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A man fell victim to robbers and was stripped and beaten and left for dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but he passed on the opposite side. Likewise, a Levite came and also passed on the opposite side. But a Samaritan was moved with compassion and poured oil and wine over the man's wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. Jesus asked, "Which of these three was neighbor to the victim?" They answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus replied, "Go and do likewise." (Excerpted from today's Gospel from Luke 10:25-37).

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Last week we published the introduction to a letter Therese wrote to one of the missionaries she "adopted," Fr. Roulland. Let us now begin our dive into the letter itself.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Fr. Adolphe Roulland

To Father Adolphe Roulland, May 9, 1897 (Letter 226) – Part 1

My Brother,

I received with joy, or rather with emotion, the relics that you were good enough to send me. Your letter is almost a goodbye letter for Heaven; it seemed to me as I read it that I heard the story of the trials of your ancestors in the apostolate.

On this earth where everything changes, only one thing remains stable: it is the conduct of the King of Heaven with regard to His friends. Since He raised the standard of the Cross, it is in His shadow that all must fight and win the victory: "All missionary life is fruitful on the Cross," said Fr. Jean-Théophane Vénard, and again: "True happiness is to suffer. And to live we must die."

My Brother, the beginnings of your apostolate are marked with the Seal of the Cross; the Lord treats you as privileged. It is much more by persecution and by suffering than by brilliant preaching that He wishes to consolidate His reign in souls. You say, "I'm still a little child that can't talk."

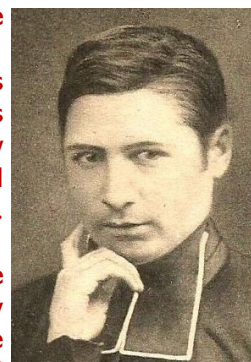
Fr. Frédéric Mazel, who was ordained a priest the same day as you, could not speak either; however, he has already "picked the palm."

Oh! that the divine thoughts are above ours!... On learning of the death of this young missionary whom I heard named for the first time, I felt inclined to invoke him. I seemed to see him in Heaven in the glorious choir of Martyrs. I know that in the eyes of men his martyrdom does not bear this name, but in the eyes of the good God this inglorious sacrifice is no less fruitful than those of the first Christians who confessed their faith before the courts. Persecution has changed form. Christ's apostles have not changed sentiments,

so their Divine Master cannot change His rewards except to increase them in comparison with the glory which is denied them here below.

I do not understand, my brother, that you seem to doubt your immediate entrance into Heaven if the infidels take your life. I know that one must be very pure to appear before the God of all Holiness, but I also know that the Lord is infinitely just; and it is this justice which frightens so many souls, which is the subject of my joy and my trust. To be just is not only to exercise severity to punish the guilty, but it is also to recognize right intentions and to reward virtue. I hope as much for God's justice as for His mercy. It is because He is just that "He is compassionate and gentle, slow to punish and full of mercy. Because He knows our frailty, He remembers that we are only dust. As a father has tenderness for his children, so the Lord has compassion on us." O my Brother, hearing these beautiful and consoling words of the Prophet-King, how can one doubt that the Good Lord cannot open the doors of His Kingdom to His children who loved Him to the point of sacrificing everything for Him—those who not only left their families and their homelands to make Him known and loved, but also wanted to give their lives for the One they loved... Jesus was right to say that there is no greater love than this!

How, then, would He allow Himself to be overcome in generosity? How would He purify in the flames of Purgatory souls consumed with the fires of divine love? It is true that no human life is free from faults; only the Immaculate Virgin presents herself absolutely pure before the Divine Majesty. What joy to think that this Virgin is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what do we have to fear? Here are many sentences to express my thoughts or rather to fail to do so. I want to say that it seems to me that all missionaries are martyrs by desire and will, and that therefore not one should go to Purgatory. If there remains in their soul at the moment of appearing before God some trace of human weakness, the Blessed Virgin obtains for them the grace to make a perfect act of love and then gives them the palm and the crown which they have so well deserved.



