

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

July 27, 2025 † Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

## When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

The **Great Adventure Bible Timeline** Course by Jeff Cavins and Ascension Press is coming to Lemont!

Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:15 PM

St. Patrick Hall

205 Cass Street, Lemont, IL

24 Lessons: Sept 4-Nov 20 & Jan 8-March 26

Ages: High School and Adults

Register by August 20th and we will order your workbooks for you. \$40 per person.

Contact Coleen Mast, Evangelization

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Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/QJSbtsQ>



### *Readings for the week of July 27, 2025*

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12



## ***A Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly on the 5th World Day***

**Theme: “Blessed are those who have not lost hope”**

Heavenly Father,

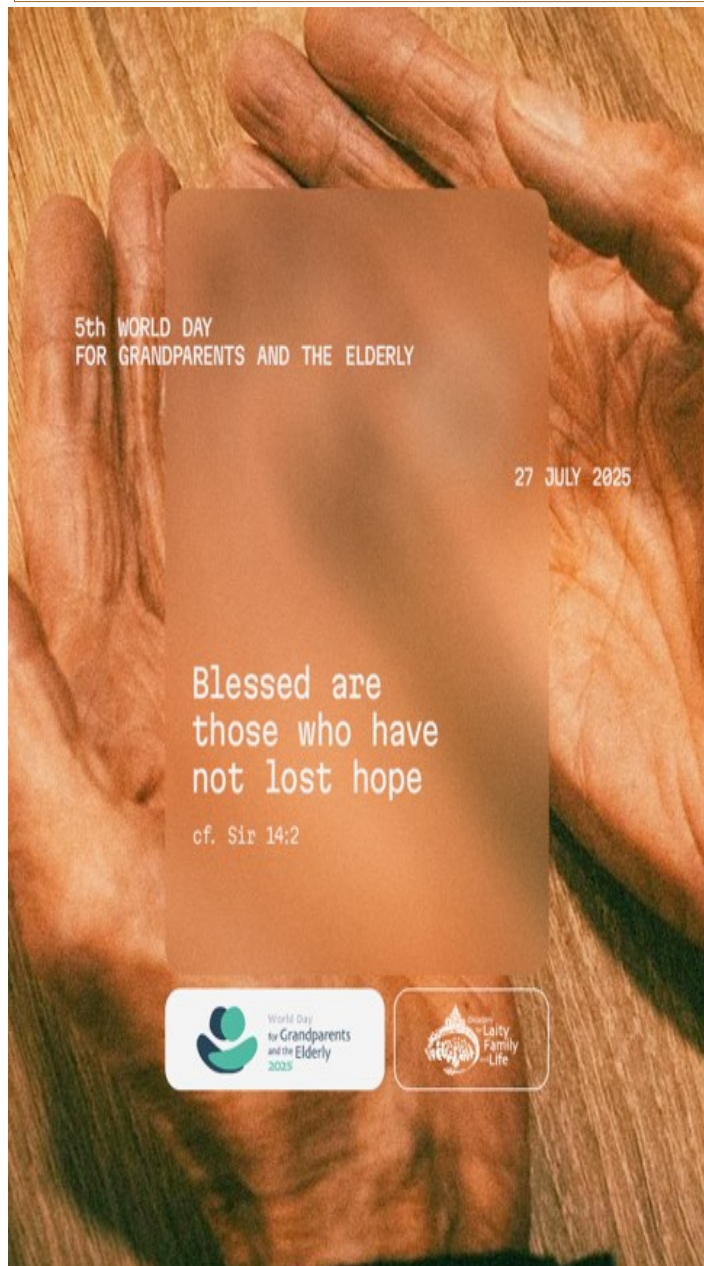
Lord of time and history, we thank You for the gift of our grandparents and all the elderly in our lives. They are the living roots of our families, keepers of memories, and gentle witnesses of Your enduring love.

Bless them with strength when their bodies grow weak, with peace when their hearts carry burdens, and with joy when they feel forgotten or alone. May their wisdom continue to guide us, their stories inspire us, and their prayers uphold us.

In a world that often moves too fast to listen, teach us to stop, to sit, and to honor them. Help us to learn from their faith, to walk beside them with tenderness, and to never let them feel invisible or discarded.

As we celebrate this day in hope, renew in all grandparents the sense of their sacred mission: to pass on the faith, to bless the generations, and to proclaim—through their lives—that Your promises endure forever.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived in the warmth of Mary, Joseph, and His grandparents St. Joachim & St. Anne, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.



We hope this message finds you well. We're reaching out to you because we're currently looking for new voices to join our church



12:00 choir. It's a wonderful opportunity to express your faith, meet like-minded people, and of course, enjoy the beauty of music.

