

September 12, 2021

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

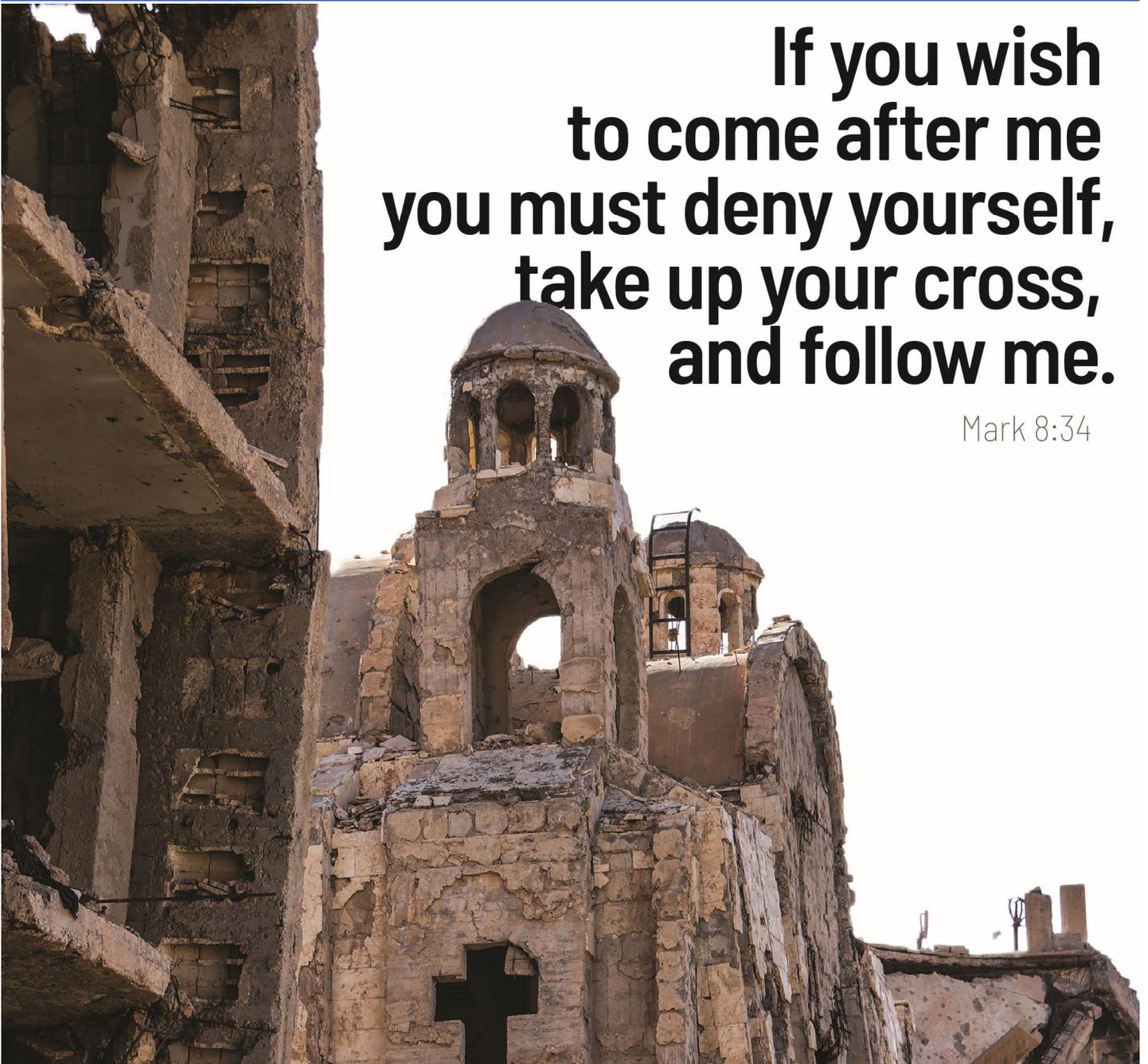
NEWPORT NEWS, VA

*We find Christ here. We bring Christ to the world.*



**If you wish  
to come after me  
you must deny yourself,  
take up your cross,  
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34



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## September 12, 2021 ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 3:00 pm Confessions; 5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday:** 8:00 am Mass, 10:00 am Mass, 2:00 pm Mass (en Español), 5:00 pm Mass

