

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Erected in 1936, the entire structure reflects the architectural style developed by missionaries, combining the building patterns of the Pueblo Indians with Spanish-Colonial design. Even the landscaping, with carefully selected shrubs and trees is typical.

Monsignor Stephen Downes, Pastor
Father Maurice O'Mahony, Pastor Emeritus
Father Carrol O'Sullivan, Retired
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Rectory

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Masses

Daily 7:45 AM
Saturday 7:45 AM Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM. 10:00 AM. 12 Noon

Holy Day Mass Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Mass Times on Holy Days

7:45 AM. 9:00 AM (*School Mass*) & 5:30 PM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30- 4:15 PM **In Side Chapel**

Baptisms: 1st & 2nd Sundays of the Month

Religious Education

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Sister Kathleen Patrice, C.S.J. - Director
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Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator

Sarah Mack - Youth Minister 805/574-9941
olmcsh93108@gmail.com - Young Adult Ministry - MCYA
High School Confirmation - '*El Camino*'
Middle School Youth Group - '*The 'M&M's*'

Weddings

The Bride or Groom must be a registered, contributing and active member of Mt. Carmel Parish for at least one year before requesting a marriage date.

Please call the Rectory at least six months before the proposed date of marriage or email us at weddings@olmc-montecito.com for more information.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

805/969-5965

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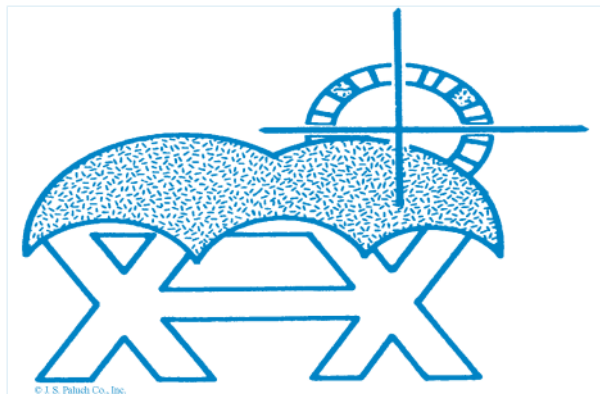
Pre-K thru 8th Grade • Principal — Karen Regan

www.mountcarmelschool.net

Secular Order of Carmelites - Meets 2nd Sat. of each month

Evelyn Duimovich

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**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
DECEMBER 28, 2014**

**My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.**

Luke 2:30-31

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Fr. Steve

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 28, 2014

Our celebration of the birth of Jesus the Savior, Son of God and Son of Mary, continues today with the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. How wonderful that Jesus, the divine child, grows up in a family just like yours and mine! Family life is so important in all ages. In the First Reading (Genesis 15:1ff; 21:1-3) we hear how Abraham and Sarah are blessed by God in their son, Isaac. In the Gospel (Luke 2:22ff) the child Jesus and his parents are blessed by the prophet Simeon. How wonderful that people of different generations share and rejoice in life and love as seen in a new born child. Grandparents, parents, young adults and youth - may all come to value, respect and rejoice in the sharing of life and love that is at the heart of family life today and in always. As the Old Year ends, let us give thanks to God for each other and ask his help to live together in peace throughout the New Year.

- May God's blessings, grace and peace be with you throughout the New Year! A Happy and Blessed New Year to all!
- New Year's Day, Thursday, Octave Day of the Nativity of Jesus and Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Mass will be offered on New Year's Day at 7:45 AM.
- Many heartfelt thanks to all who shared so much to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful, especially our choirs and musicians, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans, altar servers and all who decorated the altar and Church. A special thanks to the Overgaag Family who donated the beautiful poinsettias on the altar and to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Dal Bello who donated the beautiful Christmas trees and Christmas wreaths.
- Many thanks also for your generous contributions in the Christmas collection, your generous donations and sharing of food and gifts for families in need through the Christmas Giving Tree program and your generous cards and gifts to the priests of the parish. We are very grateful. May the Lord bless and reward your kindness and goodness.

