

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
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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 5:30 PM

Masses on Holy Day:
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

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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

530 Hot Springs Road • Santa Barbara, 93108
Pre-K thru 8th Grade • Principal — Karen Regan
www.mountcarmelschool.net

Secular Order of Carmelites - Meets 2nd Sat. of each month
Evelyn Duimovich 805/969-3858



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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

**"You..must be prepared, for at an hour you
do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."**

— *Matthew 24:44*



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Mount Carmel

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

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, Retired Priests and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you.

If you would like more information about our Parish, please call or stop by our Parish Office. The hours are M-F, 8:30am-12 noon and 1:30pm-5 pm. Coffee, Donuts & Cappuccino are served in the side courtyard after the 10am Sunday Mass. *Please join us!*

WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING

Week of December 1st - Matthew 24:37-44

Faith Reflection: In this first week of Advent we begin preparing for the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day. The Gospel speaks of the wisdom of preparation for the second coming of the Lord. We are told to stay awake and be vigilant. This season is the perfect opportunity to Let Your Light Shine and do all those loving and charitable works that you've been wanting to do but haven't done yet. We will not know the hour of the Lord's coming, but we can prepare our minds, hearts and souls.

Faith Question: How does what I do today help prepare me and the world for the coming of Christ?

Faith Response: During Advent I will show others the light of Jesus that shines in me

O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the
light of the LORD! Isaiah 2:5



GROUP LECTIO DIVINA
WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY
TIME: 7 PM TO 8 PM
WHERE: SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Beverly Peters, Jack Jones, Eric Lundy, Kevin McKernan, Marti Boise, Carolyn Bell, Jo Dushais, Maria Bregy, Jack McClellan, Rosemary Donohue, Wayne Dreyer, Andrea Munoz, Rosemary Redmond, Patricia McNamara, Christopher Guadagnini, Sir Daniel Donohue, Tyler Hester, Leonard Jarrott, Dylan Swalley, Frances Maher, "Maddie" Press, the Borgatello Family, Marilyn Schuermann, Pat Moylan, Mary McCormack, Robert Munoz, Roger Cass, Barbara Orth, Jim Fuller, Harry Williams and Natalie McGrath Lang. Let us also pray for Bowe Bergdahl, a POW detained by the Taliban.

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.



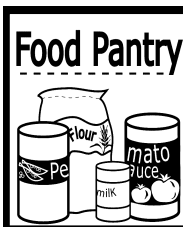
Ministry Assignments

SAT.	NOVEMBER 30th
4:30 PM	John Duffy - Lector S. de Ponce, E. Guadagnini & C. Jimenez Eucharistic Ministers Luke & Riley Peterson Altar Servers
SUN.	DECEMBER 1st
8:00 AM	Mel Weddle - Lector G. & M. Mueller - Eucharistic Ministers Sam Krautmann, Guilian Zilitotto & Caitlin Hubbs - Altar Servers
10:00 AM	Tina Da Ros - Lector C. Groth Marnat, B. Nielsen, W. Gragg, M. Press, C. Webb, F. Cogburn, R. & M. Willmon Eucharistic Ministers Andrea Castellanos, Madison Nicolson & Clarissa Davis - Altar Servers
12:00 PM	Stephanie Kwock - Lector M. Guadagnini Eucharistic Ministers Alyssa Pakes, Emily Wazny & Alexis Albarron Altar Servers



Mass Intentions

SAT.	NOVEMBER 30th
7:45 AM	T.Y. Hayes +
4:30 PM	Mario Borgatello Sr. +
SUN.	DECEMBER 1st
8:00 AM	Mary Gallagher +
10:00 AM	James King +
12:00 PM	For All Our Parishioners
MON.	DECEMBER 2nd
7:45 AM	Marie Spadaro +
TUES.	DECEMBER 3rd
7:45 AM	Jane Weinheimer +
WED.	DECEMBER 4th
7:45 AM	Ellis Davis Coffey +
THU.	DECEMBER 5th
9:00 AM	Int. of Terry Jarchow
FRI.	DECEMBER 6th
7:45 AM	Ngoc To +
SAT.	DECEMBER 7th
7:45 AM	Bernice Mills +
4:30 PM	Gino & Rosetta Guadagnini +
SUN.	DECEMBER 8th
8:00 AM	For All Our Parishioners
10:00 AM	James King +
12:00 PM	Stephen Jeffers +



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

As we await the coming of Jesus



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Since Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, we are inviting our parishioners, including children, to join us in helping some of the less fortunate families in the Santa Barbara community experience the joyful love of Christmas.

This year in addition to our individual children, we are looking for parishioners to **Adopt-A-Family**. We have many different size families available. Please remember that there is a **3-gift limit per child** and that all the presents are to be tagged, so that they can be delivered together.

If you are interested in adopting a family, please call Sister Kathleen Patrice at 805/969-4868.



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Santa's Workshop

On December 8th & 9th, our Parish is planning our 13th Annual Santa's Workshop, from 6pm – 8pm in the Parish Hall. We are inviting children from grades 6th – 12th to come decorate the hall so it will look like Santa's Workshop, help paint, repair, wrap, and tag toys. Christmas music and refreshments will add to our festivities.

We are in need of gently used toys to be repaired or painted. Please check your closets once, twice... for toys your children may have outgrown.