**Weekdays:**

**Monday** - 7 am Mass

**Tuesday** - 9 am Mass

**Wednesday** - 5:00 pm Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 pm Mass

**Thursday** - 8:05 am, Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am-6:30pm, 6:30 pm Misa en Español

Thirst: Adoration and Praise (Monthly on the first Thursday 7:30 – 8:30pm unless otherwise posted)

**Friday** - 7 am Mass



### Mass Intentions

<b><u>Saturday, September 11, 2021</u></b>	
5:00 – Ike Shelton	Betty Shelton
<b><u>Sunday, September 12, 2021</u></b>	
8:00 – John Hilt	St James Guild
10:00 – James Arnold	Myers & Belcher Family
2:00 – The People of the Parish	
5:00 – Ethelann Ponzo	Family
<b>Mon</b> – (7am) Eleanor Cluen	Dave & Eileen Mazary
<b>Tues</b> – (9am) Kajuanso Dickson-Jones	Laester Willis
<b>Wed</b> – (6:30pm) Josephine Grygar	Mary Graham
<b>Thur</b> – (8:05) Elizabeth Gounley	The Gounley Family
	(6:30pm) Int's of Ellen Cluen Eileen Mazary
<b>Fri</b> – (7am) Montana	Abigail Daignault
<b><u>Saturday, September 18, 2021</u></b>	
5:00 – Robert Rutherford	Family
<b><u>Sunday, September 19, 2021</u></b>	
8:00 – The People of the Parish	
10:00 – Clara Herrera	The Dahdah Family
2:00 – Agapito Gonzalez & Alexis Gonzalez	Mixila Torres
5:00 – Courtney Dwyer	Bill & Janet Dwyer

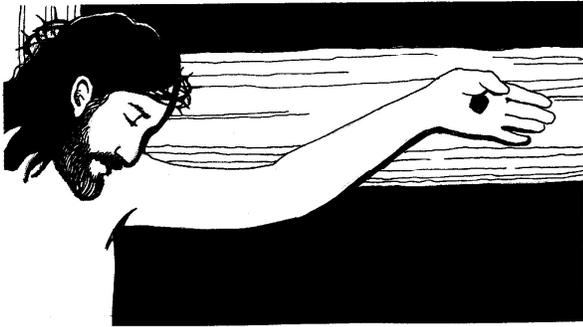
**Flowers** for the Church may be given as memorials for a loved one or special occasion. To schedule a memorial floral gift, please call **Eileen, ext. 116** at least two weeks in advance of the date you wish. The suggested donation to cover the cost is \$85.



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## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God’s love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

### **A DIFFERENT LIFE**

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today’s passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus’ disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel’s oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

### **A “LARGE” FAITH**

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today’s passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one’s faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a “large” faith is to move from apathy toward others’ sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

Today’s Readings: Is 50:4c–9a; Ps 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35

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# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

## Initiation Programs and Adult Formation

**Becoming Catholic** - The RCIA process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for adults and children who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation. Call the parish office today to get started or inquire through our website.

**RCIA Sponsors** —Parish sponsors accompany those in the RCIA process of conversation and faith formation as companions on the journey. Sponsors support those in RCIA with prayers and their own witness to the Christian way of life. Serving as a sponsor fulfills the necessary ministry envisioned by the RCIA process, but it is also an incredibly enriching experience. Contact us to inquire about walking this journey with another.

**Awakening Faith** - Have you been away from the active practice of your Catholic faith? Would you like to feel more connected with your childhood faith or learn more about it as an adult? Consider attending the Awakening Faith Series. We can assist you return to the active practice of your faith and welcome you back to the Lord's Table. Registration for the fall series is now available on our website. Registration for the fall series is now available on our website.

**Adult Confirmation**—Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who “missed” participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish. Registration for the fall sessions is now open on our website. Registration for the fall sessions is now open on our website.

To learn more, visit [olmc.org](http://olmc.org) or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email [cbloomstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cbloomstrom@olmc.org).

### **Adult Formation**

**Women Youth Apostles** is a community of women (18+) who have made a serious commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. As a community, we come together for prayer including Liturgy of the Hours and Mass, formation, and to share openly with one another about our lives and our efforts to respond to this call. Our next meeting is on September 15th at 7:15pm at Manion Hall. If you have any questions please contact our local coordinator, Elena Adinaro, at [elenaadinaro@gmail.com](mailto:elenaadinaro@gmail.com)

**Caring for the Caregiver** – Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, spouse or loved one with a disability - in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, useful tools and shared experiences, all with a Christ-centered view. Discover the blessings that come from caring for another. Be nourished. Join us monthly on Thursdays at 7pm at Saint Michael Hall.

