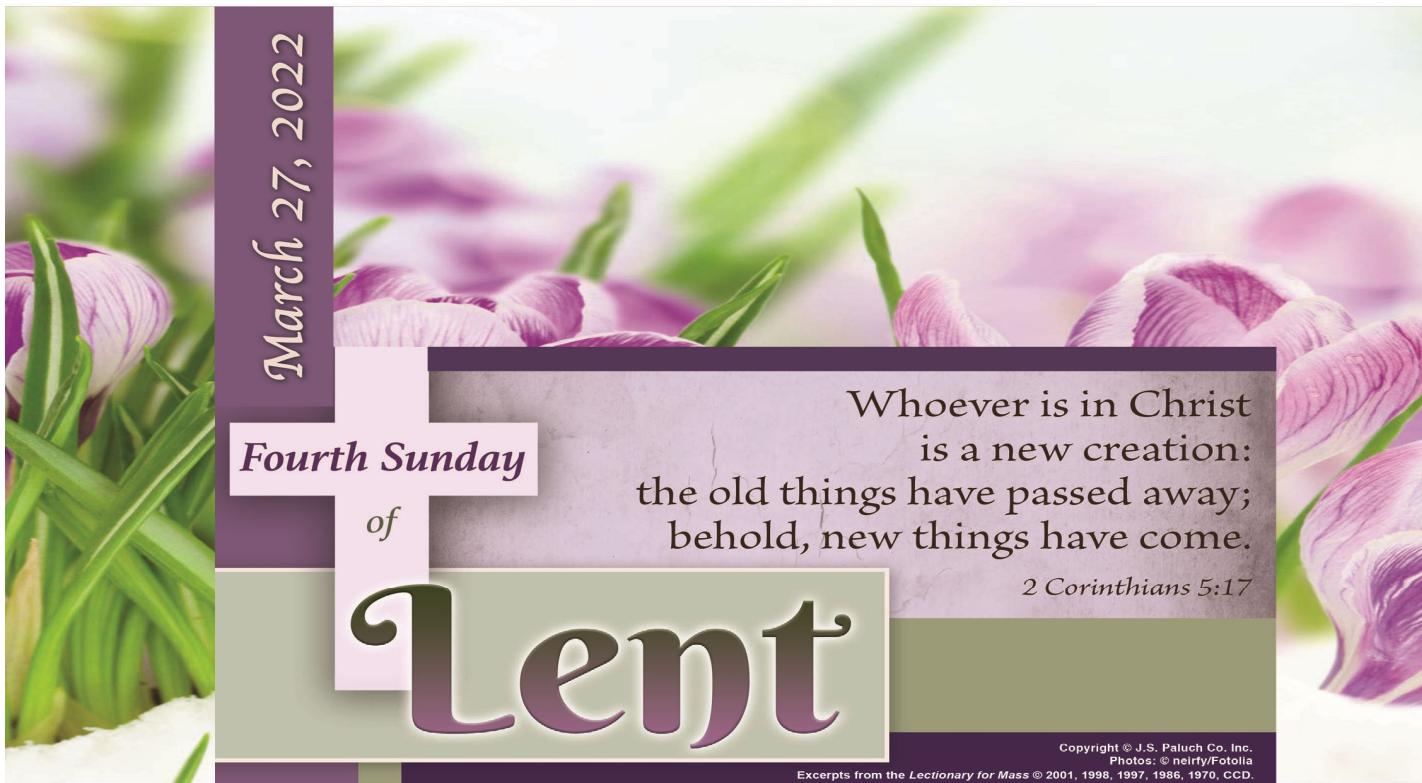


Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

March 27, 2022 † Fourth 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.

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*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;
Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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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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



Join us for our Lenten Day of Reflection
FAITH, SCRIPTURE AND JORDAN PETERSON

April 10 from 2 to 4 pm in the Centrum
We will have two virtual talks by Jordan Peterson, Canadian psychologist turned international phenomenon, with small group discussion and hospitality

There will be separate discussion groups for TEENS

"A Walk Through Holy Week" will be offered for children in the RE rooms at the same time

For more information, contact Cathy Lenz at catherine.lenz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org



LENT

March 27, 2022
Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: “Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” (Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



No faith formation classes this week! Enjoy your Spring Break!

8th Grade Confirmation Reminders:

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

All forms are now past due, the latest date to turn them in is April 9th. If you have not done so already, please sign up for a Confirmation interview ASAP. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Stephanie Rawls at stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or 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.

Lord, Strengthen Our Faith

RE News

There is no RE this week for Spring Break-We will return April 2-5

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Who is the one person you most need to say, “I’m sorry” to in your family?

Question for Youth: Is it difficult for you to say “I’m sorry” when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

Question for Adults: How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?

Activities of the Week

Prepare your family’s favorite meal. Before the meal, ask family members to share stories about a time when they were grateful for the gift of forgiveness that someone in your family offered them.

Talk about your experiences of forgiveness and reconciliation in the family. Discuss: What does a falling out between family members do to our home environment? What signs do we use to ask for forgiveness? What signs do we use to tell one another that we forgive them?

Prayer for the Week

Christ of Peace,

The first words you spoke to your disciples after your resurrection were “Peace be with you.”

