

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Reverend John McGivern, *Pastor*
Paul French, *Music Director*
Kelly Dobbs-Mickus, *Organist*

ABOUT THE PARISH

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the founding parish of all the English speaking congregations on the North Shore of Chicago, was established in 1886. The present Indiana limestone structure was built in 1913 in English Gothic style. The motif of the exterior design is imitated in the Carrara marble work in the sanctuary. A notable feature of the church is the splendid opalescent stained glass. The fine ribbed vault ceiling and dark oak woodwork further enhance the building's warm ambience.

ABOUT THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Music has always played an important role in the liturgical life of the parish, and this tradition flourishes to this day. With a rich legacy of musical leadership including Adalbert Huguélet and William Ferris that continues under the guidance of Paul French, the assembly has an opportunity to worship with music from the rich heritage of the Catholic Church, and is an active participant in all the liturgies through spirited singing of psalms, chants, acclamations, hymns, and songs.

In addition to the **Choir of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Morning Choir)** whose repertoire is listed in this pamphlet, the Sunday afternoon liturgies feature contemporary music accompanied by piano and cantor. The **Contemporary Choir** sings a varied repertoire at that Mass during the Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter seasons. The **High School & Collegiate Schola, Treble Choir** (grades 4-8) and **Junior Choir** (grades 1-3) sing chant, motets, and antiphons at liturgies throughout the year.

ABOUT THE ORGANS

The historic E. M. Skinner pipe organ was built in 1928 by the prestigious E. M. Skinner Organ Company and was one of the last installations to be personally supervised by Skinner himself. Particularly noted for its large-scale pipes and extensive tonal range, the 54-rank, three-manual organ has been restored to its original magnificence and is maintained by the firm of Fabry Pipe Organs, Inc. The restoration was significant in that the instrument was not altered, but rather returned to its original tonal specifications, and as such is one of the very few unaltered Skinner instruments in existence. In November of 1987, as the result of a bequest from Helen Kellogg, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church acquired a mechanical action pipe organ built especially for them by one of the world's premiere organ builders, Visser-Rowland Associates of Houston, Texas. From its splendid design and hand-carved casework to its exquisite tonal specifications, it reflects the genius of master craftsman Pieter Visser. The individual stops, under low wind pressure, allow for a wide range of expression. The sweet flutes and singing principals are crowned by a brilliant copper trumpet.

Music at Mount Carmel

The Liturgical Year 2025 - 2026

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
708 W. Belmont Avenue - Chicago
www.ourlmc.org/music/choral-program

Solemn Liturgies are celebrated on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock unless otherwise noted

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

Music of William Mathias
Communion Service #3,
Tantum Ergo,
Let the People Praise Thee, O God
In salutari tuo anima mea, Gregorian chant

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025

Mass in A, Antonio Lotti
Now Thank We All Our God, J. S. Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach
Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum, Gregorian chant

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

Morning Choir & Treble Choir
Missa Antiphonalis, Russell Woolen
I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains, Paul French
Ave Verum, Edward Elgar
Domine Dominus noster, Gregorian chant

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

Missa Secunda, Hans Leo Hassler
The Pharisee and the Publican, Heinrich Schütz
O Sacrum Convivium, Luca Marenzio
Laetabimur in salutari tuo, Gregorian chant

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
(All Souls Day)
November 2, 2025

Requiem in D minor, Op. 48, Gabriel Fauré

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 9, 2025

Missa Brevis, Op. 83, Josef Rheinberger
Locus Iste, Os Justi, Anton Bruckner
Jerusalem, quae aedificatur, Gregorian chant

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025

Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd
Ave Verum Corpus, Byrd
Cantate Domino, Hans Leo Hassler
Amen, dico vobis, Gregorian chant

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 2025

Music for two organs –
Walter Whitehouse, guest organist
Messe Solennelle in C# minor, Louis Vierne
Laudate & Ave Verum, Marcel Dupré
Sedebit Dominus rex, Gregorian chant

