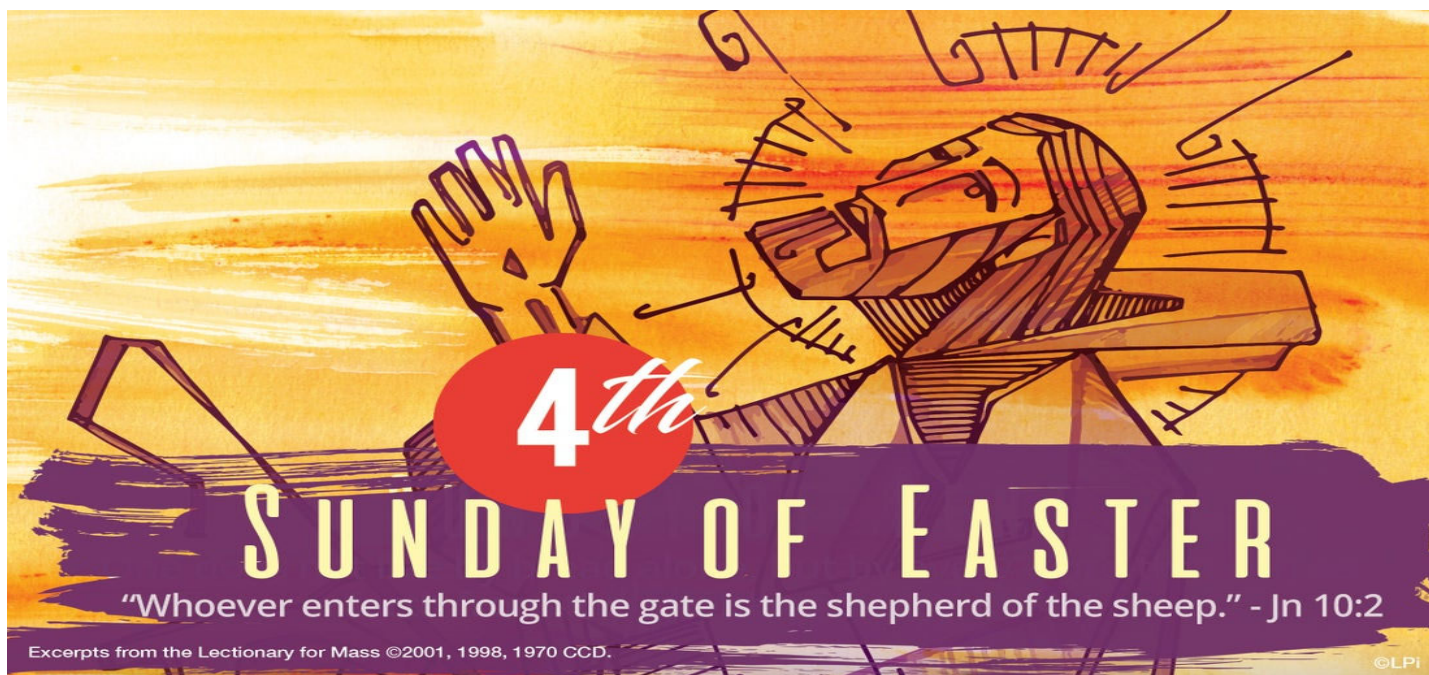


# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

April 30, 2023 † Fourth Sunday of Easter



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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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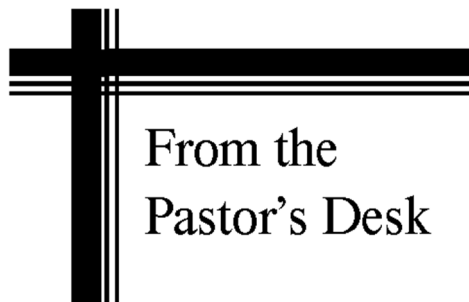
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## From the Pastor's Desk

April 30, 2023

### Good Shepard Sunday

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because we share today the story of the Good Shepherd from the Gospel of John. This story reminds us of the great love that God has for each of us and his willingness to lay down his life for us, his sheep. This is also a traditional day to pray for the Shepherds in our lives and our Church and to pray for vocations for new shepherds.

