

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

April 2, 2023 † Palm Sunday of the Passion 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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We enter into Holy Week on today, Palm Sunday. This week stands at the height of the year for Christians around the world. The celebrations of the Triduum are soon to here and next weekend is the great Feast of the Lord's Resurrection, Easter! This is a holy time of the year. I hope that we can all enter into the Paschal Mystery in a deeper way this week. However, it all begins today. Jesus makes his joyful entry into Jerusalem. The crowds and wild

with joy to see him. They are cutting down palm branches and having a huge parade to welcome him into the city. However, who did they come out to see? There were hundreds, maybe thousands of people welcoming Jesus today, what happened to them all when the passion began? We see three main groups of people. The first and largest group are all the people who turned so quickly. These are the fair-weather sports fans. When the weather is nice and things are going well, they are glad to support you. But when things get tough, they are no where to be found. It was the same with Jesus. As soon as the persecutions started and things got rough, they ran away. They were not going to suffer and be inconvenienced by this. They quickly fled and went back to old ways when Jesus asked just a little bit more from them. The next group are the people, such as many of the early apostles, who got scared. They wanted to remain close to Christ, but became paralyzed, at least momentarily by fear. They too ran and hid because they didn't want to be caught and have to suffer. The good thing was that these people later realized their blessings and came back to Christ with even great faith than before. The final and smallest group were the few that remained faithful to the end, such as Mary his mother, the other women at the foot of the Cross, and the beloved disciple. As we celebrate again Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, which of these groups of people do think you might fall into? That is a tough question is ask ourselves. We all want to say that we would remain faithful, but I am sure that many of us have experience doubt. It is hard to remain faithful during difficult time and in the face of temptation. Let us pray during this Holy Week that we may all continue to grow in faithfulness and in our calling as disciples.



The Triduum is the most sacred time of year for us and the liturgies are amazingly beautiful. We will celebrate the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday at 7 pm. On Good Friday, the live stations of the cross presented by the youth of our parish will be at 3 pm. Confessions will be heard from approximately 6 pm until before the start of the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7 pm. The Easter Vigil liturgy will be at 8 pm on Holy Saturday.

There are NO 9 am masses on the days of the Triduum. On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise mass at 6 am, and the standard times of 8:15 am, 10 am and 12 pm. I hope to see you there.

Fr. Jeff

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — O my God, why have you cast me off? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

On Good Friday, April 7, there will be NO Adoration or Benediction, even though this is the First Friday of the month. Canon Law says that there should be no Exposition of Good Friday. Sorry for the confusion.

Deacon Ed

Cathy's Corner—How to Survive a White-Hot Furnace

What made King Nebuchadnezzar rise in haste to check on the Jewish men he had commanded be bound and thrown into the white-hot furnace? Did he have second thoughts about inflicting the death sentence on three individuals he had thought highly enough of to make administrators of the province of Babylon? Did he regret his childish fit of rage over their refusal to bow down to the golden statue he had made of a Babylonian god when he knew they worshiped the one God of their ancestors, especially since he only found out because of accusations from his own jealous courtiers?

None of the above. He heard them singing. And then he looked and saw them alive. Walking unfettered through the fire like it was a dew-laden garden. Accompanied by a fourth who looked like a son of God. He was actually an angel of the Lord, sent by God so that the fire could not cause them pain or harm. In the prison of the white-hot furnace they strolled freely, singing and glorifying their God, whom they would not deny even if God would choose not save them from a fiery death. It was their faith in that God they loved that made them free.

For John the Evangelist, writing to his community about 60 years after Jesus had died, that faith could only be true if it extended that love to Jesus, who was sent by God to do God's will in the world. The greatest sin for the Johannine community was denying Christ, which would forever enslave those who did so. In truth, the Jewish people had been politically enslaved quite often throughout their history – the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar and the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus merely being a few of the examples. But they had always been free in their faith in God.

Unlike the Jewish people, as a nation we have never been politically enslaved. Yet are we enslaved to the belief that one skin color is superior to the rest? To the conviction that certain ethnicities are more entitled to greater respect? To the confidence that prosperity is based solely on personal merit and ability? The increasing vitriol in our world has created a white-hot furnace burning away all the insidious shrouds that have cloaked unexamined acceptance of these assumptions. The only true freedom inside of that comes from faith in Jesus Christ which demands adherence to his unqualified mandate to see and treat every person with equal dignity and respect, recognizing the deep damage caused in so many ways because so often that still does not happen.

