

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 Ma will come."**

— *Matthew 24:44*



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 November 24th - Luke 23:35-43

Faith Reflection: Today's Gospel leaves no doubt that Jesus is a special kind of king. The penitent sinner crucified along side Jesus received salvation through the forgiveness of the crucified Jesus. By way of Jesus' death, He has opened the way to our salvation. Jesus is crowned with thorns, not with gold. He is enthroned, not on a precious chair with stones and jewels, but on a rough cross. Above his head hangs a sign that read "King of the Jews" in mockery.

Jesus gave new meaning to kingship with His message not of power over others but of compassion and communion in the new kingdom of God.

Faith Question: How often do I examine my conscience? Really take a good look at my thoughts and actions? When was the last time I asked Jesus to "remember me?"

Faith Response: During the holy season of Advent, I will actively participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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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

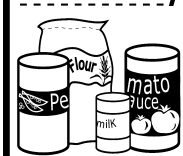
SAT.	NOVEMBER 23rd
4:30 PM	Martin Bell - Lector J. Casey, K. Bielen & E. Guadagnini Eucharistic Ministers Ann Bentajado, Theo & Emmett Mack Altar Servers
SUN.	NOVEMBER 24th
8:00 AM	Peter Da Ros - Lector J. & M. Kelly -Eucharistic Ministers George, Henry & Ted Schuberg Altar Servers
10:00 AM	OLMC Student Lector K. Regan, W. Gragg, J. Klink, B. Nunez, R. Sailors J. Stratford, J. & P. Langhorne Eucharistic Ministers Halie Bissell, Natali Flint & Julianna Forry Altar Servers
12:00 PM	Mary Pat Whitney - Lector M. Guadagnini Eucharistic Ministers Clarissa Davis & Jillian Chierici Altar Servers



Mass Intentions

SAT.	NOVEMBER 23rd
7:45 AM	Sandy Embernate +
4:30 PM	John Rosecrance +
SUN.	NOVEMBER 24th
8:00 AM	Ida Frances Lowry +
10:00 AM	James King +
12:00 PM	Frances Catherine Capparelli +
MON.	NOVEMBER 25th
7:45 AM	Int. of Harry Williams
TUES.	NOVEMBER 26th
7:45 AM	Rosie Grimm +
WED.	NOVEMBER 27th
7:45 AM	Iris Vela +
THU.	NOVEMBER 28th
9:00 AM	Jack Morehart +
FRI.	NOVEMBER 29th
7:45 AM	Rosie Grimm +
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

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

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

Relational bullying is unwarranted, persistent, unwellcome behavior in the form of criticism, isolation, or fabricated allegations that can damage relationships. Examples include social exclusion ("You can't be with us"), spreading rumors ("Did you hear...?"), and withholding friendship ("I won't be your friend if you..."). Though relational bullying can often seem ambiguous to outside observers and often garners less attention than physical bullying or verbal bullying, it should not be discounted simply as normal, adolescent behavior. In fact, several recent studies suggest relational bullying is more strongly related to emotional distress and teen depression than any other form of bullying. Make sure your child's school does not tolerate such behavior among its students.

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

Philippians 4:6

In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to 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,



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, 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.



**Bishop Garcia Diego High School
Fall Festival—Games & Food
Fight for “V” Campaign**

Sunday, Nov. 24th ♦ 12pm ~ 4pm

(A Benefit for 12-month old Violet Lucia,
who is receiving treatment for leukemia.)

For more information, please call 805/967-12664
4000 La Colina Rd. Santa Barbara. 93110
www.BishopDiego.org

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**



On Sunday, Dec. 8th, volunteers from
Concern America will once again be
selling unique, quality handcrafts in-
spired by nature, honoring the indige-
nous traditions of the people from Bangladesh, El Salva-
dor 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.

**ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN MEETING
Monday, November 25th ♦ 7:30pm**

The Catholic support group for the parents of Gay and
Lesbian Children from Santa Barbara & the Ventura area
meets the 4th Monday of every month. This is a safe and
comfortable environment where you can share your
feelings, fears and ask questions. The meetings are infor-
mal and confidential.

For more information, please call Kathie or Joe Schnei-
der at 805/687-4338.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke 23:35-43

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK : FR. STEVE

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Our Church year ends this Sunday with the Feast of Christ the King. In today's Gospel Luke presents Jesus as a Suffering Servant on the Cross who cares about those who suffer with him. St. Paul in the Second Reading also speaks of Jesus as a leader who is close to his people: he is "the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead...making peace by the blood of his cross." While remembering that Christ the King is Son of God and Lord of all, we can speak to Jesus the words of the northern tribes to David in the First Reading: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh." With humility and faith we can follow the example of the Good Thief on Calvary in today's Gospel and pray: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Let us live out our calling to further God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace in the world so on our last day on earth we may hear the words of Jesus: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

- In today's bulletin you will find a summary financial report for the parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Once again our parish had an operating deficit because our parish expenses exceeded our Sunday giving. The deficit was \$43,408. Our hope is to eliminate a parish deficit this year. We ask all parishioners to consider your regular Sunday giving and, if possible, to increase your Sunday giving by 10% or more. Special gifts and bequests from parishioners and friends are also very much needed. Many parishioners and friends are out of town or unable to come to Mount Carmel some Sundays. Our plan is to provide the opportunity for internet giving once our new parish website 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 your parish of Mount Carmel on some Sundays.

- Children from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School will help us celebrate a Family Mass at 10 AM this Sunday.

- 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).

- Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day, our national holiday. Thanksgiving is central to our Catholic Faith as seen from our "Eucharist" (the Greek word for "Thanksgiving"). As our nation gives thanks, we invite you to join us for Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM (instead of 7:45 AM), giving thanks to God for his many blessings in a special way on Thanksgiving Day. The Church will be closed at noon time for the rest of the day. A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all.