

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Coronavirus Weekly Update as of October 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Dear Parishioners,

I have returned from my vacation to my mother's 95th birthday party in Oregon. It was a wonderful event, not so much a typical party since most people were on Zoom.

While I was away, the Archdiocese was in the process of updating its policies for the parishes in Santa Barbara County, allowing us to have Mass inside the church building at 25% capacity. Considering this, I am meeting with the members of the parish leadership to start the process of moving our Masses inside the Church. This Sunday, because of the warm weather, we will continue with the Sunday Mass on the Grass at 8am and 10am.

I meet with the Parish Council this Monday and we will work out the details about moving the 8:00 am Mass inside the church and possibly add back the 4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. So, keep a watchful eye out for next week's Flocknote and in the meantime, please remember to send in your reservation for Mass this Sunday.

In terms of Daily Mass and Adoration, because of their smaller size, we are ready to move them inside the church starting today. And starting next week, we will return to having daily Mass every day, that is Monday through Saturday at 7:45 am. Regarding parish meetings and other activities, we are still waiting to hear back from the Archdiocese about the policies.

And please join us this Saturday, October 17th at 9am for our Blessing of the Animals. We will be gathering on the school grass.

I want to thank all the people who helped keep the parish up and running during my vacation, and I look forward to seeing you here this Sunday.

God bless, Fr. Lawrence

Sunday Mass: Mass on the Grass at 8:00 am and 10:00 am this Sunday. The 10:00 am Mass will be livestreamed on our website www.mtcarmelsb.com or you can go to our Facebook page at [@mountcarmelsb](https://www.facebook.com/mountcarmelsb). Reservations are recommended for both Masses.

Those who are unable to attend the Mass because of their age or health concerns, are invited to come by the church, starting at 11:10 am to 11:30 am to receive Holy Communion.

Daily Mass: This Friday in the church. Next week, it will be Monday through Saturday at 7:45 am. A face covering/mask is required.

Adoration: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the church. A face covering/mask is required.

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

Parish Office: Remains closed, however we are still taking phone calls, answering emails, and accepting regular mail.

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: Our faith community continues to amaze me. Your unending financial support to the parish is so needed and appreciated. Many have signed up for electronic giving, thank you! And we continue to get weekly envelopes, during Mass and in the mail. You can also drop off your donation by sliding it under the front door of the parish office. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is truly blessed by all of you!