

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

February 11, 2024 † Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

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Ash Wednesday Masses 9AM, Noon, 4PM and 7PM



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LENTEN DEVOTION

During Lent, we will have Adoration in the Chapel beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending with Benediction at 6:15 p.m. Then we will have Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. These will be on Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22. Please join us for either or both.

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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When we have something good happen to us we can't help but to want to share it and tell everyone. The Leper in today's Gospel couldn't keep his joy in despite being told by Jesus not to speak of this. I wonder if Jesus was using reverse psychology. The more you tell a person not to do something, the more the person is tempted to do it. The cured leper couldn't contain his joy any longer and it busted out to the greater glory of God. The fame of Jesus spread through the land because of this man. I wonder how many more people came to know Christ because this man proclaimed the praise of God? On this final Sunday of Ordinary time, how are we proclaiming the praise of God in our lives? Are we living with the same passion as this cured leper did and wanting to share what Christ has done for us? Maybe we all need a little more glory and praise in our lives.

Wednesday, February 14, in addition to being Valentine's Day, is Ash Wednesday. We begin our sacred season of Lent. The masses and distribution of ashes will be at 9am, 12pm, 4pm and 7pm. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation but is still one of the most attended days. How I wish every Sunday and holy day would get crowds like Ash Wednesday does. It is a day of fast and abstinence, so you might need to celebrate Valentine's Day later. We have many activities during Lent to help draw the community deeper into the Paschal Mystery. We will have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7pm in the Chapel. Every Tuesday in Lent, except during Holy Week, we will have our Carmelite lectures and discussions. In the first week, Fr. Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm., will lead us through the early history of the Carmelite Order and the Rule of St Albert. Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm. will spend two evenings sharing with us the message of St. Therese of Lisieux. Fr. Jack Welch, O.Carm. will have two sessions covering St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. Please come on out on those evenings and learn a little more about what makes our Carmelite community so special. We are also in the Year of the Eucharist. Joyce Donohue, a noted Eucharistic speaker from Mayslake ministries, will be presenting on Wednesday March 13. I hope that you take advantage of these opportunities to deepen your faith during this Lent. Additionally, the Lent Reconciliation evening will be Thursday March 14. I hope everyone has a blessed and faith deepening Lent.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel ... Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Join Us!



We invite all widows of our community to enjoy an afternoon filled with fine food and entertainment. Please bring a friend!

February 20 at 11:30 am - Maggiano's Little Italy
240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Please RSVP by February 17 to Modell Funeral Home
(630) 852-3595 or info@modelldarien.com



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Spring Campaign
February 14th - March 24th

Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Spring 2024 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from February 14th to March 24th, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health abortion clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Middle and High School Service Opportunity!



STATIONS of the CROSS

Help bring the stations of the cross to life for our parish community on Good Friday, March 29th at 3pm. We are looking for students to play all roles from Jesus to the townspeople. Contact Stephanie Rawls to get involved in this beautiful Lenten prayer experience at stephanie.rawls@ourladyofmtcarmel.org or 630-852-3303.



*Bringing comfort and light through
compassionate support*

Next meeting February 17

***Together in Loss* is a **grief support ministry** for anyone who has suffered
a loss – no need to be a parishioner**

We meet the third SATURDAY of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am

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

**Contact Cathy Lentz for more information at [cath-
arine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)**

or 630-852-3303 ext 5



**All are welcome –
no RSVP necessary!**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is presenting

A Carmelite Lecture Series for Lent

Join us Tuesdays at 7 pm,

beginning February 20

**Spend this Lenten season immersing yourself
in the beauty and the peace of Carmelite
Spirituality**

For more information see our website

Cathy's Corner—The Power of Love

Love is a transformative emotion. It can turn a person into someone unrecognizable by even him or her own self. Solomon loved his wives, all seven hundred of them, and that did not even take into account his three hundred concubines. Many of these were foreign women, like the daughter of Pharaoh, and many were from nations that long ago the Lord had forbidden intermarriage with lest these pagan relationships turn the hearts of the Israelites to their strange gods.

This forewarning by the Lord came true in Solomon, who began his reign building a majestic temple in devotion to the one true God and ended it constructing places of worship in honor of pagan god after pagan god. Likely he himself did not even recognize the idolator he had become. The Greek woman who fell at the feet of Jesus was from Tyre, a port city in ancient Phoenicia, which at that time was part of the Roman province of Syria. Hence, she was Syrophoenician. She was as much a pagan as most of Solomon's wives.

