

August 22, 2021

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWPORT NEWS, VA

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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,  
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JOSHUA 24:15



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## August 22, 2021 ~ Twenty-first 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 (OLMC School students, faculty & Staff only), 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*

#### Saturday, August 21, 2021

5:00 – Louis Luth Carolyn Gréaud

#### Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:00 – Margie Quinley Carolyn LeBel

10:00 – Joseph J. Kosek, Jr. Ann Rice

2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – Luke Gere Menchville Cross  
Country Team

**Mon** – (9am) John Hilt The Mackie & Miller Fam

**Tues** – (9am) Glen Sachse The Hager Family

**Wed** – (6:30pm) Louis Luth OLMC Staff

**Thur** – (9am) Jim & Norah Sweeney John & Terri Sweeney

**Fri** – (7am) Maurice F. Willis Laester Willis

#### Saturday, August 28, 2021

5:00 – Patrick Glaude Ruth Ann Newton

#### Sunday, August 29, 2021

8:00 – John Hilt John & Terri Sweeney

10:00 – Mrs. D.F. Tsou J.J. Tsou

2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – William Carroll Maureen Foust

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021



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As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*

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Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

### **CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW**

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

### **WE FACE THE SAME QUESTION: CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?**

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

Today's Readings: Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Ps 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Eph 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]; Jn 6:60–69  
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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**



**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)

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**Small Groups** – 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).



## **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 (in English) will be offered at 5:30pm at Saint Michael Hall on the following dates: **September 29, October 13 and January 12**  
*These sessions will be conducted in ENGLISH.*

Virtus Training (in Spanish) will be offered at 5:30pm at Saint Michael Hall on these dates:

**October 20, November 17 and January 19**

*These sessions will be conducted in SPANISH.*

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

## Inclusive Ministries

### SPRED



**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 [cbloomstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cbloomstrom@olmc.org).

## Pastoral Care



### **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.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration all day on Thursdays will resume on Thursday, September 2. Adoration on Thursdays will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end just before the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Two committed adorers are needed for each hour. If you would like to commit to an hour on Thursdays, please sign up in the narthex or email [adoration@olmc.org](mailto:adoration@olmc.org)

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 22 through October 31, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You can show your support for the sanctity of human life and protect mothers and children by joining in prayer and vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 515 Newtown Road in Virginia Beach. For more information or to sign up for vigil hours please contact Madeline Eller at [vb40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:vb40daysforlife@gmail.com) or visit [40daysforlife.com/virginiabeach](http://40daysforlife.com/virginiabeach).

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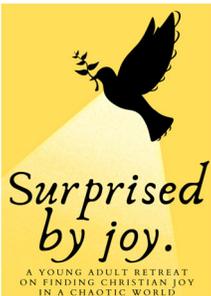
## Fall CCD, Edge and Life Teen

**CCD for children K-5:** Faith Formation (PreK 4 up to 5th grade) in the Fall will be in-person at the School on Sundays from 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM (in between 8 and 10 Masses). Registrations will be on our parish website. Faith formation begins at the end of September.

**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.

**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.



### "Surprised by Joy" A retreat for young adults in their 20's and 30's.

Come join us for a day away to reflect on receiving joy in a chaotic world. Sr. Anna Joseph, O.P. will be the guest speaker. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Contact Ken White at [kwhite@olmc.org](mailto:kwhite@olmc.org) to sign up. Register by August 23: [olmc.org/youngadults](http://olmc.org/youngadults) or [kwhite@olmc.org](mailto:kwhite@olmc.org). Retreat will be August 28th from 8am-5pm at the St. Clare Retreat Center, in Buckroe Beach. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

## OLMC Music Ministry

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Adult Choir

is looking for NEW members!

The Adult Choir is open to all adults college aged and beyond. We explore the rich treasury of church tradition using a variety of styles of music, ranging from chant to modern choral literature.

