

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

April 20, 2025 † Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



## EASTER SUNDAY

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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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

**Reconciliation** on Saturdays 3:15-4:00PM

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** To register call The Religious Education Office at 630-963-3053

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 630-852-3303 phone number

### 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.*

**MARRIAGES:** Plans should be made at least six months in advance of a tentative wedding date to fulfill Diocesan guidelines. To schedule a date, call the parish office for an appointment with a priest.

**BAPTISMS:** Are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. Parents and godparents are requested to attend a catechesis class. Call the parish office for arrangements

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*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



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 deacon candidates Frank and Pravin who had a lot of "on the job training." Thanks to our deacons, Ed and Lupe, for all their assistance. Special thanks to Fr. Rob 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 Mt. Carmel...pray for us

*Fr. Jeff*

### ***Readings for the week of April 20, 2025***

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/

Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15



## Grief Ministry Support Program to Begin at Our Lady of Peace Parish – Come and Be Comforted

The loss of a loved one can be painful, emotional, lonely and confusing. If you or someone you know is in need of consolation after losing a loved one, you are invited to participate in a Group Grief Support Program at Our Lady of Peace Parish.

This program, Seasons of Hope, will be held on six consecutive Wednesday evenings from April 30th through June 4th from 7-9 p.m. in the parish center.

Participants will find support and fellowship through prayer, conversation, faith sharing and home activities. There is no need for participants to attend every meeting but it is encouraged to do so. You can join at any time during the program.

Further resources (books, videos, etc.) will be available at the conclusion of the program. After program discussions are held on a regular basis.

More information can be found on the parish website, [www.olopdarien.org](http://www.olopdarien.org) or by calling Deacon Frank Vonesh.

To register please contact Deacon Frank Vonesh at 708-793-3505 or [fvonesh@olopdarien.org](mailto:fvonesh@olopdarien.org).

## ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond

604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL

Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpflkr>



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On **Thursday, May 9 from 7 to 8 PM**, we are thrilled to welcome **Kevin Matthews**, former ABC and CBS radio personality and author of *Broken Mary*, to speak at Holy Trinity Church in Westmont.

Kevin's journey from the height of media success to a powerful encounter with a broken statue of the Blessed Mother is a moving testimony of faith, healing, and the unconditional love of God. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2008, Kevin's life and outlook were changed forever when he found a discarded statue of Mary near a dumpster. His book, *Broken Mary*, tells that story with honesty, humor, and deep spiritual insight.

This event is a **fundraiser for our Holy Trinity Parish Center**, with tickets available for **\$20 presale and \$25 at the door**. A reception with baked goods and coffee will follow the talk in Holy Family Hall. Books will also be available for purchase.

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish  
25 East Richmond Street | Westmont, IL 60559

# OUR LADY OF THE BROKEN



## **10 O'Clock Choir Inviting New Members**

Do you like to sing? Does praising God through song elevate your prayer experience? Are you available for 7pm-8:30pm practices on Thursday nights? If so, and you are interested in joining the 10 O'Clock Choir (We especially need male voices), please see one of the choir members after 10:00 Mass.



Are you widowed and still hurting?  
What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day  
Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: June 28th & 29th, 2025

Where: St Julie's Billiard Parish,  
Tinley Park, Il.  
(Commuter only)

For further information, call: 708-  
354-7211.

e-mail us at [info@joyfulagain.org](mailto:info@joyfulagain.org)  
website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)



## **NOTICE DATE CHANGE**

***Next Together in Loss***

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

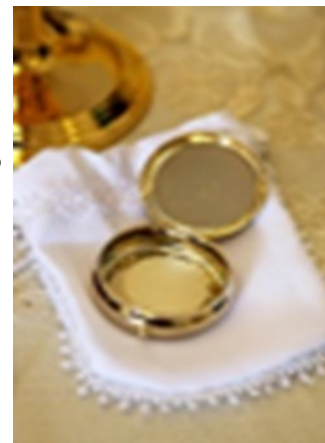
***Together in Loss*** is a ***grief support ministry***  
for anyone who has experienced a loss.

