

# Mount Carmel Center



Winter 2017



## Father Raul Reyes, OCD



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Another year has gone by and it is time for our winter newsletter. First of all I want to introduce myself to you. My name is Father Raul Reyes, OCD. I just recently arrived in Dallas from San Antonio where I was assigned for the last three years.

I was born and raised in Uvalde, Texas. After high school I joined the Discalced Carmelite friars and through God’s grace persevered in His calling me to live my life as a Carmelite friar. I have been professed as a Carmelite for fifty six years and have been ordained a priest for forty eight years. It has really been God’s blessings and grace that have made it all possible. And I give Him thanks. In gratitude, I served the Lord wherever I have been asked to serve. Now it is as Superior of Mount Carmel Center. This is a new experience for me. You all know that whenever one has to take over a new position in life, it is usually the secretary that has to guide one. Here at Mount Carmel Center it is the secretary and the development committee that have been helping me adjust in running the place and making it possible to better serve the people of God. I am so grateful to all these individuals who are so capable and dedicated to the Carmelite friars and Mount Carmel Center.

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In the latter part of October, two other friars joined me at Mount Carmel Center, Father Jenaro de la Cruz, OCD and Father Jim Curiel, OCD. They will continue to serve at St. Mary of Carmel parish in Dallas while in residence at Mount Carmel Center. This move brings together all the Carmelite Friars serving Dallas, providing us with a greater sense of community.

I take this opportunity to thank you for all the help you have given to Mount Carmel Center making it possible for us to minister in Dallas and the surrounding area. I ask you to please continue helping us in our ministry.

I invite you to our welcoming reception which we will be hosting on December 2, 2017, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Provincial, Father Stephen Sanchez, OCD, and the two new members of the community and I will be present. I hope to see you at this gathering.

I remain in Christ,

*Fr. Raul Reyes*

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*A longer version of this article can be found on our website:  
[www.mountcarmelcenter.org](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org)*



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## Recent Developments

✦ **WINDOWS:** We are one step closer to having all the exterior windows replaced! The progress has been slow but steady given the cost of such a project. The old windows have made it impossible to hold multi-day retreats during the winter or summer due to their inefficiency. This summer, with help from the Catholic Foundation, we were able to replace the windows on the West and North sides of the building.

Our plan is to continue working towards finishing this project until the exterior envelope of the building is completed.



✦ **CLASSROOM UPDATE:** Our work towards updating our South Lecture Hall is complete. We are able to offer a wider variety of programming now due to the improved sound and the addition of a flat screen monitor to the room. Thank you for your generosity!

✦ **NEW COMMUNITY WELCOME EVENT:** please see the back cover for more details.



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### Our Lady: One Like Us

Start your Advent off right by attending our Advent Morning of Reflection: December 6th or 9th with Rev. Raul Reyes, OCD. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, we turn to Our Lady. She shows us by her participation in the life of her Son how we can imitate her life. Just as she was united with her Son in the events of His life, so may we be as well.

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### 2018 Programs Scheduled Thus Far

*Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection: Tackling the Stumbling Blocks in our Spiritual Life* – by Fr. Raul Reyes, OCD  
10am - 12pm Wednesday, February 14th

This conference will focus on the seven capital sins, the most common stumbling blocks to the spiritual life. The goal is to provide an understanding of the root of sin and how to cooperate with God’s grace in eradicating sin.

*St. Teresa of the Andes: A Saint Who Teaches Us to Love, to Suffer, to Pray, and to Serve* – by Fr. Raul Reyes, OCD  
10am - 12pm Wednesday, March 21st and Saturday, March 24th

Come meet the youthful Carmelite Saint who modeled a holiness that is accessible by religious and laity alike.

For the latest updates on programs or to register online please see our website [www.mountcarmelcenter.org](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org). To receive program news and updates via e-mail, you can sign up on our website. Look under “About Us/Join Our Mailing List”.

## The Mass Guild, a Perfect Christmas Gift

The Mass is truly the perfect offering. What better gift than to enroll your friends and family in the Mass Guild? Enrollment in the Mass Guild guarantees the beneficiary a share in the spiritual riches of a monthly Eucharist offered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars at Mount Carmel Center for one year. The Mass is celebrated every first Friday.

You will receive a beautiful gold embossed enrollment card to give to those whom you enroll. The card can be personalized by you or by the center and comes with a vellum envelope and enrollment slip. When you send a card out, simply complete the small enrollment form enclosed with your cards and return it to Mount Carmel Center.

Purchasing several cards, allows you the convenience of having the cards at hand to gift as needed. To purchase go to [www.mountcarmelcenter.org/mass-guild](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org/mass-guild)



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## Join Us For a Welcome Mass and Reception!

You are invited to join us in welcoming Father Jenaro de la Cruz, OCD, and Father Jim Curiel, OCD, to Mount Carmel Center.

Our welcome Mass and reception will be:

December 2, 2017, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
at Mount Carmel Center

Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres

RSVP by November 15th, 2014  
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