

The Roman Catholic Faith Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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G.L.P.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Most of us are not trailblazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends indicated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others.

The rest of us are people who want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps we all have the power to be a credible witness. Will you try?

PARISH PERSONNEL

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 4 PM TO 6 PM

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at Noon

Personal Appointments to see Fr. Dan: Please call ahead to the Rectory to ensure availability at a convenient time.

Parish Membership: Families and individuals who have registered with the Faith Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are considered parish members. A separate registration is expected for those who reach the age of 18. If you are new to the area, please register at the rectory.

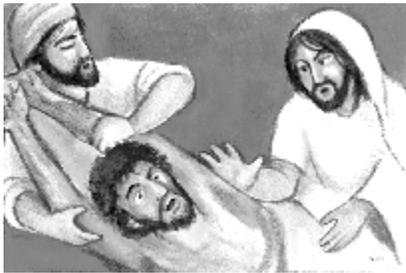
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Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements made at least six months prior to date requested. Contact the rectory before setting the date. Preparation classes required.

Sacrament of the Sick: Call to make arrangements if chronically ill; prior to entering the hospital. Please notify the parish office if you or a family member is in the hospital, or desire to have the community's prayers.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus, the Light from light, illuminates and warms our lives; or, when we try to live as our shadow selves, the same Light from light can seem piercing and blistering.

Our God: accessible or inaccessible? The Israelites in Deuteronomy found the voice of the great I AM to be too bright; they asked not to see that fire against lest they die. The unclean spirit in today's Gospel shrieked in terror at the presence of Jesus. He was all too aware of the radiance of God present in their midst.

We believe that God speaks always and everywhere. But is the Almighty One unbearably hot and out of reach? Infinitely yes. The One who created the universe is far beyond our capacity to bear.

God promised to send a prophet from among the Israelites' own to do the talking, someone not so dazzling, someone easier to hear. Jesus of Nazareth came to the synagogue to proclaim that the kingdom of God is here, that God is near. And the people listened to him. This prophet seemed trustworthy: he was one like them.

Can we walk in the light of Jesus? Intimately, yes. The One who created the universe has become one like us.

Is our God like the brilliant sun to make us seek the shade? Is our God like a friendly sun to encourage us to walk in the light? Yes and yes. Hallelujah! 2021 LPi

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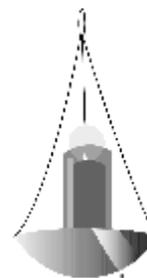
Scripture taken from the New American Bible, © 1985

LIVING & PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Divine Majesty, you are grander than we could ever imagine. We shrink from your voice; we are not worthy to be in your Presence. We bow in worship, for you are the great I AM. Let us not take your splendor blithely, indifferently. Yet you have become one like us. We can turn to you. You want to be near us. Please, come sit with us. Warm our hearts. Let us be close to you.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK:

Evan McQuiston, Carol Davenport, Charlotte Lukowski, Kelly, Les Strasburg, Nicholas Botticello, Jared Canto, Betty Griewisch, Kathy Jones, Brenda Aguglia, Jim Forti, Cathleen Forti, Katherine Schmidt, Linda Forti, DeWayne Jones, Kathy Cruz, Darlene, Paul Barone, Paul Karmazyn, Ysabella & Andrew Feldmann, Margaret Richter, Alicia Russo, Pat Lyons, Richard Pisa, Wally Waligora, Brad, Todd, Mary Robinson, Cora, Jeanette Mula, Molly Meadows, Bill Fitzgibbons, John Geffert, Kathy Tootley, Dorothy Kacprowicz, Fr. Walter, Andrew Studley, and Debbie Barylski.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is burning at Mt. Carmel in memory of Frances Pelletter by Marianne & Ron.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is burning in St. John Bosco Chapel for a special intention.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is burning at St. Rose of Lima in memory of the victims of COVID-19 by Ray & Carmen Wappman.