Our next rehearsal is **Wednesday, September 8th at 7:30pm**

For more information or to schedule an informal audition, please email our Music Coordinator: [jsmith@olmc.org](mailto:jsmith@olmc.org)

To register directly, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/olmcadultchoir>

*"Sing for joy in the LORD, you righteous ones;  
Praise is becoming to the upright."  
Psalm 33*



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## Social Ministry



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

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

**Food Pantry** - Needed this week: Chicken/Tuna Helper, Boxed Potatoes, Bags of Rice, Peas, Carrots, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Dry Milk Packets (or shelf stable milk), Jelly, Pancake Mix/Syrup

**Personal Care Items** - Women's Deodorant, Lotion, Shampoo, Bars of Soap  
Thank you so very much!!

### **Outreach Ministries**

If you have some time during the day - we could use your help. Outreach Ministries is excited to invite you to join our core team of volunteers working in our Outreach (Financial Aid) Office, Pregnancy Outreach, and Food Pantry. You don't need to have any experience! If you would like to find out more about what Outreach Ministries is doing, take a tour and ask questions, I would love to hear from you. Contact Tina at 757-595-0385 ext. 118 or [twandersee@olmc.org](mailto:twandersee@olmc.org).

### **Blood Drive**



Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church will be hosting a Blood Drive @ St. Michael's Hall on Monday, August 30, 2021 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Our Lady to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel School



*We love because He first loved us.*

1 John 4:19

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Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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22 de agosto de 2021  
Vigésimo Primer Domingo  
del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor, ¿a quién iremos?

**Tú tienes palabras  
de vida eterna.**

Juan 6:68

El Evangelio de hoy de Juan es la conclusión del discurso del Pan de Vida. Después de la continua insistencia de que Jesús es el Pan de Vida bajado del cielo y que sus palabras son “Espíritu y vida”, la mayoría de sus discípulos se alejan. Sin embargo, los Doce afirman su fe en Jesús de quien Simón Pedro profesa que “tiene palabras de vida eterna”. En la primera lectura, Josué y los israelitas se preparan para entrar a la Tierra Prometida y, Josué pide al pueblo que decida a cuál dios seguirá, a Yahveh su Dios o a los dioses de los pueblos vecinos. El salmo responsorial presenta el salmo 34, el salmo de “gusten y vean” que muestra el tipo de luchas a las que los israelitas se enfrentaron durante su estancia en el desierto. En la segunda lectura, Pablo da consejos para mantener la paz y la felicidad en el hogar.

## ENCRUCIJADA EN LA VIDA, ANTES Y AHORA

A veces en la vida, nos encontramos en una encrucijada, enfrentados a una elección existencial que alterará el curso de nuestra vida. En esos momentos estamos conscientes de la importancia de nuestra elección y de que ya no hay vuelta atrás.

Tanto en la primera lectura como en el Evangelio vemos que esos momentos llaman a la gente a tomar esas decisiones. ¿A qué dios seguirán los israelitas? Josué, su líder después de Moisés, sabe que la zona de la Tierra Prometida está ocupada por otros pueblos, con otros dioses. Tal vez recordando cómo, después de que Moisés subiera al monte Sinaí, los israelitas levantaron un becerro de oro para adorarlo, Josué se preocupa de que puedan ser de nuevo susceptibles a tales atracciones. Les pide un compromiso, y proclama: “En cuanto a mí y a mi casa, serviremos a Yahveh”.

## NOS ENFRENTAMOS A LA MISMA PREGUNTA: ¿PODEMOS QUEDARNOS CON JESÚS?

La gente que seguía frenéticamente a Jesús, cruzando el lago dos veces para perseguirlo, comiendo el pan que él les proporcionó milagrosamente, ahora está desconcertada porque Jesús se proclama a sí mismo como “el pan de vida”, y se muestran incrédulos. No pueden ir más lejos con él y se alejan poco a poco. Sin embargo, los Doce se quedan con Jesús. ¿Qué otra cosa ellos podrían hacer? ¿Quién más ofrece una visión tan profunda de la vida humana? Pedro lo expresa bien: “Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna”.

No todas las encrucijadas de nuestra vida implican nuestra fe, pero algunas sí. Tal vez haya alguien en su parroquia que eligió hacerse católico y ahora está alejado de su familia; alguien que no está contento con un nuevo párroco y se pregunta sobre la posibilidad de buscar una parroquia diferente; alguien que estuvo especialmente angustiado por los abusos sexuales del clero y rezó mucho antes de decidir que necesitaba a su parroquia para superarlo. Es posible que haya muchos en tu parroquia que se enfrentan a este tipo de decisiones, y necesitan nuestro apoyo y nuestras oraciones. Mientras tanto, podemos esperar que algún día vuelvan a experimentar a Jesús como el Santo de Dios, ofreciéndoles palabras de vida eterna.

Lecturas de hoy: Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Sal 34 (33):2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Ef 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]; Jn 6:60–69

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