

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

June 4, 2023 † The Most Holy Trinity

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For God did not
send his Son into
the world to
condemn the
world, but that the
world might be
saved through
him. - Jn 3:17



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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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From the Pastor's Desk

June 4, 2023

We celebrate today the Feast of the Holy Trinity. This is one of the central tenants of our faith and also one of the hardest concepts to grasp. How can there be a Triune God? A God of Three Persons, each unique but each equal and all together? Don't exhaust too much mental power trying to figure it out. The great minds in history have tried to explain the Trinity and failed. It is ultimately a leap of faith for us to take. What the Trinity teaches us most of all is the importance of community. Even our God has to exist within a community. We can only truly live our faith in the midst of community. That

is why it is important for us to gather on Sunday and celebrate the Eucharist together in community. We can't make it through life alone and we can't make it through our relationship with the Lord alone. Our Triune God lives in community and so must we.



"All good things must come to and end," the old saying goes. Sadly, that statement is true. It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that Fr. Greg has been reassigned. He will be leaving us to become pastor of St. Theresa of Avila parish in San Francisco, CA. The official transfer will occur in the fall, late September or early October, so we still have a few months to enjoy having him with us. We give thanks to Fr. Greg for all he has done for OLMC in the last year. He made a lasting significant contribution to the life of our parish community. He will be dearly missed. We will welcome Fr. Rob Traudt, O.Carm. as our new associate. Fr. Rob will bring a wealth of experience to our community. He has served previously in several parishes, including as a pastor, and has spent several years in formation ministry guiding our seminarians. We will give Fr. Rob a warm welcome to OLMC in the fall.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.

Fr. Jeff

Readings for the week of June 4, 2023

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44



Cathy's Corner— A Fig Tree and Money Changer Sandwich

Intercalation is the insertion of something between or among existing elements or layers. In the Gospel of Mark it is a literary convention employed wherein a narration is broken in two, with a completely different tale inserted within, known familiarly as a “sandwich technique.” This interlacing aids in revealing the mutual interpretation and intended meaning of stories which at first glance may seem entirely unrelated. Certainly Jesus cursing the fig tree and, in the middle, cleansing the temple appear to be just a bit of creative storytelling.

Indeed, it is hard to even comprehend any purpose for the former, which depicts Jesus as cursing forever a fig tree which seasonally was not ready to bear fruit for not having any fruit, simply because he happened to be hungry. Truly that just seems irrational and, to be honest, un-Christlike. Unless you look at what was sandwiched in between: the cleansing of the temple. Jesus' action of overturning the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling doves, accompanied by his teaching that it was prayer and not commerce that should be taking place in God's house, clearly evince his claim of superiority over the religious practices of Israel and a challenge to the priestly authorities who currently held sway.

In light of that understanding, the fig tree becomes a designation for Israel, as employed by prophets such as Jeremiah, who announced the Lord's punishment for disobedience by crying out: *I will gather them all in, says the Lord: no grapes on the vine, No figs on the fig trees, foliage withered!* Cursing the fig tree becomes then a parable in action illustrating the judgment of Jesus on the barrenness of Israel's worship and the eventual fate of Jerusalem for rejecting his teaching. Indeed, the fig tree cursed by Jesus went beyond its inability to produce fruit by withering down to its very roots, an even more frightening prospect in that context.

Yet the story does not end there. Jesus leaves the disciples, and us so many centuries later, with the message that with faith in God, even a mountain can be lifted up and thrown into the sea. Even a fig tree cursed to its very roots can be revived. Even a people that have lost their way can be made anew by belief and prayer and forgiveness. So let us believe that we can be a people who bear the fruit of the kingdom of God rather than the barrenness of empty platitudes. Let us pray that we can put the needs of God's people over the filling of our pocketbooks. Let us forgive others, and ourselves, for all the times we have failed to act as those extolled in the Book of Sirach, as godly women and men whose virtues are not forgotten. Then let us work together to make God's house, our world, a place for all peoples, to live and love and pray as God has intended them to do, not as we envision they should do. An intercalation of love and mercy and justice – a heavenly sandwich worthy of offering to our God.

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mk 11:11-26



Our Lady of Peace with
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
invite you to be *Nourished* in
your caregiving ministry

Caring for a loved one is rewarding, BUT it is not always easy.

Family caregivers need **information**, **strength** and **connection** during the caregiver journey.

Let us provide that for you, all with a Christ-centered view.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 10 8:30 am to 10:00 am
at Our Lady of Peace

ALL ARE WELCOME! Thrive· Empower· Advance·

Cathy Lentz at 630-852-3303 ext 5 or catharine.lentz@ourladyofmtcarmel.org for more information



You are Cordially Invited!

Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass

at the Cathedral of St. Raymond

Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Date: July 23, 2023, Time: 2:00pm

Please RSVP below - QR Code or

Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192



"His mercy is From Age to Age" Luke 1:50

**On June 11, 2023
Father Ed Ward
will be celebrating his 50th An-
niversary of
Ordination to the priesthood
at the 12:00PM Mass.**

**Come one, come all.
A reception will follow!**



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



We are excited to invite all parishioners with wedding anniversaries in 2023 for **10, 25, and 50 yrs. and above** to the 2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks! The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Raymond in Joliet at 2pm on August 27, 2023.