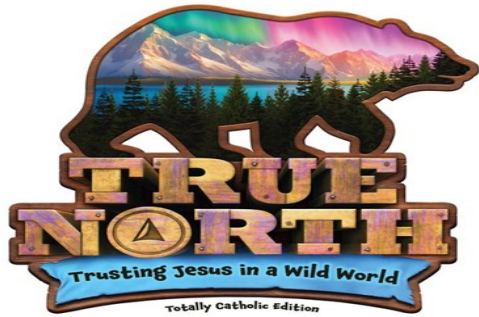
**Due to Holy Saturday we will not be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April**  
**For Information-Contact Lori Prado:**  
**([lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org))**

## **Ministers of Care**

**Share Christ's Love Through Communion.**  
**We bring the love of Christ in the Eucharist to the sick,**  
**elderly, and those with medical restrictions.**

**To arrange for a Minister of Care,**  
**Contact: Lori Prado**  
**([lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org))**





VBS Registration Now Open-  
Check the Website for more info

Join us July 14-18, 2025  
We are collecting Baby food Jars or  
small glass jars with lids. We can also  
use a few large appliance boxes.

## RE News- Upcoming Dates

Registration Packets for 2025-2026 are now available. Pick Yours  
up Today.

**Family Faith Session Tuesday, April 22-7:00-8:15 Kingdom of God**

Our Family Faith session is a program designed to help parents teach their children about our faith. Parents and children gather once a month to review the topic they just studied together at home.

**First Communion Reader Practice starts at 6:30 April 28<sup>th</sup>. If your child wants to do a reading let us know ASAP.**

**NO RE April 20-21-Happy Easter! We will return April 27-28.**

**RE End of Year Mass and Celebration-  
Monday, May 12 at 6:00 PM**

*Easter Blessings to all our families and to all those visiting this year. We continue to hold you in our prayers!*

### Questions of the Week:

#### **Question for Children:**

What is good and new in your life?

#### **Question for Youth:**

Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

#### **Question for Adults:**

In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

### Activities of the Week:

Easter is a time to celebrate new life. Plan an Easter egg hunt for all ages of the family. Fill plastic eggs with candy and put slips of paper containing uplifting Bible verses in some of the eggs. Have anyone who finds an egg with a Bible verse open it up and share what is written on the slip of paper.

Bake Easter bread together as a family. Before placing the bread in the oven, thank God for sending Jesus and for all of the blessings bestowed on your family.

### Earth Day-April 22, 2025-

*Lord, grant us Wisdom to Care for the Earth*

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it.

Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

Amen.

- from The Cry of the Earth

### Earth Day Activities:

Unwind-stay off all electronic devices and spend time with your family. Make it a game night or have an evening pic-nic, listening to all the sounds of nature (Bonus-no mosquitoes this time of year!)

Show your dedication to the Earth and environmental awareness by making art. Use plants and natural resources to create art as a way to express your creativity and call attention to Earth Day's message. You can start one on your own or call your friends over to help you.

Nature scavenger hunts are a fun way to explore the outdoors on Earth Day. Make a list of items for kids and adults to locate. People can write down what they find and enjoy some friendly competition in the great outdoors.



### **GARDENERS NEEDED**

Please bring any available cardboard to church for use in the garden to control weeds. On May 3 at 10:00a.m., we are in need of helpers to spread cardboard and wood chips in the Food Pantry Garden. On May 17 at 10:00 a.m. we will do the planting. Hopefully, young people will do most of the work, but we need experienced gardeners as "supervisors". "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few."



### **Singles Upper 50s & Above:**

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat! The next weekend is on May 2-4, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL (southwestern suburb of Chicago). For more info, go to [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renew.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:renew.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (309) 912-6065.

### **Saturday, April 19, 8:00PM**

Holy Saturday —Easter Vigil

### **Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday**

**8:15AM** Intentions for all parishioners

**10:00AM** Intentions for all parishioners

**Noon** Intentions for all parishioners

### **Monday, April 21, 9:00AM**

Anselma Ramos (Family)

Laverne Munsayac-6th anniv (Josie)

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

Marian Wieczorek-2nd anniv (Family)

### **Tuesday, April 22, 9:00AM**

Rose Cesna (Daughter)

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

### **Wednesday, April 23, 9:00AM**

Catherine Lyons (Vieni Family)

Joe Strejc-2nd anniv (Family)

William Barker (Eugene Munin)

Benedicto Tutor (Andrea Tutor)

Robert Lukasiewicz (Family)

Nolu Rey (Sister)

### **Thursday, April 24**

Margaret Curry (Pat Monahan)

### **Friday, April 25,**

John Finnigan (Catral Family)

Juana Formoso (Friends)

### **Saturday, April 26,**

Parishioners of OLMC