**Walking With Purpose** - This fall we are excited to offer, *Opening Your Heart*, a foundational bible study that meets women exactly where they are. Weekly sessions start on October 6 at 7pm at Saint Michael Hall. We will dig into topics like prayer, the role of the Holy Spirit, and what exactly is the point of suffering. This 22-lesson study is a MUST for the woman just dipping her toes in the faith pool and the Olympic swimmer in need of a faith refresher! Join us Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Find out how to purchase your book & register at [olmc.org](http://olmc.org).

**Women's Bible Study** - We will gather to explore scriptures through this 12 week study, Genesis to Jesus. Weekly sessions start at 9am on September 9 with a Meet & Greet at Saint Michael Hall. We will discover the principal covenants that God make with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. We will see how each of these covenants points forward to Jesus Christ and his Church through salvation history. Join us Thursday mornings at 9am. Find out how to purchase your Participant Bundle from the St Paul Center & register at [olmc.org](http://olmc.org).

**That Man Is You – The Vision of Man Fully Alive** series begins on September 11. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and living sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. We will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. Join us Saturday mornings at 7am (NEW TIME). Register at [olmc.org](http://olmc.org)

**Small groups** are life changing – join one at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church this fall! Our small groups offer men and women an opportunity to pray, study and grow in their faith together. Small groups journey together in discipleship. To learn more about being a part of a small group or to receive training to start a small group find us online at [olmc.org](http://olmc.org).

**Parish Library** - Re-cataloging of the books now on the parish library shelves in the narthex has been completed and the books are available for borrowing. The arrangement of the books and changes to borrowing procedures are detailed in the instructions posted on the bulletin board. Please promptly return any books that you may have borrowed earlier so that they can be re-cataloged as well. Thank you.

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

## Inclusive Ministries

**SPRED (Special Religious Development)** prepares persons with intellectual disabilities to fully belong in the liturgical life of the parish. Within this small faith community, we hear the Word of God, reflect upon our life experiences, offer prayers for one another and enjoy a simply sharing of food together. Our SPRED groups meet on Wednesday & Thursday evenings, won't you consider joining us this September?

To learn more, visit [olmc.org](http://olmc.org) or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email [cblomstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cblomstrom@olmc.org).

## Pastoral Care

### **Emmaus Journey: A Retreat for Grieving Parents**

The Emmaus Journey is a spiritual retreat for parents whose child(ren) of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. The Emmaus Journey offers a safe place where you can find peace, comfort and hope.

Gather with us in a warm and loving environment with others who know something of your pain. One day retreats from 9:30am-7pm are available in locations below.

**Saturday, October 2** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

**Saturday, October 9** at Church of the Redeemer in Mechanicsville, Va.

Find out more at [olmc.org](http://olmc.org) or contact Christa at the parish office.

### **Drivers and Riders Wanted – Van Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

The OLMC Van Ministry provides transportation to the 10am Sunday Mass and is looking to add drivers to the schedule. A special license is not required and training on operation of the van will be provided.

For more information about serving in this ministry, please contact John Scott at [jandbscott@gmail.com](mailto:jandbscott@gmail.com) for the details.

If you need a ride or if you know of someone who we might be able to help, please call the parish office at 595-0385 ext. 107.

### **Virtus Training at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

The Diocese of Richmond requires that all those who minister with children, youth or vulnerable adults complete the Virtus Safe Environment Training.

Virtus Training will be offered at 5:30pm at Saint Michael Hall on the following dates:

September 29, October 13 and January 12 – Sessions conducted in ENGLISH.

October 20, November 17 and January 19 – Sessions conducted in SPANISH.

To register for the Virtus Training and to view additional training dates, please visit [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).



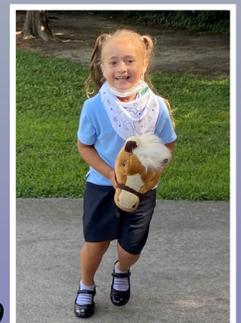
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School**  
**Back to School Night**  
**September 16, 2021 6pm**

*We love because He first loved us*

*1 John 4:19*



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

### Fall CCD, Edge and Life Teen

**CCD for children K-5:** Faith formation for our students not enrolled at OLMC School will be through our CCD program on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 9:50 am (between the 8 and 10 am Masses). For more information, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Cristy Barton [cbarton@olmc.org](mailto:cbarton@olmc.org), or register on our parish website. Faith formation begins at the end of September.

