

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Founded September 5, 1902



Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a welcoming Catholic parish, is united in Faith by the Eucharist and the Sacraments. Guided by the Holy Spirit we spread the message of Jesus Christ by serving all. We welcome, unite, celebrate, and serve!

Sacraments

BAPTISM - 1:00pm

English - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month / Portuguese - 4th Sunday of the month

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a Baptismal Preparation Session.

Please contact the Rectory for more information.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions) - Saturday: 3:15 - 4:00 pm or by appointment

FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION - Two years preparation is required for children. Adults wishing to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation should contact Deacon Paul Macedo.

MATRIMONY - Please contact the rectory to confirm your desired date at least eight months in advance. Participation in the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is required.

HOLY EUCHARIST AND PENANCE TO THE SICK - Homebound parishioners wishing to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance should contact the Rectory.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Persons wishing to receive this Sacrament are encouraged to contact the rectory

Faith Formation

Office: Tel: 508-984-7097 - E-Mail: olmcnbfaithform@gmail.com

Facebook: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, New Bedford

Classes:

Saturday: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades - 9:30 to 10:45am

Sunday: 5th, 6th & 7th grades - 9:30 to 10:40am Confirmation I & II - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

New Parishioners are welcome.

Please call the rectory to register.

We encourage you to become an active member of our parish community.

Very Rev. Richard D. Wilson,
V.G.

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Rev. Michael A. Ciryak
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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30pm English

Sunday

7:00am Portuguese

8:30am English

10:00am Portuguese

11:30am English

Weekday

Monday thru Friday

8:00am Portuguese

Holy Day

8:00am Portuguese

5:30pm English

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH +++ + + + + DECEMBER 26, 2021

BISHOP DA CUNHA'S 2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Opportunity is defined as a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. The last two years have presented us with various circumstances, some extremely difficult, with which we can do something beautiful. We can come together and use these moments to breathe fresh hope into our homes, parishes, and world. While the Covid-19 pandemic continues to concern us, and require our caution, I look toward the celebration of Christmas and the New Year that is nearly upon us with expectant hope and faith.

This year, Pope Francis invited the whole Church to join on a two-year journey (2021-2023) to focus on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly moving in our Diocese. As the theme of my pastoral letter, I chose *Journeying Together: With Jesus on the Path of Faith and Hope*, shortly after Pope Francis announced the synod theme, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Synodality asks us to consider: how can the Church better function as the Body of Christ?

The central hope for us embracing this synodal process is for all of us to become part of a caring and listening Church. Journeying together requires a great commitment to listen to the voices of all who make up the People of God. Individually and as a parish, we have an opportunity to embrace the process as a means for growth and creating meaningful connections. First, during this joyous time of holiday gatherings, either in person or virtual, open your heart to truly listen to your friends and family—pay attention to their cares and concerns; what a magnificent way to experience the synodal process in your life. Second, the synod will create opportunities for parishes in their revitalization efforts. What remarkable potential the formal and informal coming together of the People of God presents.

I also look forward with faith and hope to the nationwide Eucharistic Revival set to launch next summer and conclude with a Eucharistic Congress in 2024. I am truly excited as plans are taking shape for this initiative. I can already envision the many blessings these will bring to the Church at large as well as to the Diocese of Fall River. The three years working together to better understand and communicate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will bring innumerable graces. I have no doubt hearts will be set aflame, people's faith will be reignited, and souls will grow ever closer to Christ.

During this Christmas season, I pray that we all experience a renewal of faith and hope as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. May our celebrations strengthen us to remain steadfast in our desire to share this Good News with the world. May we see all the good things put into motion this year come to fruition in our lives, our Diocese, and the world. May all answer God's call to be a part of the revitalization and renewal of the Church, through our love, dedication, and perseverance as disciples and witnesses of our Eucharistic Lord.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

SANCTUARY LAMPS

I: in memory of Antonio, Laudelina, Jeffrey & Amber Arruda, Jose Antonio & Melissa Ferreira, Manuel Silva Jr., esposa and familia

