



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Church

Discalced Carmelite Friars



Sunday Masses

5:30pm Saturday Vigil

Sunday

6:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:00 am Spanish
at Capilla de Guadalupe
(409 E. 31st Street)

Monday - Saturday

8:00 am

Confessions

Saturday

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 3:00pm



Pastor

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

Associate Pastors

Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Rev. Julius Ntalo, O.C.D.

Deacon

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Day July 16

JULY 16TH, 2023
5TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



Nuestra Señora del Carmen Día Festivo Julio 16

Reflection for the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 16, 2023

This year, the solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16, falls on a Sunday. Since Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the principal patron of the Carmelite Order, the Discalced Carmelite Friars of Santa Cruz have the privilege of celebrating this solemnity even when it falls on a Sunday.

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a devotion to Mary which the Carmelite Order has the privilege and obligation to promote. The Church recognizes and approves the Brown Scapular as an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

True devotion to Mary consists in veneration, confidence and love. The Brown Scapular fosters and promotes these three things. The Virgin Mary is pleased when we wear her Scapular as sign that we are her children dedicated to her. Mothers have the duty and joy of selecting the clothing their children will wear. The Blessed Virgin Mary clothes her children with the Brown Scapular. In this way, the Scapular brings about and fosters a wonderful intimacy with our heavenly Mother.

The spiritual significance of a simple garment is as old as human society. A garment has always signified something more important than itself. After the Fall, God Himself clothed our first parents, Gen. 3:21. The garments He gave them were a sign of His forgiveness. Jacob made a coat for Joseph, Gen. 37:3 Hannah, the mother of Samuel used to make a little garment for him and brought it to the temple where he was raised from childhood, 1Sam. 2:19. A garment was also the mark of that extraordinary friendship which knitted the souls of Jonathan and David. We read in the Bible that Jonathan stripped himself of the coat with which he was clothed and gave it to David,” 1Sam. 18:4. Elijah the Prophet left his mantle to Elisha his disciple,” 2Kgs. 2:13. St. Paul does not hesitate to use the metaphor of a garment when exhorting us to put on Christ Jesus and to clothe ourselves with His virtues, cf. Rom. 13:14; Col. 3:12. Jesus Himself compared grace to a wedding garment, cf. Matt. 22:1-14. The Blessed Mother is said to have woven the seamless garment her Son wore on Calvary. Mary clothes us in a garment of her own making. To borrow a verse from Scripture, “I passed by thee and saw you; and I spread my garment over you. And you became mine,” Ez. 16:8.

At the beginning of the Order of Carmel Mary presented this sacred garment of the Brown Scapular to the family of the Brothers of Mary of Mount Carmel. This same Mother presents this Scapular to us now as a sign of her motherly love. When we wear it, we venerate and honor our heavenly Mother Mary.

The second sign of true devotion to Mary is confidence. The one who wears the Scapular has confidence that he will persevere in faith and charity. The Scapular is a visible sign that its wearer is more solemnly pledged to live the Christian life, after the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s faith, humility and cooperation with God’s grace.

The third sign of true devotion to Mary is love. Wearing the Brown Scapular is a sign of our love for Mary. The Scapular is a sign that we entrust ourselves to Mary giving her all that we are and have. Mary, for her part, gives herself to the one who so entrusts himself to her. The most Blessed Virgin, who is a mother of gentleness and mercy, seeing us devoutly wear her Brown Scapular, gives herself completely to us who give all to her.

This is what the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel means: a special intimacy with Mary, a personal relationship with Mary and an exchange of love. If we are clothed with Mary’s “habit” we must strive to be clothed also in her virtues, especially faith and humility, purity and love.

Sweet Mother of Carmel, we revere you, we love you, we want to serve you as your dear children. We entrust our lives in your motherly care.

