

Friday, July 16, 2021

Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

“It is the Passover of the Lord.” “Seeing the blood [of a year-old male lamb without blemish], I will pass over you; thus when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.” No destructive blow comes upon us who have been saved by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ! Yes, indeed, “something greater than the temple is here!” “*Mercy, not sacrifice*” is what Jesus desires to show although He showed us both, His sacrifice on the Cross that brought mercy and forgiveness to everyone! “How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.”

The Church, thanks to the Carmelite Order, remembers on this day when in 1251 Saint Simon Stock received the brown scapular from the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!

God Love You!

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