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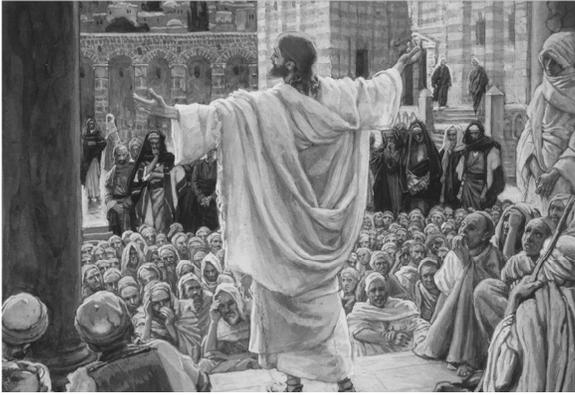
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*When the Sabbath came,  
Jesus began to teach  
in the synagogue, and many  
who heard him were astonished.*

*Mark 6:2*

In the Sunday Lectionary, the first reading is usually chosen from anywhere in the Hebrew Bible to tie together with the Gospel. Currently, the second reading is from Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Often the second reading is not so closely related to the day's Gospel selection, because those books are read in a more continuous fashion from week to week. But today, all three of the scripture readings go together very well. Ezekiel struggles with the job he is given by the Lord, speaking to a rebellious people. Paul is dealing with a "thorn in his side," that is, the difficulties of his own personal weakness and foibles, and learning to rely on God's grace. Mark's Gospel introduces us to a Jesus who is struggling to be believed and accepted in his native country. In all three passages, the major figures are following the will of God and paying the price of rejection by the community for their efforts.

#### **I DON'T GET NO RESPECT**

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was "I don't get no respect!" You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow "local boy makes good" just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

#### **A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME**

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" or are labeled "nones." Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

Today's Readings: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

## Initiation Programs and Adult Formation



### That Man Is You - Summer Series

6:30am-8am - at Saint Michael Hall

Summer Schedule: Saturday, July 17, August 14

Our Lady of Mount Carmel invites you to gather with men of the parish for a 4-part mini-series on Manhood. Feel free to join us for one or all four depending on your summer plans.

In this series we will seek to answer the question, "What does it mean to be a Man?" It is THE essential question for every man. The mini-retreat will take us on a four part journey in pursuit of the answer. The journey will hearken to the beginnings of man and find its fulfillment in Christ, and its continuation through the Church into modern times.

That Man Is You ministry gatherings include fellowship, breakfast & coffee, a presentation on the faith and small group discussion. Check back for our fall and spring schedule.

DETAILS: 6:30am-8am Saturday mornings at Saint Michael Hall

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### MOA Taste of Ignatian Spirituality – with Deacon Anton Siochi

**Begins July 7 – Meets for Five Weeks on Wednesday at 7PM at Saint Michael Hall**

Five hundred years ago, the man who later came to be known as St. Ignatius of Loyola was injured by a cannonball at the battle of Pamplona. This event sparked a conversion of heart and led St. Ignatius to view life through a new lens and to “see all things new in Christ.”

After the year we have experienced, how can we “see all things new in Christ?” You are invited to join us for an introduction to Ignatian spirituality and contemplative practices. Deacon Anton will be our guide as we take time to reflect on our experiences of the past year, respond to God’s call to a deeper conversion, and envision new possibilities to deepen our own desire to know, love and serve God.

Contact Christa at [cblomstrom@olmc.org](mailto:cblomstrom@olmc.org) or 595-0385 ext. 107 to sign up!

### Women’s Book Discussion - The Inner Chapel – by Becky Eldredge

**Begins July 7 – Meets for Eight Weeks on Wednesday at 10AM at Saint Michael Hall**

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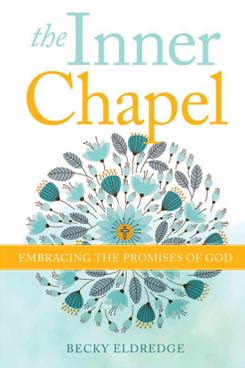
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# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

## Fall CCD, Edge and Life Teen

**CCD for children K-5:** Children in these levels will receive at home catechesis, with quality, Catholic materials provided to their families. Parents will receive instruction and follow-up on how to best educate their children at home in the ways of faith. Parents will have the option of a hard text, to walk through during the year in teaching the faith, or online resources to allow them to complete religious education using the Our Sunday Visitor curriculum. Parish catechists will work with families in order to facilitate our parents in being the first educators of their children in the ways of faith. Registration, information about the program, and further plans will be forthcoming.

**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.

### **Life Teen Service Days**

Use some of your free time this summer to help those in need! OLMC Life Teen will be hosting two service days. Come pray, reflect and serve the Lord in your neighbor. Sign up (on our parish website) soon as slots are limited.

### **Camp Covecrest**

Looking for an opportunity to inspire your high school aged child in the faith? Sign them up for Camp Covecrest!

### **Summer Youth Ministry Activities**

OLMC Life Teen is active this summer! Join us on Tuesdays for Mass and Breakfast and on Thursdays for games and formation in becoming a disciple for Christ.





# The Ladies of Carmel Garage Sale

**SATURDAY, JULY 24TH FROM 7:30-11:30  
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...can be dropped off in the OLMC School Cafeteria on Thursday, July 22 from 5:30 -7 and Friday, July 23 from 10-6

Suggested items for donation: houseware items, indoor and outdoor furniture, books, CD's, DVD's, Toys, children's clothes, toys, games, puzzles, linens, quilts, baskets, purses, Christmas and seasonal items, costume jewelry, baked goods.