With us and with all of creation, groaning for peace,

we implore your mercy and forgiveness as we listen to earth lamenting and people crying, made poor by humanity’s acts of aggression.

As your disciples of peace and nonviolence,

May our first words be at this time of war in the Ukraine:
“Peace be with you.”

Upcoming Dates

He Lives!

A Walk Through Holy Week

Sunday, April 10 2-4 PM

Join us for a brief retreat and a time to reflect on what happened from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection.

We will need some additional helpers for this event so if you are in high school or older and would like to help out, please call the RE office to get more information

No RE Easter Weekend

April 16-19

Celebrate Sunday

This week, we continue with our preparation for the Mass. We talked briefly about why we make the sign of the cross when we get into church, but do we know why we are here?

The word Liturgy comes from a Greek word meaning “work of the people.” That means that the liturgy is a participatory event rather than a spectator sport. We participate with the celebrant and the other members of our parish community in prayer, worship, and thanksgiving. (As a matter of fact, the word Eucharist means thanksgiving.) We gather and we understand that each participant is an integral member of the whole. We are the body of Christ, so we celebrate together to encourage each other, honoring the gifts everyone brings to the table.

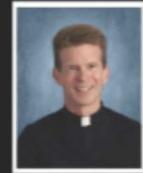
Shrouded in Mercy



Understanding the miraculous connection
between the Divine Mercy Image and
the Shroud of Turin

Thurs, April 7, 2022
Our Lady of Peace Church
Darien, IL

7 pm



Multi-media presentation by
Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Cathy's Corner: *The Trust of Mary (based on the readings for The Annunciation of the Lord)*

Did Mary see the smoke billowing from the peak containing the opulent city of Sepphoris, just a day's walk from her hill country village of Nazareth? It had become a mound of smoldering ash at the hands of the Roman soldiers right about the time the angel was visiting her. Even as a young girl, she was likely aware that her country was brutally occupied by the mightiest empire in the world. Doubtless she knew that her family and the rest of the 150 or so inhabitants of her town of mud and brick were desperately poor, struggling daily to eke out a living. She definitely understood that as a female in her faith and her culture she was legally considered property and had in fact been given in marriage to a man named Joseph. In none of those circumstances did she have a single option.

So it seems extremely hard to imagine that she had any choice in the matter when the angel Gabriel presented her with the news that she would conceive a child by the power of the Holy Spirit. But yet that is clearly what she believed. Her reply to the angel, the reply that echoes throughout the generations to our present day, "may it be done to me according to your will," is the response of a young woman who knew she had a choice and who made that choice.

She made that choice immersed in personal and societal uncertainty and danger. She made that choice as the Son of the Most High, whom she would carry in her womb, made his own choice to come into the world in a human body, declaring as did his Blessed Mother, "Behold, I come to do your will." Whereas Ahaz wearied our God by refusing to accept a sign that God was indeed with him against the might of the Assyrian army, Mary literally brought our God to life by trusting that God was truly with her, even in the midst of her powerlessness and poverty.

As different as our existence is from that of Mary, powerlessness and poverty are no stranger to our nation. Our lives have been permanently altered by the might of a deadly virus that has for more than two years floated unseen through the air. A war wages in Ukraine, with American soldiers deployed and at the ready in neighboring countries. The specter of nuclear war haunts our hearts aching from the harrowing cries for help from a country desperately fighting to retain its freedom.

But may we, unlike Ahaz, still accept the signs that our God is indeed with us. The rapid creation of an effective vaccine that allows us now to once again gather safely and with peace of mind. The global outpouring of support and aid for the people of Ukraine combined with bipartisan denunciation of a brutal and unconscionable invasion. The plethora of ways, both unknown and celebrated, that people of all ages and backgrounds have created to care for the struggling and the suffering in our own country and beyond.

Mary knew that God was with her even though her life was filled with uncertainty and travail. She chose to believe that nothing is impossible for God. May we never fail to make that same choice.
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 26, 2022

5:30PM Irene Cholewa (Family)

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:15AM Bette Robbins (Rita Thompson)

Ron May (Aunt Lois & Family)

Sarah Jane Poli (Nick Rocco)

10:00AM Elena Sy (Family)

Andrea & Rosa Abbate (Family)

Noon Peter Michael Jurkash (Dad)

Carol Keeler (Mary Dziak)

Marian & Anna Wieczorek-55th anniv (Family)

Monday, March 28, 2022

9:00AM Anthony Auriene (Michael Hriszko)

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

9:00AM Monica Gurgone (Delores Gurgone)

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

9:00AM Ron Caruso (Family & Friends)

Julie Crych (Uncle)

Thursday, March 31, 2022

9:00AM Lee Valero-3rd anniv (Monahan Family)

Reynaldo Evano (Family)

Friday, April 1, 2022

9:00AM Henry Storino Sr. (Family)

Marie Scully (Monahan & Family)

Saturday, April 2, 2022

9:00AM Adonica Tumaneng (Daughters)

Chester Ramocki (Frank & Fran Modelska)

Ruth Madden-2nd anniv (Family)

Michelina Savaiano (Costa Family)

Albert Palafox (Evano Family)

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday 7:00PM Lord's Passion



Good Friday 7:00PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil 8:00PM

Easter Sunday 6:00AM,
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM,
and 12:30PM

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