THE FEBRUARY DINNER is
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 Menu includes: Salisbury steak,
 mashed potatoes, green beans, roll
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Saturday, February 13th
 Dinner ~ \$7
 Reserve your dinner by filling out
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INFORMATION

Since we had to remove the hymnals, you will find copies of the readings near the bulletins. Please recycle the paper on your way out of Church. You are welcome to take *The Word Among Us* home, please do not use it and then return it to the table.

We will only have one collection during this time (unless otherwise announced). Please place any envelopes you have in the one collection.

Please do not move the ribbon from the pews.

Also, please be sure to maintain 6ft from those around you.

THE SILVER CREEK FOOD PANTRY is in desperate need of all food items, especially, pasta sauce, spaghetti, canned fruit, canned veggies, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly. Any & all donations are greatly appreciated.

Checks can be written to: Silver Creek Food Pantry. Thank you.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA MONTHLY DRAWING TICKETS

Are available at the doors of Mt. Carmel church.

Each envelope has 10 tickets in it. You are welcome to take an envelope or just take one or two. The tickets are \$5 each. Please return the tickets & money in the weekly collection or mail them to:

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HISTORY OF OLMC

Taken from the personal transcript of
 Msgr. Edmund J. O'Connor
 (pastor from 1912 - 1959)

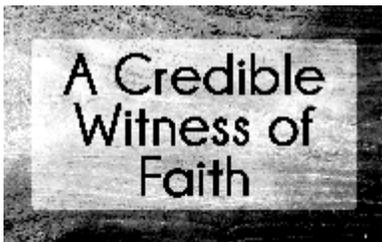
On November 22, 1917, the Harrison J. Trask lot, frontage on Central Avenue and depth on Swift Parkway, was purchased.

In the Spring of 1920 the parish house, 21 Porter Avenue, which remained in use after the removal of the church, was sold. However, with the scarcity of houses, it was necessary to rent a cottage in Hanford Bay for several months until a residence was obtained for rent at 33 Tew Street. The next move, for nearness to the church, was to the Webb house, 169 Central Avenue, and later to 7 Parkway, renting from Mr. Eugene Stewart.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed. ©LPi

**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES
FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 31, 2021**

Sat., Jan 30

4:30 p.m. OLMC—70th Wedding Anniv—Don Burghardt by wife Phyllis

Sun., Jan 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. OLMC— Thomas Johnson by Family

Mon., Feb 1

8:30 a.m. OLMC—NO Mass

Tue., Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Anthony & Elizabeth Borrello by Joe & Nat Pomichter

Wed., Feb 3

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Ed Prowse by Elizabeth Valvo

Thurs., Feb 4

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Mike Taaffe by Rick & Nancy

Fri., Feb 5

8:30 a.m. OLMC—NO Mass

Sat., Feb 6

4:30 p.m. OLMC—Frances Pelletter by Marianne & Ron Bowers

Sun., Feb 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Birth Remem—James DeTolla by Children

The Parish office will be closed until Monday, February 8th.

CASH CLUB TICKETS

Tickets will be mailed to those who received them in previous years.

If you are not on the mailing list please call the office.

Dear Parishioners, Many people have asked me recently, “what do you think of our new Bishop?” I attended a vespers service with Bishop Fischer the night before his installation. I had the chance to welcome him to Buffalo and to wish him well. If first impressions are important, he seemed to me to be a prayerful, intelligent and friendly person. I was struck by his humility. I attended a virtual meeting with Bishop Fischer on Wednesday, and my impression of him is very positive. I hope that he will have the opportunity to allow our Diocese know that we have “a good one.” By the way, his humility and personal manner is revealed in that he wants to be called Bishop Mike. Let us pray for our new Shepherd.

In the past two weeks, we have had six funerals, and almost all of the funerals were of people our parish knew quite well. I want to assure the families and friends of these individuals who have gone home to the Lord my prayers and support.

I will offer the Blessing of Throats on Wednesday on the Feast Day of St. Blasé. I can offer the blessing after Mass on the weekend of February 6 & 7. Due to the need to distance, the prayer and blessing may be collective, meaning no placement of the candles around the neck. That may be subject to change. Blessings and Good Health to you, Fr. Dan.

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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Sunday, January 24th collection
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