But she loved her daughter. She loved her daughter enough to enter a house that was not her own as a woman who was considered little more than a piece of property to seek out a man from a religion that despised her people. She loved her daughter so much she did not even flinch in the face of outright insult by Jesus himself at her request that he free her daughter from a demon. Likely she did not recognize that in that moment she had become a person who demonstrated more faith in the one true God than Solomon did himself. And it was that faith which brought the healing she so desired to her daughter.

Love indeed transforms us, as it did Solomon and the Syrophoenician woman, so we must be careful what we love. It was not the love Solomon had for his wives that was so destructive, but rather the love that he developed for their idols made of wood and stone. The Syrophoenician woman's love for her daughter, on the other hand, developed into a courageous devotion to a healer from another religion that she recognized as the Lord. Let us nurture our love for the living things that have been made by God and diminish our devotion to the icons created by our world, thus turning our hearts ever toward a deeper love for God. We may not even recognize the courageous believers we will become.

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30



RE News...

Ash Wednesday is on February 14 this year. Our Lenten project will be a “Carbon Fast” where the students will be asked to fast from simple items, activities, or foods in order to learn more about living together with people from all over the world. Money collected will be donated for the Food Pantry.

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

Question for Youth: How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you experienced Jesus’ healing touch.

Activities of the Week

Jesus wants us all to be whole and healthy. What part of your life would you like Jesus to touch and heal?

Ask your child to tell you about people he or she knows who may feel left out. Plan with your child ways he or she can reach out to this person. Be sure to demonstrate to your child the love and support and confidence you have in him or her. Share with your child his or her success in reaching out to others. Let your child know that you are proud of him or her.

Celebrating Sunday

As we look toward Lent this year, take time to make Sundays a family day. Using the booklets, “Celebrate Sunday for Families,” that you were given at the beginning of the year, read the reflection together before and after Mass. Offer the time together as a way to get closer to Jesus through the Mass celebrations each week.

Reconciliation Information

Upcoming Dates

Family Mass-Grades 6 & 3

Our next Family Mass on Sunday, February 18 at 10:00 will be presented by our 6th and 3rd grade families. We are looking for students in 6th grade to serve as readers and jr. ushers, while 3rd graders will serve as greeters and gift bearers. Contact Sherry Rochford for more information.

Mommies for Mary



Mommies, share your faith with your children in a welcoming prayer space.

Friday, February 23rd

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Stop by anytime!

Our Holy Mother is waiting for you!
Contact Lori Prado for more information.
lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org

OLMC Knights of Columbus #3738, sponsors an award-winning fish fry every Friday during Lent, Feb 16-March 29, 25 N Cass, Westmont 5-8 PM



Are you or is someone you love home-bound and unable to attend Mass?
Ministers of Care from the community of



Our Lady of Carmel are here to visit with you, to pray with you, to offer you the **Body of Christ**.
Contact Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 or *catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org* for a visit.

We will collect your old palms to burn on Tuesday, February 13th in order to have ashes. There will be bins in the lobby to deposit last years' palms in.



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Elliot Broccardo, USMC

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Dave Rawlings
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 10, 2024

4:30PM Bill Gowans-living (Family)
Janet Nilles (McMahon Family)
Members of Kubacki Family (Family)

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:15AM Antoinetta, Antaino & Gerald
Marino (Nick Rocco)
Gene & Shirley Chesen
(Donna & Del Kolacki)

10:00AM Nena Villanueva (Family)

Nancy Hovanec (Family)

Noon Linda Bernas Nietzel (Family)

Monday, February 12, 2024

9:00AM Anthony Ramocki
(Fran & Fran Modelski)

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

9:00AM John Lattner (Pat Monahan)

Jose Macairan (Wife)

Nicasio Villaluz (Family)

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

9:00AM Maureen Murray (Family)

Noon Enes Esmilla (Family)

4:00PM Parishioners of OLMC

7:00PM Parishioners of OLMC

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:00AM Carmela Pacer-8th anniv (Family)
Teodora Sambalod & Hermogenes Ramos
(Teotico Family)

Friday, February 16, 2024

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Saturday, February 17, 2024

9:00AM Helen & Chester Burchaski (Godchild)

Colin Cusack
Michael Sklodowski, Army
Nick Radziwon, US Navy
Gwen Zemaitis Baker
James Lucas US Army
Capt. Melissa Sprague
Capt. Mark Sprague
Zach Wallace
James Chipman
Keith Thomas
L.C. David Treadwell
Timothy Vaughn, USAF
Zachary Bell
Christopher Johnson USCG
Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army
Pvt Dylan R. Hagan
Danielle Monahan SrA

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Captain Jackson Panice
Ryan Snyder
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