- Online giving is now available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Online giving is a convenient and safe way to make your donations out of love for God and your parish Church, especially if you are traveling or unable to come to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church every Sunday. Just visit our parish website at www.mtcarmelsb.com and click on Giving (or DONATE) link/tab.

- RCIA class for Non-Catholics inquiring into the Catholic Faith or for Catholics who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation takes place again on Tuesday, January 6th. Any questions? Call Father Steve at the Parish Office (969-6868).



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

If you are visiting or new to our community, **we are blessed that you are here to worship with us and we welcome you.** Our Pastor, our Retired Priests and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you.

If you would like more information about our faith community, please call or stop by our Parish Office. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30am- 12 noon and from 1:30pm - 5pm.

Join us for cappuccino, coffee and donuts in the Side Courtyard, after the 10am Sunday Mass.

Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____
email _____

Check One: ☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address
☐ Would like Offertory Envelopes
☐ Moving out of Parish

Please place the form into the Offertory basket or you can bring it by the Parish Office.





Ministry Assignments

SATURDAY, DEC. 27th

4:30 PM

Lector ~ Tina Da Ros

Euch Ministers ~ S. de Ponce, J. Stratford & K. Flynn

Altar Servers ~ Anabel, Kaed & Charlotte Caesar

SUNDAY, DEC. 28th

8:00 AM

Lector ~ Alicia McFarlane

Eucharistic Ministers ~ D. & B. Crooks

Altar Servers ~ Caitlin Hubbs, Natasha Huey & Michael Reyes

10:00 AM

Lector ~ Mel Weddle

Eucharistic Ministers ~ C. Wathen, W. Gragg,
C. Groth-Marnat, B. Nunez, J. Klink
M. Press, J. & P. Langhorne

Altar Servers ~ Paul Bitters, Anthony & Katie Jensen

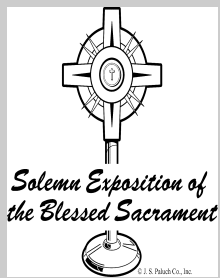
12:00 PM

Lector ~ Mary Pat Whitney

Eucharistic Ministers ~ O. Loretto, D. Macias

Altar Servers ~ Halie Bissell, Kate & Emily Wazny

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Please come, this Friday, January 2nd, the First Friday of the New Year, from after the 7:45 am Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon.

You are invited to come and worship and pray at any time you can this Friday.

You Are Supported in Your Time of Loss

The Parish Staff & Clergy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish want you to know that we are here to serve you at the time you might suffer the loss of a loved one.

Please contact the Parish Office immediately upon the death of a family member so that we can begin to pray for you, your loved one, and make us aware of your needs in the coming days — (805) 969-6868.

Rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!



Mass Intentions

SAT. DEC. 27th

7:45 AM George Ponty +

4:30 PM Dolores & Walter David +

SUN. DEC. 28th

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Int. of Stanley & Dolores Murawski

12:00 PM Edward Gilkeson +

MON. DEC. 29th

7:45 AM Samantha Blackwood +

TUES. DEC. 30th

7:45 AM Msgr. Sylvester O'Bryne +

WED. DEC. 31st (New Year's Day)

7:45 AM Ethel Jarchow +

THU. JAN. 1st

7:45 AM Charlene Mundell +

FRI. JAN. 2nd

7:45 AM Peggy Murray +

SAT. JAN. 3rd

7:45 AM George Ponty +

4:30 PM Thos. 'Vince' Vinceri +

SUN. JAN. 4th

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Charlene Mundell +

12:00 PM Thos. 'Vince' Vinceri +

The Lord bless you and keep you!

Please Pray For The Sick Of Our Parish

Bruce Albertson, Jack Jones, Marti Boise, Jo Dushais, Rosemary Donohue, Patricia McNamara, Christopher Guadagnini, Tyler Hester, Dylan Swalley, Frances Maher, Maddie Press, the Borgatello Family, Marilyn Schuermann, Mary McCormack, Robert Munoz, Roger Cass, Jim Fuller, Susan Basler, Ritz Brunello, Francisco Ramos, Eric Lundy, Laurie Maguire, Ann Rosecrance, Domini Tarman, Richard Sharp and Ruben Camacho.

