



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel *and* Our Lady of Loreto Parish

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## DAILY MASS

Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAY MASSES

Holyday: 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:45-3:30

Or by appointment—please call 508-304-9988  
to schedule.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a baptism please call 508-753-5001

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor  
at least a year in advance. A program of preparation is  
required for all couples planning to marry in the church. To  
schedule a wedding please call 508-753-5001.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at 508-753-5001

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member of the parish, please call  
508-753-5001 or register on-line at [www.mtcarmel.ws](http://www.mtcarmel.ws).

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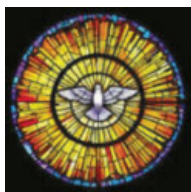
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As a reminder Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact The Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). You may also contact Monsignor Pedone at 508-753-5001. If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

All church staff and volunteers must complete a CORI form and complete a Safe Environment Training session. For more information please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator Pat Solitro at 508-753-5001.

**Our Lady of Mt.  
Carmel and Our Lady of  
Loreto Parish  
PRAYER FOR PARISH  
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**



Lord God, You love us with an everlasting love, and You choose us to share Your love with others. We ask that You rekindle in our hearts a new spirit of faith, of prayer and of reconciliation. Inspire us to search out and find ways of bringing one another closer to You. We pray for all who form our parish community, that we remain faithful to Your teaching, that we remain steadfast in our prayer, both personal and communal, that together with You and the Holy Spirit, our parish may be renewed and transformed. All this we ask in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**Please cut out and pray daily.**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

On this last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. **Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).**

**Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation.** Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -*Quas primas*, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. **This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.** "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

Late Autumn blessings!  
Monsignor Pedone



**All Souls Envelopes  
&  
Remembrance Book**

Please list the names of your beloved deceased on your All Souls' envelopes. They will be remembered at our weekend Masses throughout the month of November. The envelopes will be placed in front of the altar throughout the month. You are invited to write the names of your beloved dead (no matter when they died) in our Remembrance Book that will be displayed in front of the pulpit during the month of November. You can enter the names either before or after Mass throughout the month. Our Prayer of the Faithful during the month will include an intercession for the names written in the Book of Remembrances.

*May They Rest in Peace!*

**Did you know....**

**November 27** marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of Our Blessed Mother to St. Catherine Laboure, and celebrate the vision that Our Lady revealed to the young saint—the Miraculous Medal.



**November 28** is the feast day of Saint Catherine Laboure, a Daughter of Charity, was born in France on May 2, 1806, died on Dec. 31, 1876, beatified on May 28, 1933 and canonized on July 27, 1947.



### The Season of Advent

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but, second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time.

Let us spiritually prepare for Christmas! "Let every heart prepare Him room"! Celebrate Advent!

### Celebrate Advent by Lighting a Candle



The season of Advent begins on the weekend of Dec. 2-3. Beginning on that weekend, the traditional Advent wreath will be set up in our sanctuary. We invite you and your family to come forward at the beginning of each Mass during Advent to light the candles on the wreath. A sign-up book has been placed on the table in the vestibule of the church to reserve the Mass at which you and your family would like to come forward. This is a wonderful way for you and your family to participate in this centuries-old Advent tradition.

### **LA SALETTE SHRINE AND WRIGHTS CHICKEN FARM**

We will be traveling to La Salette Shrine and then Wrights Chicken Farm on Sunday, **December 3**. The bus will be leaving the church parking lot at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$45 per person for adults and \$30 for children under 10. Price includes bus and dinner. Please call the parish office at 508-753-5001 or email Joan D'Argenis at joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com to reserve your seat.

### **STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

Maysoon Khair will be at our church in December 2 & 3 after all masses representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved religious items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God Bless you.



### Giving Trees 2023:



Our Giving Tree Program has started in our Parish. Every year we put tags on the trees for children in our area who look forward to receiving Christmas gifts from us. Like last year, this year will also be challenging for everyone. We will do our best to provide these gifts once again.

### Please take tags from the trees.

All gifts must be placed in gift bags with the tags firmly attached to the outside of the bag.

