

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

August 13, 2023 † Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WATER



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord,  
if it is you, command me to  
come to you on the water."

MATTHEW 14:28

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
A Holy Day of Obligation  
Vigil Mass Monday, August 14 at 7pm  
Tuesday, August 15 at 9am and 7pm

### 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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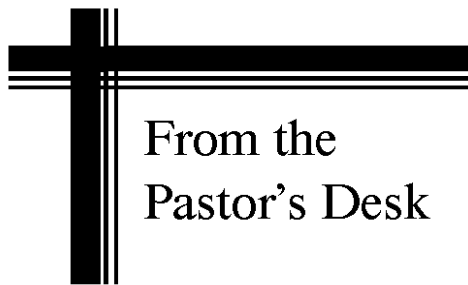
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## From the Pastor's Desk

The Prophet Elijah (900 BC – 850 BC) was one of the main prophets of the Old Testament and his life and deeds are told in the 2 Books of Kings. Elijah comes at a time when Israel is divided. The time of prosperity under King David and King Solomon ended and the land was divided into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Elijah is most known for his confrontation with the priests of Baal and with Ahab and Jezebel. The first reading today tells the story of Elijah on Mount Horeb. He is there fleeing from Queen Jezebel and her wrath. Mount Horeb is also the mount on which Moses received the

10 commandments. This sets up Moses as the giver of the law and Elijah as the restorer of the law. Hence, that is why Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus in last weekend's Gospel of the Transfiguration. It was on Horeb that Elijah encountered God in a light breeze. Which is a good reminder for us to seek God in the little things of life as well as in the big events.

Elijah is also an important figure for us Carmelites. He settled and lived for a long time on Mount Carmel. There is still to this day a spring of water called the Fountain of Elijah on Mount Carmel. The Carmelites consider the Prophet Elijah to be our spiritual father and example. The motto of the Carmelite Order is taken from Elijah in 1 Kings 19:14, "With zeal have I been Zealous for the Lord God of Hosts." Elijah is expressing a vibrant and living faith. He does not want to settle for mediocrity when it comes to his faith life. He wants a zealous relationship with the Lord. This should cause us to reflect on our relationship with the Lord, both individually and as a parish community. Are we being zealous in our pursuit of the Lord or have we settled for mediocrity? Do we just do the minimum? Do we just come to mass on Sunday out of a sense of obligation? Elijah was zealous and did not want to settle, do we? When people look at OLMC parish, do they see a community that is vibrant and zealous for the Lord or a community just doing the basics? These are challenging questions for us to look at individually and communally. We do amazing jobs in many areas, but what else can we do as a parish? How can we continue to make OLMC a parish that is vibrant and zealous for the Lord? Ideas??????

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

*Fr. Jeff*

## Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15



### ***Cathy's Corner— Being Fed by Miracles***

With the evangelist Matthew's addition in his version of the feeding of the five thousand that the number did not count women and children, the total figure of those who ate their fill could have been 20 or 30 thousand people. While that it is clearly a miraculous number to be fed with five loaves and two fish, the number of Israelites whom God was daily feeding in the desert as they journeyed toward the promised land was 603,550 males of twenty years or more who were fit for military service, not counting their wives and children. This surprisingly specific total is readily available in the Book of Numbers, which derives its name from the two separate censuses of the twelve tribes fleeing Egypt that it includes.

And they were none too happy about their monotonous diet of manna, even if it could be baked into loaves which tasted like cakes made with oil. And Moses was none too happy about their monotonous lament over not having fish, melons and cucumbers, served with leeks, onions and garlic as they used to enjoy for free. Of course, the delightful food for which they were yearning was only free because they were enslaved and so being fed to keep their strength up for their backbreaking labor. It is hard to blame Moses for having had enough of their self-pity.

Those whom Jesus fed with the five loaves and two fish had not even complained that they were hungry. They had just followed Jesus to the deserted place where he had gone to mourn the death of his cousin John the Baptist because they were hoping for his healing touch. They were yearning for his preaching about the kingdom. They were aching for his mercy. And although Jesus himself needed to heal from his loss, the compassion in his heart rose above his own pain and he tended to those needs. But certainly the five thousand plus women and children were going to get hungry – it was almost night-fall – and the disciples knew it. They saw their work as reminding Jesus of the lateness of the day so he could send them all home, his caring for them done for the night.

Jesus knew that ministering to others is never done and he knew that his disciples needed to know that. So he told them to take the initiative and provide food themselves, even though the crowd was still not asking for any. A little like Moses, perhaps, the disciples protested that such a task was too heavy for them as all they had was five loaves and two fish. And so Jesus fed them himself, blessing the repast as was the usual ritual for a daily Jewish meal. As with the manna in the desert, thousands upon thousands were fed. Indeed, that total was likely one-tenth of the entire Jewish population of Palestine at that time. A miracle, indeed. As was the manna in the desert. But both were asked for and received very differently.