Fr. Théophane Vénard



Fr. Frédéric Mazel



St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Triduum, Novena, Vespers, & Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

A Triduum will be celebrated by Fr. Stephen Watson to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of the Carmelite Order. The Triduum dates are:

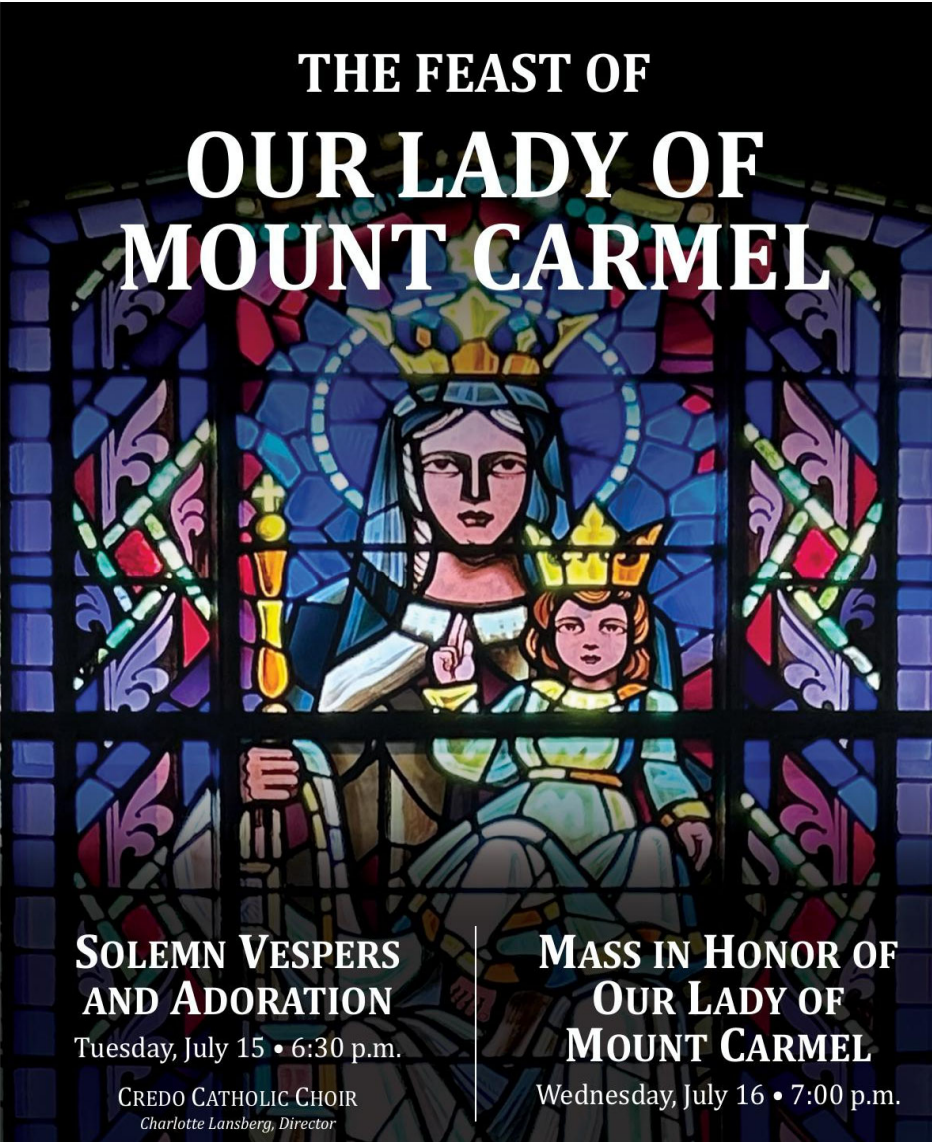
- **Sunday, July 13:** HOLY HOUR at 7:00 p.m., with talk by Fr. Stephen
- ***Monday, July 14:** Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- ***+Tuesday, July 15:** Solemn Vespers and Adoration at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass

(*Notes: Mass on Monday and Tuesday will be at 7:00—not 7:15 p.m.

+ The Mass on Tuesday, July 15, will NOT be in Spanish.)

