

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

April 9, 2023 † Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday - 4:30 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)

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15--4PM

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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Happy Easter!!

Alleluia, He is risen!!! Let the holy anthem rise. What a joyous day. We celebrate today the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful day with family and friends and truly rejoices in the gift of our salvation won through the Paschal Mystery that we just celebrated. May the peace of the Risen Christ continue to reign in your hearts.

We had wonderful celebrations of the Triduum. I want to thank all who helped during these holy days. Our Art & Environment committee did a stellar job. The Liturgy committee had it all planned out. The choirs were angelic. Thank you to our lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers and ushers who did fine jobs at all the liturgies. Thank you to our parish staff who always go above and beyond. Thanks to our deacons, Ed and Lupe, for all their assistance. Special thanks to Fr. Greg and Fr. Bob for helping in so many ways. It is always a team effort, and this parish would not exist without so many wonderful people who are always willing to help.

We now spend the next 50 days celebrating the Easter season. This is a joyous time as we continue to celebrate and reflect upon the victory of Christ over sin and death. I always like to do the Sprinkling Rite on Sundays during the Easter Season because it reminds us of the intricate connections between the Paschal Mystery and our baptism. In Baptism we too are incorporated into the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and share in the promise of the Resurrection. I will try to not get you too wet.

A very happy and blessed Easter to the beloved OLMC community.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us,

Fr. Jeff

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Cathy's Corner—The Tale of the Empty Tomb

The tomb was empty. Of that there was no doubt. The question that had split the Jewish community living in Jerusalem, indeed all the children of Israel who may have been in the city for the Jewish feast of Passover, was how that actually had happened. Jesus of Nazareth had been crucified and his lifeless body placed by Joseph of Arimathea in a new tomb he had hewn in the rock. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary had stayed at the tomb, keeping vigil over the place where their beloved teacher was laid to rest. The chief priests and Pharisees were so worried that the disciples of this controversial preacher would steal the body, pretending that he was raised from the dead, that they begged Pilate for guards to seal the stone covering the entrance to the tomb and maintain a watch along with the women.

Astoundingly, on the morning of the third day, the first day of the week as it were, the stone was removed and the tomb was empty. Then Mary Magdalene and the other Mary began making the preposterous claim that there was a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord rolled back to the stone, telling them that Jesus had been raised from the dead just as he said he would be. They even made the allegation that, as they ran to tell the others this news, Jesus met them and spoke to them, and they embraced his feet.

However, the guards were spreading the story that the disciples of Jesus came in the night while they were asleep and stole the body. To complicate matters further, some people were whispering that the soldiers were lying and had actually been bribed by the chief priests with a large sum of money to make up that tale. But really, how could anyone believe the account of women, especially such a ridiculous claim that they saw Jesus raised from the dead, since under the Jewish law women were not even considered valid witnesses? Whatever version those in the Jewish community chose to believe, one fact was indisputable - the tomb was empty. Of that there was no doubt.

To people of faith today, of that there is still no doubt. But what version surrounding that fact do we hold firm? Is it just a story spread around to explain why we go to church on Easter Sunday? Or is it the cause of our joy that guides every action we take because we truly believe, since it was impossible for our Lord to be held by the throes of death, that nothing in our own lives is impossible for the God who raised him up? It all comes down to not only whom we believe but how we believe. Let our faith be not just a tale we tell but a world in which we dwell, one that embraces fully the hope of the Risen Lord.

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15



When we lose someone we love, we lose a part of ourselves . . . and the grief can be unending

Next meeting April 15

Together in Loss is a **NEW** grief support ministry for anyone who has suffered a loss: to find comfort, to process feelings, to rest in the arms of Christ through the presence of others.

Join us the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am

No RSVP necessary and no commitment required

Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [cath-](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)

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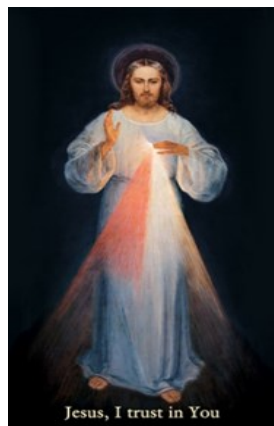
Bringing comfort and light through compassionate support



**Questioning your faith?
Feeling spiritual but not religious?
Not sure where the church fits in your life?**
Join us beginning May 8 at 7 pm for six sessions of conversation and fellowship to ponder these questions and more. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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*****You Are Invited*****



The Feast of Divine Mercy

Holy Hour

Sunday, April 16th, 3-4pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

A Day of Extraordinary Grace

The Holy Hour will include Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Come experience the wonders of Jesus' Love and Mercy.

Jesus told St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy itself. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me even though its sins be scarlet. My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the whole world. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. I want the whole world to know of My infinite Mercy." The message of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. He is love poured out for us and He wants no one to escape that merciful love.

Please join us to celebrate His Merciful Love and Forgiveness!