Our choir is a welcoming and supportive group, and we believe that everyone has a unique voice that can contribute to our harmonious blend. Whether you're a seasoned singer or someone who simply enjoys singing in the shower, we'd love to hear from you.

We practice before mass every Sunday, but we're flexible and understand if you can't make it every time. The most important thing is your enthusiasm and love for music.

If you're interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Please contact Lenore at 708/712-5496.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Contact Lenore (708) 712-5496 for more information or stop by after Noon mass.

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

**Please note next meeting will be**

**Wednesday, August 20th  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**

**For information-Contact  
Lori Prado:**

**([lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org](mailto:lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org))**

## **Care & Creation Laudato Si'**

Sharing God's love through caring for His creation!

**All are welcome!**

Join us for our next meeting:

**Date:** August 6th

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.



Join us for the  
Diocese of Joliet

## **JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY**

*Pilgrims of Hope*

**Saturday, October 4, 2025  
11:00 AM**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond**

604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

RSVP by scanning  
the QR code or by  
calling 815-221-6192



Questions? Call Jim Elias 815-221-6134

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## **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/qu9fbEpflr>



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**Register Now  
for Faith Formation**

***RE Registration Reminder***  
*If you haven't registered for the 25-26 RE year, please do so as soon as possible. Spaces are filling up.*

### *Questions of the Week:*

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

Prayer is talking with God and listening to God in our hearts. Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

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

Jesus teaches us how important it is to pray. How do you ask God for what you need? How do you listen for his response?

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

Jesus teaches us how to pray. When this past week did you take the time to pray, to talk to and listen to God?

### *Activities of the Week:*

Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly and meditatively. Talk about what each petition means to you. Remind family members that this is the prayer Jesus himself taught us to pray. Express to your children the value of praying together as a family, as a community of believers, and as individuals. Remind family members that praying does not mean always asking God for something. Sometimes it means being silent and listening to what God is speaking to you.

Remember, prayer is a conversation between you and God. This week take some time to meditate on pray through journaling. Write a letter to Jesus expressing your gratitude, points of praise, and your overall wellbeing. Sign-it "love, (your name)."

Then take the time to write a letter back from Jesus. Start it "Dear (your Name)" and sign it "Love Jesus." See what Jesus wants to tell you!

### *Catechist Formation*

We need all formation for the year completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not finished the workshop *Christ His Person and Works* through the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University, you can still do so online. You will need to register and answer all comments. You DO NOT need a mentor.

If you would like to do this in person, contact the RE office. Our final in-person session will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 6:00-9:30 PM. will provide a light dinner or breakfast depending on timeframe. We will also need about all other hours turned in by July 30.

### *Help Wanted!*

WOW! We just ended VBS and now we are looking forward to our the RE year.

This is where we can use your help:

#### **Sunday, 9:00- Grades:**

Pre-school, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sunday, 11:00-Grades**

Pre-school, & 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Monday, 5:00-Grades**

Pre-School, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Monday, 7:00-Grades:**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

We can also use Office Help at 11:00 on Sunday and 5:00 on Monday.

Parking lot attendants needed too.

Call the RE office for more info

## Attention Altar Servers!

Join us for a **Special Retreat** to deepen your understanding of **Our Sacred Role**. **All Current and Prospective servers are welcome!**

**Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Attendance for the 4:30 p.m.**  
**Mass**  
**is highly encouraged.**

For further information,  
 please Contact:  
 Frank or Lori Prado  
 (lori.prado@ourladyofmtcarmel.org)



### ***Saturday, July 26, 4:30PM***

Fred Ryczyn (Family)

John Reed (McMahon Family)

Marlene & Phillip Carioto (Daughter)

### ***Sunday, July 27***

**8:15AM** Don & Nick Brescia (Nick Rocco)

Arlene Brescia (Nick Rocco)

Salaveria Aro Arbela Dela Pena (DeGala Family)

**10:00AM** Scott Arnold (Family)

**Noon** Damas Diago (Ampy)

### ***Monday, July 28, 9:00AM***

Danial F. Moran (Mike McAdams)

### ***Tuesday, July 29, 9:00AM***

Adam Smith (Evelyn Antikauskas)

Judy Vodar (Donatello Family)

Paul Kidagan (Friend)

Mariano Manaligod (Family)

### ***Wednesday, July 30, 9:00AM***

Lloyd Stauder-10th anniv (Pat Monahan)

### ***Thursday, July 31, 9:00AM***

Abraham Mathew (Daughter)

John J. Dervin (Mike McAdams)

### ***Friday, August 1, 9:00AM***

John Geary (Mike McAdams)

### ***Saturday, August 2, 9:00AM***

Gene & Jeanette Lang (Daughter)

