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BAPTISM		MARRIAGE		
Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are expected to attend the class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website for download. Email completed forms to the parish office.		It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.		
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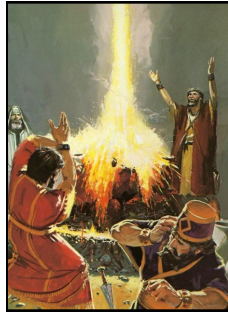
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BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON, TWO WEEKS BEFORE

Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ...

**Elijah: Prophet of Hope
in a Troubled World**

Growing up, I attended a church that was dedicated to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, and I am sure one of the first formal prayers that I learnt was the Hail Mary. Our Lady had been a major part of my life and spirituality up to and joining the Carmelites twenty years ago. My relationship with Elijah took a different course. I can vaguely remember studying Elijah in Religious Education, with regards to the concept of injustice and the story of Naboth's Vineyard (1 Kings 21:1-18), but I can honestly say Elijah was not a big part of my spirituality.



This all changed when I entered the Carmelite Novitiate, I was taught that, 'From Elijah, Carmelites learn to be people of the desert, with heart undivided, standing before God and entirely dedicated to his service... Like Elijah, they believe in God and allow themselves to be led by the Spirit and by the Word that has taken root in their hearts, in order to bear witness to the divine presence in the world, allowing God to be truly God in their lives... In Elijah, Carmelites learn to be channels God's tender love for the poor and the humble.'

I would say that as well as being a Marian Order, the Carmelites is an Elijah Order, our motto "*Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum*" comes from the lips of Elijah "With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord God of hosts."

What I love about Elijah is his raw humanness, in the first and second book of Kings we see an array of human emotions from Elijah which tell us that God calls each one of us no matter what our faults and failings might be and he gives us the strength to do his work and carry it out to the best of our ability.

Perhaps what gives me the most hope is the New Testament event of the Transfiguration, where we witness Elijah enjoying his final reward with another Old Testament great figure, the lawgiver, Moses. We see this in the gospel of St Luke and his account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. During the transfiguration Jesus was joined by Moses who represents the Law, and by Elijah who represents the Prophets. In this way, we are shown that the authority of Jesus Christ is greater than these two pillars of the Jewish faith, and we are also reminded that their teachings pointed to his arrival.



Elijah is a shining example of one who answered God's call and gave his life to the service of God. Even his name bears witness – the Hebrew 'Elia' means 'The Lord is my God.' In this Jubilee Year of Hope may Elijah be our example and guide on this Pilgrimage of life.

Excerpt from Fr. Gerard Walsh O. Carm.

<https://carmelite.org/weekly-reflections/elijah-prophet-of-hope-in-a-troubled-world/>

Thank you, Fr. Marvin!

Fr. Marvin will be assigned to assist at Saint Patrick's Parish in Niagara Falls beginning Monday, August 4th. His last weekend with us will be on August 2nd-3rd.



We keep him in prayers as he handles this new assignment at another Carmelite parish. May his ministries bear much fruits, fruits that will last.

Thank you, Fr. Marvin, for being with us. Thank you for your guidance, for your friendship, and for your prayers.

God bless you and your loved ones, always!

PARISH RCIA PROGRAM

A Journey of Faith to Encounter God



Do you know anyone who is curious to know about God, the Catholic Faith, and the Church teachings? Or thinking about joining the Church? RCIA is a program for adults to help them in this journey. They may contact Liane Harris, 905.821.1331 x 226 for details or

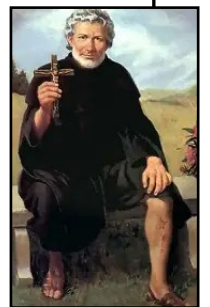
they can leave their contact information in the office. RCIA Program starts in September.

OLDER CHILDREN BAPTISM

Moms and Dads, if your child is not baptized yet and is now 7 years old and above, please contact the Parish Office. The parish has an RCIA program adapted for children (RCIC) to help prepare your child for baptism.

The St. Peregrine relic will be visiting our parish this weekend, July 26th-27th, for veneration after all Sunday Masses. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients.

St. Peregrine, pray for us.



We keep our Grandparents and the Elderly in prayers on this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

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