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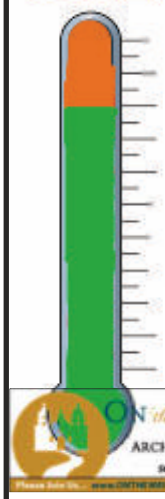

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Thank you for your Capital Campaign donations. Those funds were used to complete the Fire Marshal repairs that were needed to comply with Archdiocesan and State/County Fire Code & Safety Guidelines.

Please continue to fulfill your pledge commitments. We understand the unprecedented times we are in and are grateful for you continued support of El Carmen Catholic Church.

If you haven't had a chance to donate to our Capital Campaign, you may go online at https://www.archsa.org/office-of-dev/donate-now to set up automatic payments or as an usher for a paper form and envelope.

Thank you for your generosity.

¡ DALE SHINE !

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

SUN 12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
MON 12/7	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
TUE 12/8	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
WED 12/9	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
THR 12/10	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
FRI 12/11	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
SAT 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

EL CARMEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

DECEMBER 20, 2020
11:30 AM
OVER $6,000 IN PRIZES!

Any questions? Please call the church office at (210) 626-2333.
Drop off sold tickets and money in the collection basket at the weekend masses or in the mail slot at the church office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday……..…….5:30 pm
Sunday……..8 am (EN), 10:30 am (EN), 2 pm (SP)
25% Capacity—Only 45 Seats Available
Bring your own hand sanitizer and wear a mask.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

* NO ADORATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE *

The dispensation for attending mass in person has been indefinitely extended, so it is not a sin for you to choose not to come to mass in person during this time if doing so for health and safety reasons. We suggest that those 65 and older, or who have compromised health conditions such as diabetes, not attend mass in person at this time.

DECEMBER 6, 2020
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
6° DE DICIEMBRE DE 2020
2° DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Stewardship Weekend Collection
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY
December 5 & 6 Today's 2nd Collection:
RETIRED MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS
November 21 & 22 Weekend Collection:
1st: $1,934; **2nd**: $320 (Human Dev); **Donations**: $460
November 28 & 29 Weekend Collection:
1st: TBA; **2nd**: TBA (Parish Imp) (Youth Min); **Donations**: TBA
Upcoming 2nd Collection
December 12 & 13
Religious Education/Faith Formation

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 05, 5:30 pm	†Joe V. Uriegas by Uriegas Family Abigail Palacios Franco by Parish Lane McBride by Family
Sunday, Dec. 06, 8:00 am	†Jack Jones Sr by Family
Sunday, Dec. 06, 10:30 am	
Sunday, Dec. 06, 2:00 pm	
Saturday, Dec. 12, 5:30 pm	
Sunday, Dec. 13, 8:00 am	†Arturo Herrera Sr by Corina †Arturo Herrera Jr by Corina
Sunday, Dec. 13, 10:30 am	Feliz Navidad y Bendiciones para todos en el Mundo by Julia Trevino
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2:00 pm	

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity.

Ayuden a nuestros mayores. En los buenos y en los malos tiempos, hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos mayores de órdenes religiosas se han dedicado a servir y hacer obras de misericordia. Hoy ellos rezan por un mundo que sufre. Sin embargo, años sirviendo por poca o ninguna paga han dejado a sus comunidades religiosas con gran escasez en los fondos de jubilación. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y otras necesidades. Gracias por su generosidad.

Faith FORMATION

Next Packet **PICK UP & DROP OFF**: Sunday, December 6.
Confirmation I & II : 8:00 am—9:00 am
First Holy Communion/Reconciliation/RCIC: 9:15-10:15 am

Thank you—
Celi Aldrich, 210.393.7335

SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES If you would like to continue using your ENVELOPES or if you did not have envelopes but would like a box, contact the office to make arrangements now.

