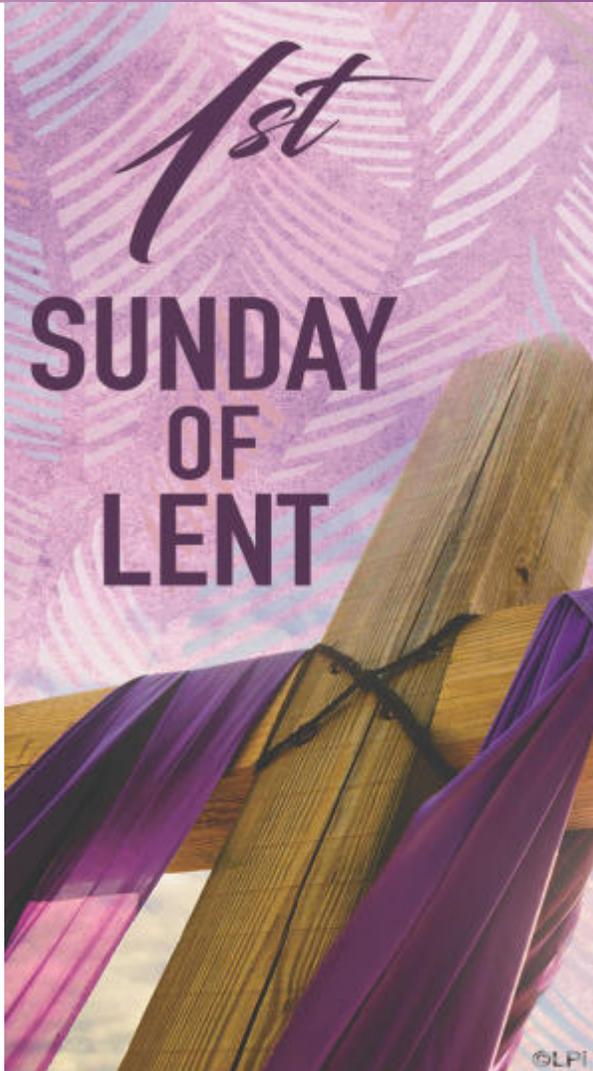


The Roman Catholic Faith Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



LIVE THE LITURGY

Throughout history God has given his people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop our regular routines and create some desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence.

Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him.

Even though some good self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

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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.

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Sacrament of Baptism: On Sunday, as scheduled. At least one parent must be regularly practicing the Faith. Sponsors must have their pastor's recommendation that they are a practicing Catholic and have been confirmed in the Faith. Parent preparation class required, preferably before the birth of the child. Call the office for information.

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The desert wilderness is a tough place; only the strong survive. God, our strength, is with us in the deserts of life and guides us on the Lenten trek.

In the desert, Jesus was prey. How did he not get eaten by wolves in the Judean wilderness? Bears and lions roamed the hills. Jackals howled at nighttime. For forty days, by Mark's account, the son of the carpenter dwelt among them. He was weak. He was exposed. He was vulnerable. He could have been picked to pieces in

that stark space—stripped of human support—the Savior of the world started his earthly ministry.

Lent is the season of the desert. We have forty days to ponder our vulnerability. How are we to make it through this life? Is our own strength enough? In reality, in our emptiness, exposed and vulnerable, we are defenseless.

The Holy Spirit thrust Jesus into the immenseness of the desert. The Holy Spirit thrusts us into this season of penitence to recognize our need for God, to find God and to seek God. The goal of Lent is to strip away anything that keeps us from belonging to God alone.

The Creator of the universe is trustworthy. In today's Genesis story, the Almighty creates a covenant of care for all creatures. In the wilderness story, the angels tend to Jesus. In our own littleness, we too are protected. Our God is vast and good, and yet remembers us. Under the divine wings, we find shelter. **2021 LPI**

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." — Mark 1:14-15

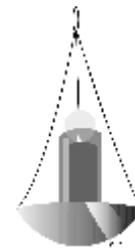
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LIVING & PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Jesus, Savior of the world, you know what the wilderness is like. You have been there. Strengthen our trust and help us to cling to you. Almighty God, show us that you are with us. Strip away our delusions of self-sufficiency and help us to be willing to serve you and you alone. Holy Spirit, grant us the courage of the desert this Lent.

A NEW SICK LIST begins this weekend.

Please call the office (934-2233) or email (olomc@roadrunner.com) if you'd like to add someone to the sick list.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is burning at Mt. Carmel in memory of Mark Burghardt by Family.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is burning in St. John Bosco Chapel in memory of the living and deceased members of the St. Rose Society.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK
Meghan Rogers, Avery Rogers

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is burning at St. Rose of Lima for a special intention.