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

Chant Ordinary and English Propers

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

Music for harp and choir
Missa Adventus, William Ferris
Tantum Ergo, Op. 55, Gabriel Fauré
Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming, D. Adelman
Jerusalem surge, Gregorian chant

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Music for harp and choir
Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx
Rejoice in the Lord, Alway, Anonymous
Conditor alme siderum, Michael Praetorius
Gaudete in Domino semper, Gregorian chant

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx
E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come, Paul Manz
Bògòroditse Devo, Sergei Rachmaninoff
Ecce virgo concipiet, Gregorian chant

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2025

4:30 pm Christmas Vigil Liturgy
H. S. & Collegiate Schola / Treble Choir
Traditional Carols of Christmas

8:30 pm Pre-Liturgy Carols
9:00 pm Solemn Christmas Vigil Liturgy

The Choir of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Music for harp, strings, and organ
Missa Brevis in Bb (K. 275), W. A. Mozart
Lovely Infant, Leo Sowerby
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, William Ferris

Gentle Mary, William Ferris
Ave Verum Corpus, Mozart
Christmas concerto, Op.3 #12, F. Manfredini
Music of Hannah Kolak, David Willcocks

Mass at Midnight
11:40 pm Pre-Liturgy Carols

Men's Schola
Messe Pastorale "In Natale Gaudio",
Giovanni Battista Campodonico
Solemn Gregorian chant for Christmas Midnight

Christmas Day
December 25, 2025

9:00 am
Cantor Mass with Traditional Carols

11:00 am

Contemporary Choir
Mary, Did You Know?, Mark Lowry
Hodie Christus Natus Est, Michael Bedford
The Lamb, Bob Moore
Hear the Angels Sing, Michael Perza

Saturday, January 3, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Concert: "What Star is This?"

Choral works for the Season of Light
The parish choirs sing the music of the season. Free admission.

Epiphany

January 4, 2026
Music for chamber orchestra, organ, and choir
Krippenmesse, Joseph Kronsteiner
Shepherd's Farewell, Hector Berlioz
Bethlehem Down, Peter Warlock
Vidimus stellam, Gregorian chant

Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 11, 2026

Mass in A minor, Claudio Casciolini
Tribus Miraculis, Luca Marenzio
Omnes qui in Cristo, Gregorian chant

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 18, 2026

Missa Brevis "St. John of God", F. J. Haydn
Behold the Lamb of God, G. F. Handel
Ave Verum Corpus, W. A. Mozart
Laetabimur in salutary tuo, Gregorian chant

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2026

Mass in B Dorian, Alec Shrode
Caritas et Amor, Z. Randall Stroope
Come, My Way, Paul French uca Marenzio
Venite post me, Gregorian chant

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026

Byzantine and Slavonic chant
Spasěniye, sodělal, Pavel Tschesnokoff
The Beatitudes (Kontakion)
Beati mundo corde, Gregorian chant

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026

Women’s Schola
Missa Fiat Voluntas Tua, Hendrik Andriessen
O Lord, With Wondrous Mystery, Andriessen
O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord, Colin Mawby
Introibo ad altare Dei, Gregorian chant

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026

Missa Ave Jesu, George Oldroyd
Jubilate Deo in Bb, Charles Villiers Stanford
Beati Quorum Via, Stanford
Manducaverunt, et saturati sunt nimis, Gregorian chant

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026 (6:30 pm)

Miserere, Gregorio Allegri
Lord for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake, John Hilton
Nunc Tempus Acceptabile, Paul French
Let Us Turn Away from Sin, French
Lay Up for Yourselves, Ned Rorem
Qui meditabitur in lege Domine, Gregorian chant

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026
Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, Elizabeth Poston
Remember, O Thou Man, Thomas Ravenscroft
Scapulis Suis, Gregorian chant

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026
Missa Brevis “Pro Pace”, Javier Busto
At Heaven’s Proclamation, Jessica French
Attende Domine, John Osterhagen
Visionem quam vidistis, Gregorian chant