II: in memory of Jose do Rego, pais, irma, sogros

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

BEQUESTS: You can make a significant donation to the parish by including Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in your Will. If you would like more

information regarding this manner of deferred giving, please contact the Parish Office.
25.00 ss. sacrament
50.00 promise to Our Lady of Fatima
100.00 In memory of Rosinha T. Pimental, Nuno A. Pimental & João V. Pimental
100.00 In memory of Robert Rego
500.00 In memory of Jessica Rego

Christmas Flowers

30:00 in memory of Alfredo Soares, parents, in-laws, and Maria Soares & family's intentions.
40.00 in memory of Arlene das Neves
50.00 in memory of José Pacheco Branco & Clotilde da Rosa Branco
100.00 in memory of the Braga & Medeiros families.
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100.00 anonymous
100.00 in memory of the Friar Family.
200.00 Anonymous.

Those who are fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask at any liturgical or social function held indoors on parish property. Non-vaccinated persons are advised to continue wearing face masks in most indoor settings. Each person is asked to make the best decision for him/herself while keeping in mind the need for a collective commitment to the common good of one's parish community.

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE FOR MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH:

Friday, Dec. 31

8 am daily Mass (Portuguese)
4:30 pm Mass with Te Deum (bilingual)
(At Our Lady of Guadalupe @ St. James there will be a Holy Hour from 11 pm to Midnight, followed by a bilingual Mass at Midnight)

Saturday, Jan. 1

10 am Mass (Portuguese)
11:30 Mass (English)
4 pm Mass (English)

Sunday, Jan. 2 (regular schedule)

7 am Mass (Portuguese)
8:30 Mass (English)
10 am Mass (Portuguese)
11:30 Mass (English)

OLPH: You may wish to visit and attend a Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church, 235 North Front St. in the near North End of New Bedford. It is a beautiful church, but will be closing sometime soon, due to the death of Father Conrad Salach, OFM Conv., back at the end of October. Please take advantage of this opportunity while you can and pray for OLPH's parishioners, living and deceased. **There are Masses there Saturdays at 4 pm and Sundays at 10 am.**

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FOOD COLLECTION: Every month we support the Food Pantry at Catholic Social Services. Please consider making either a monetary donation or one of non-perishable food items on any Sunday.

+ MASS INTENTIONS +

Saturday, December 25

10:00 a.m. – Henrique Almeida
11:30 a.m. – Gail Anne Costa Vasques

Sunday, December 26

7:00 a.m. – Jose Carvalho, Rosa Germana Linhares, filha, genro, Almas do Purgatorio

8:30 a.m. – Antonio Pimentel, Madeline Rita Perreira, Carlos & Conceicao Rita, Jose do Rego, Jose & Sylvania Pimentel, Antonio & Maria Amaral

10:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners

11:30 a.m. – Memorial Mass: Jessica A Rego, Maria I. Gonçalves, Rosa J. Russo, Raymond W. Legasse, Manuel M. Sabino, Ofelia Amaral, Jose de Frias, Baltazar Joao Laborinho, Augustino Freitas

Monday, December 27

8:00 a.m. – Ernestina Maria da Conceicao, Jose Pacheco

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 a.m. – Manuel & Maria Jose Matos, Maria dos Anjos & Gilbert Medeiros, Teresa Casimiro, Jorge Medeiros, Jose Carlos & Icolina Matos

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 a.m. – Manuel Pacheco Amaral, Jose Amaral, Leontina Amaral & familia, Almas do Purgatorio

Thursday, December 30

8:00 a.m. – Antonio & Maria Gafanhoto, Genoveva Gafanhoto, psid, sogros, irmos, cunhados

Friday, December 31

8:00 a.m. – Guilherme Bilhete, Manuel & Julieta Telheiro, Joe Prenda, Jose Fernandes Moniz

Saturday, January 1

10:00 a.m. – Daniel & Ilda DeMelo
11:30 a.m. – Christopher Marc Cabral
4:30 p.m. – For the Parishioners

Sunday, January 2

7:00 a.m. – Danny Tavares Jose & Lucilia Sabino
8:30 a.m. – Melissa, Jose Antonio Ferreira, pais. Antonio, Laudalina, Jeffrey & Amber Arruda, Manuel Silva Jr, esposa & familias
10:00 a.m. – Holy Rosary Sodality
11:30 a.m. – Germano Trindade

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