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may continue to shepherd the whole Church and show us the way to Christ through his preaching and ministry. This is especially important as he continues to face health issues. We pray today for our diocesan shepherd, Bishop Ronald Hicks. He is doing a tremendous job within the Diocese of Joliet and pointing all of us to the Lord. We are so thankful that Bishop Hicks graced our local parish by being present for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday. We had 72 young people confirmed that evening and Bishop Hicks did a fantastic job of pointing them to Christ and showing why he is our shepherd. I ask that you please keep me in your prayers as I try to shepherd this local parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I hope and pray that I have the grace to be a good shepherd to all of you. We also pray for vocations, that the Lord will raise up new shepherds for us.

Speaking of new shepherds, we will soon celebrate the first mass of the soon to be, Father Jeremy Laganski. Jeremy is a son of this parish and was born and raised in our community. He will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Joliet on May 20 and will celebrate his first mass here at OLMC on Sunday, May 21 at 12 noon. It will be a wonderful celebration as Fr. Jeremy begins his ministry as a shepherd. We are also blessed to have Brother Barry Dineen, O.Carm. share with us his vocation story this weekend and how he felt called to be a Carmelite. Bro. Barry is currently teaching theology at Joliet Catholic Academy and will return to his seminary studies this fall. We pray that more young men and women from our parish will hear the Lord's call to priesthood and religious life. Happy Good Shepherd Sunday.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray to us.

*Fr. Jeff*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;  
Jn 10:11-18 or, for the memorial,  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;  
Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

***Cathy's Corner— The Way to See Each Other***

Saul breathed murderous threats against the Lord's disciples, against anyone who belonged to the Way, which is what the early Christian community called itself. It did not matter to him whether they were male or female, Hebrew or Hellenist – he hated them all. He hated them because his beloved Jewish faith, the faith that he had studied at the feet of the highly respected Rabbi Gamaliel, was being corrupted by these so-called children of Israel who were blaspheming against Moses and against God. Saul had even discovered that they were gathering in each other's homes and sharing bread and wine that they claimed was the body and blood of this Jesus, risen from the dead, apparently a ritual he had begun with them before he died when he called his flesh true food and his blood true drink.

To be fair, the women and men on the Way, including Ananias, had no warm thoughts about Saul from Tarsus, who was hunting down Christians and dragging them back to Jerusalem in chains. News had spread quickly of the evil things he had done to these holy people once they arrived in that city. There was no love lost between Saul and Ananias. But there was abundant love poured out upon both of them, by the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus, who loved Ananias as one who believed in the eternal life offered through his body and blood, but who also loved Saul, even as he persecuted Jesus himself in the form of those who followed him on the Way.

And the Lord appeared to them both, and told them both what to do so they would come together, despite how they felt about each other, despite how they saw their faith so differently. It took Ananias to lay his hands on Saul for the scales of hatred to fall from his eyes so he could see in every human being the person of Christ. From then on Saul, who began to use his Hellenized name Paul, would be able to proclaim the good news that Jesus is the Son of God to the ends of the earth. But only because Ananias could open his heart and see him as a brother.

So we best be careful next time we demonize someone for what we see as corrupting our faith or despise someone for not accepting what we believe. For our Lord loves all people, even those who profess no love for the Lord. And the risen Christ continues to speak to our hearts, to fill us with the Holy Spirit that brings us together regardless of our differences. Because just as Saul and Ananias needed each other to fulfill their part of the Lord's mission, we need others to fulfill ours, perhaps most especially the others that think most differently than ourselves. May the love of the risen Lord continue to bring us together on the Way to eternal life.

