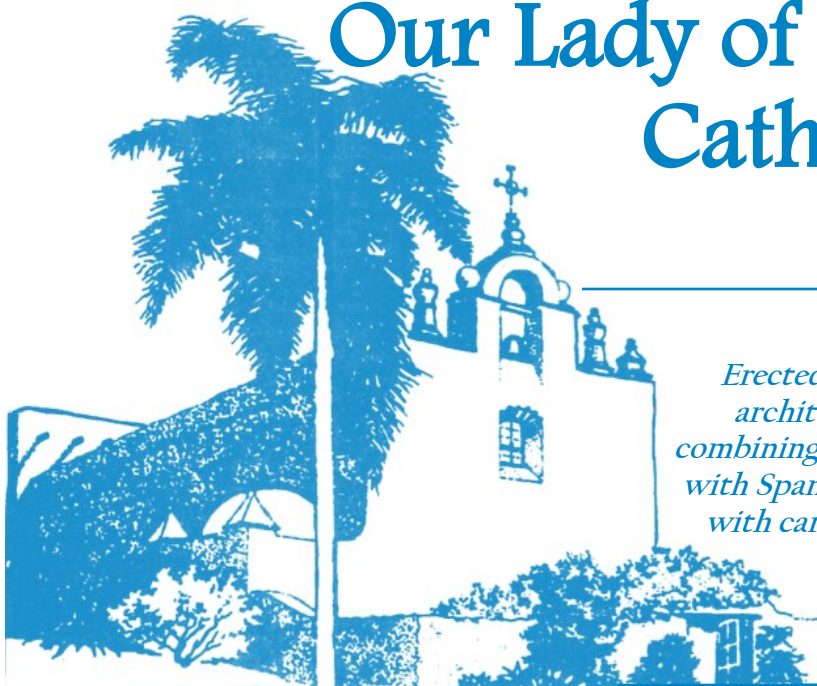


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



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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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
srkathleen@mountcarmelschool.net

Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator

Sarah Mack - Youth Minister 805/574-9941

sarahm@mountcarmelschool.net

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

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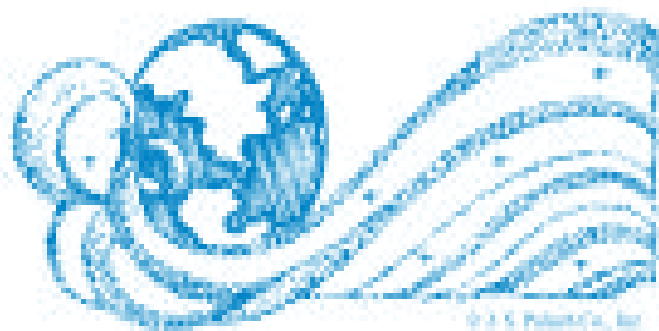
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Secular Order of Carmelites - Meets 2nd Sat. of each month

Evelyn Duimovich 805/969-3858



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return
and enter Zion singing
crowned with everlasting joy.

— *Isaiah 35:10a*



Our Lady of
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 15th - Matthew 11:2-11

Faith Reflection: Today we observe the Third Sunday of Advent, filling us with a sense that the time is getting short and soon our joy will be complete in the celebration of Our Savior's Birth. But still we are waiting. Advent is the season of waiting and preparing, but Matthew's Gospel reminds us that Advent can also be a season of impatience. Will everything come together the way we hope? Have we thought of everyone? Are we doing enough for those for whom this will not be a happy time of celebration, the poor, the grieving, and the discouraged? The question John asks "is Jesus the one or should we look for another?" shows that the limits we place on our vision and expectations have a profound impact on whether Christ comes and makes a home in our hearts this blessed season. Advent calls us to wait with patient expectation, to keep being watchful and to not lose hope, to see what God is doing all around us.

Faith Question: What would Jesus see to praise about me right now?

Faith Response: This week I will turn my complaining into something positive, like the actions of Jesus.

The LORD God keeps faith forever.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Bruce Albertson, Jack Jones, Eric Lundy, Kevin McKernan, Marti Boise, Carolyn Bell, Jo Dushais, Maria Bregy, Jack McClellan, Rosemary Donohue, Wayne Dreyer, 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, Susan Basler 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



Ministry Assignments

SAT. DECEMBER 14th

4:30 PM Peter Da Ros - Lector
J. Stratford, J. & M. Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers
Natali Flint, Clare & Sean Kelly
Altar Servers

SUN. DECEMBER 15th

8:00 AM D. & B. Crooks - Lector
S. Carroll & J. Casey - Eucharistic Ministers
Anabel, Kaed & Charlotte Caesar
Altar Servers
10:00 AM OLMC 7th Grade Student Lector
K. Regan, B. Nielsen, M. Press, B. Nunez
C. Webb, W. Gragg, R. & M. Willmon
Eucharistic Ministers
Claire Nielsen, Jillian Chierici & Alyssa Pakes
Altar Servers
12:00 PM Chris Toomey - Lector
MB Tynan & M. Guadagnini
Eucharistic Ministers
Juan Valtierra, Alec Rubio & Nathan Lopez
Altar Servers



