

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

March 20, 2022 † Third 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:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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

**Middle and High School Service Opportunities!****Living Stations of the Cross**

Help bring the stations of the cross to life for our parish community on Good Friday, April 15th at 3pm. We are looking for students to play all the roles from Jesus to the townspeople. Contact Stephanie Rawls to get involved in this beautiful Lenten prayer!

Palm Sunday Parish Event

Palm Sunday, April 10th, we will be having a parishwide Lenten event for all ages. We are looking for students to help lead the children's activities. Contact Stephanie Rawls or Sherry Rochford for details.

Stephanie Rawls, Director of Youth Ministry

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630-852-3303 ext. 6



OLMC

High School Youth Group

Our next meeting is Sunday,

March 27th at 1:00pm!

Join us for food, fellowship, and some time in
Adoration with Jesus for Lent!

We will also be doing a Lenten collection of non-perishable food for
our food pantry and a collection of monetary donations for
Ukraine for anyone who would like to contribute.

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 today, Sunday, March 20th. All forms are now past due. Please contact Stephanie about turning in late forms. Confirmations interviews are beginning tomorrow. If you have not signed up for a time yet, please do so ASAP. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or call 630-852-3303.

Remote Learning: Remember to keep up with your online lessons! Week 24 is due today for 7th and 8th grade.

Parent Formation: Last week in parent formation we continued reflecting on the sacraments and the after life with the anointing of the sick. Keep an eye out for parish opportunities to grow closer to God this Lent with your family and join us at parent formation this next week!

Cathy's Corner: Lazarus and the man without a name (Based on the readings from Thursday of the Second Week of Lent)

The rich man does not have a name. There is no indication that he was selfish or arrogant or deceitful or mean. He was just rich. But every day he walked past a man who was not only poor, but sick and in pain as evidenced by the sores that covered his body. The poor man does have a name - Lazarus. There is no indication that he was kind or gentle or forgiving or generous. He was just poor. But it was his abject poverty that made him important enough in the eyes of God to be given a name.

And when Lazarus died he was immediately swept up by the angels and carried to the choice position in the bosom of Abraham. And when the rich man died he was condemned to eternal torment in the netherworld. That in a nutshell is what is meant by the preferential option for the poor. Lazarus did not have to be morally right to live forever in heavenly comfort. The rich man did not have to be morally bankrupt to be sentenced to perpetual damnation. All he had to do was ignore the poor person right in front of his face.

Because the rich man did need to acknowledge the destitute person who was so pitiable that even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The rich man did need to even have just given this fellow human being, made as was he in the image and likeness of God, the scraps that fell from his table so that Lazarus would not have to constantly suffer from the aching starvation that likely ended up killing him. Of course, in order to do that the rich man needed to really see that dirty and broken man on his doorstep rather than stride past him every day as if he were nothing more than refuse littering the street.

Perhaps it is easier for impoverished people to trust in the Lord, to be ones whose hope is the Lord because the world has turned its back on them. Likely it is second nature for the wealthy person to trust rather in human beings, and seek one's strength in oneself because the world has benefited them so greatly. So true the statement of Jeremiah that more torturous than all else is the human heart – who can understand it?

Fortunately for us we do not need to do the Lord's work of probing the minds and testing the hearts of our sisters and brothers. We need only truly see the indigent and helpless that every day exist right before our very eyes if we can but open them past our own comfort and convenience. We need only care for them as we are able regardless of whether they are kind or gentle or even grateful. Because it is in adopting God's preferential option for the poor that our own roots will be firmly planted beside the blissful waters of eternal life.

Jer 17:5- 10; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31



Lord, Strengthen Our Faith

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

Activities of the Week

Gather as a family to examine how the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are coming along. Use this week as a time to turn your hearts back to God. Have each family member name one or two things he or she will do as a sign of wanting to return to God.

Talk about how God has helped your family grow this past week. Look at the plants in your home or yard. Do they need pruning or re-planting or fertilizing to grow stronger? Do this as a family, remembering our own need for conversion and growth.

Prayer for the Week

March 25th is the Annunciation of the Lord. We celebrate the Angel Gabriel telling Mary that she has been chosen to be the Mother of God. Together with your family, choose a night to say the Rosary in celebration of this special event, and recall the special moments your child was born.

In addition, please keep the families of the world in prayer, remembering those especially suffering from conflict within their countries, or homes.

RE News

Upcoming Dates

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

This celebration 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.

Spring Break:

There is no RE March 26-29. We are off for Spring Break. When we return, on April 2-5, we will have registration packets available for next year.

Celebrate Sunday

A few weeks ago, we shared ideas on preparing ourselves for Mass. Over the next few weeks, we will briefly reflect on what we do when we enter the church and talk about the Introductory Rites.

The first thing we do is bless ourselves with Holy Water by making the sign of the cross. This helps us recall our baptism and helps us remember that we are part of a greater community. While COVID prevented us from having the Holy Water available in the past, we can now return to this greatly missed ritual.

This year's Easter Holiday Food Drive will be held on April 10th, Palm Sunday. Because our world is not completely back to normal, we will not be accepting food donations again. We welcome any monetary donation that we then could pass on to people in need to supplement food. You could give cash, a check or gift cards. Please put any donations in an envelope & mark the outside "Holiday Food Drive Donation" then place it in the collection basket at church. When paying by check please put "Holiday Food Drive" on the memo line. If needed, there will be envelopes for you to use in the back of church. Please try to make your donations by Sunday April 3.

Thanks, Paul Gangi - *Holiday Food Drive Chairperson*



**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.

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

Contact us at

catholicgrandparentsolmc@gmail.com

"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*





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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 12, 2022

5:30PM Charlotte Henry (Klein Family)
 Robert Spitkovsky, Jr. (Mom)
 Joseph & Josephine Szymanski (Daughter)

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 (Schietz 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 (Amy)

Leon Sy (Family)

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00AM Evelyn Walega (Frank & Fran Modelska)

Daniel Caruso (Family & Friends)

Saturday, March 19, 2022

9:00AM Ralph Moore (Germaine)

George (Family)

Nicholas Orlando-2nd anniv (Family)

Maria Manaligod (Friends)



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