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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 your 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 !

The Knights of Columbus, Council #10434, El Carmen Catholic Church, would like to place an American Flag on all the graves of buried veterans at El Carmen Cemetery on Memorial Day annually. We need your help in identifying all veterans buried here. We ask that you forward the veteran's name and branch of service, and location of grave (Section, Row, Plot #, if possible) to Steve Carrillo, Council Recorder, via email at 1cynkas@gmail.com or by cell phone, text or call (210) 627-0702. If you know of a veteran buried at the cemetery that has no surviving family members, please let us know. The Knights of Columbus will recognize all veterans.



Thank you, Grand Knight Guadalupe Hurtado.

SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES: If you would like to continue using your ENVELOPES, pick up your 2021 ENVELOPES at church before/after mass. If you did not have envelopes but would like a box, contact the office to make arrangements now.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY
 INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man, I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
 Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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JANUARY 17, 2021 ~ 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17° DE ENERO DE 2021 ~ 2° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**Stewardship Weekend Collection
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY**

January 16 & 17 Today's 2nd Collection:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
January 09 & 10 Weekend Collection:
1st: \$1,432.50; 2nd: \$252 (RE/FF); Donations: \$1,615
Upcoming 2nd Collection
January 23 & 24
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 16, 5:30 pm †Ricky Martinez by Family
Sunday, Jan. 17, 8:00 am †Arturo Herrera Sr by Corina
†Arturo Herrera Jr by Corina
Sunday, Jan. 17, 10:30 am †Eloisa Gaytan by Graciela Vargas
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2:00 pm
Saturday, Jan. 23, 5:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 24, 8:00 am †Eloisa Gaytan by Graciela Vargas
Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:30 am
Sunday, Jan. 24, 2:00 pm



Next Packet **PICK UP & DROP OFF:** Sunday, February 14.
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

The **Archbishop's Appeal** provides us a unique opportunity to imitate Christ by offering love to His people through ministry. Our giving signifies faithful Christian stewardship that receives God's gifts gratefully, cultivates them, and shares them in justice with others.

This year's theme is: **Resilient in Faith and Service.**

As a follower of Jesus, I ask you to reflect on how you cultivate and share your gifts in imitating His mission of self-emptying love. Consider these questions...

- 1. What are my blessings?**
- 2. How have God's blessings transformed my life and relationship with Him?**
- 3. Am I willing to offer my gifts selflessly so others may know Christ's love through ministries I help make possible?**

Please prayerfully consider how you can be present through the Appeal to those in need ... how you can serve as a caretaker and sharer of God's countless gifts, rather than as a sole owner of those blessings. This year, our parish goal is a bit different. Rather than focus on set parish financial goal, the Archbishop invites us to focus on a new goal of parish participation of 25%. Please watch for the Archbishop's email or letter in your mailbox inviting your participation.

Online Giving at www.archsa.org/appeal or Text-To-Give at (210) 750-6712; keyword APPEAL



Text SUNDAY to 210-794-6491 or visit <https://www.givecentral.org/>



The Church will be open each Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for personal prayer.

La Iglesia estará abierta cada martes, de 3 p.m. a 7 p.m. para la oración personal.

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de enero de 2021

Domingo: 1 Sm 3, 3-10. 19/Sal 39, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8. 9]/1 Cor 6, 13-15. 17-20/Jn 1, 35-42
Lunes: Heb 5, 1-10/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/Mc 2, 18-22
Martes: Heb 6, 10-20/Sal 110, 1-2. 4-5. 9 y 10 [5]/Mc 2, 23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17/Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4 [4]/Mc 3, 1-6
Jueves: Heb 7, 25—8, 6/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 17 [8 y 9]/Mc 3, 7-12
Viernes: Heb 8, 6-13/Sal 84, 8 y 10. 11-12. 13-14 [11]/Mc 3, 13-19
Sábado: Heb 9, 2-3. 11-14/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 [6]/Mc 3, 20-21

Location of Blessed Sacrament

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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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 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/elcarmenlosoya> for the most up to date information on what is going on.

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

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA: Cristo es Cualquier Cosa Menos Ordinario

Estamos a punto de sumergirnos de lleno en la segunda semana del Tiempo Ordinario, y debemos admitir que, después del ajetreo y el bullicio de las vacaciones, las cosas se ven más ... ordinarias, al menos en nuestra vida espiritual.

Las alturas trascendentes de la temporada navideña se estancan un poco y las imágenes impresionantes del pesebre se han desvanecido. La solemne anticipación del tiempo de Adviento es ahora un recuerdo lejano.

¿Estás aburrido?

Aquí hay un secreto: creo que el Tiempo Ordinario puede ser realmente extraordinario, si realmente estamos viviendo nuestro llamado bautismal.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús le pregunta sin rodeos a Andrés, que lo sigue después de escuchar el testimonio de Juan el Bautista: "¿Qué estás buscando?" Nos está haciendo la misma pregunta.

¿Qué estás buscando? ¿Por qué me estás siguiendo? ¿Es por las galletas de Navidad y los villancicos de Adviento? ¿Es por la rosca de reyes en la Epifanía? ¿Es por el sentimiento que tenemos en Navidad cuando simplemente sabemos que Dios ha hecho algo maravilloso?

Ninguna de esas cosas es mala, pero no son lo que Andrés estaba buscando, y no era lo que Cristo le prometió cuando dijo: "Ven y verás". Andrés estaba buscando al Mesías, Aquel que hace que incluso el Tiempo Ordinario sea extraordinario. Aquel que puede santificar las listas de tareas más largas y aburridas, en los días más largos y aburridos. Aquel cuya paz puede reinar en nuestros hogares el 25 de enero, no solo el 25 de diciembre.

Recuerda lo que buscas. Ven y lo verás.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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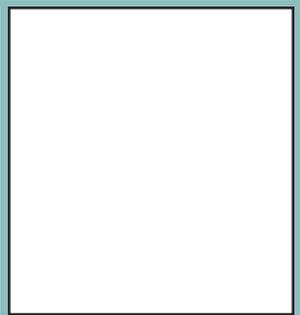
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