Items we do not accept: Adult clothing, heavy exercise equipment, Tube TV's, computer components, textbooks, and encyclopedias.  
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*All parish members are invited to help, including middle and high school students to get volunteer hours!*

## **Help needed times:**

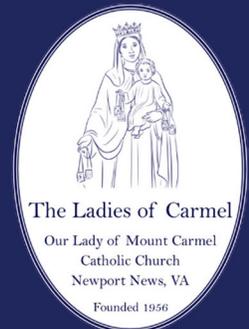
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**Food Pantry Needs:** Pancake Mix/Syrup, Tuna and Chicken Helper, Boxed Potatoes, Bags of Rice

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

### 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, July 14th 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:  
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*"Sing for joy in the LORD, you righteous ones;  
Praise is becoming to the upright."  
Psalm 33*

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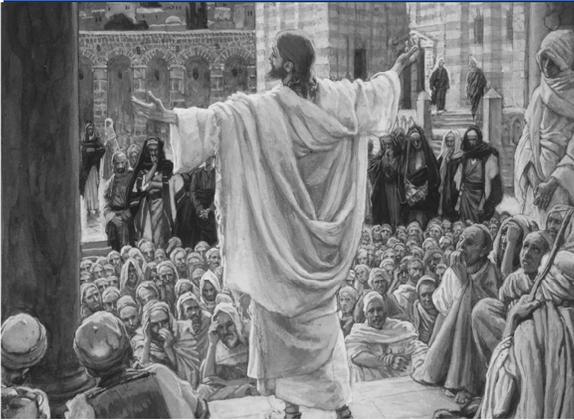
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*Cuando llegó el sábado, Jesús se puso a enseñar en la sinagoga, y la multitud que lo escuchaba se preguntaba con asombro.*

*Marcos 6:2*

En el leccionario dominical, la primera lectura está tomada del Antiguo Testamento, al que también se le llama Escrituras hebreas, y está relacionada con el Evangelio de ese día. Por ahora, la segunda lectura es de la segunda carta de san Pablo a los corintios. A menudo, esta lectura no está tan relacionada con el texto del Evangelio del día, porque esos libros se leen de forma más continua de una semana a otra. Pero hoy, las tres lecturas de la Escritura quedan muy bien juntas. Ezequiel lucha con la misión que le ha encomendado el Señor, hablar a un pueblo rebelde. Pablo se enfrenta con una “espina clavada”, es decir, a las dificultades de sus propias debilidades y obsesiones personales, y aprende a confiar en la gracia de Dios. El Evangelio de Marcos nos presenta a un Jesús que lucha para que le crean y sea aceptado en su país natal. En los textos de las tres lecturas, los personajes principales obedecen la voluntad de Dios y por hacerlo pagan el precio del rechazo de la comunidad por sus esfuerzos.

## **NO ME RESPETAN**

Hace muchos años hubo un comediante estadounidense muy popular llamado Rodney Dangerfield, él tarareaba una frase acerca de su vida familiar o laborar la cual era “¡No me respetan!” Uno conocía que esa frase iba a ser dicha y que con esa terminaría, así que esperabas hasta escucharla para reírte o hacer otra mueca. La idea de que a Jesús se le falte al respeto es un sentimiento mucho muy extraño. Es muy fácil olvidar que Jesús fue tanto humano como divino. Podemos idealizar fácilmente su vida y ministerio y olvidar sus luchas y la dificultad que tuvo para ser escuchado, comprendido y respetado, especialmente en su propia tierra. Puesto en un contexto más amplio en la historia de Marcos, se trata de un momento muy al principio del ministerio de Jesús, y el mensaje que proclamaba no era el que la gente quería escuchar. Jesús no hablaba del Mesías que los judíos esperaban. Juntando todo eso con el hecho de que las personas suelen ser más duras con sus propios conciudadanos. De alguna manera, “el chico del pueblo que hace el bien” no les agradó y no querían tener nada que ver con Jesús ni con su mensaje. A Jesús esto lo tomó por sorpresa.

## **UN MENSAJE PARA NUESTRO TIEMPO**

Hay momentos en los que ser católico o incluso ser cristiano es muy contracultural. Se acostumbraba a pertenecer a una parroquia, y esa era tu casa, según tus límites geográficos o étnicos. Pero ahora, las personas cambian de parroquia dependiendo quién es el párroco, sus estilos de música o los horarios de la Misa. En estos días del covid-19, muchas personas que se mantuvieron alejadas por la distancia física o social todavía no han encontrado su camino de regreso. Muchas otras nunca se recuperaron de la desilusión por los escándalos de abuso sexual. Otras personas dejaron el catolicismo y se fueron a iglesias no confesionales o exploraron otros caminos como el budismo. Otros se consideran “personas espirituales, pero no religiosas” o se etiquetan como “de nadie y de ninguna”. Familias completas que asiduamente se sentaban juntas cada semana en la iglesia ahora están dispersas en una variedad espiritual. Ante todo esto, oremos y pidamos la fortaleza de Ezequiel para seguir proclamando nuestra fe con la vida que llevamos, a pesar de todo lo que en nuestra cultura se rebela contra la religión. Que tengamos la sabiduría de Pablo para perseverar a pesar de nuestras debilidades y las espinas en nuestro costado. Y que, como Jesús, encontremos siempre la fe que necesitamos para resistir, incluso cuando quienes están a nuestro alrededor no lo hagan.

Lecturas de hoy: Ez 2:2-5; Sal 123 122):1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mc 6:1-6



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