The Feast day Mass will be on **Wednesday, July 16**, at 7:00 p.m., also celebrated by Fr. Stephen. There will be **NO CONFESSIONS on the Feast Day, Wednesday, July 16.**

Also in preparation for the Feast, on July 7 we began a Novena to Our Lady after each of the Masses. This will continue through July 15. At the end of the evening Mass on the Feast Day, there will be an opportunity to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular. You only need to be enrolled once in your life. Once enrolled, any new scapular you wear will be automatically blessed.



**THE FEAST OF
OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL**

SOLEMN VESPERS AND ADORATION Tuesday, July 15 • 6:30 p.m. CREDO CATHOLIC CHOIR <i>Charlotte Lansberg, Director</i>	MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Wednesday, July 16 • 7:00 p.m.
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NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

O, most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity... O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. Amen.

The Patroness of the Carmelite Order



All gracious God, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us, and bring us to your Holy Mountain, Christ our Lord..."

The lovely words above are from the opening prayer for the Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel from the Carmelite sacramentary. When the Carmelite order celebrates Our Lady's feast day, we have special readings and prayers that help to guide us on the journey of faith that the Father has prepared for us, that Jesus opened for us, and that the Spirit empowered us to embrace. Yet, we do not walk down this path of faith alone. Christ has entrusted His Mother to us, as a model, witness, and guide along this journey. **The wisdom and tradition of Carmel has offered us four important biblical vignettes of Mary that we are called to reflect upon during the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.** I offer you these biblical images as a means of traveling with the Carmelite Order as we seek to honor Mary and to celebrate and praise her Son, our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

1. The Cloud of Renewal (1 Kings 18:42b-45a): This passage recounts the story of the Prophet Elijah resting on the top of Mount Carmel. He is resting because he has just defeated the false prophets of Baal. Elijah sees a small cloud rising out of the sea and prepares for the rain to return to the land of Israel. For Carmelites, this little

cloud is understood as a prefiguration of Mary. Why? The rain that arrived with the cloud offered the land new life. So also with Our Lady. Our life comes in and through Jesus Christ, and He chose to reside in the womb of Mary, who is the little cloud offered to us on the horizon of human history.

2. A Guide to Life on the Mountain (Psalm 15:1, 2-3, 4): In the responsorial psalm of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the people respond, "Draw us after you, Virgin Mary; we shall follow in your footsteps." This response opens us up to the message of the 15th psalm, which is about being admitted into the temple and resting upon the holy mountain. The psalm reminds us Carmelites, as we follow Mary, to ask ourselves who can have a place on the holy mountain of the Lord? The Lord has made a place for us and desires all people to dwell and celebrate with Him. But how? We must become like Him. As the psalm continues we are told how we must act in the world. The life of a disciple is not one of abstractions but a life of Truth; the Truth that has taken on our human nature; the Truth that is Jesus. So, like Jesus, we must speak the truth from our hearts, walk blamelessly, do what is right, never slander, never harm friends, or give reproach against our neighbors.

3. Living in the Freedom of the Children of God (Galatians 4:4-7): In chapter 4 of his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul reminds his disciples about the true and real human birth of Jesus. His birth had consequences. In coming to birth through a woman, Christ chose to enter our enslavement to the Law. Why? By becoming like us, slaves to the Law, He gave us the ability to become children of the Father and thus live in the freedom of God. By this gift of freedom, we are once again able to call God our Abba/Father. One can never separate Mary from her Child, for the mother will always make her Child known. Through her Immaculate Conception she tasted the salvation of Christ, her Son, and could speak her "Yes" as a free child of the Father.

4. Our Receptive Mother (John 19:25-27): Finally, we Carmelites choose to dwell with Mary during the darkest moment of her life, namely, the time she was called to remain at the side of Christ at Calvary. At that moment, the depths of her fiat were tested by the suffering of her Son. She could have fled and left Him alone on the Cross, but in her love, she chose to remain with Him, allowing Him to know some level of love as He suffered and died on the cross. Additionally, Mary was then asked to receive another; that is, she was asked to receive the Church in the person of John, the beloved disciple. We hear no words from Mary in that passage, but we know her actions all too well. She chose to dwell within the Church, which was birthed on that horrendous day through the water and Precious Blood that poured forth from the side of her Son. She, who received her Lord in the womb and raised Him as her Son, was offered another "child" to raise and care for the infant Church.

