



A Message from the Superior

Thanks for your continued interest in Mount Carmel Center. We Carmelites on the hill are prospering and cautiously entering into a renewed spirit of hope thanks to the progress that seems to be taking place in managing to Coronavirus plague. Of course, all of us have our bodily ailments. But we try not to complain too much, having listened to our Holy Mother Teresa of Jesus who has told us: "the first thing we must strive for is to rid ourselves of our love for our bodies," (and to remember that we) "came to die for Christ, not to live comfortably for Christ."

As far as the looks of the place, we are very happy about an addition that was made to our large chapel. Our nuns in Piedmont, Oklahoma moved into a new convent some time ago. They were able to pass their old convent on to some Orthodox folks who plan to use the backdrop in the large chapel at the old convent for an iconostasis. They had no need of the crucifix that had been hanging in the old convent chapel. So, "others have done the work and we have come into their gain." Now, we have a beautiful crucifix on the newly painted wall behind our altar in the large chapel here at Mount Carmel.

Our Carmelite Province is in the process of restructuring. The friars have met repeatedly and are using an outside firm to give us advice as to how we can respond to the problem of our aging facilities and aging friars. We may not be able to keep all of our facilities in active operation. Just how the restructuring process might affect Mount Carmel we don't know yet, but please pray that God's will might be accomplished considering the difficulties we are having staffing our facilities and keeping them up. We will keep you informed about any upcoming changes. Please pray for our good discernment.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. John Magdalene, OCD
Superior

We are doing some gardening this year. Fr. John Magdalene is growing a corn crop and Fr. Marion has other vegetables sprouting back behind the apartments. Nat Garcia is keeping up with the mowing and Rich Piper has done some work outside and inside as well. A nice patio area is being prepared on the south side of the Center. I presume we will have many gatherings there in the future. What would we do without our dedicated volunteers? We would be in dire straits, indeed.

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Saint Joseph in Papal Teaching (Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Francis)
Father Marion Bui, OCD | September 11

San Jose y los Santos Carmelitas
Padre Luis Gerardo Belmonte-Luna, OCD | October 16

St. Joseph Man of God
Father Jim Curiel, OCD | November 13

San Jose – Modelo de las Virtudes Cristinas
Padre Eduardo Sans de Miguel, OCD | December 11

San José y su Esposa, la Santísima Virgen María - Vidas en Comunión con Cristo
Padre Celedonio Martinez | January 15, 2022

All presentations are from: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

I'd like to help the Friars....

Only with your help and financial support, the friars maintain a prayerful presence in the heart of Dallas creating an oasis where people can encounter God in the quiet of their hearts. As a mendicant order, they depend on the generosity of benefactors. Please consider making a donation to the friars.

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Please add any special intentions for which you would like the friars to pray. These intentions will be placed before the altar in the community chapel during the season of Advent.