Mass Intentions

SAT. DECEMBER 14th

7:45 AM Int. of Eleanor Dobbins
4:30 PM Roderick Carty +

SUN. DECEMBER 15th

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners
10:00 AM Mason Ashla +
12:00 PM Int of Franny Morehart

MON. DECEMBER 16th

7:45 AM Ferdy Lionello +

TUES. DECEMBER 17th

7:45 AM Wiley Barker +

WED. DECEMBER 18th

7:45 AM Patrick Clyne +

THU. DECEMBER 19th

9:00 AM Ferdy Lionello +

FRI. DECEMBER 20th

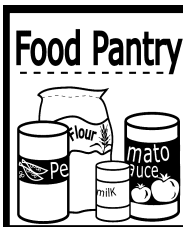
7:45 AM Beatrice DiVito +

SAT. DECEMBER 21st

7:45 AM John Woodward +
4:30 PM Mignon Winans +

SUN. DECEMBER 22nd

8:00 AM John Rosecrance +
10:00 AM Scottie Hester + and Int. of Tyler Hester
12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Ziliotto Fam.



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

School News



Come see what OLMC School has to offer!!

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 9am.

Call the school at 805/969-5965 for all the details.
Check out our website—mountcarmelschool.net

Religious Education Scripture By Heart

December "Giving"

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

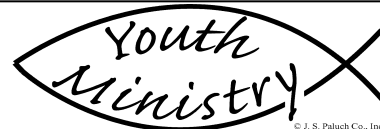
Safeguard our Children

Helpful Tips For Outdoor Fun During The Holidays

During the increasing cold weather during the holidays, make sure children's underclothing, gloves, and shoes stay dry.

Cutting down your own tree for the holiday may start a wonderful family tradition. However, use eye protection and use extreme caution when cutting the tree, particularly when a chainsaw is used with children around. Make sure that helmets and other appropriate protection is provided, properly fitted, and used with bicycles, roller blades, and skateboards.

For copy of the VIRTUS® article "A quick review of critical holiday safety issues," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.



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.



Up Coming Session & Gatherings

Jan. 12th ~ 10am Mass, Regular Session @ 11am

Jan. 18th ~ SB Youth Day @ Bishop High School

"Sanctus" High School Leadership Group

Date TBD Movie Night Madness

"M & M's"

Middle School Youth Group

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



Upcoming Events

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

Jan. 18th SB Youth Day @ Bishop HS
(8th Graders Only! \$20 per student, includes lunch and a t-shirt)

For more information or to be added to our email list, please contact our Youth Minister Sarah Mack at 805-574-9941 or email, sarahm@mountcarmelschool.net.

OUR PARISH FINANCES

On November 24th, 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 fiscal year by making every effort to reduce parish expenses and inviting all parishioners to increase your Sunday giving by 10% or more.

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

November 23rd & 24th	\$8,020
November 30th, Dec. 1st	\$7,106

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.

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.

St. Augustine



Christmas & New Year's Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, Dec. 24th

4:15pm	Caroling by Children's Choir
4:30pm	Family Mass with Children's Choir
8:45pm	Adult Choir Caroling
9:00pm	"Midnight" Mass with Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY Masses - Wednesday, Dec. 25th

8:00am	Mass with Carols
10:00am	Mass with Adult Choir
12 Noon	Mass with Adult Choir

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Friday, Dec. 20th	3:30 to 4:15pm
Saturday, Dec. 21st	3:30 to 4:15pm
Monday, Dec. 23rd	3:30 to 4:15pm 7:00 to 8:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Wednesday)

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 7:45am

FR. STEVE

All of Advent is a time of "joyful expectation". We are waiting in joy and hope for the coming of Christ. The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" - "Rejoice Sunday" because it emphasizes the joy of this season. We are "joyful in hope for the Lord is near." The First Reading speaks of the desert blooming with new life as the eyes of the blind are opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, the lame leap like a deer and all will come to Zion singing for joy. We see this vision fulfilled by Jesus in today's Gospel in his healing and preaching. The question of John the Baptist today is for us also: "Do we see Jesus as the Messiah and Savior or are we looking for another?" Jesus speaks of the greatness of John the Baptist but also says that all who believe in Jesus can be even greater. Let us open our hearts to Jesus as we wait in joy for the Lord to come into our lives in a new way in these days of Advent.

- Our Christmas schedule of Masses and Confessions will be found in today's bulletin.
- One good way to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas is to receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance here in our Church on Friday, December 20 and Saturday, December 21 from 3:30 to 4:15 PM; and on Monday, December 23 from 3:30 to 4:15 PM and from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.
- Your Christmas gift to God in the Christmas collection at Offertory is a wonderful way of showing your love and thanks to God for the gift of his only Son, Jesus. Your generous giving makes possible all the religious, educational and service programs of our parish. Many, many thanks.
- All are invited to our Religious Education Program's Christmas Play in Church this Sunday evening at 5 PM. This is a very enjoyable preparation for Christmas by the children in our Religious Education Program, followed by refreshments afterwards.
- Are you 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 nights in the Spiritual Library in the School. We meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Our Christmas break is now beginning. We will meet again on Tuesday, Jan. 7th. Any questions? Call Father Steve at the Parish Office (969-6868).