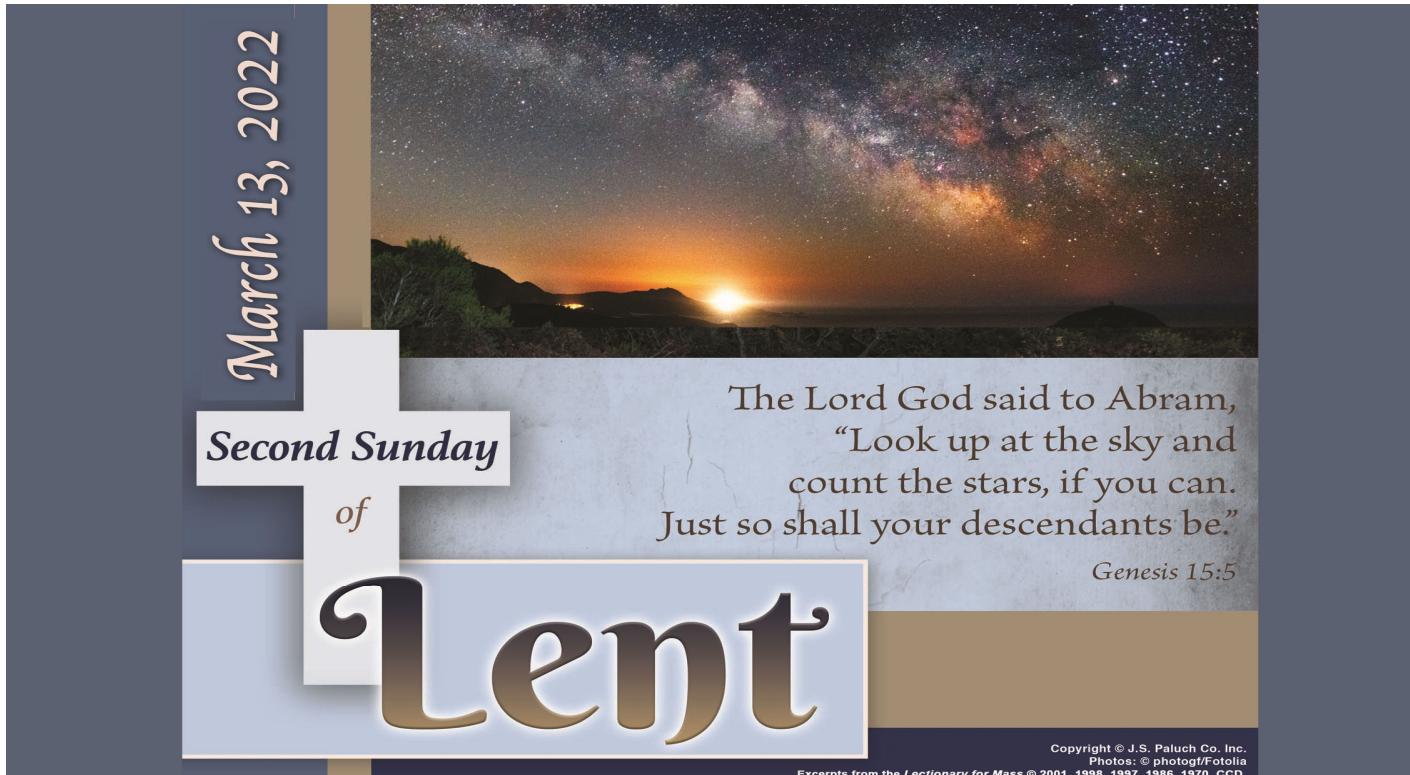


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

March 13, 2022 † Second Sunday of Lent



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:30 PM Sunday - 8:15 AM - 10 AM - 12 Noon

Weekdays & Saturdays - 9 AM

Holy Day Eve - 7:00 PM Holy Day - 9 AM - 7:00 PM
(Call Office to verify Mass times)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: R.E. Classes, (Sept—May) Saturday 5PM; Sunday 7:45, 9:30, 11:30AM; Monday 7PM. To register call The Religious Education Office

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-4:30PM or by appointment

Parish Mission Statement

We are the Church, alive with Christ, a diverse community rooted in faith, celebrating a liturgy of life. We are prayerfully responsive to the Spirit of the living Gospel, freely and fully ministering to all.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).



Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Spring 2022 *40 Days for Life* campaign to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from March 2 to April 10, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION***Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal***

Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$83,600.00.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Pledge envelopes are still available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdiocesearrpeal.org.





OLMC

High School Youth Group

**Our next meeting is Sunday,
March 13th at 1:00pm!**

Join us for food, fun, fellowship and prayer!

Questions? Contact Stephanie Rawls at
stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org
or call 630-852-3303 ext. 6.

8th Grade Confirmation Reminders:

Reminder: Confirmation is on April 20th at 7:00pm!

Spiritual Experience Reflections are due Sunday, March 20th. Now is the time to catch up on any late forms. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org.

Remote Learning: Remember to keep up with your online lessons! Week 23 is due today for 7th and 8th grade.

Parent Formation: Last week in parent formation we continued reflecting on Lent and our journey with Jesus in the desert. Keep an eye out for parish opportunities to grow closer to God this Lent with your family and join us as parent formation this next week!

Cathy's Corner: Having the Courage of Esther (based on the readings for Thursday of the First Week of Lent)

The book of Esther is the tale of arbitrary hatred for a different race and narrowly averted genocide of those same people. It was the time of the Diaspora when Jewish settlements were outside their homeland of Israel. Because of Esther's breathtaking beauty, she was chosen as the new queen of Persia but hid her Jewish nationality upon the advice of her uncle Mordecai. When Mordecai refused to bow down before the king's highest ranking official, the official in his fury convinced the king to sign a decree annihilating all the Jews, ostensibly to assure stability and peace in the kingdom.

Mordecai beseeched Esther to intervene on behalf of her people even though it was a crime punishable by death for anyone, even the queen, to approach the king without first being summoned. So Esther prayed in mortal anguish to the God of her ancestors to be allowed to approach the lion, her husband, and convince him to save her people. And Esther's mourning was turned to gladness because the edict of destruction was revoked and the evil official put to death.

While the story of Esther is fictional, the precarious nature of being an immigrant, even in our own country, continues to be real. For some it may simply be adjusting to a different life in a new and so potentially threatening environment. For others it may be, like in the Book of Esther, one's nationality being the cause of rejection, imprisonment or even death. In the last few weeks our world has witnessed the agonizing and unprovoked attack on the people of Ukraine by the Russian army, ostensibly to free them from oppression, leaving carnage and catastrophe in its wake.

The truth is that every race of people has the God-given right to dwell in peace and security, whether in their country of birth or their country of adoption. As the Diaspora Jews were a strange people in a strange land, so are many of our sisters and brothers today, seeking only the ability to provide in peace for themselves and their families. As Esther's people had done nothing to incur the genocidal wrath of a powerful nation, so the Ukrainian people can do nothing but desperately flee with their families to safety. But no matter who we are, we absolutely can do something. We can do as Jesus commands. We can do unto others as we would have them do unto us, by asking and seeking and knocking.

So let us ask of all who are strangers in our own land how we can make them feel welcome. Let us seek all in need of protection and aid even in places very far from our own and provide all we have. Let us knock at the door of those who are in power with the courage of Queen Esther to right the wrongs of cruelty to any race of people. For by her deeds she turned mourning into gladness and sorrows into wholeness. May we stop at nothing to do the same.

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1- 2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12



Lord, Strengthen Our Faith

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes.

What is Jesus like as a friend?

Question for Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?

Question for Adults: Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

Activities of the Week

As a family, brainstorm goals that you want God to help you with. List the goals on a sheet of paper. For each goal, discuss: Why is this goal important to the family? What must the family do in order to accomplish this goal? How can each member of the family participate?

Make a cross for the refrigerator as a reminder that there is no struggle this week that cannot be overcome with the help of Jesus.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, as we look at the crucifix, we remember your suffering, we ponder your sacrifice, we see your love.

