

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 10, 2022 † Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2022

AND  
WHO  
IS MY  
**NEIGHBOR?**

LUKE 10:29

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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.

## **PARISH STAFF**

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## “Semper Deincips” = “Always Forward”

On July 1, I received a very warm welcome and officially began my tenure as Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. I celebrated my very first liturgy ever at OLMC on Friday, July 1 at the daily mass. It was the Feast Day of St. Junipero Serra. St. Junipero was a Spanish Franciscan priest who served in the missions here in the Americas. He was responsible for establishing a string of mission chapels along the California coast in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Some of the missions he founded would grow into significant modern-day cities, such as San Diego and San Francisco. St. Junipero wrote hundreds of letters during his life, many of which have been preserved. He was noted for always writing at the top of each letter “Semper Deincips.” Which is Latin for “Always Forward.” God is always calling us forward. We are never meant to dwell in the past or hold on to hurts or disappoints. Instead, the Lord is always calling us forward. Jesus is calling us forward into eternal life. We will never achieve salvation based solely on our past lives; salvation lies in the future to which the Lord is beckoning us toward. I think this is also a good motto for our parish community currently. Transitions are never easy. We honor the past and legacy of faith that has been established here, but we know there is a future to which the Lord is calling us to.

We also welcome Fr. Gregory Houck, O.Carm. as our new associate pastor/parochial vicar. The OLMC community profoundly thanks and is deeply indebted to Fr. Mike O’Keefe, O.Carm. for his long service as pastor and all that he has done for this community. The community similarly thanks Fr. Robert Carroll, O.Carm. for his years of service as associate. We are fortunate, that Fr. Bob will remain in residence and helping still.

Let us boldly and bravely go into the future together. Semper Deincips! I am honored to be your pastor. I look forward to many wonderful years together.

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.*  
*Fr. Jeff*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21  
**Sunday:** Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) *or Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).



## OLMC Youth Ministry

### Adult Volunteers Needed!

In order to serve our youth the best we can, we need dedicated adult volunteers to help encourage our students in faith and to keep them safe in the process. Please see the following opportunities to serve. If you feel called to help or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Rawls any time at 630-852-3303 ext.6 or [stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org). Thank you, and God Bless!

#### High School Youth Group Leader/Helper

– We are looking for at least one more adult volunteer (over the age of 18) to help lead and prepare our high school youth group events alongside the High School Leadership Team. This role is flexible and we can discuss how you would like to be involved based on your interests.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School Catechists** – We are looking for 5 more adult volunteers to teach our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and High School catechism classes to help our students prepare for Confirmation. **You do not need to be an expert in theology to be a catechist, all you need is a willingness to learn and a desire to help the students learn and grow in faith.** All lesson plans will be provided for you! In this role you would teach in the grade level of your choice for an hour about once a week on either Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. You will be trained in this role and we will support you every step of the way!



#### Vacation Bible School Volunteer Leader

July 18 - July 22, Noon-3:00pm

Spend the week helping lead our younger Mt. Carmelites in some "Monumental" fun and faith!

#### Service Day at Jordan River Farm

July 30, 8:30am-4:00pm

Join us for a day of service, reflection, and prayer. Cost is \$40, meals included. RSVP by July 17th.

#### End of Summer Day Retreat

August 21, 10:00am-4:00pm

Slow down and reconnect with your faith before school is in full swing. No fee. RSVP by August 14th.

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'In old age they will still  
bear fruit' Psalms 92:15

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!  
TO THE  
DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
**GRANDPARENTS MASS**  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**  
**2:00PM**

Pre-registration is required by July 8, 2022. Please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, Email: [familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org) or register online at <https://bit.ly/3pEvX28>.





## *RE News*

VBS Set up and Decorating Days  
July 12-14 from 6:30-8:30

Run through Saturday, July 16 at  
noon.

### *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

It's that time of year again! We are doing Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 Mass. Children up to grade two are welcome to join us as we explore the Gospel message according to their age and experience. CLOTW gives the children the opportunity to share their faith and prayers with other children of their age. No registration is required. We meet during the regular Mass time.

### *Questions of the Week*

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us to love today. Name a time when you showed your love for your family or friends during the past week or two.

**Question for Youth:** The Samaritan reached out to a stranger and helped him. Who are the strangers who you could reach out and help in the coming week or month? How will you respond?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus tells us today to love God, our neighbor and our self. How will you love God this week? How will you love your neighbor this week? How will you love yourself this week?

### *We Need You!*

We are always looking for assistance in our programming. If you feel the Spirit calling you to volunteer in RE, please contact the office and we will help you find the right place for you! Currently, we are looking for help with VBS.

### *4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade*

Thank you to Karen Flavin for keeping us hydrated, Nancy Janis and everyone who donated candy for the cause, and to all those who participated. We had a lot of fun seeing familiar faces along the way. Next year, consider joining us!

Special thanks to Fr. Jeff, Deacon Ed, Veronica Hudson and family, Jan Walsh and family, for walking in the parade!

### *VBS-Monumental*

Monday-Friday, July 18-22 Noon-3:00 PM  
We are looking for a few adult volunteers to serve as Actors, Crew Leaders, and station leaders. These roles can also be suited to High School students. All volunteers just need to join us for at least 1 training session as well as be compliant with the Diocesan Safe Environment requirements. Call the RE office for more info.

### *Activities of the Week*

As a family, plan how you can be Good Samaritans and reach out to someone in need. Discuss who in your family, school or neighborhood needs to be shown compassion and kindness this week.