~ *Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.*

Farewell Cena de Despedida

Thank
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Well
Wishes

COME CELEBRATE THE 104 YEARS OF SERVICE AND FAREWELL TO OUR
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS

FAREWELL MASS HERE AT SANTA CRUZ CHURCH ON
SUNDAY, JULY 30TH AT 12:00 PM

BISHOP WEISENBURGER WILL PRESIDE / FR. STEPHEN WATSON WILL PREACH
MUSIC BY ST. AUGUSTINE CHOIR

ALSO, WE WILL BE WELCOMING FR. MARCOS VELASQUEZ

A GATHERING IN THE CARMELITE HALL WILL FOLLOW

WE ASK FOR PARISHIONER'S PARTICIPATION
BY THIS BREAKDOWN OF LAST NAMES FOR THE POTLUCK:

• A – H •
SALADS, BREAD ROLLS

• I – P •
MAIN DISH

• Q – Z •
SIDE DISH

Food

Music

**Pilgrimage to Egypt with
Bishop Gerald Kicanas &
Deacon Ed Sheffer
April 23 to May 5, 2024**

Join in this unforgettable Pilgrimage to Egypt, led by Bishop Gerald Kicanas and Deacon Ed Sheffer from April 23 to May 5, 2024. Visit iconic historical sites, reflect on the coexistence of different spiritual traditions, and find unity in our shared faith and in our own way, we will contemplate the face of God like Moses. There is deep meaning to Egypt and why St. Joseph, the Virgin Mary, and Baby Jesus, and many prophets lived there for a period. <https://www.canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/egypt-pilgrimage-with-bishop-kicanas-deacon-ed>

Contact Canterbury Pilgrimages or contact Deacon Ed Sheffer – edwardsheffer1@gmail.com

As we prepare to celebrate our farewell for our Carmelite Priests we ask for your help and generosity. In order to accomplish a successful farewell, we ask if you could help by donating these items that are needed:

3 SECTION FOAM PLATES
PAPER PLATES
1000 COUNT OF NAPKINS
BOXES OF FORKS

Please turn in your donated items to the parish office. Thank you for your support and generosity!



Discalced Carmelite Secular Order

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper prayer life? Do you have a devotion to Our Blessed Mother and an interest in the teachings of the Carmelite Saints?

During the months of July, August and September, the Santa Cruz Community of Secular Discalced Carmelites welcomes visitors to attend our meetings and find out about our way of life in order to discern whether God is calling you to be part of the Carmelite religious order as a lay person. For more information, visit our website <http://ocds.info> and contact the OCDS Council President via e-mail at: j5m2j@icloud.com



Santa Cruz Grupo
Guadalupeano meets at
Capilla de Guadalupe every
Monday at 6:00 pm to pray
the Rosary and for
spiritual talks.

Please contact the parish office at 520-623-3833
for more information and pricing.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15th

8:00am Special Int./James Felix
5:30pm Ramon A. Mendibles & Jose A. Bernal/R.I.P.

Sunday, July 16th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Virginia Arevalo/R.I.P.
10:00am Delfina Gallego Elias/R.I.P.
12:00pm Joe Ornelia/R.I.P.
6:00pm Carmen L. Galaz/Happy Birthday

Monday, July 17th

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Rene Montoya/R.I.P.

Tuesday, July 18th

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Rene Montoya/R.I.P.

Wednesday, July 19th

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Rene Montoya/R.I.P.

Thursday, July 20th

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Magdalena & Martin Gleuroitz/R.I.P.

Friday, July 21st

Special Int./Benefactor
8:00am Elfridle & Valentine Gwosh/R.I.P.

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.
Baptisms: Call the parish office/Llame a la oficina parroquial
Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.
Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.



Santa Cruz Religious Ed.

The Religious Education Office is available for questions about our Catholic Faith. Give **Martin** a call (520) 882-9687.

Remember that there are presently no registrations until August.

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa está disponible para preguntas sobre nuestra fe católica. Llamé a **Martín** (520) 882-9687.

Recuerda que actualmente no hay inscripciones hasta agosto.



— Catholic Men —

Support the Church and your community by joining the **Knights of Columbus** Fr. Ignacio / Bro. Angel Santa Cruz Council 14139 For more information on upcoming meetings please call the parish office 520-623-3833. KofC.org/JoinUs

Parish Collections

Sunday, July 9th, 2023
Collection: \$ 4,983.99
Church Maintenance \$ 1,240.79

MY SUNDAY OFFERING
Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and are definitely needed. Thank you and God bless!