**Young Adult Discipleship:**

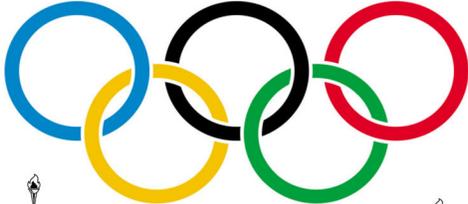
OLMC has a strong and faithful group of young adults (18-29) who meet regularly to learn and grow in the faith. Registration for most things is not required, but please reach out to get more involved. Ken White [kwhite@olmc.org](mailto:kwhite@olmc.org) is the contact person, and he is happy to put you in touch with our leadership. Don't miss out on the fall retreat for young adults coming up - as well as other activities. For more information, see our parish

**Life Teen for grades 9-12:** Our dynamic Life Teen program for high school catechesis and evangelization will continue each week with in-person meetings. Our Core Team will work with teens to hand on the faith, prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation, or work on solidifying the faith as they navigate their high school years.

Registration and information regarding Religious Formation for our youth are available now on our website.

OLMC High School Ministry Kickoff Event

## Life Teen Olympiad



6-8pm | St. Michael Hall | Sep 12

Mass at 5pm. Bring change of clothes for outdoor play. Dinner included. Visit [olmc.org/life-teen](http://olmc.org/life-teen) to register.

OLMC Middle School Ministry Kickoff Event

## CAN YOU FIND THE EDGE PARTY SNATCHER?



6-7:30pm  
St. Michael Hall  
September 13

Calling all 6th-8th grade youth to join us for our EDGE kickoff event. Come find the clues, meet new people, see old friends, play games and eat pizza.

**Edge for grades 6-8:** Our middle school parishioners will engage in the education of the ways of faith with weekly, in-person, catechesis using the Edge middle school program of evangelization. Edge will meet weekly, with trained Core Team members, where they will engage with the teaching of the faith, and, in a safe manner, with each other.

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church



## Social Ministry

*Transformed by **The Eucharist...**  
**Reaching Out** into community*



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Contact Tina Wandersee at [twandersee@olmc.org](mailto:twandersee@olmc.org) or ext. 118

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### **PORT Winter Shelter 2021-2022 Season**

*Thank you OLMC for a successful 2020-2021 PORT Season – You stepped up in a BIG way!!*

You are invited to join OLMC in bringing Christ to the world this PORT Season. This year OLMC is stepping out of our comfort zone and moving out into the community to take the love and joy of Christ – the Good News – beyond our parish borders by filling the *great need* for partners to help feed, serve, check-in and check-out guests at those sites that will be sheltering those suffering homelessness. New this year – we are allowed the opportunity to prepare meals right here at St. Michael Hall at the times that are convenient for anyone who has a desire to be involved. Sign-ups coming soon... watch for us in the Commons of the Church on the weekend of Sept. 25/26 after all the Masses. OLMC PORT Dates: Dec. 2 and 30, Jan. 6, Feb. 15 and 24, and Mar. 10. We have a coordinator for all 6 dates listed... so you will be led well!! Come out in faith.

### **The Second Act**

*Celebrating in fellowship those 60 and over in our parish!*

Let us join one another this fall – you have been missed! The Second Act Committee has been hard at work this past year – and much gratitude needs to be expressed for their many calls out to check on one another during the height of the pandemic. The Second Act invites those 60 and over to join in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of most months for a time of food, fellowship and program. For Sept, Oct and Nov we are excited to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with you as we gather for lunch and center our attention on *The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph* with Dr. Brant Pitre (DVD). Our program begins on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at St. Michael Hall. Lunch will be provided: Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert for \$7.00. If you are new in joining this group please contact Tina 757-595-0385 ext. 118 to RSVP that you wish to attend... otherwise, those who attended last year, your “caller” will be calling you to find out if you are able to join us.

