

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Coronavirus Weekly Update as of July 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Dear Parishioners,

Yesterday was the memorial for our new Saint, Padre Junipero Serra. This 1800 century saint helped bring the Christian religion to California by founding 9 of the 21 missions. In 2017 he was canonized by Pope Francis, yet, people have wanted to tear down his statue in Ventura during this time of civil unrest that our country is experiencing. Bigotry and racism are evils that plague our country, but anger toward St. Junipero is misplaced since he was working very hard to show the dignity and sanctity of the native peoples of California. This weekend is the great holiday of the 4th of July, where we celebrate the statement that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." This concept is something that Padre Serra identified with, for unlike many from the colonial system, he did not see native peoples as "barbarians" and "savages," but as people loved by God. Archbishop Gomez has written a letter in response to the misinterpretation of history regarding St. Junipero Serra. I have attached it here for your reading and will be putting it up on our website.

With the rise of cases of the corona virus, we will keep our Mass schedule the same as last weekend, with the 8:00 am Mass being celebrated in the church and the 10:00 am Mass being held on the grass. We will continue to livestream the 10:00 am Mass. Please make your reservations today for the parish office will be closed Friday and Saturday for the 4th of July celebration. May you and your family have a wonderful Independence Day.

God bless, Fr. Lawrence

Mass: The 8:00 am will be in the Church and the 10:00 am will be on the grass. It will also be livestreamed on our website www.mtcarmelsb.com or you can go to our Facebook page at [@mountcarmelsb](https://www.facebook.com/mountcarmelsb). Reservation are needed for both Masses.

Those who are unable to attend Mass because of their age or health concerns, are invited to come by the church, from 11:10 am to 11:40 am to receive Communion. Ushers will assist you when you arrive.

Daily Mass: 7:45 am in the church (No reservation is needed at this time).

Confession: Call the office to set up an appointment (805) 969-6868.

Parish Office: Still closed, but we are still taking phone calls, answering emails, and accepting regular mail. Please call to make an appointment if you need assistance.

Flocknotes: To get up-to-date information from the Parish, please register for our communication program managed by Flocknotes.

1. Go to "flocknote.com"
2. Click on "Find Your Church"
3. Type Zip Code — 93108
4. Select "Our Lady of Mount Carmel"
5. Fill in your information
6. Click on "Sign me up"

Weekly Giving: Thank you again for being faithful to our community! Your weekly donations are so appreciated and needed!! During this ongoing health crisis in our country, it is important that the parish continue to bring God's word of love and hope to our community. Please mail you weekly check to the office, drop it off by sliding it under the front door, or sign up for electronic giving by going to the DONATE tab on our website.