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026
Treble Choir & Men’s Schola
Communion Service in G, Thomas Matthews
If Ye Love Me, Philip Wilby
Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake, John Hilton
Qui biberit aquam, Gregorian chant

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026
Music for oboe and choir
Mass for the Time of Penitence, William Ferris
The Lord is My Shepherd, John Rutter
Open Thou Mine Eyes, Rutter
Lutum fecit ex sputo Dominus, Gregorian chant

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026
Out of the Depths, Alan Hovhaness
Lazarus, Paul Nicholson
Videns Dominus flentes sorores Lazaro, chant

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
March 29, 2026
Hosanna Filio David, chant
Hosanna to the Son of David, Michael Praetorius
In Manus Tuas, Juan Pujol
Vere Languores, Tomas Luis da Victoria
Pater, si non potest, Gregorian chant

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper (6:30 pm)
April 2, 2026
Nos autem gloriari, Gregorian chant
Ubi Caritas, Maurice Duruflé
Mandatum, Peter Latona
Where Charity and Love Prevail, Benoit/Ferris
Verbum Caro, Panem Verum, Paul French
O Salutaris Hostia, Pierre Villette
Tantum Ergo, Maurice Duruflé

Good Friday
April 3, 2026
Stations of the Cross (12 Noon)
Contemporary Choir
Stabat Mater, Colin Bumbry
Adoramus Te Christe, Carlo Rossini
I See His Blood, Michael Joncas
Fac me plagis, Claudio Casciollini

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (6:30 pm)
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St. John, chanted in English
Passion responses, Paul French
Popule Meus, Tomás Luis de Victoria
O Vos Omnes, Giovanni Croce
In Manus Tuas, Domine, Juan Pujol
We Adore You, O Christ, Richard Proulx
Let Down the Bars, O Death, Samuel Barber

Easter Vigil (8:00 pm)
April 4, 2026
Exsultet, Plainchant
Haec Est Dies, Jacob Handl
Christ the Lord, Christ the Pasch, C. Waddell

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
8:00 am
Contemporary Choir
This Joyful Eastertide, Dutch Carol, arr. Ledger
Sequence for Easter, Ann Celeen Dohms

9:30 am
High School Schola & Treble Choir
Music for brass, percussion, organ, and choir
Regina Caeli, Charles Gounod
Panis Angelicus - Cesar Franck

11:15 am
The Choir of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Music for brass, percussion, organ, and choir
Victimae paschali laudes, chant sequence
This Joyful Eastertide, Dutch Carol, arr. Ledger
Ave Verum, Camille Saint-Saëns
Festival Alleluias, Widor-Ferris

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
Haec Est Dies, Jacobus Gallus
The Day of Resurrection, Thomas Matthews
Ave Verum, Camille Saint-Saëns
Mitte manum tuam, Gregorian chant

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026
Missa Brevis in A, William Ferris
Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether, Harold Friedell
Stay With Us, Egil Hovland
Surrexit Dominus, Gregorian chant

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
A Short English Mass, William Ferris
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal, arr. Parker
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, Thomson
Ego sum pastor bonus, Gregorian chant

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
Missa Pace, Javier Busto
Upon Your Heart, Eleanor Daley
Ubi Caritas, Ola Gjiello
Tanto tempore, Gregorian chant

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
Music of William Byrd
Mass for Four Voices,
I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
Ave Verum Corpus
Non vos relinquam orphanos, chant

Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2026
Music of Grayston Ives
Missa Brevis,
O Clap Yor Hands,
King of Glory
Data est mihi, Gregorian chant

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026
Berliner Messe, Arvo Pärt
Veni Sancte Spiritus, Pärt
Come, Holy Ghost, William Ferris
Factus est repente, Gregorian chant

Most Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026
O Lux Beata Trinitas, Leo Nestor
O Trinity, Most Blessed Light, C. K. Turner
Benedicimus Deum caeli, Gregorian chant

The Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
June 4, 2026
Missa Brevis #1, Healey Willan
O Sacred Feast, Willan
Bread of Heaven, David Ashley White
Qui manducat carnem meam, chant