Financial Offerings



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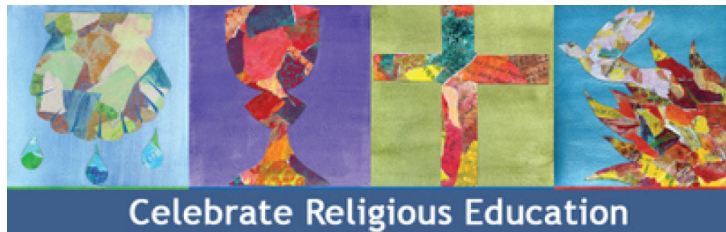
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Sacramental and Non-Sacramental Programs for the 2025-2026 Year



Sacramental Programs: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance
Non-Sacramental Programs: Learn Scripture through the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary

Programs:

1. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) - one-year program
2. Confirmation for High School Students (two-year program)
3. Holy Eucharist for Students 7 years and up (two-year program)
4. Non-Sacramental Religious Education for children



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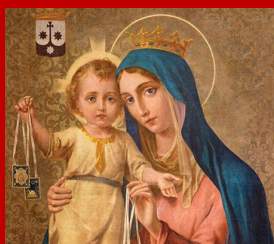
The program schedule (dates/times) will be posted soon; Classes begin in September. First- and Second-Year Registration required for Children's Holy Eucharist Program (may include baptism during the first year).

First- and Second-year registration required for High School Confirmation Program (may include Baptism and Holy Eucharist during the first year).

Visit the Church website for online registration and downloadable registration forms (your choice)

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Jesus the Firstborn of All Creation--And Son of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

In today's reading from Colossians, St. Paul gives us one of the most majestic descriptions of Jesus in all of Scripture. He is "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." All things—visible and invisible—were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him, all things hold together. This breathtaking vision of Christ reminds us that our faith is not built on an idea, a philosophy, or even just a moral code—but on a Person: Jesus, the Lord of the Universe and Prince of Peace, who reconciles all things through the Blood of His Cross.

Jesus is also the only Son of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our Lady, though small in the eyes of the world, was chosen to bear this divine mystery in her womb. She is the mother of the One who made the stars. And yet, she also comes to us quietly, a Mother who stoops to wrap us, her children, in a mantle of care. The **Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel** is a symbol of that mantle—a sign that Mary covers us with her love and always leads us to her Son, the center of all creation. Carmel is the mountain of contemplation, the place where Elijah heard the voice of God in the stillness. And Mary, who pondered all these things in her heart, leads us up that same mountain, teaching us to fix our eyes on Jesus.

So, today, as we approach the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel **this Wednesday, July 16, let us remember that Mary's greatness is found in how she always points to Christ.** The One who is before all things, in whom all things hold together, chose to dwell in her womb and be cradled in her arms. **May we, too, find our place in Him—and under Our Lady's Mantle.**

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



"The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation."

—Jesus to Elizabeth
Kindelmann,
Third Order Carmelite

Living Our Prayers: The practices are how we live the prayers—literally. They are how we live the love of the five wounds, how we walk to Calvary with Jesus, how we gather souls with Him...

Jesus (November 8, 1964): "Listen to Me, and do not be surprised that I have complained for some days even about pious souls. ... I want you to atone for them also, because pious souls who make no sacrifices hurt My Heart even more... There is no progress without sacrifice. I am not happy with a sterile piety. It is like a tree that produces no fruit. I will add this, my Elizabeth: the pious

people who are like this do not even think at what point their soul is gray and dark. The light of grace only penetrates and illumines the soul burning with love to the degree that they expose their soul to the transforming effect of my grace...