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PARISH ADVENT CONFESSION
CONFESION PARROQUIAL PARA ADVENIMIENTO

TUESDAY/MARTES, DECEMBER 15, 2020
7 PM—8 PM

2 PRIESTS AVAILABLE/2 SACREDOTES DISPONIBLE

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

INMACULADA CONCEPCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN MARIA

Tuesday/Martes, December 8, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

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RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS DE LA IGLESIA
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GORDITA PLATE SALE $8.00

One Beef Gordita, One Chicken Gordita, Rice, Beans, Salad & Chile

Saturday, December 12, 2020
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Parish Hall/Salon Chico

TAKE OUT ONLY/SOLAMENTE PARA LLEVAR

Presale Tickets: Dec. 5 & 6 after each Mass or Purchase at the Door
Preventa De Boletas el 5 y 6 de diciembre despues de las misas

Las lecturas de la semana del 6 de diciembre de 2020
Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 85, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 [8]/2 Pe 3, 8-14/ Mc 1, 1-8
Lunes: Is 35, 1-10/Sal 85, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14 [Is 35, 4]/Lc 5, 17-26
Martes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [1]/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38
Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10 [1]/Mt 11, 28-30
Jueves: Is 41, 13-20/Sal 145, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13 [8]/Mt 11, 11-15
Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6 [cfr. Jn 8, 12]/Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado: Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19 [15, 9]/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND YOUR SUPPORT & THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS

During this time of social distancing, your donations and support are especially critical. Here are some ways to continue to help our parish if you are unable to attend mass in person at this time.

1. **GIVE ONLINE** using our secure donation website https://www.givecentral.org/location/1100
2. **GIVE BY MAIL** by sending your donation to El Carmen Catholic Church, 18555 Leal Road, San Antonio, TX 78221
3. **GIVE BY DROPPING OFF** your donation in the mail slot in the church office door. If you have Sunday envelopes, please continue to use them.
4. **GIVE BY TEXT** Just text the word **SUNDAY** to 210-794-6491 and follow the easy instructions in the automated reply you receive. It's safe, secure, and so easy!

I thank our parishioners for their love and generosity. Please continue to support our beloved El Carmen Catholic Church through the pandemic.

Visit our newly created Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/elcarmenlosoya for the most up to date information on what is going on at El Carmen parish.

PLEASE ALSO SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS THROUGH EMAIL, BY PHONE, FACEBOOK OR IN PERSON AT ANY OF THE MASSES.

I keep you and your family in my prayers. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Rev. Jose Francisco Puente-Flores, Pastor

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: Jubilo para Compartir

A veces tienes algo que compartir con las personas que te hace sentir bien por dentro con entusiasmo hasta el punto de volverte loco. Una prueba de embarazo, un aumento de sueldo, una aceptación universitaria, una boda o un compromiso son todos ejemplos de momentos en la vida en los que podríamos estar en ascuas por revelarle a alguien las buenas noticias. Cuando finalmente tenemos la oportunidad de contarle a alguien, la alegría parece fluir a través de nosotros con facilidad. Literalmente queremos que todo el mundo comparta nuestro júbilo.

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que compartiste con un amigo o ser querido cuánto significa tu fe en Jesús para ti? ¿No sientes la misma motivación para compartir? ¿No estás abrumado por el deseo de difundir la Buena Nueva?

No te sientas mal. No estas solo. Como cristianos, a menudo fallamos en comprender las poderosas implicaciones de ser un discípulo de Jesucristo. Podemos volvernos complacientes y perder de vista lo que más importa. Eso es cuando compartir con otros acerca de nuestra fe parece incómodo.

La fe es un don. Como corresponsables diarios estamos llamados a compartir con otros lo que Dios nos ha dado. Adviento es un buen momento para crecer en nuestra fe y amor al Señor. Cuanto más cultivemos nuestra fe y más nos acerquemos a Él, más querremos compartir acerca de Él. Es posible que no tengamos el impacto de Juan el Bautista en el curso de la historia humana, pero nuestra proclamación del Evangelio a otro podría ser el regalo que cambia su historia. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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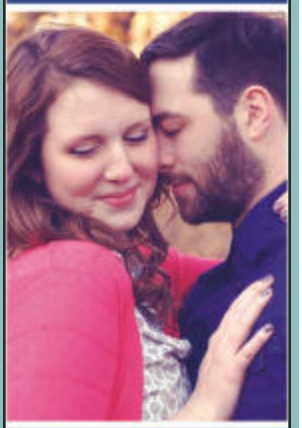
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