

Dear Lay Carmelites,

On May 9th we will celebrate St. George Preca, born in Malta on 12 February 1880. He lived in Valletta, the capital of Malta, near the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. As a child, and according to the customs of the times, George joined the Carmelite Family by being enrolled in the Scapular. As a young man he felt called to the priesthood. He was ordained priest on 22 December 1906.

He began his mission by gathering around him and forming a small group of young men in their twenties. He instilled in them moral principles, the fear of God and an awareness of the infinite love that God bears humanity. These



young men were the first seeds of the Society of Christian Doctrine, popularly known as MUSEUM, the initial letters of "Magister, Utinam Sequatur Evangelium Universus Mundus" ("Lord, would that the whole world follow the Gospel"). Fr. George's work was and is the religious education of young children, boys and girls and youth, undertaken by well-prepared lay people. The central theme of his spirituality and theology was the Incarnation: "Verbum Dei caro factum est" ("The Word of God was made flesh").



Fr. George was not satisfied with a minimal Christian life. As a child he wore the scapular and in later years wanted to commit himself more intensely to following the example of Our Lady and thus became a Carmelite Tertiary. He joined the Third Order on 21 July 1918 and made his profession on 26 September of the following year. At his profession he took the name of "Franco", after the Carmelite Blessed Franco of Siena. Fr. George chose the name of this Blessed because he considered himself a great sinner... a characteristic of many saints. He really felt he was a member of the Carmelite Family, so much so that several times in his writings he calls himself a Carmelite and uses the name he took at his profession as a Tertiary rather than his own name. In 1952, in recognition of his untiring efforts to spread devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fr. George was affiliated to our Order.

He died at 82, on 26 July 1962. He was beatified by St. John Paul II on 9 May 2001 and canonized on 3 June 2007 by Benedict XVI.¹²



God the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from God the Father and God the Son, come and remain in us. We need you in everything. We cannot do any good without you.³

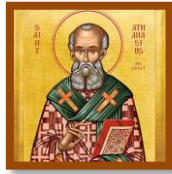
May Carmelite Saints and Blesseds: Saint Angelus, Priest and Martyr--5th; Blessed Aloysius Rabatà, Priest--8th; Saint George Preca, Priest--9th; Saint Simon Stock, Religious--16th; Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, Virgin--25th.

May Community Birthdays to be remembered at Holy Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage: Dick Boyd (deceased)--11th; Niniek Pranoto--16th; Mary Lou Smith (deceased)--22nd; Bunnie Powers (deceased)--25th; Suzanne Norris --29th; Ruth Wentz--31^s

¹ <https://ocarm.org/en/item/106-st-george-preca-priest>

² Image: http://www.sdc.me.uk/galleries/canonisation_pics.html

³ <https://catholicinsight.com/2022/05/09/three-prayers-of-saint-george-preca/>



[Optional 8am Holy Mass at St Pius.]
May 2nd at Co-Cathedral of St John the Evangelist-
Gathering Space.
In-person/online. 9:15-12:15 pm.
Saturday in Easter, the Memorial of St. Athanasius,

Side 1: Dave; Side 2: **Ninie**

Christian Prayer:

Inv. 1426.

Hymn. # 175 : "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Ant. 1426. Psalms/Canticle. 989-993.

Reading/Inter./Ben. /Prayer. 1143-1145; 1142-3.

Volume II:

Inv. 2052.

Hymn. 2071.

Ant.: 2072. Psalms/Canticle. 1611-1614.

Reading/Intercessions/Ben. /Prayer. 2072-2073; 1810.

Consecration to BVM; Salve Regina; St Joseph/Vocations prayer.

Lectio Divina: St. John 14:1-12 : **Ruth**

Lectio Handbook. pp. 29-31

<http://laycarmelitespcm.org/lcdocuments.php>

Announcements.

On-going Formation-St Therese: Yellow notebook (August 22-29, pp 134-145) Letters 18-21 (August 22-27, pp 296-300)

Announcements:

- Reserve Tuesday, September 8th the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for Holy Mass with Final Professions at the Co-Cathedral. Evening Prayer before Holy Mass.

- SJLCC Carmelite Adorers in the Chapel of the Co-Cathedral. Come adore Friday 4-5pm.



- Our Carmelite Service at Channel One: May 5th 6-8 pm. Closed toe shoes 😊 ...see Niniek: [Channel One](#) — [Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#)

May Formation Notes:

On-going Formation is St. Therese: Yellow notebook (August 22-29, pp 134-145); Letters 18-21 (August 22-27, pp 296-300). Note parts that inspire you and be prepared to share your selected ones.

Phase II: Jasmine, Lise, Clark and Anne: Ch. 6 in *Climbing the Mountain*; 'Elijah', with Niniek.

Formation group meets at St. James Coffee every 3rd Sunday, noon till 2 pm. **This May, the Meeting is at Holy Spirit** due to a graduation celebration. See Suzie for room details.

TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4
Michael Kacir (Lead)	Dcn Randy Horlocker (Lead)	Bob Robak (Lead)	Tia Meyer (Lead)
	Mary Hayek	Dave Reischmidt	Paul Byron
Bob Kertis	Dianne Johnson	Sandra Grosbie	Paula Plummer
Suzie Oliver	Ninie Pranoto	Ruth Wentz	Clark Amorillo
Sharon Stanton	Lise Paulik	Anne Cuccio	Jasmine Sexton



