

QUEEN AND BEAUTY OF CARMEL

DAY 8: 14 July – Friday 7:30 pm

SPONSOR: Filipino Community of Campbelltown and Region

Choir: Heartstring Choir

INTRODUCTION

Good evening to all!

We welcome you to our Eucharistic celebration on the eighth 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)*

Carmel finds in Mary the fullness of the spirit which is its own: her beauty is without spot, her purity is absolute. As Isaias says: "The beauty of Carmel will be given you" (35: 2). Reciprocally, Mary's soul is connected with Carmel. She is a daughter of David according to the flesh, the daughter of the prophets and the daughter of Elias according to the spirit. In biblical times souls sought to make the perfect response that Mary was to give to the Word of God which (Luke 2: 19) and on which "she pondered in her heart" "meditated day and night". They longed for the ardent zeal with which she was aflame under the action of the Spirit of God. But her virginal maternity made this predestined daughter of Carmel a queen and raised her to a place of sovereignty among her brethren.

For this reason, Carmel will live Mary and will breathe Mary with a movement as natural and as spontaneous as it is willed and conscious. To advance along this path the Carmelite has but to intensify his Marian attitude of virginal simplicity and pure reference to God.

Please stand and join in our entrance hymn.

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FIRST READING

Mal. 3:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi

The Lord says:

Lo, I am sending my messenger

to prepare the way before me;

and suddenly there will come to the temple

the Lord whom you seek,

and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.

Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who will endure the day of his coming?

and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye.

He will sit refining and purifying silver,

and he will purify the sons of Levi,

refining them like gold or silver

that they may offer due sacrifice to the Lord.

Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord,

as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

The Word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 22:4-6, 10-11, 23-24

Response: **From my mother's womb, O Lord, you are my God.**

Our ancestors put their trust in you;
they trusted you and you saved them.
They called to you and escaped from danger;
they trusted you and you were not disappointed.
But I am no longer a man; I am a worm
Despised and scorn by everyone!

Response: **From my mother's womb, O Lord, you are my God.**

I have relied on you since the day I was born;
And you have always been my God do not stay away from me!
Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

Response: **From my mother's womb, O Lord, you are my God.**

“Praise him, you servants of the Lord!
Honour him, you descendants of Jacob!
Worship him, you people of Israel!
He does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering;
He does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for
help.

Response: **From my mother's womb, O Lord, you are my God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesse's shoot has blossomed: a virgin has given birth to one who is truly human; God has restored our peace, reconciling in himself earth with heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:27-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Simeon came in the Spirit into the temple;
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, Simon took Jesus into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The father and mother of Jesus were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: With Mary our mother we lift our voices to the Lord in prayer. With confidence let us present all our needs especially in our efforts to listen to His will and follow him with all our capacities and abilities.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- 1. For our Pope, Bishops and priests:** that through the example of Mary, mother of God they may always be guided by God's will in their ministry of leading people closer to Him. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- 2. For leaders of all nations:** that they may exercise their authority with integrity of heart and with the spirit of leading the people into the life of peace, justice and unity. *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 the Filipino community in Campbelltown - Region:** that as they continuously develop themselves in the service of their fellow may they also grow in the love of Him. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

5. **For all the sick members of our community:** that in the midst of pain and struggle they may find consolation in God. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

6. **For all our departed loved ones and friends:** that they may see the glory of 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: Loving God, hear the prayers we offer and fill our every need. Make our hearts always open to welcome you with Mary our mother. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena Prayer
(After Communion)

Day 8: “The Pure Heart of Mary”

Leader: Mother of God, you proclaim: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” (Mat. 5:8)

All: Without dross and attachment to the things of the world, your heart and eyes always clear to see God. You see Him in your Son with the eyes of faith. Purify the hearts of those who form the new Israel of God so that we will overcome the darkness of faith to the light in which you dwell with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: “...while you are living you will see my shadow, but not my face.

- if you allow us to see only your shadow, how can the pilgrim love you?

- the clearer is your faith...the clearer you will see me.

(MR 4:13)

Leader: Queen and Beauty of Carmel,

All: Pray for us!

Floral Offering

FLOS CARMELI

VITIS FLORIGERA

SPLENDOR CAELI

VIRGO PUERPERA

SINGULARIS

MATER MITIS

SED VIRI NESCIA

CARMELITIS ESTO

PROPITIA

STELLA MARIS

Flower of Carmel

Blossoming vine

light of heaven

mother of God’s dear Son

vine and virgin;

gentle parent,

pure beyond human love

Bless your children

Star shining far above

This world’s ocean.