### **Respect Life – 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Begins**

*Have you ever been to the March for Life in Richmond or in Washington DC, come home, and found yourself wondering what next?*

I'd like to invite you to prayerfully consider joining us for our Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life, we begin praying on September 22nd. You will be joining one of the largest and most successful pro-life international prayer groups. To date 19,198 precious little babies have been saved. Please join us by simply giving one hour each week to pray with us as we lift up in prayer all of the vulnerable mothers, who through tremendous difficulties in their lives, are now considering abortion.

Please register to pray with us at: [www.40daysforlife.com/newportnews](http://www.40daysforlife.com/newportnews)

Please contact Caroline at: [BabiesAreBlessingsYouCanCuddle@gmail.com](mailto:BabiesAreBlessingsYouCanCuddle@gmail.com)

**Food Pantry:** Jelly, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Chicken and Tuna Helper, Pasta Noodles, Boxed Potatoes, Peas

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***Thank you so very much for your continued support!***

# MINISTERIO HISPANO

Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Director - Diácono Francisco Anleu: Oficina - (757) 595-0385 Ext. 123, Email - fanleu@olmc.org

Misas en Español: Domingos - 2:00 PM

Confesiones: Sábados, 3 PM, Miércoles, 5 PM



Jesús les preguntó:  
“Y USTEDES, ¿QUIÉN  
DICEN QUE SOY YO?”

Pedro le respondió:  
“TÚ ERES EL MESÍAS”.

Marcos 8:29

## VIGÉSIMO CUARTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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Nuestras lecturas de Isaías y del Evangelio de Marcos nos confrontan con el hecho de que la invitación a la fe nos lleva al sufrimiento. En Isaías, el profeta acepta el dolor y la vergüenza de los demás, mientras confía en Dios. En Marcos, Jesús es contundente al respecto: “El que quiera seguirme, que se niegue a sí mismo, tome su cruz y me siga”. Cuando aceptamos la fe, nos enfrentamos a nuestros propios miedos al sufrimiento y a perder la comodidad, el estatus y el control de nuestras vidas. La vida ya tiene mucho sufrimiento, así que ¿por qué elegir añadirlo? Jesús señala una respuesta: evitar nuestros miedos y aferrarnos a la ilusión y a las comodidades superficiales no nos dará lo que realmente queremos de la vida. Jesús ofrece una vida mejor y más profunda, una vida fundada en el amor de Dios. Se vive con la esperanza de la resurrección y el triunfo final de este amor.

### UNA VIDA DIFERENTE

El Evangelio de Marcos alcanza un punto de inflexión en el pasaje de hoy. Como hacía la mitad de Marcos, los discípulos empiezan a entender que Jesús es el Mesías (o Cristo). Y Jesús empieza a detallar lo que se espera de quienes lo siguen. El relato cambia entonces a aprender lo que significa realmente ser Cristo y seguir a Cristo. Jesús rompe la expectativa de un poder político o militar que derrote a los opresores de Israel, y revela un tipo diferente de Mesías. Después, los discípulos se dan cuenta de que este Mesías diferente ofrece una comprensión diferente del poder y de la vida misma.

Vivimos en un mundo que honra el poder sobre los demás, a través de la riqueza, los logros o la violencia. Jesús nos invita a una comunidad y a una forma de vida que honra el poder del amor y del servicio a los demás. Vivida plenamente, es una forma de vida verdaderamente diferente. Está marcada por un gran sufrimiento y una gran alegría, porque abraza el modelo fundamental de la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús.

### UNA FE “GRANDE”

La carta de Santiago está pensada para engrandecer la fe. Santiago sabía que su comunidad enfrentaba pruebas que podían llevarlos a abandonar la fe, o quizá a reducirla a un tamaño cómodo y manejable. En el pasaje de hoy, Santiago invita a quien lea su carta a resistirse a reducir la fe a un sentimiento seguro y racional de las enseñanzas y, en cambio, a expandir su fe para comprometerse activamente en buenas obras, especialmente en el servicio a los pobres.

Tener una fe “grande” es pasar de la apatía hacia los sufrimientos de los demás a la empatía y la acción. Una fe grande nos lleva a un corazón grande, donde podemos tomar lo enorme del sufrimiento en el mundo que nos rodea, sin abrumarnos por ello, y hacer lo que podamos para aliviarlo. Con un corazón grande, podemos incluso enfrentar nuestros propios sufrimientos, aceptando nuestras propias tragedias con perdón y esperanza, y caminando con empatía con todos los que comparten el sufrimiento.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 50:4c–9a; Sal 116 (115):1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Sant 2:14–18; Mc 8:27–35

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