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Drive thru
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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.

WE REMEMBER Sr. Mary Loretta Janiszewski, FSSJ, who died February 3, 2021, was a teacher at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School from 1963-1965. Please remember Sr. Mary Loretta in prayer.

**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:

St. Rose of Lima, P.O. Box 309,
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Thank you for supporting our faith community!

Dear Parishioners, It's been a while since we've extended our thank you due to Covid. Your continuous support through the pantry to the community has been greatly appreciated. Your generous donations help us sustain our mission to provide help to needy families in Silver Creek, especially during this pandemic. With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes, The Silver Creek Food Pantry

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.

If you would like to make a donation to the **Forestville Food Pantry** please mail your check to
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KIDS ZONE

Beginning the Lenten Journey

Imagine you are one of Jesus' disciples:

- *You have seen Jesus laugh and cry.
 - *You watched him bless children and saw their happy faces.
 - *You witnessed him cure sick people.
 - *You know that somehow he fed thousands of people with very little food.
- And now you hear Jesus say he will soon suffer and die.

Imagine and write

I think _____

I feel _____

Fasting

In Lent, we turn our hearts to God. For hundreds of years, people have found ways to do this. One way is to **fast**, which is giving up something for a while.

Look for these suggestions for fasting in this word search:

- MOVIES * SOFT DRINKS * SHOPPING
- SALTY SNACKS * GOSSIP * CANDY
- COMPUTER GAMES

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GIVING ~ Another way we turn our hearts to God in Lent is to give alms. Most often this means giving money to people in need.

Suggestions: Choose a toy or piece of clothing to donate. Donate your time to read to a small child. Give some money you were saving for yourself. Use your time to help a neighbor.

PRAYING ~ Sometimes we forget to pray!

Make a plan: Decide if you will pray alone or with others. If you need help understanding how to pray, ask for help.

Some kinds of prayer: Traditional (like the Our Father and Hail Mary), Sung (sing your favorite Church hymn), or Spontaneous (use your own words to tell Jesus what is in your heart).

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Call 211 to make an appointment

In-person appointments will be held at Mt. Carmel in the parish hall.

Just a Second

- Adam:** What is a million years like to you?
God: Like one second.
Adam: What is a million dollars like to you?
God: Like one penny.
Adam: Can I have a penny?
God: Sure, just a second.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES
FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

Sat., Feb 20

4:30 p.m. OLMC—Gib Seegert by Mike & Diane Czekanski

Sun., Feb 21 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. OLMC— Jack Mateszon by niece Karen Carson

Mon., Feb 22

8:30 a.m. OLMC—NO Mass

Tue., Feb 23

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Ed Prowse by Vince & Judy DeJohn

7:00 p.m. All Souls Intention

Wed., Feb 24

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Norbert & Dorothy Wroblewski by Leo Wroblewski

7:00 p.m. OLMC—Stations of the Cross

Thurs., Feb 25

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Mac Crowe by Vince & Judy DeJohn

Fri., Feb 26

8:30 a.m. OLMC—NO Mass

Sat., Feb 27

4:30 p.m. OLMC—Gib Seegert by Mike & Diane Czekanski

Sun., Feb 28 Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. OLMC—Albert Czarnecki by Elizabeth Valvo

Dear Parishioners, We have begun our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday. We heard the invitation: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." This Sacred time is to help us to reflect upon our faith life and our relationship with Christ. Sin prevents us from committing ourselves completely to Christ, as do our sins of omission. Jesus entered a severe environment to reflect upon the Mission that he was about to begin. The Gospel of Mark offers a short reading about the 40 days in the desert, and it offers an annotated reading about the call of St. John the Baptist to repent and believe in the Gospel. Let us allow our Scriptures to lead us through the desert into the joy of Easter.

I had an appointment with my urologist last week who told me the great news that I am Cancer Free! I will always live with the side effects of my cancer, but to hear that the treatment worked was a precious gift. I also thank all of you for your prayers and encouragement. I wish all people could experience the support I have received. Blessings and Gratitude, Fr. Dan.

ABSTINENCE: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

FASTING: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

EASTER DUTY: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 21st (First Sunday of Lent) and May 30th (Trinity Sunday).

**TUESDAYS ~ 7 pm OLMC Mass
Wednesdays ~ 7 pm Stations of the Cross**

Thank you for your support of your Parish.

Sunday, February 14th

Regular collection was \$ 1963.00

Fuel collection was \$ 1691.00

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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