Gifts may be brought to the Parish Office from 9am-4pm, or brought to the Church, As soon as possible  
No later than December 17

### Contacts:

St. Agnes Guild: Julie Tufano @ 508-757-3170,  
508-753-5001 or tufanojulie@yahoo.com  
Gifts unwrapped and placed in gift bag

Rainbow Child Development: Joan D'Argenis  
@ 508-753-5001 or joan\_dargenis@yahoo.com  
Gifts unwrapped and placed in gift bags

Nazareth Home for Boys: Domenic Mercurio  
Domenic@WorcesterPublicMarket.org or  
508-479-1171

Gifts wrapped and in a gift bag

Families in Need: Joan D'Argenis

### **RECIPES AND REMEMBRANCES**

The Italian Festival Committee will be reprinting the *Recipes and Remembrances* cookbook in the spring. If you were unable to get one or would like to order more please contact the parish office at 508-753-5001. We are hoping to have them available in April or May.

### **ITALIAN FESTIVAL MEETING**

There will be an Italian Festival Meeting on **Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

### **MEAT RAFFLE**

A meat raffle will be taking place on **January 7, 2024** at 1:00 PM at the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 Club, 7 Muskego St., Worcester, MA. This fundraiser will help support our Italian Festival that will be taking place on August 15<sup>th</sup> through the August 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. The donation for each table will be \$200. We will accept donations for a partial table as well. We will be having 6 different meat tables during the event, as well as a 50/50 raffle, a lottery raffle, and more. Sponsorship forms are available at the Parish Center or by calling the office at 508-753-5001.



Financial Stewardship

For the week ending November 19, 2023

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday this bulletin was submitted to the printer before this past weekend's collection. Those totals will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Upcoming Events

- Golden Years (every Tuesday)
- Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 pm  
(every 3rd Wednesday) All men of the Parish are welcome to attend.
- "At the Foot of the Cross" - 6:30 pm -last Wednesday of the month
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- Nov. 26—Annual Giving Tree Program continues  
(See Article)
- Dec. 1—First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 3—La Salette Shrine & Wright's Chicken Farm
- Dec. 5—Italian Festival Meeting—6:30 pm
- Dec. 7-10 —Men's Cursillo
- Dec. 17—Nativity Pageant @ 10:30 Mass
- Dec. 17—Breakfast with Santa after 10:30 Mass

Cursillo—Last one for 2023:

Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey.

**2023: Men's: December 7-10**

2024 Schedule:

**Women's: April 18-21 & October 3-6**  
**Men's: May 23-26 & November 21-24**

For more information contact **Elizabeth Santley @ 508-304-8871**, or at [esantley@yahoo.com](mailto:esantley@yahoo.com). Applications are available in the vestibule of the church.

**If anyone who has made a Cursillo and would like to be a sponsor, please contact Elizabeth Santley**

We have had some requests from parishioners who contribute online, monthly, quarterly or otherwise to provide a listing of upcoming collections. So, going forward we will now publish this information in the bulletin each week. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa at [lisaolmc@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolmc@gmail.com) or 508-753-5001.

December 1, 2023	Maintenance Fund
December 1, 2023	Christmas Flowers
December 3, 2023	Weekly Offering
December 8, 2023	Immaculate Conception
December 10, 2023	Religious Retirement Fund
December 10, 2023	Weekly Offering
December 17, 2023	Fuel Offering
December 17, 2023	Weekly Offering
December 24, 2023	Weekly Offering
December 25, 2023	Christmas Offering
December 31, 2023	Weekly Offering

Ministry Assignments December 2-3December 2 @ 4:00 pm

Lector – Sue Cozzolino

Ministers – Elaine David & Pat Solitro

December 3 @ 8 am

Lector - Sandra San Clemente

Ministers - Joe Sama

December 3 @ 10:30 am

Lector—David Soares

Ministers - Elizabeth Santley & Santina MacGregor

Please arrange for a substitute if you cannot fulfill your assignment. Thank you for the good work that you do!

If a substitution is made, please contact Julie so the announcement sheets will be correct.

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." (MATTHEW 25:40) Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

## IS THIS A REAL REQUEST FOR HELP?

If you receive an email or text message from the pastor, bishop or other church official asking for donations, gift cards or other forms of financial assistance, check with the parish to determine if it is legitimate. Some of the latest email and text scams trying to collect your personal data can look too real! It's always worth a second look to protect yourself.

## "AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS GRIEF MINISTRY" WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH AT 6:30 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER

Anyone who has suffered the loss of a spouse, significant other, a parent, child or whomever is invited to join us.



# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Patrick, Mary, John & Brendan Shanley** by the Shanley Family

Sunday, November 26, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Caroline Sullivan** (Birthday Remembrance) by Sue Manoojian

**In Thanksgiving for Maria and Mendrick Banzuela** by Family

Sunday, November 26, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**Francesco Sciannameo** (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Monday, November 27, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Shawn Rand** by the Banzuela Family

Tuesday, November 28, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Michael and Mary Artuso** by Grace and Family

Wednesday, November 29, 2023—7:00 a.m.

**The Sick of the Parish**

Thursday, November 30 2023—7:00 a.m.

**Parishioners Intentions**

Saturday, December 2, 2023—4:00 p.m.

**Juana Pignataro** (2nd Anniversary) by Family  
**Ernest Martone** (4th Anniversary) by wife Mary Grace and Family

**Elizabeth, James, & Seamus Shannon, Brendan Shanley, Maura & Huey Cathcart** by the Shanley Family

Sunday, December 3, 2023—8:00 a.m.

**Alphonse San Clemente** by Wife and Family

Sunday, December 3, 2023—10:30 a.m.

**George Ciociolo Sr.** (2nd Anniversary) by Wife and Family

**Francis Pascucci and Gregory Travaglio** by Carmine and Esther

**Deacon Gerald Montiverdi** by Wife and Family



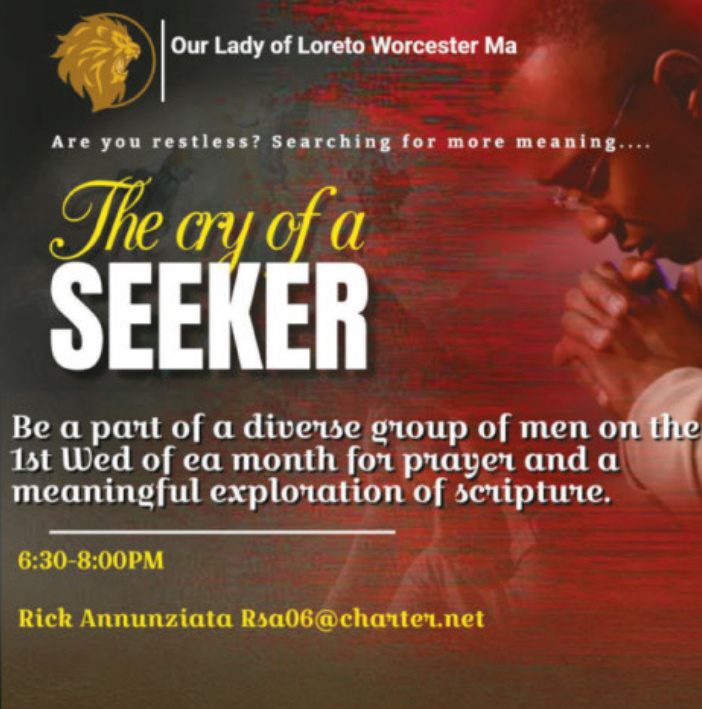
**Please pray for the sick of our parish:** Francis Caffone, Donna Grasseschi, Lori Blackwell, Matteo Fiore, Patrick Loconto, Frank "Butch" Rano, Sylvia Pusateri, Thelma Ortiz, Cynthia Pedone, Roland Dionne, Sue Cozzolino, Paul Locantore, Ann Servidio, Joseph Vancelette, Madelyn Martin, Ann Marie Verdolino, Charlene Swalec, Lorrie Tufano, Maxwell Mitchell, Lynn Wagner, Carol Youngstrom, Rudy Aromando, Richard Sharameta, Cindy Worthington, Beverly DeMarco, George Burton, Charlotte O'Mara, Renate Perry, Angela Vizzo, Jacob Rivera, Stephanie Berthiaume Cowie, Fulvia D'Amico, Isabella Gamble, Melissa Totaro, Nancy Meringolo, Veronika Montiverdi, Nancy Molinari, Joyce Molinari, Lillian Pascarelli, Lisa Cianci, and Tina Donahue. May the Lord give them strength, courage and healing.

### Rest in Peace

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Anna Perrone. God grant her peace forever and bring comfort to her family and friends.*



*Pray...Pray...Pray...*



**Our Lady of Loreto Worcester Ma**

Are you restless? Searching for more meaning....

## The cry of a SEEKER

Be a part of a diverse group of men on the 1st Wed of ea month for prayer and a meaningful exploration of scripture.