Perhaps it is worth taking stock of all the ways we are fed by God, in the companionship of family and friends, in the shelter of home and hearth, in the natural beauty of the world that surrounds us. Indeed, is every breath we take not a miracle of life given and nurtured by the one who created us? Unlike the Israelites, may we not look back on bygone times with rose-colored glasses or bitterly complain about what we do not presently have. Rather, like those in the crowds, may we seek and acknowledge the Lord in what is before us and around us and in us, having absorbed the lesson Jesus was teaching his disciples. We will not need a miracle to be always able to provide nourishment for each other if we but recognize in what ways and how often we ourselves are nourished by our God.

*Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21*



***Bringing comfort and light through  
compassionate support***

**Next meeting August 16**

***Together in Loss* has summer hours!**

**This grief support ministry is for anyone who has suffered  
a loss Join us the third WEDNESDAY of the month from  
6:30 to 8:00 pm**

**No RSVP necessary and no need to have attended in the  
past**

**Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org) or  
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## Society of the Little Flower

**Announces** :“St. Thérèse Family Homecoming”™ at  
The National Shrine and Museum of St. Thérèse. 8501 Bailey Road, Darien, Illinois

We are honored to welcome the **relics of St. Thérèse** and her parents,  
**Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin**, from **September 17 through October 1, 2023**  
open to the public from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, daily.

This special visit is sponsored by the Society of the Little Flower, which is dedicated to promoting the spirituality and message of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as the Little Flower.

The relics will be available for public veneration during this time, giving visitors the opportunity to deepen their faith and connect with this holy family. The Society of the Little Flower spreads devotion to the Little Flower and her spirituality, as well as supports the Carmelite ministries throughout world.

**Visit us at [www.littleflower.org/relicsvisit](http://www.littleflower.org/relicsvisit)  
or call (800) 621-2806.**



## RE News

RE starts on Sunday, September 10.

There is still time to sign your children up, or you can call the RE office for info. WE are also looking to keep classes smaller so we will need more help for extra classes.

## Questions of the Week

**Question for Children:** What does God's voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** In today's Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

**Question for Adults:** Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in "tiny voices" rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.

## Activities of the Week

The disciples were afraid of the storm but Jesus reassured them that everything would be okay. Discuss how your family can be there for others in the storms of their life.

Pray Psalm 139 as your family prayer this week. Talk about your relationship with God. When do you find it difficult to trust in God? When do you feel close to God?

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a reflection day for all those who care for persons with disabilities on Saturday, September 23. There will be two sessions, each will include Mass. Call the RE office for more info. Registration is required.

## HELP WANTED

RE is starting soon! Have you ever thought of being a Catechist? Well, we are looking to train and mentor a few good people to help us with our program.

In addition, we are looking for "Room Moms and Dads" who will start the children off with attendance and a simple work sheet or craft at the beginning of class. This only requires 15-20 minutes of your time. All materials are provided. Please contact the RE office if you are interested.

## Family Mass

Our next Family Mass is Sunday, August 20, at 10:00. We need your family to help us with the readings, greeting, gifts, and ushering. IF you and your family would like to sign up, please email Sherry to get the readings and sign up for any role your family likes. [sherry.rochford@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:sherry.rochford@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)

## A Stellar Family Night

Join us on Thursday, August 24 for a night with the stars! This evening is for families to celebrate Shooting Star day. It will also be a VBS Reunion. Please contact the RE office for more info or to sign up as we will need supplies. The evening will start at 6:00-7:30. (Note Time Change as it is a school night too.)



**Mary Anne Trochim**     **James Curley**  
**Julie Ann Lacey**     **Barb Schunk**  
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**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

**4:30PM** Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

Chuck Swartout (Family)

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**8:15AM** Jose Macairan (Wife)

Tim Swies-13th anniv (Family)

Dec'd members of Curley & Ostrowski Families

Sam Gurgone (Nick Rocco)

**10:00AM** Belen Ravina (Pax & Rose Ravina)

Alberto DeLaRea (Family)

Josefa Novales (Family)

Richard Meister (Janice Meister-Kelly)

**NOON** Gene Igyarto (Family)

**Monday, August 14, 2023**

**9:00AM** Charles Antikauskas (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Walter & Susan Block 60th wedding anniv

(Frank & Fran Modelski)

Clara Minjae Kim (Family)

Simon Sungu Cho (Family)

Baoro Dongun Cho

(Family)

Anna Even Park (Family)

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**9:00AM** Nelson Tutor

(Friends)

Mary Agnes O'Connell

(Eugene Munin)

Virgie LaScola (Niece)

**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

**9:00AM** Mildred Brockman-19th anniv (Sisters)

Margie O'Leary (Sheri)

Anthony Elendical (Family)

Joselito Reyes-12th anniv (Family)

**Thursday, August 17, 2023**

**9:00AM** Tony Corso (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Patricia Heery (Family)

Shirley Chesen-2nd anniv (Donna & Del Kolacki)

**Friday, August 18, 2023**

**9:00AM** LaVerne Munsayac (Josie)

Pat Pochocki-living (Frank & Fran Modelski)

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

**9:00AM** Larry Monahan-11th anniv (Family)

John Biskupski (Frank & Fran Modelski)