"For it is also a habit of pious souls to think that after having spent a good time at their devotions, they have already given to God what is God's. Oh, you fools! If you could only feel the immense pain your pious indifference causes to My divine Heart. I am the Victim and it was not by pious attitudes but only by a continual acceptance of sacrifices that I brought about My redemptive work. Repent! Repent! Repent! This is what I am asking you."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats, Session 4, at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



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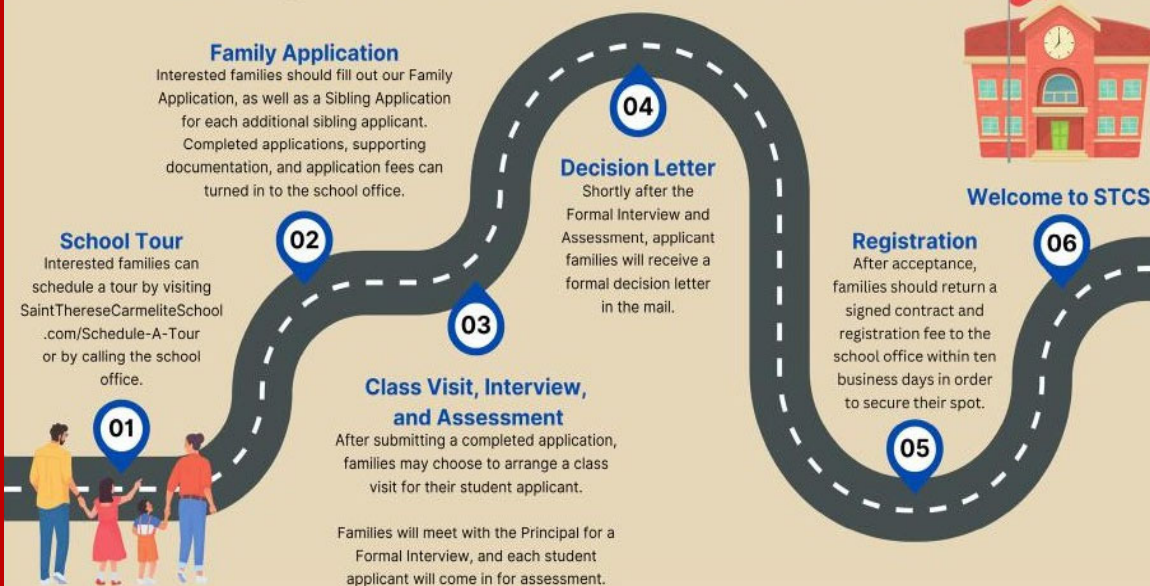
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Sunday:

*7:30 am: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Doris Lazzara, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Fred Bunsic, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Romeo Buenavente, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ernie Grimm, 24th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Magdalena Gomez, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 am: Peter & Madge Cain, 2nd Anniv INT

7:15 p.m.: Zeferina Gonzalez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Steven Nguyen, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 am: Sr. Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Tomás Gonzalez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Deacon Joe Mizerski, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Zeferina Alejo, RIP

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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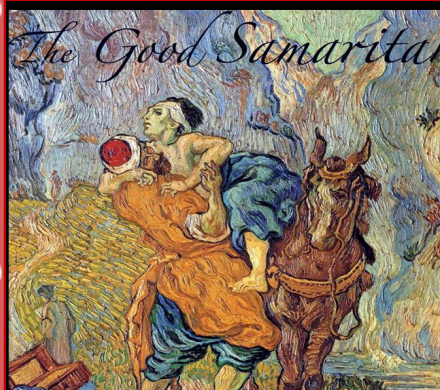
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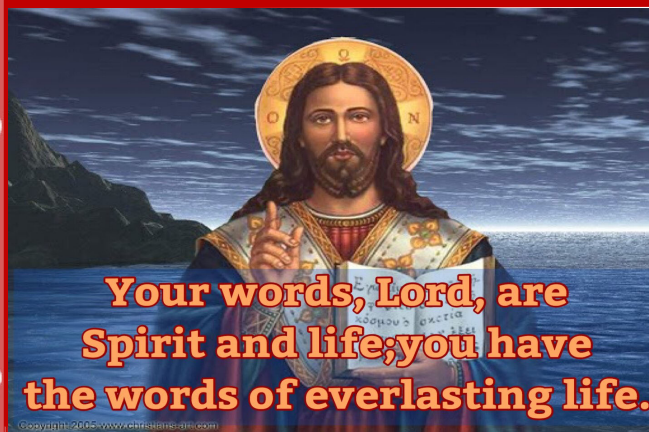
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