

Mary, Sister of the Carmelite Hermits

DAY 5: 11 July – Tuesday

INTRODUCTION

Good evening to all!

We welcome you to our Eucharistic celebration on the fifth day of our Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. And we thank the groups for sponsoring the mass: The friendship and Filipino Groups and our choir. 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 first group of Carmelites took Mary as their patroness, promising her their faithful service and expecting her protection and favour. They were proud to bear the title of "Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel" and they defended this title with vigour when their right to it was challenged.

The brown scapular has for many centuries summed up the Carmelite's relationship with Our Lady. The scapular is a piece of cloth based on the traditional Carmelite friar's garb. Wearing the scapular is a sign of consecration to Mary, the Mother of God, and is a symbol showing that the person is putting on the virtues of Mary and is being protected by her. Mary symbolises for the Carmelite everything that we hope for - to enter an intimate relationship with Christ, being totally open to God's will and having our lives transformed by the Word of God. Carmelites have always thought of Mary as the Patroness of the Order, its Mother and Splendour. We seek to live in spiritual intimacy with her so that we can learn from her how to live as God's children.

Let us dispose ourselves to join in this Eucharistic celebration.

Please stand and join in our entrance hymn.

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FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. And it is in him that we were claim as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hope in Christ before he came.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9

Response: Let us be rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
And now our feet stand
Within your gates, Jerusalem,

Response: Let us be rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Jerusalem—built as a city
Walled round about. Here the tribes come,
the tribes of the Lord,
As it was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Response: Let us be rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

For family and friends I say,
“May peace be yours.”
For the house of the Lord, our God ,
I pray, “May blessings be yours.”

Response: Let us be rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The gates of Paradise closed by Eve, were reopened by you,
O Virgin Mary.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: With Mary our mother we ponder on the word of God and confidently call upon him and entrust our needs and intentions to him.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. **For all Church' leaders:** that through the example of Mary, they may always be docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit especially in leading the people towards the spiritual welfare. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. **For our nation:** that the leaders may always consider the needs of the people especially in building a society of integrity, peace and joy. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. **For all of us who are preparing for the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** may all our desires and efforts to work together will help us more docile to the will of God and make us more united with one another and with him. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
4. **For all the sick members of our family and friends:** that they may not give way to their sufferings instead they will learn to read the mystery of the life of Christ hidden in the pain they bear. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

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5. For all our departed loved ones and friends: that together with all the saints in heaven they may also enjoy the unending praises to God. *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: Merciful God, hear the prayers we offer to you.
Make our hearts always love you and always seek your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Novena Prayer
(After Communion)

“Mary, Queen of Peace”

Leader: Holy Mary, listener of the Word, your Son proclaimed: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Mt. 5:9).

All: The children of the Church invoke you: Queen of Peace. Our Peace is Christ whom you, together with the Father, placed in the world as a mediator between heaven and earth. You see, mother, how much we work today for peace among the people. Crown these efforts with the blessedness of being and calling ourselves as children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: “...lose everything except the peace of your heart”
(Letter 38:8)

Leader: Queen and Beauty of Carmel

All: Pray for us!

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(Floral Offering to Mary)

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