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

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*Questioning your faith?  
Feeling spiritual but not religious?  
Not sure where the church fits in your life?*

**Let's talk about it!**

**Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm**

**May 8 through June 19 for con-**

**versation and fellowship**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**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 contact: Barbara Jo Miller**

# 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		

**Alleluia, Donut Day is back Sunday, May 7.**

**Enjoy a donut after Mass with your parish family.**



We had a great St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive last weekend. We were able to fill both trucks. I want to thank all of you that contributed.. Special shout out to those that helped load the truck.. Thanks again everybody and our next Clothing Drive is scheduled for October. Will update everybody as we get closer. As always our donations are blessings to others..



### **A message from your Carmelite Vocation Team:**

**The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be observed this Sunday, April 30, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Because of the imagery in today's Gospel, today is popularly known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The purpose of this observance is to take seriously the Lord's instruction: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

We invite you to watch a brief video presentation by Brother Roberto Reyes, O.Carm., a third year theology student with the Carmelites at Whitefriars Hall in Washington, DC. Brother Roberto reminds us that Jesus Christ is the ultimate shepherd of the people who calls us to be part of his flock. He is calling young people today to be modern day shepherds in the Church. Brother Roberto tells us about his call to serve God as a Carmelite.

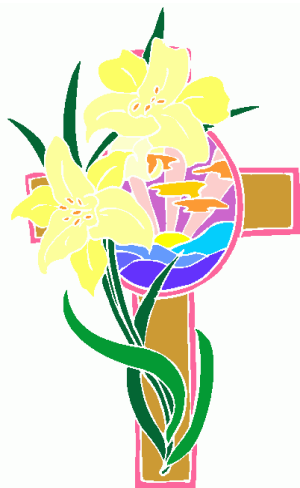
You can access the video at: <https://carmelitevideo.tiny.us/GSS2023>

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**Please pray for Carmelite Vocations!**  
**Fr. David McEvoy, O.Carm.**

**Fr. Michael Joyce, O.Carm.**



## RE News...

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

*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.*

We just want to thank all of the parents for your dedication to bringing your children to RE and Mass regularly. May God bless our catechists, their families, and all the students! Thank you all!

### Questions of the Week:

**Question for Children:** How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

**Question for Youth:** Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

**Question for Adults:** In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

### First Communion Updates

Practices for First Communion begin May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30-All readers should be present as you will receive your reading for the Celebration.

Other Practices:

Readers:

Monday, May 8 & 15 6:30 PM

Friday, May 19 at 6:15 PM

Gift Bearers, Banner Carriers, and Altar Servers:

Monday, May 15 7:00 PM

Friday, May 19 at 6:30 PM

**PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE on FRIDAY, MAY 19 at 7:00 PM.**

## 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**



Join us as we learn how to  
**know, love and  
serve the Lord**



**Catholic Faith Enrichment for adults with developmental disabilities**

<b>April 23, 2023</b>	<b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>
<b>May 7, 2023</b>	<b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>
<b>May 21, 2023</b>	<b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>

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

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

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

#### **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**8:15AM** Mary & Sam Ferrucci (Nick Rocco)

Jossy Puthenveetil (Family)

Ron May Sr. (Donatello Family)

**10:00AM** Veronica Tejada (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Ralph D. Considine (Jim Revord)

**NOON** Jose Padilla (Family)

Ofelia Mallari-11th anniv (Family)

50th wedding anniv—John & Kathy Callan

#### **Monday, May 1, 2023**

**9:00AM** Cindy McDonnell (Family)

Bernie Natile (Cousin)

Eileen & Dennis Mulvihill (Family)

#### **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

**9:00AM** Enrique Pabellon (Family)

#### **Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

**9:00AM** Marian Wiecezorek (Frank & Fran Modelski)

#### **Thursday, May 4, 2023**

**9:00AM** Daniel Caruso (Family)

#### **Friday, May 5, 2023**

**9:00AM** Marie Bishop (Pat Monahan)

Gertrude Modelski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

Rose DeGrazia (Granddaughter)

#### **Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**9:00AM** Joseph Vadakara (Family)

Lilia Bueza (Lay Carmelites)

**Daily 9:00 AM Mass for the week of Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4 will be held in the chapel.**

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