Do you know of someone who is NO longer in need of being on our list?

Wish to add immediate family?

Does someone need to be visited? Please call our Parish Office at 805/969-6868.



SHRINE CANDLES

Candles can be purchased in the Parish Office or from Oscar, our Parish Care-taker. The donation is \$4.00.



Here at OLMC Parish, we strive to offer our youth a place to "Belong, Believe, Become".



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
Instructing children in an enriching, loving, and learning environment.

"El Camino"

High School Confirmation Group

We explore our faith & journey to The Rite of Confirmation through topical discussion, music, debate, multimedia & art. Meets two Sundays a month, from 11am to 12:30pm in our Parish Hall.



Sessions & Gatherings

- ◇ Jan. 11th - Regular Session in Parish Hall
- ◇ Jan. 17th - Santa Barbara Youth Day at Bishop Diego High School

"Sanctus" High School Leadership Group

- ◇ Jan. 17th - Peer Ministers for Santa Barbara Youth Day at Bishop Diego High School

"M & M's"

Middle School Youth Group

Open to all 6th - 8th graders from ANY school. Meets on Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 8pm in Parish Hall



Upcoming Events

- ◇ Jan. 7th Happy New Year 'Glo Session' "How is Jesus like a Glo-Stick?"
- ◇ Jan. 24th 80's Roller Skating Night Skating Plus (Ventura)

"MC-YA" OLMC Young Adult Ministry

We are young adults between the ages of 18 to 39 who strive to develop our Catholic identity, strengthen our relationship with Christ, with one another, and with the wider community. We do this by planning and participating in a variety of spiritual, social, and service opportunities. Theology on Tap, Retreats, Food drives and much more. Please contact Sarah Mack Youth/Young Adult Minister @ 805-574-9941 or olmcbsb93108@gmail.com to be added to our email list.



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Faith Formation Scripture by Heart December 'FAMILY'

On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations.

Safeguard Our Children Shopping Mall Safety Tips

It's easy for kids to get sidetracked with all the sights, sounds, and smells surrounding us at holiday time. It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, teach them to look for a "safe stranger" who can help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person can help a child who is lost. Avoid telling children to go to the "manager." Any adult in a suit, who looks important, can look like the manager to a child. Children must be told never to leave the mall or store to go looking for you in the parking lot. Let them know that you would never go outside or leave until you are reunited -- no matter what anyone else tells them.

WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING

Week of December 28th — Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Faith Reflection: This week we celebrate the Holy Family. Luke's gospel shows us how Mary and Joseph fulfilled the traditions of their faith in raising Jesus. At the Temple in Jerusalem they presented Jesus and heard from Simeon and the prophetess Anna. This was a special time for the modest young.

Faith Question: How has faith been communicated to me by my parents?

Faith Response: This week I will show my family the love and grace of my faith so that they may grow in wisdom and strength.

School News

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Monthly School Tour

Tuesday, Jan. 13th ♦ 9am

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School
Pre-K thru 8th grade

We accept students for admission with-out reference to race, color, age, national and ethnic origin or gender.



Visit our school website,
www.mountcarmelschool.net. When you shop through foundation revenue marketplace, a portion of the sale will be donated to OLMC school.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend of discovery, a lifetime of love.

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to help deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and **renew your sacrament**. The next WWME weekend is February 6th thru 8th in Ventura.

For more information, please contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805/648-4244. You can also register at the WWME website—www.twocanlove.org.

A new command I give you; love one another.

Catholic Charities Food Pantry



Catholic Charities Food Pantry continues to need food for the homeless and those who have lost their jobs, especially during this holiday season!

