

# **THE BROWN SCAPULAR**

DAY 1: FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023 7:30pm

## INTRODUCTION

Good evening to all!

Tonight we thank the groups for sponsoring the mass:  
The Two Hearts Devotion Group and the Refreshment  
Ministry.

We welcome you all to our Eucharistic celebration on the first  
day of our Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. As we are  
about to begin our celebration may I invite you now to turn off  
or turn to silent mode your mobile phones.

*Pause for a while.*

**The brown scapular is a sign of devotion to Our lady.**

True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary consists in three  
things: VENERATION, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE. By  
simply wearing the Scapular, we can tell her every moment of  
the day that we venerate her, love her and trust in her protection.

Let us dispose ourselves to join in this Eucharistic celebration.  
Please stand.

**FIRST READING**

**Ephesians 3:14-19**

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.**

This is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144:2-9

*Response:* **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

I will bless you day after day and praise your name  
forever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured.

*Response:* **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Age to age shall proclaim your works,  
shall declare your mighty deeds  
shall speak of your splendour and glory  
tell the tale of your wonderful works.

*Response:* **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

They will speak of your terrible deeds,  
recount your greatness and might.  
They will recall your abundant goodness;  
age to age shall ring out your justice.

*Response:* **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

*Response:* **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 8:19-21**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

His mother and his brothers came looking for Jesus, but they could not get to him because of the crowd. He was told, ‘Your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to see you.’ But he said in answer, ‘My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
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**Priest:** With Mary, let us approach God and present to him all our needs and intentions.

1. For the Church: that in her mission, like Mary, she may be always open to enrich the lives of others with mercy and love all embracing.  
*Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. **For all legislators:** that they may legislate the laws with respect for human and family life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. **For all Christians all over the world:** that we may be faithful to the precepts of God and make our lives be a manifestation of His presence in the world. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. **For those who are sick** in spirit, and who find their hearts heavy with sin or disappointment or fear or grief, may experience the healing touch of Jesus Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. **For the sick and the dying:** may they always hold on to the power of God's love and goodness. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. **For all the members and devotees** of the Alliance of Two Hearts that they may grow deeply in their commitment to love and serve God.  
*Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. **For all our departed loved ones and friends:** that with Mary, they may find eternal rest in Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Let us pray our parish prayer:**

Creator God, Life is Your gift to me. Through Baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. I pray especially for those who serve you in ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. May we bear the "Good News" to those in need. Keep us close to you. Open the minds and hearts of many other men, women and young people that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom in our parish. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** God of love in your compassion hear us and grant our petitions  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## **NOVENA PRAYER**

(After Communion)

### **Day 1: “MARY, MOTHER OF THE POOR”**

**Leader:**

Our Mother, your Son proclaims: “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” You were the poor of Yahweh par excellence. Your eyes fixed in his eyes, your empty hands waiting to receive everything from him. Full of God’s gifts, you were still poor, because you never claimed anything Your poverty was your joy. Your richness was Jesus.

**All:**

Mother, You knew what He said: “there is greater happiness in giving than in receiving” (acts 20, 35). And that is why you give yourself and Christ to us and with him all things. Teach us to be rich, happy and available with our poverty.

**Leader:**

“Mary from her immaculate conception had her heart entirely detached from creatures. God and only God always occupied all her affections and thoughts. She lived poorly... like her Son and the Apostles. (MM 611)

**Leader:** Queen and beauty of Carmel.

**All:** Pray for us.

## **FLORAL OFFERING**

(After Communion)

<b>FLOS CARMELI</b>	<b>Flower of Carmel</b>
<b>VITIS FLORIGERA</b>	<b>Blossoming vine</b>
<b>SPLENDOR CAELI</b>	<b>light of heaven</b>
<b>VIRGO PUERPERA</b>	<b>mother of God's dear Son</b>
<b>SINGULARIS</b>	<b>vine and virgin;</b>
<b>MATER MITIS</b>	<b>gentle parent,</b>
<b>SED VIRI NESCIA</b>	<b>pure beyond human love</b>
<b>CARMELITIS ESTO</b>	<b>Bless your children</b>
<b>PROPITIA</b>	<b>Star shining far above</b>
<b>STELLA MARIS</b>	<b>This world's ocean.</b>