6:30-8:00PM

**Rick Annunziata Rsa06@charter.net**

### Today I will...

Pray more.....Worry less...  
Laugh more...Stress less...  
Hug more...Hurry less





***Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—  
a day at a time.***

**Sunday, Nov 26, 2023**

**Save the best for last**

The film industry has always had a love affair with the afterlife. From *It's a Wonderful Life* to *Heaven Can Wait* to *Ghost* to *Flatliners*, stories remind us that our choices in this world have ramifications in the next. More recent shows—*Dead Like Me*, *The Good Life*, *After Life*, and *Hotel del Luna* among many others—are less traditionally religious but no less curious about what comes next. Every culture and generation seems to sense the need for spirit guides and guardians, as well as justice and an hour of reckoning. As the church year closes, contemplate the ledger of your years. Does it add up to a heavenly ending?

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (160).* "He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'"

**Monday, Nov 27, 2023**

**Conversion can be revolutionary**

British poet Alice Meynell, who died on this day in 1922, converted to Catholicism while recovering from chronic illness, and her writing thereafter turned to religious subjects. She married a Catholic newspaper publisher and founded a Catholic suffragist organization. When a British priest preached against giving women the right to vote because it would risk "bringing a revolution of the first magnitude," Meynell replied, "...the vaster the magnitude of the revolution, the better." One hundred years after her death, the struggle for equality continues. How do the teachings of Jesus inform your work for justice?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503).* "She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

**Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023**

**Little lamb, who made thee?**

Happy birthday to the English poet William Blake, born this day in 1757. Though not Catholic, he's inspired great Catholic poets and many of his poems—like "Jerusalem"—became hymns. Trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote his master's thesis on Blake, emphasizing his spiritual significance in *Seven Storey Mountain*: "His rebellion ... was fundamentally the rebellion of the saints. It was the rebellion of the lover of the living God, the rebellion of the one whose desire of God was so intense and irresistible that it condemned, with all its might, all the hypocrisy and petty sensuality and skepticism and materialism" of organized religion. Pray for all who search for God but find obstacles in religious institutions—and enjoy Blake's "The Lamb."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504).* "Jesus said, 'All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.'"

**Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023**

**Gracious encounters of the digital kind**

Did you buy anything on Cyber Monday? Did you make a charitable donation yesterday, on Giving Tuesday? Whether you did or not, this week's digital focus continues today, which is recognized as Electronic Greetings Day. Pope Francis' 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* considers how the internet is a powerful tool and how it's our job to use it in a way that makes the world better. "We need constantly to ensure that present-day forms of communication are in fact guiding us to generous encounter with others," he writes. Make time today to send an encouraging email or ecard to someone who needs to hear from you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505).* "The writing I will read for you, O king, and tell you what it means."

**Thursday, Nov 30, 2023**

**Be a first responder**

Is there an Andy, Andre, or Andrea in your life? Whether they know it or not, they bear the name of the Apostle Andrew, one of the fishermen Jesus famously called to be "fishers of men." The Eastern church recognizes Andrew as the first to be called by Jesus. Tradition has it that Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross because he felt unworthy to die on a cross identical to Christ's. Andrew led the way in accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him. How will your life today respond to that invitation?

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684).* "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

**Friday, Dec 01, 2023**

**Compassionate in the face of controversy**

St. Vincent Medical Center in Manhattan, now closed, was in the eye of the AIDS epidemic storm of the 1980s and 1990s. A Catholic hospital run by the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent opened its doors to care for those who were sick and dying from AIDS. Some staff disagreed with this stance and left. But not the sisters. They stayed true to Jesus' command to care for the suffering, especially those cast aside by society. They entered into dialogue with the gay community, activists, and hospital administrators to better understand their patients and how best to serve them. May we remember their unwavering commitment and compassion—and do likewise.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507).* "Know that the Kingdom of God is near."

**Saturday, Dec 02, 2023**

**Be a freedom fighter**

The term modern slavery covers practices such as forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking ... situations of exploitation enforced by violence, coercion, or deception. Here's the shocking news: Modern slavery has increased significantly in the past five years. Ten million more people, largely women and children, were trapped in modern slavery in 2021 compared to 2016, bringing the total estimate to 50 million worldwide. Our God is a God of freedom, who releases us from bondage of all kinds. On this U.N. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, raise your voice in a phone call, email, or letter to elected officials. Let's put an end to this!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508).* "Be vigilant at all times."

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