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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

805/969-4868

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 <u>six</u> months before the proposed date of marriage or email us at weddings@olmcmontecito.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

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



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2013

Over all (other virtues) put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

— Colossians 3:14

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL



Our Lady of

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 Mount Carmel 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 29th - Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 Faith Reflection: This beautiful Gospel according to Luke shows us that the birth of Jesus Christ was so important that not merely one angel should proclaim it, but a multitude of angels were sent to announce the coming of our Savior. When the shepherds appeared to greet the baby and the family, it was exactly as they had been told: The shepherds glorified God because of the greatness of that which had been revealed to them, they praised God because of the goodness He revealed, and accepted Him because Jesus came in exactly the same manner in which His coming had been described to them. This was humbly, quietly and in the lowest of accommodation. This is how the shepherd welcomed the baby Jesus in a manger.

Faith Question: The shepherds in Luke's Gospel were the first evangelists. Have I been a faithful follower of God? **Faith Response:** This week, I will endeavor to spread the good news of Jesus' coming to one new ear so that the proclamation of the coming of our Lord is known by more.

> Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt. Matthew 2:13

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, Natalie McGrath Lang and Jim Burkemper. 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. **DECEMBER 28th**

4:30 PM Martin Bell - Lector

K. Flynn, S. de Ponce & E. Guadagnini

Eucharistic Ministers

Angela, Justin & Adam Coffin

Altar Servers

SUN. DECEMBER 29th

8:00 AM Chris Toomey ~ Lector

> D. & B. Crooks -Eucharistic Ministers Sam Krautmann, Theo & Emmett Mack

Altar Servers

10:00 AM Mel Weddle - Lector

C. Wathen, C. Groth-Marnat, B. Jones, W. Gragg

F. Cogburn, M. Press, R. & M. Willmon

Eucharistic Ministers

Sofia Tognotti, Antonia Bazzani & Nicole Figueroa

Altar Servers

12:00 PM Peter Da Ros - Lector

M. Guadagnini **Eucharistic Ministers** Anthony & Katie Jensen

Altar Servers



Mass Intentions

DECEMBER 28th

7:45 AM Martha Marshall + 4:30 PM Edward F. Gilkeson +

SUN. DECEMBER 29th

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Vito Scattaglia + 12:00 PM Raymond Manzo +

MON. DECEMBER 30th

7:45 AM Ethel Jarchow +

TUES. DECEMBER 31st

Msgr. Sylvester O'Bryne + 7:45 AM

WED. JANUARY 1st

7:45 AM Henry Lopez +

THU. JANUARY 2nd

7:45 AM Victor Vidarte +

JANUARY 3rd

Int. of Susan Basler 7:45 AM

JANUARY 4th SAT.

7:45 AM Ray Benefield + 4:30 PM Catherine Connor +

SUN. JANUARY 5th

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Ferdy Lionello +

12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Ziliotto Fam.



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



GROUP LECTIO DIVINA

WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY TIME: 7 PM TO 8 PM WHERE: SPIRITUAL LI-BRARY

Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten.

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God.

Come join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend which gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next WWME weekends are Jan. 17th-19th in Ventura; Jan. 24th-26th in Arcadia; Feb. 14th-16th in Santa Ana and Feb. 28th - March 2nd in Chatsworth.

Apply online at www.twocanlove.org or call Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805/648-4244. We Make Good Marriages Better!!



OLMC Spiritual Library

Open most Sundays from 9am to 12 noon. Our library has books and DVD's for adults, teens and young children.

The Library is located behind the Church, next to the school lunch benches.

Safeguard our Children

Keep Holiday Parties Safe for Children

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 three 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



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"

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.



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 Mad~

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"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)

OUR PARISH FINANCES

Many thanks to all who are responding to recent Sunday bulletins asking parishioners and friends to increase your Sunday giving to God and the Church in the Offertory Collection.

Here is the report for the Offertory Collection for Satur-day/Sunday, December 14th and 15th ~~

Envelopes and Plate \$10,612.47

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

Living God's Word

The letter to the Colossians urges us to "put on love." Does that motivate you to change the way you treat someone in your parish community, or to mend a rift with a family member?

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New Year's Day Schedule

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

Come join Fr. Andrew Garcia S.J. & Fr. Arthur Najera for The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Retreat

Wednesday, January 15th \Diamond Open to all Ladies!!
Registration at 8:30am \Diamond Mass at 11:30am
Brewer Hall \Diamond Our Lady of Sorrows Church
21 E. Sola St. \Diamond Santa Barbara, 93101
\$15 pp (Lunch included.)

For reservations, please call Theresa at 805/967-2791.

Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER STEVE

Father Steve will lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of John on Monday mornings, beginning January 27th, from 10:30am to 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall.

We will read together, share, listen to some insights from Bible Scholars and come to know and be more open to the love of God for all of us as revealed in the wonderful Gospel of John. If there is enough interest, the Study will be repeated on Monday nights. The Study will conclude on April 7th, one week before Holy Week.

From the pastor's desk

FR. STEVE

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! In today's Gospel, we hear that the Holy Family had their share of troubles and worries. We hear that King Herod is "going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph and Mary and the child Jesus had to make a dangerous journey down into Egypt to escape the King and eventually they return and settle down to an ordinary way of life in a simple home in Nazareth. Today our families often face troubles and worries. Like the Holy Family we need to come together, especially with the qualities that St. Paul speaks about in the Second Reading: heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience with forgiveness and love for each other. 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, Wednesday, Octave Day of the Nativ~ ity 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.
- * The RCIA class for Non-Catholics inquiring into the Catholic Faith and for adult Catholics who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation will begin again on Tuesday, January 7th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Library in the School.
- * A new Bible Study with Father Steve on the Gospel of John will begin on Monday, January 27 from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon in the Spiritual Library in the School.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Friday, the First Friday of January, from after the 7:45 am Mass until sed Sacrament Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon. You are invited to come worship

and pray any time you can this Friday, January 3rd.