May this image of your suffering make us patient with our own burdens.

May this reminder of your sacrifice help us to give ourselves for others.

May this image of your love make us more loving people.

You live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

RE News

Breaking Bread Celebrations for First Communion Families
Wednesday, March 23 or
Thursday, March 24
at 6:45 PM

This celebration Upcoming Dates

is for the whole family! You just need to bring in bread and juice, or anything else that makes your celebration unique to your family (flowers, cheese fruit, etc.) Let the RE office know which day your family will attend and how many family members are joining you. Grandparents are also invited.

Celebrate Sunday

When we celebrate the Mass during Lent, there are a few things you may miss. Most importantly, the Gloria and Alleluia are omitted from Mass. We will use “Praise to your Lord Jesus Christ; King of endless glory” instead of the Alleluia.

Lent takes on a penitential nature and with that we take a deeper look at our lives, as we embrace our faults to do better. We metaphorically spend this time in the desert looking at ways to build an authentic relationship with God. We follow Lenten practices (fast, pray, give away) and during Mass, we take away the Gloria and the Alleluia so we can rejoice more so when it returns at the Easter Vigil. Pope John Paul II said, “We are the Easter people, and the Alleluia is our song.”



**All Grandparents are cordially invited to join the
OLMC Catholic Grandparents Association.
Announcing our new Grand Opening.
We are thrilled to be meeting again in person at OLMC!**

Please join us
Monday, March 21 at OLMC
9:00 Mass (optional)
9:30 Welcome back
10:00 Guest speaker Eileen Dolehide (Grandmother of 48!)
11:30 Lunch
12:15 Prayer

The Mission Statement of the Catholic Grandparents Association is to assist Grandparents in passing on the Faith and to keep prayer at the heart of family life.

Our meetings are entertaining and informative. Our goal is to help each other live our vocation as a grandparent to its fullest.

We invite any Catholic Grandparents to join us, men and women. You don't even have to be a parishioner of OLMC. Please come and bring your friends.

*"Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents." — Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation *The Joy of Love**

**Please visit our Facebook page at
Catholic Grandparents Association-Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Darien, IL**

Wedding Anniversary Mass



August 28, 2022
2:00 PM
Cathedral of St. Raymond



Happy Anniversary

The seminarian from our parish,
Jeremy Leganski,

will soon be ordained a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Joliet. He kindly invites you to attend Mass on Palm Sunday at St. Mary Catholic Church in West Chicago where he will assist as a deacon and preach for the first time.

Sunday, April 10, 2022
10:30 AM
140 N. Oakwood Avenue
West Chicago, Illinois 60185





Joe Barker
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 12, 2022

5:30PM Charlotte Henry (Klein Family)

Robert Spitzovsky, Jr. (Mom)

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:15AM Jose Macairan (Wife)

Adela Sabuquia (Family)

Nelva Michmerhuizen (Family)

Dick Langella (Nick Rocco)

Raymond Listermann (Evano Family)

Ron May (Nick Rocco)

Resurreccion Luz-Deato-27th anniv

(Jun Deato & Family)

10:00AM Thomas Murray (Mary Farrell)

Paul Arnold-11th anniv (Family)

Richard Styczynski (Schuetz Family)

Noon Peter Michael Jurkash (Matt Jurkash)

Ronald & Josephine Lucatorto (Linda Lucatorto)

Monday, March 14, 2022

9:00AM Todd Decker-living (Family)

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

9:00AM Fred Ryczyn (Family)

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

9:00AM Scott Corwin (Family)

Stanley Warnicki (Family)

Thursday, March 17, 2022

9:00AM Joselita Cid (Ampy)

Leon Sy (Family)

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00AM Daniel Caruso (Family)

Evelyn Walega (Frank & Fran Modelska)

Saturday, March 19, 2022

9:00AM Ralph Moore (Germaine)

George (Family)

Nicholas Orlando-2nd anniv (Family)

Maria Manaligod (Friends)



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