If we can fully live Christ's mandate, the sweltering furnace of acrimony will become a dew-laden garden where all walk together unfettered by the chains of hatred and hostility. May our joyful calls of inclusion raise such a clamor that even those who would choose to oppress and reject will rise in haste to see what is happening. And that figure they will see walking with us? An angel of the Lord of course!

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42



Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
invite you to be *Nourished*
in
your caregiving ministry

Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy.

Family caregivers need information, strength and connection during the caregiver journey.

Let us provide that for you, all with a Christ-centered view.

NO APRIL MEETING!

NEXT MEETING: MAY 13

8:30 am to 10:00 am at Our Lady of Peace

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Christ Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

EASTER MASSES

6:00 AM
8:15 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM



Closing Ceremony
Stations of the Cross for Life
Lead by the Knights of Columbus
Friday, April 7th @ 10:00 AM
Access Health Center 1700 75th St. Downers Grove

Middle and High School Service Opportunity!**STATIONS of the CROSS**

Help bring the stations of the cross to life for our parish community on Good Friday, April 7th at 3pm. We are looking for students to play all roles from Jesus to the townspeople. Contact Stephanie Rawls to get involved in this beautiful Lenten prayer!

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND
1:00PM

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL YOUTH GROUP INVITES ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE NOON MASS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND. DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BASKET TO COLLECT YOUR EGGS!

CONTACT STEPHANIE RAWLS FOR QUESTIONS AT
STEPHANIE.RAWLS@OURLADYOFMTCARMEL.ORG OR
CALL 630-852-3303.





RE News...

If your family collected for the CRS Operation Rice Bowls, please return them in by next weekend.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

Activity of the Week

Take time to evaluate your Lenten observance and to plan for the celebration of the Triduum. Have family members reflect on what they need to let go of in order to fully rise with Christ.

CHRISTOS Reunion

There has been some interest in doing a reunion for all previous CHRISTOS families. We would love the opportunity to share this time with anyone interested.

Additionally, 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.

RE Sessions

Our RE Sessions for 2022-2023 are almost at an end. There is no RE over Easter week and two sessions after. We will end with a Mary Crowning and Mass celebration on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 PM.

Registration for 2023-2024 will be available after Easter. Our sessions will be held from 9:00-10:00 or 11:00-12:00 on Sundays, and 5:00-6:00 or 7:00-8:00 on Mondays.

First Communion Info

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.)

VBS-STELLAR!

Our next training session will be Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 in the 3rd grade classrooms.

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. Sign-up now-Check Website for more information.



Mary Anne Trochim
Julie Ann Lacey
John Guzior
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Gentle Cabrera
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Evelyn Swartz
Jean & Mark Boyd
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Loren Davis

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Barb Schunk
Frank Jasek
Nancy Kososki
Bridget Gallmeier Raineri
Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Susan Nugent
Abby Grace McCarver
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Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:30PM Ellen Nowak (Family)

Sunday, April 2, 2023

8:15AM Chestra Ramocki (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Adonica Tumaneng (Daughters)

Don Brescia (Family)

10:00AM Lynn Huck (Klein Family)

Rosa Abbate (Family)

Thomas P.-living (Maryalice & Mike Dewbray)

NOON Thomas Ostrowski-10th anniv (Family)

Jesse Barrido (Betty & Ted Guillem)

Lawrence & Theresa Kowalski (Kowalski Family)

Monday, April 3, 2023

9:00AM Thomas Kennedy (Family)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

9:00AM Alice Barzyk (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Marie Scully (Monahan Family)

Agnes Cross (Family)

Julie Zielinski (Mom & Dad)

Daniel Caruso-2nd anniv (Family)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

9:00AM Joe Stockhausen & Maxine LaFaire
 (Pat Monahan)

Adonica Tumaneng-18th anniv (Daughter)

Thursday, April 6, 2023

**9:00AM HOLY THURSDAY—NO MASSES
 PRAYER SERVICE ONLY**

Friday, April 7, 2023

**9:00AM GOOD FRIDAY—NO MASSES
 PRAYER SERVICE ONLY**

Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:00AM HOLY SATURDAY—NO MASSES

Rosary Group
Every Wednesday
7PM
In the Chapel