The toys may be dropped off in the Parish Hall,

Safeguard our Children - A Safe Holiday Party

Wine, cocktails and spiked eggnog may make your holidays festive, but they're no party for young children. Children often accidentally drink alcohol after holiday parties, by sampling partially empty glasses and what's left in the punch bowl. Ingesting as little as 3 ounces of hard liquor potentially can be fatal to a child weighing 25 pounds. Alcohol causes blood sugar levels to drop, which can lead to confusion, seizures or even comas. Clear away all glasses and other alcoholic containers immediately as soon as guests leave after your holiday party. Keep the poison control center phone number programmed in your phone and posted on your refrigerator: 1-800-222-1222. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

School News



LED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Come see what OLMC School has to offer!!

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 9am. The next tour is December 10th.

Call the school at 805/969-5965 for all the details.

Religious Education Scripture By Heart

Isaiah 40:3

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!



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

"El Camino"

High School Confirmation Group

Join us as 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.



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Up Coming Session & Gatherings

Dec. 7th/8th - Confirmation Retreat @ St. Mary's
Jan. 12th - 10am Mass, Regular Session @ 11am

"Sanctus" High School Leadership Group

Dec. 7th/8th ~ Peer Ministers for Confirmation Retreat

"M & M's"

Middle School Youth Group

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



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Upcoming Events

Dec. 4th 3rd Annual ADVENT

White Elephant Party

Jan. 8th Hot Topic Night ~ "Why Am I Here?"

For more information or to be added to our email list,

OUR PARISH FINANCES

Last Sunday a summary financial report for our parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, was presented. The parish had an operating deficit of \$43,408. Our hope is to avoid a parish deficit this year by making every effort to reduce parish expenses and inviting all parishioners and friends to increase your Sunday giving by 10% or more. Special larger donations and bequests from parishioners and friends are also very much needed. Many are out of town or unable to come to Mount Carmel Church some Sundays. Our plan is to provide the opportunity for internet giving once our new parish web-site is up and running very soon so you can show your love for God and your Church even when you are unable to come to Mount Carmel on certain Sundays.

Here is the report for the Offertory Collection for the last two Sundays:

November 9 & 10 \$7,840

November 16 & 17 \$6,165

An average Sunday collection of at least \$8,500 is needed to avoid a deficit this year. To fund the parish budget only from Sunday giving, we would need to receive \$10,300 per week. Any increase in your Sunday giving will be a great help.

Many thanks and God's blessings to all our donors. Your faithful and generous giving at Offertory at Sunday Mass expresses your love for God and his Church and funds all the Parish Worship, Religious, educational and service programs of the parish. Many thanks and God's blessings on you and your family.



Father Stephen Downes
& The Pastoral Council

Invite You to An Old Fashioned Christmas Pot Luck Dinner

Wed. Dec. 11th ♦ 6:00 – 8:30pm

(Bring your favorite dish, enough to serve 8 people)
Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by December 6th (*)** with the number of adults attending & the dish you will be bringing.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!!

**24th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life
Sunday, December 8th ♦ 8pm to 11pm**

Come pray for the awakening of our nation so that innocent babies will have the right to be born.
(Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Prayers of Reparation)

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 1740 CLIFF DRIVE
SANTA BARBARA, 93109 • 805/962-0411**



Next Sunday, Dec. 8th, volunteers from Concern America will once again be selling unique, quality handcrafts inspired by nature, honoring the indigenous traditions of the people from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Honduras. Your support is directly providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors and fair working conditions.

FR. STEVE

A new Church year begins today on the First Sunday of Advent. "Advent" means "Coming". In these four weeks before Christmas the Church invites us to wait, prepare, listen and long for the Coming of Christ. This short season of Advent is a wonderful time to open our hearts to new possibilities of love as we prepare to celebrate Christ's Coming. At Christmas we will celebrate his First Coming at Bethlehem. But today's Readings encourage us to be ready for his Second Coming at the end of the world. Isaiah the Prophet tells us that our greatest dreams for universal peace and justice will be fulfilled when the Lord comes as Judge to bring all nations together in to be instructed in God's wisdom and walk in his peace. Paul tells us to "awake from sleep" and "conduct ourselves properly as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ". In the Gospel Jesus tells us to "stay awake...be prepared, for at an hour we do not expect, the Son of Man will come." During Advent may our prayer be: "Come, Lord Jesus. Heal our brokenness. Fulfil our hopes for unity and peace."

* Advent booklets are available at the doors of the Church this weekend to help you prepare for the coming of Christ (booklets donated by a parishioner). In the booklets you will find a meditation on the Bible Readings for each day in Advent and Christmas.

* Interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who has not received Confirmation or First Holy Communion? There is still time to join Father Steve and the RCIA team on Tuesday night in the Spiritual Library from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Any questions? Call Father Steve at the Parish Office (969-6868).

* We ask your prayers for our Confirmation Candidates who are on retreat this week-end from Saturday morning to Family Mass at 9:30 AM this Sunday morning at St. Mary's Seminary Retreat House.

* A procession in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place next Sunday, December 8 at 5 PM from De la Guerra Plaza along State Street to Our Lady of Sorrows Church at Sola and Anacapa. All are invited.

* The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. It is not a holy day of obligation this year in the United States. We invite you to come and celebrate this Patronal Feast Day of the Church in the United States at 7:45 AM Mass on Monday, December 9.



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Friday, the **First Friday of December**, 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.