Divine Mercy Novena prayed daily in the chapel following the 9:00 Mass.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 ~ 7:30pm

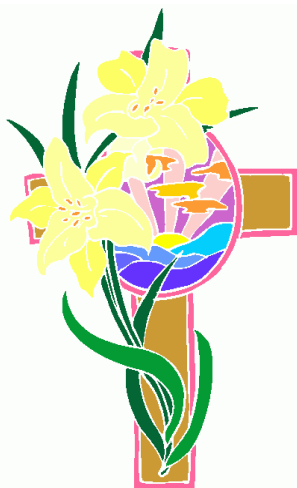
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Additional Info: Contact Joe Testolin (630) 901-5952



RE News...

RE Packets for 2023-2024 will be available next week and handed out after RE sessions on the upper deck. Please note, we will not be going back to the old format. Re Sessions will be:
 Sunday 9:00-10:00 or 11:00-12:00
 Monday 5:00-6:00 or 7:00-8:00
 Please call the RE Office for more information.
 Check the website for VBS Information!

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?

Activity of the Week:

Jesus' Resurrection offers us new life and new hope. Create a workspace in your home with markers, stickers and construction paper of bright colors. As a family, make Easter cards to take or send to people in nursing homes.

Faith Pathways: A special program for adults with special needs

We are currently working with the Diocese to pilot a program for Young Adults with special needs called Faith Pathways. Our first meeting will be held here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Sunday, April 23 at 7:00 PM. Please call the RE office for more info.

May the joy of the Easter Season continue to bring you hope in the resurrection!

Upcoming Dates

Family Mass

Join us for our April Family Mass on Sunday, April 16 at 10:00

First Communion Updates

We will have just one Mass at 11:00 AM for First Communion on Saturday, May 20. Practice will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 for readers, Gift Bearers, and Banner Carriers, with a PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE AT 7:00 PM.

Sign up now for your pictures with Soriano Photography! She will be taking portraits on the day of First Communion, as well as capturing your child's reception of the Eucharist with Fr. Jeff. She will also provide a link for the video. (See pricing sheet for more info.)

Rice Bowl Collection

If you haven't done so already, please turn in your rice bowl ASAP.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Vacation Bible School will happen on the week of July 10-14 from 12:00-3:00 PM each day, with a celebration and Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 14 at 3:00. Watch for Sign-up info soon.

We are still looking for helpers and leaders for stations and small groups. We would like to keep each group to 6 young participants, with 1-2 Jr. Leaders (Grades 5-7), and one Adult Leader, or 2 High School Leaders. We also need station leaders.

The theme this year is STELLAR: an outer space odyssey where we learn how to Shine Jesus' Light.



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| Mary Anne Trochim | James Curley |
| Julie Ann Lacey | Barb Schunk |
| John Guzior | Frank Jasek |
| Jeanette Seebok | Nancy Kososki |
| Gentle Cabrera | Bridget Gallmeier Raineri |
| Nancy Jisisju | Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier |
| Bill Haran | Susan Nugent |
| Evelyn Swartz | Abby Grace McCarver |
| Jean & Mark Boyd | Allen Raineri |
| Jamie Carpenter | Diana Clohecy |
| Loren Davis | Kim Hoover |



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| Joe Barker | Lindsey Johnson |
| Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt. | Diahann Bavan |
| Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC | Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy |
| Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army | Derek McCarthy |
| S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy | Joe Michalski |
| Ryan Pertile, Army | Steve Baker, Lt |
| Major Thomas Bessler | Luke Fluder |
| Mike Noonan | Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army |
| Adam Kowalski, Army | Vincent Napoli, USMC |
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| Colin Cusack | Tom Reiter |
| Michael Sklodowski, Army | Nathaniel Rozgo |
| Nick Radziwon, US Navy | Robert DeMatio |
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| Timothy Vaughn, USAF | Gary Hogan |
| Zachary Bell | Kevin Hornett |
| Christopher Johnson USCG | Dan Eugene Bavan |
| Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army | Dan Welters |
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| | 1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army |
| | Ted Cook |

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 8, 2023

8:00PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY

8:15AM Masses for All Parishioners

10:00AM Masses for All Parishioners

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Monday, April 10, 2023

9:00AM Dominick DeMasi (Mom)

Alexandra Moyer (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Thomas McCarthy (Family)

Gregoria Rosete (Josie)

Maria Vadakark (Family)

Jeffrey J. Marshall (Family)

Karen Kernim (Sheri)

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00AM Lito Martinez (Family)

Phil Gurgone (Family)

Rudy Smrz (Wife)

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

9:00AM Archangela Storino (Family)

David Zielinski (Mom & Dad)

Thursday, April 13, 2023

9:00AM Jose Macairan (Wife)

Joseph Kasperski-16th anniv (Family)

Ted Sevier-10th anniv (Family)

Michele Neill (Family)

Meticia Nemenzo Abiabi (Daughter Dee)

Friday, April 14, 2023

9:00AM Anthony Nowak (Barbara Lechowicz)

Saturday, April 15, 2023

9:00AM Pietro, Archangela, Rose, Henry, Lorraine
(Family)

Elizabeth (Family)

Rosary Group
Every Wednesday
7PM
In the Chapel

