

“Mary, Mother of Carmel”

Day 9: Saturday 15 July 6pm Mass

Sponsor: Cenacle Prayer Group

Choir: Carmelite Missionaries

INTRODUCTION

Good evening to all!

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

Mary, Our Mother! Mary is the role model of every Christian – In her listening to the Word, pondering and treasuring the Word of God in her heart, In her prayer of praise , her exultant song, the ‘Magnificat’, In her loving intercession for the needs, great and small, of others, as we see in her at the marriage feast at Cana, In her standing by the cross of Jesus, participating in His saving death, In her praying the Spirit into the world, in the company of the disciples, at Pentecost, In her mothering of the world, the poor, the wounded, the broken among us,

Carmel loves to call her Mother and Sister; to honour her as Queen and Beauty of Carmel, Virgin most Pure; to address her as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our Patroness and Protectress.

She is the beloved daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son and Spouse of the Holy Spirit. She is the temple of the Most Holy Trinity and mother of our inner lives, nourishing Christ’s life in each of us.

Let us dispose ourselves to join in this Eucharistic celebration.

Please stand and join in our entrance hymn.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Is 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty. Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. *Response*

And thus, you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. *Response*

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. *Response*

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. *Response*

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SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung*)

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up, they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears! Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So, in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see, and see again, but never perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And they who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, let us unite ourselves to Mary our mother as we present all our needs and intentions to Jesus her Son. With confidence we lift our voice to God in prayer.

- 1. For our Pope Francis, for all bishops, priests and all leaders of the Church:** that through the example of Mary, mother of God they may serve the people of God with deeper commitment and generosity in their ministry. With Mary, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2. For the Carmelite family all over the world:** that by their life of prayer, humility and service empowers people to be living witnesses of the Gospel values. With Mary, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3. For the Cenacle Prayer group who sponsored tonight's mass:** that they may continuously grow in their dedication to love and serve the Lord. With Mary, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4. For all of us gathered here:** that with the inspiration and guidance of Mary, we may know, love and serve Jesus by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission. With Mary, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5. For all the sick members of our community:** That through the intercession of Mary our mother, may they find God's graces flowing in them to give them comfort and consolation. With Mary, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6. For all our departed loved ones and friends:** May they experience the fullness of life with the Risen Christ. With Mary, 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

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(After Communion)

Day 9: “Mary, Guiding Star of the Synodal Church”

Leader: Virgin Mary, your Son referring to himself said: “Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear, what many others wanted to see and hear but did not see or hear it” (Mat. 13: 16-17)

Apostles of your Son thought that they will be blessed by their closeness, but you won them all. You saw him: you heard him, you were attentive to His lips as He to yours, for years and years.

All: Our advocate: may those of us who believe in your Son bear witness to what we see and hear from Him and that our hopeful and loving faith make us happy and joyful in following Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Leader: “Happy, O holy Church, the one who becomes united to you in faith, hope and love. In faith, happy the one who believes in you, because he sees you. In hope... happy the one who hopes to see you without veils and to possess you, knows you, awaits you, because he loves you; happy, and a thousand times happy he who loves you alone, because he will be repaid and in that love he has the delights of glory”. (MR 18:4)

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.**