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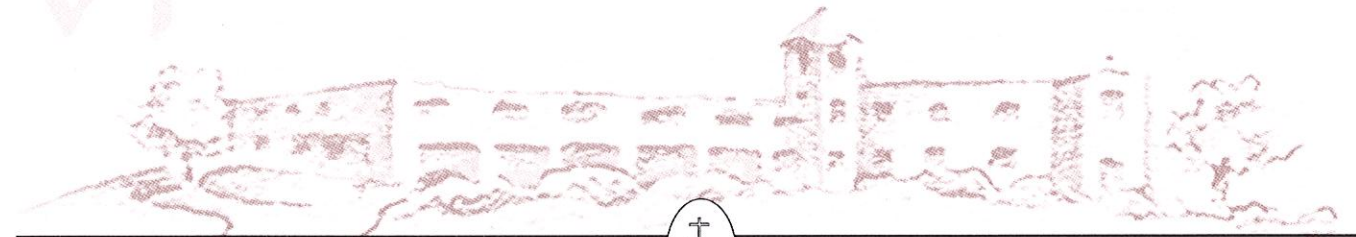
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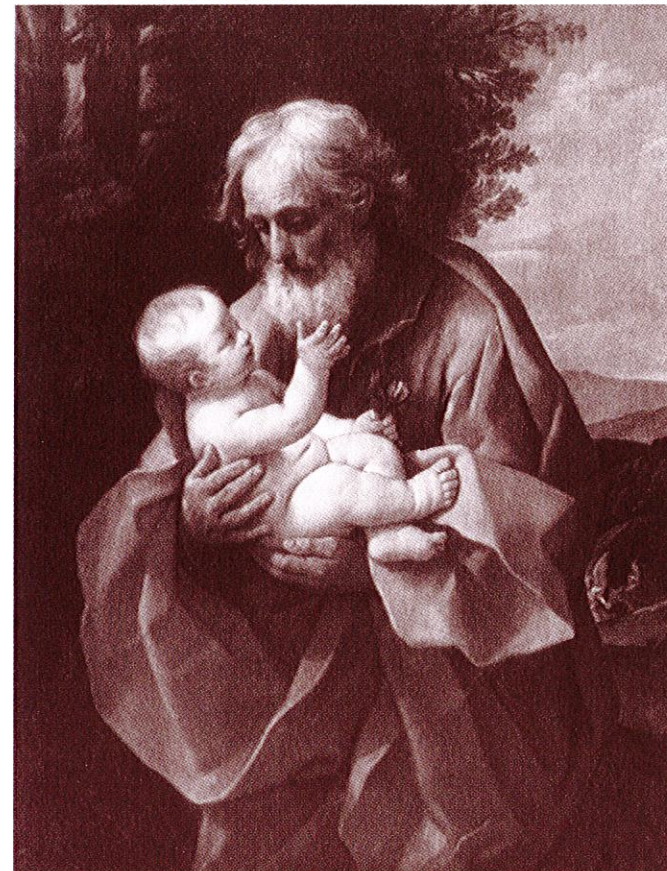


"One day after Communion, His Majesty earnestly commanded me to strive for this new monastery with all my powers, and He made great promises that it would be founded and that He would be highly served in it. He said it should be called "St. Joseph" and that this saint would keep watch over us at one door, and our Lady at the other; that Christ would remain with us, and that it would be a star shining with great splendor."

"The Life of St. Teresa", Chpt.32:11

In announcing a Year of St. Joseph in December of 2020, Pope Francis spoke about St. Joseph as one of those saints who is sometimes overlooked because he had a "hidden and discreet presence" in the gospels. But, in reality, St. Joseph is one of those figures who plays "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." (Pope Francis)

We have a great deal to learn from this great Saint whom Teresa of Jesus chose as the protector of the Order of Carmel. Joseph shows us that we can trust that God is at work even when we are fearful or do not understand perfectly. St. Joseph is a very powerful intercessor who can come to the assistance of fathers and mothers and their children in their relationships with one another in Christian families.



In October we will be celebrating the Feast Days of two of the greatest figures in Carmel. On October 1st at 11:00 a.m., we will have a Mass of the Roses in honor of St. Therese. On October the 15th we will have an 11:00 a.m. Mass in honor of the Foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, St. Teresa of Jesus.



Discalced Carmelite Friars

The Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Oklahoma Semi-Province of St. Thérèse are a community of Roman Catholic men – priests and religious brothers – committed to a life of allegiance to Jesus Christ. We follow Christ by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and strive to serve the Lord and his people through a life of contemplative prayer lived in community. In addition to dedicating ourselves to prayer, we strive to serve the people of God especially through the 'apostolate of spirituality,' helping others to grow in their union with God and with neighbor. Taking Mary as the mother and patroness of our Order, we look upon her life and her sharing in the mystery of Christ as a model of religious consecration. We also look to the prophet Elijah as a source of inspiration. We look to his prophetic charism as the prototype of our own vocation to ponder God's word and proclaim it to the world.