Your donations can be dropped off in the Vestibule of the Church or at the Rectory Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

**"Whatever you do for one of my brothers,
you do for me."** **Matthew 25:39**

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God



Octave Day of the Nativity of Jesus and the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

**Mass will be offered on
New Year's Day at 7:45 am.**

2015 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

Join us March 13th—15th at the Anaheim Convention Center. **You will be enriched and revitalized!** If you have never attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. **All are welcome to attend!** The Congress, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment - 310 workshops, covering topics of interest from spirituality and person development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis — **there is a topic of interest for you.** In addition to workshops, participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts.

REGISTER NOW! Online @ www.RECongress.org or call the RE Congress information line at 213/637-7348 to request a registration book.

OUR PARISH FINANCES

Many thanks to all for your generous donations to our Church in the Offertory Collection each Sunday.

Here is the report for the Offertory Collection on Sunday, December 6th/7th:

Envelopes & Plate Collection	\$7,169.00
Donations	\$1,595.00
Total	\$8,764.00

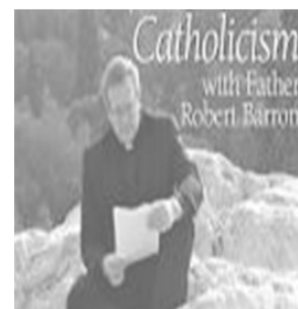
Many thanks and God's blessings on all our donors. Your faithful and generous giving at Offertory at Sunday Mass expresses your love for God and funds all the Parish Worship, Religious, Educational and Service programs of the parish.

Online giving is now available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Just visit our parish website at www.mtcarmelsb.com and click on Giving (or DONATE) link/tab.

Many thanks and God's blessings on you and your family in the New Year.

Come with us on a . . .

"Catholic Road Trip"



Over 10 weeks beginning Sunday morning, February 1st, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish invites everyone to come on a journey; a truly stimulating pilgrimage! Passports not required.

Through the incomparable enthusiasm of Father Robert Barron --speaker, author, and theologian -- we will explore, be challenged, and even surprised by our Catholic Faith. We'll watch the acclaimed series 'Catholicism' in our Spiritual Library, and have a short discussion afterwards.

Sunday Mornings — 8:40am - 9:50am

- Experience our Faith from its earliest years through the ages of saints and missionaries to the present day, "traveling" to 50 locations worldwide.
- Expect to bring home much more than you brought on this trip. Come with open eyes to the drama, truth, and beauty of our Faith.
- Non-Catholic friends and relatives are most welcome!

For more info, contact Sr. Kathleen Patrice at 805.969.4868 or Tina Lorge at 949.300.7980

BISHOP DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR OPEN HOUSES

Learn about the lifelong benefits of a Catholic high school education at Bishop Diego. Take a campus tour and see our amazing facilities including our new Multimedia Arts and Technology Center; meet our teachers and students; visit academic departments and learn about our curriculum; explore our arts and athletic programs; talk to admission and college counseling representatives and much more!

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.
A light lunch will be served.

OR

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.
Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP

Liv Gonzalez, Admission Assistant,
967-1266, ext. 101
(lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org)

CAN'T MAKE IT TO OPEN HOUSE?

Call Lori Willis, Director of Admission
(805) 967-1266, ext. 118
(llwillis@bishopdiego.org) to
schedule a campus tour.



Bishop Diego High School
4000 La Colina Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110
805.967.1266 www.bishopdiego.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Tuesday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Wednesday:** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Thursday:** The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Friday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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Happy New Year!

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LIVING GOD'S WORD

Spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanking God for calling us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us at baptism and at confirmation the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together.

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LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

If you know someone who is elderly, frail and isolated, find ways to be a presence and a support. Drop a greeting in the mail. Make a "How are you?" phone call. Go by with homemade goodies. Offer to run errands or drive to doctor visits or Church. Take the family over and do yard work or other chores.

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**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

The Rosary is recited everyday after the 7:45 am Mass. Please join us in the Main Church.

The Rosary is a special set of prayers to God that help us to remember the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus.

**Announcing 2015 Level One Icon-Writing Classes**

Begins January 24th
(4th Saturday of ea. Month)
9am- 4:30pm ♦ Meets in Parish Hall
For more info, contact Theresa Rohter
at 805/969-0019.