an immediate connection to the parish. Father Jhonnatan was new as well, and when they attended his first Christmas Open House, they met so many wonderful people. From that point on, OLMC became their spiritual home.

The Lenten Dinners: Berni's indomitable spirit embraces all aspects of organizing the Parish's annual Lenten dinners. With so many logistics at hand, Berni remarkably does not experience any pain points but instead loves how it all comes together—the community, the camaraderie, and the spirit of giving. The parish is incredibly blessed with dedicated volunteers who step up time and time again to clean the hall and kitchen, organize equipment, shop, decorate, and clean up. Their generosity and commitment make these events possible. From Berni's perspective the chefs, kitchen staff, and BBQ crews are phenomenal. The effort involved in prepping, preparing, and serving meals requires hard work, teamwork, and love. Without this collective spirit, the Lenten Dinners wouldn't be as successful and meaningful as they are. Each dinner is an opportunity to bring people together, strengthen bonds, and celebrate faith as a community.

A Message to Bulletin Readers: Berni extends her gratitude for the continued support from the parish community. Their participation and enthusiasm make all the difference. She encourages everyone to make their reservations for the upcoming Lenten Dinners on March 28 and April 11 where she looks forward to sharing these special gatherings with them.



MASS INTENTIONS

March 22nd — 30th 2025

Sat. Mar. 22nd 4:30: + James Joseph Stelzner

Misa en Cachagua: (Familia Martinez-Resendiz:
18880 Cachagua Rd # 14)

7:00: —Cumpleanos de Benjamin Martinez.
+ Artemio Martinez.

Sun. Mar. 23rd 9:00: - People of the Parish
11:00: + Edith Davis

Wed. March 26th 12:00: + David Stainbrook

Thurs. Mar. 27th 12:00: + Jo Ellen Lee

Fri. March 28st 12:00: + Ethyl Radowicz

Sat. Mar. 29th Vigil 4:30: For the Health of Laurie
Pike and Teresa del Pietro

Sun. Mar. 30th 9:00: + Rev John Mc Sweeney
(15th Anni.)

11:00: – People of the Parish

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 15TH & 16TH \$1,756.76

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,

On this weekend Gospel we hear about The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree; and how God is patient with us, waiting for us to bear fruit.

This Weekend we welcome Fr. Fr. Jim Nesbit for our Lenten Talk: Why do we meditate on the Stations of the Cross? Fr. Jim will preside at 4:30pm Vigil Mass this Sat. March 22nd; after Mass we will have the talk at 5:30pm in the Church. I hope to see you there. I invite you to read the Hospitality article for this weekend we are so blessed to have Bernie Aliotti as our event coordinator and in charge of our Parish Hall and Kitchen.
Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan.

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 AMA: 20 donors and \$10,670.

LENTEN SEASON 2025

Stations of the Cross Fridays: 5:30pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Service. Wed. April 9th
at 6:30pm.

2025 LENTEN DINNERS—Tickets for sale
this weekend. \$ 35

Friday March 28th at 6:00 pm
Friday April 11th at 6:00 pm

HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER 2025

PALM SUNDAY

Sat. April 12th 4:30pm: Vigil Mass
Sun. April 13th: 9 & 11am Masses.
1pm Misa en Espanol.

CHRISM MASS

Tue. of Holy Week April 15th
11am At Madonna del Sasso in Salinas.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

April 16th 12pm Betrayal Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th 6:30pm: Bilingual Mass of the
Lord's Supper -Adoration Until 10pm
Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th: 3:00 pm Stations of Cross
3:45 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
6:00 pm Santo Via Crucis & 7 Dolores de
la Virgen (*Cachagua Community Park*)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19th 8:00 pm: Bilingual Easter Vigil
Blessing of Fire (Covid Memorial Garden)

"Weather permitting"

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th: 9 & 11am Easter English
Masses.



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Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

“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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