

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Coronavirus Weekly Update as of January 12, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Dear Parishioners,

Not your traditional Christmas, however considering the circumstances, it was a very beautiful time here at the parish and a joy to see so many of you at our liturgies.

As you know, we continue to distribute Communion at 11:10 am in the parking lot, for those who are watching the livestream Mass, or who for safety reasons, it is recommended that they not come to Mass in person. We have noticed that there is a bottle neck in the parking lot where we give out Communion, so to make it easier, we are going to move the location of Communion to the side courtyard, on Hot Springs Road. Just pull up in your car, and we will show you where to go.

Although we are still in a stay-at-home status, let us use this time to get to know the Lord better. Please join us for our All-Parish Scripture Study of the Book of St. Luke. This is a live and interactive ZOOM event. This six-week study will be led by Justin Mack, a former pastor and Catholic convert. Justin is a graduate of Westmont College and Fuller Seminary. He is currently a STEM teacher, Youth Ministry leader and lover of tacos. These studies will be held each Thursday evening, online, from 7:00pm - 8:00pm, January 14th, 22nd, 28th and February 4th, 11th, and 18th. The study is open to all parishioners. See the attached flyer for more details or call/text Sarah at 805-574-9941 if you have questions.

I pray that 2021 will be a great year for you and the parish.

God Bless,

Fr. L.

**Sunday Masses:** The 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses are still being held on the school grass behind the church parking lot. Reservations are suggested; send your RSVP to [info@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:info@mtcarmelsb.com). and please bring a lawn chair or blanket. The 10:00 am Mass will also be livestreamed on our website [www.mtcarmelsb.com](http://www.mtcarmelsb.com) or you can go to our Facebook page at [@mountcarmelsb](https://www.facebook.com/mountcarmelsb). Mask/face covering required.

Those who are unable to attend the Mass because of their age or health concerns, they are invited to come by the church, starting on Sunday at 11:10 am to 11:30 am to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed in the side courtyard.

**Daily Mass:** Outside Monday through Saturday at 7:45 am in the side courtyard. Masks required.

**Adoration:** Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the school lunch benches. Masks required.

**Confession:** Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm at the school lunch benches or call the office to set up an appointment (805) 969-6868.

**Parish Office:** Still closed for in-person assistance. You can call and leave a message or send us an email – [info@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:info@mtcarmelsb.com) if you need assistance.

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

1. Go to “[flocknote.com](http://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 your support of the parish this past year. During the ongoing medical crisis still impacting our nation, you have continued with your weekly, monthly, and online donations. You have allowed the parish to continue to bring God’s word of love and hope to our community. To sign-up for online (electronic) giving, just visit the parish website – [mtcarmelsb.com](http://mtcarmelsb.com) and click on the DONATE tab. **Your generosity is so appreciated and needed!!**