

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

April 23, 2023 † Third Sunday of Easter



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"  
- Lk 24:33-34

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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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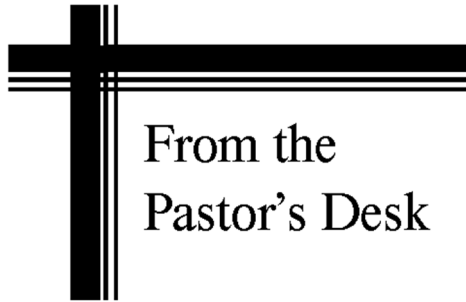
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## From the Pastor's Desk

April 22 & 23, 2023

Today's Gospel is the beautiful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As with all the classic stories in Sacred Scripture there are so many layers to this story. Those two people who were close disciples but not among the Apostles were on going to a town called Emmaus. On the surface this seems like an ordinary occasion. However, recall that Jesus commanded just previously that his disciples were to remain in Jerusalem. So, we have these two people disobeying Jesus. They were doing the exact opposite of what they were instructed to do. Doesn't that sound familiar, we all do the same some-

times. We have all disobeyed Jesus at times in life and done something opposite of what we knew to be right. We can theorize as to why these two people did what they did. I tend to think they were scared and perhaps running away. They saw a few days earlier that happened to Jesus. I would guess that they were trying to get out of town if they could. The incredible thing is that Jesus appeared, although unrecognizable to them, and went with them. That is a great act of love. Jesus knew that these two were running away and had disobeyed him. Jesus still came to them and went with them in the opposite direction. When we are heading in the wrong direction in life, Jesus is still traveling with us. He never leaves our side and through the worst of times Jesus is waiting for the right moment to step back into our lives and get us to turn around. These two people did encounter Christ in the breaking of the bread, and they got up and went back to Jerusalem, back to where they were supposed to be all along. When we or a loved one are going down a bad path of life, know that Christ is going along for the ride and will always be there, waiting for the right moment to get us to turn around. How great is the love of God!!

The disciples recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread. This underscores the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. We are celebrating a three-year period of Eucharistic Revival in our country. This year the focus is on the parish level. We will have several events in the coming months to educate ourselves on the great mystery of our faith, the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

I also want to update the parish on the status of the Bishop's appeal, the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. We made the initial appeal request in February and the generosity of the community was outstanding. Our parish goal was to raise \$82, 800. We have so far pledged \$98, 190 and have already collected \$79, 709. We should easily meet and exceed the goal due to your generous support. However, in 2022 we raised \$146, 200. That makes us currently \$50,000 down from last year. A parish is refunded 50% of all funds over the goal. Last year, our parish was given over \$30, 000 back, which was a tremendous help. If your finances permit, let's try to help our Diocese and our parish as best we can.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray to us.

Fr. Jeff

### TODAY's READINGS

**First Reading** — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

**Psalms** — Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

**Gospel** — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### *Cathy's Corner—Bringing the Verdict to Light*

There was absolutely no question that the ultimate authority on religious doctrine for the Jewish people, the Sanhedrin, had judged the disciples of the crucified Jesus the Nazorean as inauthentic prophets. Two of their leaders, Peter and John, had been brought before that esteemed body of elders, priests and scribes and the verdict was that teaching in the name of Jesus was antithetical to the Jewish faith. Case closed. None of these scholars of the law needed to pay them one more scant bit of attention. They could disregard reports of their miracles as utter nonsense. For sure the apostles were causing harm to no one, and, in fact, curing many.

Except, along the way, great numbers of women and men were becoming believers in the Lord, and thus non-believers in the primacy of the Sanhedrin. Which is precisely why the high priest and his companions rose up against the apostles. They were awash with jealousy. Their prominence and prestige were dissolving right before their very eyes. The light of the apostles' works was all around them but they preferred the darkness of their desire to control and to dominate, to be admired and celebrated. Hence they laid hands on the apostles and thrust them into the shadows of the public jail. A minor and temporary inconvenience for ones who live the truth, because as Jesus told Nicodemus, those are ones who will always come to the light.

That is exactly where the angel led the apostles, to the early morning light of the temple where they stayed. And they taught. They did not hide in fear of future punishment. Indeed, they had no fear at all. They knew their works could clearly be seen by the world as done in God. As done in the light. And even more people then heard how God so loved the world that God gave God's only-begotten Son so all might have eternal life. Not to condemn the world to the dark but to save the world with the light. Still, those like the high priest and his companions condemned themselves by preferring the darkness of self-interest to the light of God's merciful love.

We, too, condemn only ourselves with our jealousy and our pettiness, with our greediness and our contempt, with all the unkind things we say and we do that we shroud from the gaze of others. Our choice to clench with iron fists our own prestige and preeminence plunges us into a darkness so inky we are blind to the distress of people standing right next to us. But the light is right next to us as well, waiting to be revealed by the truth that a life lived for others is a life lived in God. May it be our ultimate verdict that we prefer always the light, sent by our God to bring to us eternal life.

*Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21*



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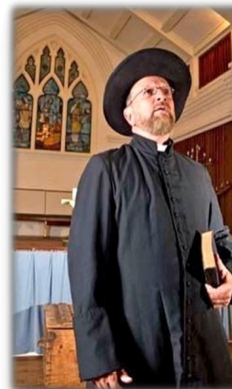
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Additional Info: Contact Joe Testolin (630) 901-5952

**Young at Heart is a group for men and women age 55+ which meets once a month for fellowship.**

Join us for our  
May Gathering

**May 4th at  
10:00 a.m. in the  
Upper Deck**



**For more information  
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# MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST

## ACROSS THE WORLD

International Exhibition

**Our Lady of Peace**  
**Tuesday, May 2 through Monday, May 8**





**Schedule:**  

Tuesday, May 2:	8:30 am - 12 pm	Saturday, May 6:	8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 3:	8:30 am - 12 pm; 5 pm - 8 pm	Sunday, May 7:	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday, May 4:	8:30 am - 12 pm; 5 pm - 8 pm	Monday, May 8:	8:30 am - 12 pm
Friday, May 5:	8:30 am - 12 pm; 5 pm - 8 pm		



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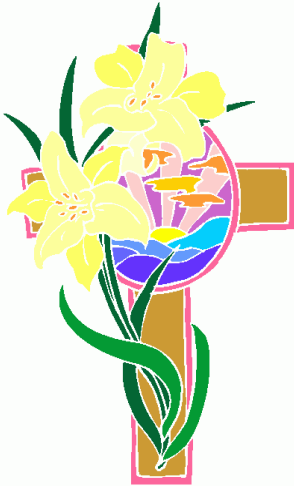
**Here are the items we do accept:**

- Clothing, shoes, boots
- Jewelry
- Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
- Books, records, CDs, DVDs
- Games, toys, sports equipment
- Housewares: dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, lamps, small appliances
- Hand tools and power tools
- Linens, curtains, blankets, etc
- Stereos, radios, VCRs, DVD players, Blu-ray players, CD players,
- Gaming consoles, remotes, video games
- Camcorders, cameras, camera lens attachments
- Office supplies
- Office equipment: printers, copiers, scanners, toner cartridges, electric typewriters, word processors
- Furniture: Dressers, tables, sofas, bed frames (not including water bed frames) etc.
- Refrigerators, freezers, stoves/ovens, washers/dryers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers,
- Old clothes (ripped, worn out clothes; just ask that bags or boxes are marked recycling)
- Old book and magazines; just ask the boxes or bags are marked recycling

**Here are the items we do not accept:**

- CRT "Tube" TVs
- Cribs, car seats, etc.
- Household chemical products: pesticides, paint, paint thinner, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, aerosols, etc.
- Automotive hazardous waste: tires, lead acid batteries, additives, gasoline, oils, antifreeze, etc.
- furnace, trash compactors, water heaters
- Any furniture with the following: stains, animal fur, missing or broken pieces
- Used mattresses or box springs
- Open/partially used personal care: Shampoo, conditioner, nail polish remover, shaving cream, hairspray, shavers, perfume
- Weapons

**St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive**  
**April 22 and 23, 2023**  
**In upper church lot**  
**Before and after Masses**



## RE News...

RE Packets for 2023-2024 are available now. Please check with the RE office for your packet. 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

*Join us Monday, May 1 for our closing RE celebration at 7:00 PM!*

*We will have certificates for perfect attendance and hospitality after Mass to celebrate the year.*

## Questions of the Week:

**Theme:** When we share meals, Christ sits among us.

**Question for Children:** What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

**Question for Youth:** The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

**Question for Adults:** Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

## First Communion Updates

We will have just one Mass at 11:00 AM for First Communion on Saturday, May 20. Practices begin May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30-All readers should be present as you will receive your reading for the Celebration.

The main 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.

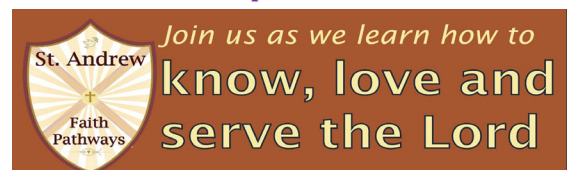
## Upcoming Dates

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

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.

## FAITH PATHWAYS for Adults with Special Needs



Catholic Faith Enrichment for adults with developmental disabilities

April 23, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm

May 7, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm

May 21, 2023 7:00-8:00 pm



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

#### **Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**4:30PM** Maura Walsh (Sister)

#### **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**8:15AM** Margaret Rocco (Nick Rocco)

Anthony, Rose & Anthony Jr. Piazzisi (Nick Rocco)

Nancy Wozniak-1st anniv (Family)

**10:00AM** Andrea Abbate-41st anniv (Family)

Rosa Abbate-20th anniv (Family)

Josephine Abraham-29th anniv (Family)

**NOON** Joseph Anello (Nancy Cahill)

Karen Glenn (Nancy Cahill & Family)

#### **Monday, April 24, 2023**

**9:00AM** Margaret Curry (Pat Monahan)

Christopher Lyons (Family)

#### **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**9:00AM** Walter & Helen Ganiec (Family)

#### **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

**9:00AM** Parishioners of OLMC

#### **Thursday, April 27, 2023**

**9:00AM** John & Ann Walsh (Poshepny Family)

#### **Friday, April 28, 2023**

**9:00AM** Parishioners of OLMC

#### **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**9:00AM** Judy Wilson (Sheri)

Phillip Carioto (Daughter)

**On June 11, 2023, Fr. Ed Ward will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at the noon Mass. Come one; come all. A reception will follow!**

**Rosary Group**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**7PM**  
**In the Chapel**

