Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 16, 2019
Adoration, 10:45 am
Reconciliation, 10:45 am
Holy Mass, 12 pm
St. Mary’s Chapel

Feast of Saint Sharbel Maklhouf
July 20, 2019
Adoration, 10:45 am
Reconciliation, 10:45 am
Maronite Divine Liturgy, 12 pm
Procession to follow

Feast of Blessed Stanley Rother
From the farms of Oklahoma, Stanley Rother came to Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. A few years after being ordained in 1963, he went to Guatemala as a missionary priest, but his life was in danger when his name appeared on the death list. In 1980, he came to this very Shrine and prayed in Corpus Christi Chapel, discerning that “the shepherd cannot run from his flock.” He returned to Guatemala, where he was martyred 1981.

Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) Holy Mass Every Day at 12 p.m. Adoration and Confession Saturday and Sunday 10:45 a.m. Misa en Español Domingos 2 p.m. Shuttle Transportation is available from the parking lot to the Miller Family Visitors Center. Call (301) 447-5318.
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Hitting the Road with Christ
Spiritual Reflections from Fr. Mike Messaro

Summer is vacation time for many people. July is the biggest traveling month. This very day many people are on the roads heading for the mountain and beaches. Wouldn’t it be great to be one of them!

Most of us travel with friends and relatives. And because of that fact we are not totally free to do what we want without any consideration for what they want. We help each other have a good time by me doing some of the things you want to do and you doing some of what I want to do. There is no room in the care for selfishness on vacations. But alas, I’m afraid on many vacations selfishness hides away in the trunk and emerges not long after we get a few miles from home. When and where to stop for the first meal can become a matter of dissension. So can pulling over to ask directions. Men hate to ask directions or listen to the GPS.

What does all this have to do with Jesus Christ? He wants to travel with us through life. But selfishness can spoil the trip.

“He who seeks only himself brings himself to ruin,” Jesus tells us, “whereas he who brings himself to naught for me discovers who he is.” Far too often we want to do what we want to do; not what Christ wants to do. That’s not fair, certainly not wise. Let Christ make the decisions, at least half the time. And after your trip through life is over you will not only have much better memories, your homecoming will be more heavenly than the trip.