

FROM THE CHAPLAINCY



Dear parents

How do you like the new format of Dear Parents?

Instead of the letter, we thought of a newsletter to remind you of certain things that we hope would be helpful in the family. It will be sent to you via the email and in pdf file. Aside from being more ecological, it would also be more thrifty. In this first newsletter, for the month of July, here are some dates in the liturgical calendar that may interest you.

On July 16, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In Woodrose, we have the imposition of the scapular after the noontime Mass. If you still do not have the scapular, you may join the imposition which will be done on July 15, Friday, after the Mass in the school chapel.

Pope Francis recently elevated the Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene on July 22 to a Feast. St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will have their feast on July 26.



July 16
Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



July 22
Feast of St. Mary Magdalene



July 26
St. Joachim and St. Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

History of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

“WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE.”

- promise of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251



History

In the year 1251, in the town of Aylesford in England, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite. She handed him a brown woolen scapular and said, “This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire.” In time, the Church extended this magnificent privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the Brown Scapular of the Carmelites and who perpetually wear it.

It is a gift to you from your Heavenly Mother

Devotion

True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary consists in three things: VENERATION, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE. By simply wearing the Scapular, we can tell her every moment of the day that we venerate her, love her and trust in her protection.

Enrollment

To be eligible for the scapular promise, one must be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity. This is a simple ceremony which can be performed by any priest.

THE SABBATINE PRIVILEGE

The Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel has promised to save those who wear the scapular from the fires of hell; She will also shorten their stay in purgatory if they should pass from this world still owing some debt of punishment.

This promise is found in a Bull of Pope John XXII. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him and, speaking of those who wear the Brown Scapular, said, “I, the Mother of Grace, shall descend on the Saturday after their death and whomsoever I shall find in purgatory I shall free so that I may lead them to the holy mountain of life everlasting.”



THE BLESSED VIRGIN ASSIGNED CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE FULFILLED:

1 Wear the Brown Scapular continuously.

2 Observe chastity according to one's state in life (married/single).

3 Recite daily the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin

OR Observe the fasts of the Church together with abstaining from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays

OR With permission of a priest, say five decades of Our Lady's Most Holy Rosary

OR With permission of a priest, substitute some other good work.

Pope Benedict XV, the celebrated World War I Pontiff, granted 500 days indulgence for devoutly kissing your scapular.



Since July 16 will fall on a Saturday, the imposition of the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be done on Friday, July 15, after the noontime Mass in the school chapel, the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rose.