Together as a family, make cut-out cookies in the shape of hearts and have everyone help decorate them. Share a plate of cookies with a neighbor.

### *Prayer of the Week*

Let us pray for the grace to see the needs of others and respond to them with all our hearts.



# Bishop Hicks' Column

## July 2022 | A life centered on Christ promotes unity



Towards the end of June, about 220 bishops from the United States gathered in the Diocese of San Diego for a special assembly. Instead of attending to the usual topics of business and governance, we focused on prayer, conversation and discernment. This convocation centered on the theme of "Episcopal Fraternity and Communion." In other words, we discussed how bishops might move away from public division and polarization and instead lead, shepherd and relate to each other with mutual respect in a spirit of "togetherness."

As I participated in this gathering, I could not help but think that the theme fit well into my vision for our diocese: Catechesis, Evangelization and Faith into Action. Let me share with you some connections I made.

**Catechesis:** Catechesis invites us to know something ABOUT Jesus and the teachings of our Church. Therefore, our presenter, Archbishop Anthony Fischer, OP, from Sydney, Australia, helped us grow in knowledge as he took us on an in-depth journey through Scripture and pointed out that for over 2,000 years, there has always been tension and disagreement in our Church.

Unfortunately, division and polarization are not something new.

He asked us to reflect on what has kept the Church together all these years despite our internal and external discord: Namely, we are a church centered on Christ, bonded in love for God and neighbor and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are also a church at its best when we actively practice synodality - that is, truly listening to each other and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

**Evangelization:** Evangelization motivates us to know and love Jesus and have a true encounter with him. During this gathering, we had the opportunity to do just that in extended periods of prayer together, including daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the sacrament of penance, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We were reminded that it is only by praying with each other that we may be more united in the heart of Christ instead of viewing each other as strangers simply working for the same company.

During this time of growing in mutual love for the Lord, we also had some fun moments together. For example, one evening we all were invited to watch the recently

released movie, "Father Stu." Going out to the cinema or getting together to view a livestreamed film is a normal thing that friends do in our society, and it was wonderful to watch a movie with my fellow bishops.

**Faith into Action:** This step recognizes that once we know about Jesus and truly love him, we will be propelled to put our faith into action. During this convocation, we were not just preached at, but we also all gathered daily in small, random groups to practice synodality and truly listen to each other on a variety of topics. We tried to listen with respect and without judgment. These settings provided a needed opportunity for dialogue and collaboration. Also, on a personal note, I got to put faces to names of many bishops that I talked to for the first time since being ordained a bishop in 2018.

Perhaps the highlight of this convocation for me was when we all boarded buses one late afternoon and journeyed to the Catholic parish located at the southernmost border of the diocese. Together we celebrated Mass, joined by Archbishop Francisco Moreno Barrón of Tijuana, Mexico. From our seats, we had a firsthand view of the border that separates San Diego and Tijuana. As we gazed at the stark contrast between the two countries, we were reminded repeatedly by our presider, Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, to pray in solidarity with and for immigrants, the poor and the marginalized.

As we departed to return to our own dioceses, there was a general consensus of profound gratitude for our time together. It is good for bishops to remember - as well as our entire Church - that our baptism forms us in Christ, and we are strengthened by the Eucharist to live as one body, the Church. We might have differences of opinions on many topics, yet if Christ is truly at the center of our lives, then our ultimate goal and desire is to see the face of Christ in everyone we meet.

While there will always be things that cause tension and division, my hope is that we can never forget that as the Catholic Church, we belong to God and to each other. In other words, "How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers and sisters dwell together as one!" *Ecce quam bonum et quam iucundum habitare fratres in unum!* (Psalm 133:1) †



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### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Saturday, July 9, 2022**

**5:30PM** Sabina McMahon (McMahon Family)

#### **Sunday, July 10, 2022**

**8:15AM** Penny & Jerry Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Chuck Swartout (Family)

Tom Raslowsky (Rachel)

**10:00AM** Helen Ganiec-1st anniv (Dore Gembala)

William H. Abraham (Family)

**NOON** Bob Spitkovsky, Jr. (Mom)

Juanito Segovia (Family)

Arlene Lucente (Sheri)

#### **Monday, July 11, 2022**

**9:00AM** Gary Matts (Family)

Margaret Bechina (Gosia Grele)

#### **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

**9:00AM** Nancy Gleason (Eileen Dolehide)

#### **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

**9:00AM** Jose Macairan (Wife)

Margaret McCarthy (Family)

Mike Flood (Nancy)

#### **Thursday, July 14, 2022**

**9:00AM** Gregoria Rosete-15th anniv (Josie)

#### **Friday, July 15, 2022**

**9:00AM** Helen Ganiec-1st anniv (Family)

Cliff & Margaret Schiefelbein 50th wedd anniv

#### **Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**9:00AM** Rudy Smrz (Wife)

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Deuteronomy 30:10-14. Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37. **OR** Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11. Colossians 1:15-20. Luke 10:25-37.

**About Doing Likewise.** Question 1: What must I do to inherit eternal life? Question 2: What is written in the law? Answer 1: Love God, love neighbor, love self. Question 3: Who is my neighbor, then? Answer 2: The one who shows mercy (In this story, it is not the one who needs mercy – though likely a neighbor, too.). Point: Go and do the same!

⇒ Who is a “neighbor” beyond my acquaintances, my tribe?

⇒ What mercy work do I see being done?

⇒ What will I likewise go and do?

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