Please respond to jeli-as@dioceseofjoliet.org



Registration is now open for the 2023 Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting Ros-a-Ree campout for Catholic Scouts! The Ros-a-Ree is an overnight event for Catholic scouts ages 12+ in Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts of the USA, and American Heritage Girls. The event will be held August 5-6 at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox. The agenda will include inspirational speakers, a living rosary, a campout, service projects, and Mindcraft-themed scouting fun and games. For more information, see <https://www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org/ros-a-ree>



JDCCS
Joliet Diocese Catholic
Committee on Scouting



RE News and Updates

***CORE Catechist Meeting-Tuesday,
June 13 Dinner-6:30-Meeting 7:00 PM
Time to wrap up the year!***

Questions of the Week:

Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for Youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a “community of love,” which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul’s list of exhortations as your starting point.

Activities of the Week

Trinity Sunday is an excellent time to call attention to the use of the Sign of the Cross and the prayer that we say when we make the Sign of the Cross. Teach the very young this sign and prayer. Talk to your family about the need to say the prayer with meaning.

Pray the “Glory” prayer. Use this prayer as part of your family night prayer:

Glory to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.



VBS

Join us for a STELLAR weeklong adventure through the cosmos as we discover the light of Jesus in every corner of creation. July 10-14 Jesus is with us always, so. . .

when life feels dark,
when people don't get along,
when good things happen,
when people are sad,
and when people need help, we can all
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

We anticipate many participants so sign up now! We can also use your help. Call the RE office for more info.

Join us for our next planning session on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 PM

Family Mass

Our monthly Family Mass is on the third Sunday of the Month at the 10:00 Mass. Please sign up as readers, greeters, gift bearers now for Father’s Day-June 18. Parents, you can help your children read or participate too!



Mary Anne Trochim	James Curley
Julie Ann Lacey	Barb Schunk
Kim Hoover	Loren Davis
Jeanette Seebock	Nancy Kososki
Gentel Cabrera	Bridget Gallmeier Raineri
Nancy Jisisju	Kevin & Jenne Gallmeier
Bill Haran	Susan Nugent
Evelyn Swartz	Abby Grace McCarver
Jean & Mark Boyd	Allen Raineri
Jamie Carpenter	Diana Clohecy



Sgt. Ryan Thomas Lavine, Army	ENS Allison Early, NAVY
SPC Jonathan Poynton	CPO Michael Early, USMC
Joe Barker	Elliot Broccardo, USMC
Sgt. J. Bartlett Pvt.	Lindsey Johnson
Cpl. Joseph Belgis, USMC	Diahann Bavan
Wayne R. Zefeldt, Army	Ronan Randy S. BA.SAT-U.S.Navy
S. Sgt. Michael Mullahy	Derek McCarthy
Ryan Pertile, Army	Joe Michalski
Major Thomas Bessler	Steve Baker, Lt
Mike Noonan	Luke Fluder
Adam Kowalski, Army	Pfc Drew Hillebold, Army
Capt. James Lucas US Army	Vincent Napoli, USMC
Sgt. Greg Burnett	Nikolas Horskey, Army
Sgt. Meghan Callham, USMC	Lt. Col Jason O'Neil, USMC
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Colin Cusack	LCpl Daniel Holakovsky, USMC
Michael Sklodowski, Army	Tom Reiter
Nick Radziwon, US Navy	Nathaniel Rozgo
Gwen Zemaitis Baker	Robert DeMatio
James Lucas US Army	Frank Andrew McKenna, Navy
Capt. Melissa Sprague	Captain Jackson Panice
Capt. Mark Sprague	Ryan Snyder
Zach Wallace	Capt. James Lienau
James Chipman	Sgt. Kevin Gallmeier Jr.
Keith Thomas	Pat Gill Petty Officer
L.C. David Treadwell	Brian Sheenhan, Army
Timothy Vaughn, USAF	Joseph Higgins
Zachary Bell	Gary Hogan
Christopher Johnson USCG	Kevin Hornett
Sgt. Eric Kuchta, Army	Dan Eugene Bavan
Pvt Dylan R. Hagan	Dan Welters
Danielle Monahan SrA	Alex Erkiens
	Capt. Michael K. Desmond, Jr., USMC
	1st Lt. Mark Marten, US Army
	Ted Cook

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 3, 2023

4:30PM John Sheils (Ray & Lisa Morrissey)

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:15AM Catherine Domitir (Nick Rocco)

Daniel Caruso (Family)

Frank Jasek (Arlene Brescia)

10:00AM Thomas Miller-4th anniv (Family)

Richard Smego (Judi & Bill Tamkevic)

NOON Greg Miller & Family-living (Kathryn Miller)

Monday, June 5, 2023

9:00AM Bonifacio Sobredo (Family)

Margarita Fleix (Mike & Margaret Wagner)

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

9:00AM Bridget O'Connell (Eugene Munin)

Don Brescia (Family)

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

9:00AM Michael Sislow Jr. (Mom & Jerry)

Fr. Cornelius O'Connell (Eugene Munin)

Frances Colianni (Family)

Thursday, June 8, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Friday, June 9, 2023

9:00AM Parishioners of OLMC

Saturday, June 10, 2023

9:00AM Ralph Moore (Germaine)

Remedios-living (Family)

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Honor your service while protecting your loved ones from unnecessary financial and emotional pain. Join us for this complimentary bus tour of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery and a free informational seminar. Complimentary meal will be served after the tour at Stone City VFW. Meet at Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services at 8:30 AM for a tour of our facility. We will plan to depart at 9:15 AM. Spouses and loved ones are welcome.

**Wednesday, June 14
8:30 a.m.**

Modell Funeral Home &
Cremation Services
7710 South Cass Avenue
Darien, IL 60561

**SPACE IS LIMITED,
RSVP TODAY at
(630) 313-2066**

