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# Mass of Thanksgiving Rev. Matthew Gummess, O.Carm.



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**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
710 W. Marion Street  
Joliet, IL 60436





## Communion Hymns:

*The Supper of the Lord (Breaking Bread #354)*  
*I Am the Light of the World (Breaking Bread #598)*

Thank You from the **St. Patrick's Community**

**Rev. Peter Jankowski**  
**Pastor, St. Patrick's Church**

Final Comments

**Rev. Matthew Gummess, O.Carm.**

Closing Hymn:

*Lord of the Dance (Breaking Bread #564)*

A reception follows today's liturgy at St. Patrick's Gym.  
All are invited to join us at this celebration.

Después de la liturgia de hoy, tendremos una kermes en el Gimnasio de San Patricio. Todos están invitados a acompañarnos en esta celebración.

## Prayer from St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me;  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left,

Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,

Christ where I arise.

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me;

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,

Christ in every eye that sees me;

Christ in every ear that hears me.

Salvation is of the Lord; Salvation is of Christ.



# Mass of Thanksgiving Ministers of the Liturgy

## Main Celebrant

Rev. Matthew Gummess, O.Carm.  
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## Homilist

Rev. Benjamin Aguilar, O.Carm.

## Deacons

Rev. Br. Manu Franco, O.Carm.  
Rev. Mr. Bobby White  
Rev. Mr. Michael Fekete

## Master of Ceremonies

Brother Gregorio Vasquez, O.Carm.

## Lector

Dave Mikos

## Gift Bearers

Jennifer Arrache-Graham, Fina Graham,  
Susan & Edward Hunt, Erica Osterman-Emory,  
Craig & Theresa Waddell  
and Lawrence & Karen Wilcox

## Honor Guard

Joliet Assembly Knights of Columbus  
**Gordon Michels Assembly, Joliet**



*Fr. Matt Gummess poses with his family (left to right) mother Margo, sister Alicia and father Glen.*



## Meet Matt Gummess, our Fulbright Scholar

By Father Gregory Houck, O.Carm.

**“The Fulbright Commission aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.” - Mission Statement of the Fulbright Program**

As a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship, in their Cultural Ambassador program, Matthew both taught and took classes there.

Matt was born in Hobbs, New Mexico, on April 26, 1986 (which makes him 22 years of age). When he was 12 years old, his father took a teaching position at the University of Saint Francis and so the family moved to Joliet, Illinois. His parents, Margo and Glenn, and his sister, Alicia, currently live in Joliet.

He got to know the Carmelites as a student at Joliet Catholic Academy, and in conversations with **Father Donald Buggert, O.Carm.**, at Saint Patrick's Church in Wilton Center, Illinois, where Father Donald helps out in the summers. In his junior year at Yale, Matt decided to investigate a possible religious vocation, but had not made any decisions. Meanwhile, he had begun conversations with Don. At first Don did not want to steer him in any direction in particular so they discussed 'vocation' in general and the various groups out there. Finally, Father Donald asked, "and how about us?" Coincidentally, Matt went to Whitefriars Hall intending to visit Buggert and another priest friend in the DC area, and stumbled into last year's Vocation Discernment Weekend, and so, without any previous planning, attended the retreat.

Matt says that he was impressed with the guys at the Hall, that "they are just regular guys without pretensions, especially religious pretensions." He also liked that the Carmelites were more interested in helping him find the 'right Order' instead of just promoting their own Order. Last summer Matt stopped in Darien, Illinois, one day during the Chapter meetings and a guy came up and introduced himself saying, "Hello, I'm Fernando." Only later did someone mention that that was the **Father Fernando Millán, O.Carm.**, the newly elected Prior General. Matt remarked later, "Even the Prior General is a regular guy." That clinched his decision to join.

**Opening Hymn:** *Sing a New Song (Breaking Bread #544)*

**Rite of Sprinkling:** *Rain Down*

**Gloria:** *Sung*

That all who have died may find the promise of Eternal Life, we pray to the Lord. Especially today, we remember Michael Truskowski, Kevin Hansen, George Dehm and the deceased relatives of the Gummess, Polinski and Wilcox families, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

We also remember Benita Lopez and Fr. Matthew, for whom this Mass is being offered, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

We now pause to pray in silence for our own personal needs and those listed in our Book of Intentions... we pray to the Lord:

**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Celebrant**

Merciful Lord, we gather in this sacred temple, longing to live in the dwelling that you have prepared for those who love you. Hear our prayers and help us to live in holiness. Through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.**

### **Hymn during the Presentation of the Gifts:**

*Lord, You Have Come (Breaking Bread #504)*

### **Eucharistic Acclamations:**

*Mass of Creation (Marty Haugen)*



Congratulations to JCA graduate **Matthew Gummess** on professing his solemn vows as a Carmelite brother on Saturday, August 20, 2016 in the crypt church of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

Matthew was the valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at JCA, as well as the valedictorian of his grade school graduating class at St. Patrick's in Joliet in 2000.

Matthew holds bachelor's degrees in physics and philosophy from Yale University, where he earned the prestigious Fulbright scholarship. The Fulbright Scholar Program is administered on behalf of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The core Fulbright Scholar Program attracts some 800 U.S. faculty and professionals each year to 140 countries to lecture, teach and conduct research. Matthew did his teaching and study in Talca, Chile.

The JCA family is proud of what Matthew has accomplished and is excited to see where his vocation will lead him. He is a living and breathing embodiment of the Carmelite charisms taught each day to our students.



## General Intercessions

### Presiding Minister

On this joyous day of thanksgiving and praise, let us lift up our needs and all those who have asked for our prayers to the Lord.

### Deacon/Lector

For all the faith-filled women and men called to ministry in the Church, that their loving service may build up the Reign of God, we pray to the Lord:  
**R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the gift to our parish of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that good men and women may be drawn to love and to serve the People of God, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the gift to our parish of vocations to marriage and the single life, that we may give a vibrant and varied witness to the universal call to holiness, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For retired priests and religious, that they may experience God's abundant love as they walk a new path of prayer and servanthood in retirement, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Fr. Matthew, our newly ordained priest, that he may always minister with the spirit of Teresa of Ávila's courage, our Mother Mary's humility, and Oscar Romero's fierce love, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the community gathered here, from near and far, today - for Fr. Matthew's family, friends and parish, in thanksgiving for their loving support of him - that God may bless them abundantly and unite them ever more closely as one, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who have cast their nets aside but have found themselves, like Jonah, in the belly of the whale, that they may know the loving support of our Father in heaven and of the communities they serve, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick, that they find God's love in the hands of their caregivers. Especially today, we remember the mother of Carmelite novice Ryan Resurrección and those on our parish sick list, we pray to the Lord: **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

## A reading from the book of Jonah (3: 1-5, 10)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:  
"Set out for the great city of Nineveh,  
and announce to it the message that I will tell you."  
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,  
according to the LORD'S bidding.

Now Nineveh was an enormously large city;  
it took three days to go through it.

Jonah began his journey through the city,  
and had gone but a single day's walk announcing,  
"Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,"  
when the people of Nineveh believed God;  
they proclaimed a fast  
and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,  
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;  
he did not carry it out.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (Sung)

## A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (7: 29-31)

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.  
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,  
those weeping as not weeping,  
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,  
those buying as not owning,  
those using the world as not using it fully.  
For the world in its present form is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

## **A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (1: 14-20)**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them.

So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

**Rev. Benjamin Aguilar, O.Carm.**



## **The Nicene Creed / Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(all bow head)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.