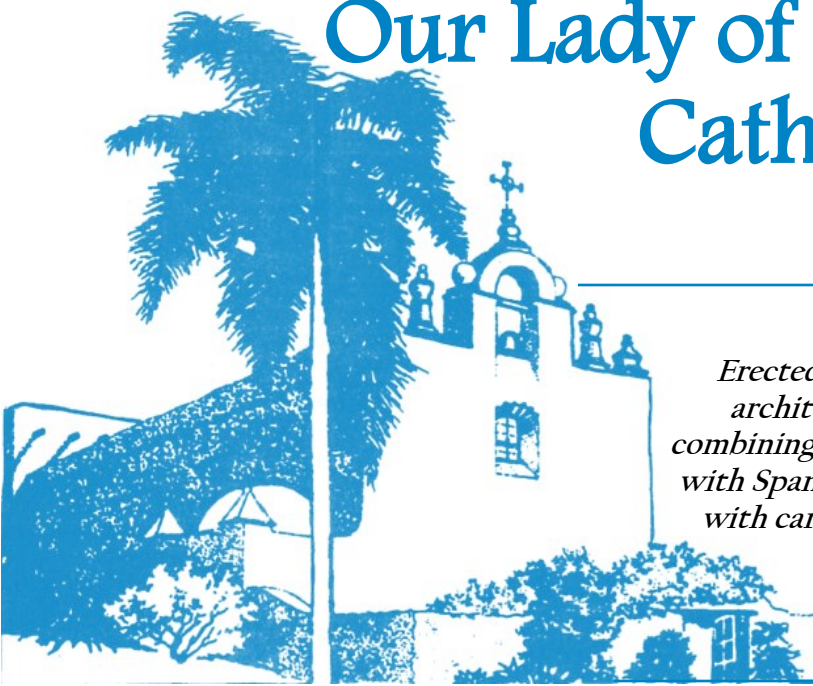


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



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
Father Maurice O'Mahony, Pastor Emeritus
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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 Mass 5:30 PM

Mass Times on Holy Days
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

Sarah Mack - Youth Minister 805/574-9941
olmcsb93108@gmail.com - Young Adult Ministry - MCYA
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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 21, 2014

**The child to be born will
be call holy, the Son of God.**

Luke 1:35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Fr. Steve

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 2014

As the birth of a child draws near, all attention focuses on the expectant mother. On this last Sunday of Advent preparation for the coming of Christ, Mary is at the center of today's Gospel Reading (Luke 1:26-38). She is completely surprised at God's call to be the mother of Jesus, "Son of the Most High". Her plans, her dreams, her whole life will be changed if she says "Yes" to God. David's plans are changed also in the First Reading (2 Samuel 7:1ff) as he gives up his plan to build a magnificent temple or house of God. God's plans for Mary and for David are much greater than they imagined. David's dynasty or house will live on forever through a Son of David who will be King of Kings forever. All depends on Mary's response and her final word in today's Gospel: "Let it Be" - "May it be done to me according to your word." Like Mary, may we too say "Yes" to Jesus as he comes to us in very surprising ways and people at Christmas.

• **"May you have a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year" is the hope and prayer of the priests and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.**

- Our Christmas schedule of Masses and Confessions will be found in today's bulletin.
- One good way to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas is to receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation here in our Church on Monday, December 22 from 3:30 to 4:15 PM and on Tuesday, December 23 from 3:30 to 4:15 PM and 7:00 to 8:00 PM (there will be no scheduled Confessions on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24).

• Your Christmas gift to God in the Christmas collection at Offertory is a wonderful way of showing your love and thanks to God for the gift of his only Son, Jesus. Your generous giving at Christmas is a very important part of our parish budget for the year and makes possible all the religious, educational and service programs of our parish. Many, many thanks.

• Online giving is now available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Online giving is a convenient and safe way to make your donations out of

love for God and your parish Church, especially if you are traveling or unable to come to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church every Sunday. Just visit our parish website at www.mtcarmelsb.com and click on Giving (or DONATE) link/tab.

• RCIA class for Non-Catholics inquiring into the Catholic Faith or for Catholics who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation takes place again on Tuesday, January 6th. Any questions? Call Father Steve at the Parish Office (969-6868).

• New Year's Day, Thursday, Octave Day of the Nativity of Jesus and the 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.

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

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, our Retired Priests and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you.

If you would like more information about our faith community, please call or stop by our Parish Office. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30am- 12 noon and from 1:30pm - 5pm.

Join us for cappuccino, coffee and donuts in the Side Courtyard, after the 10am Sunday Mass.

Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____
email _____

Check One: New Parishioner New Address
 Would like Offertory Envelopes
 Moving out of Parish

Please place the form into the Offertory basket or you can bring it by the Parish Office.





Ministry Assignments

SATURDAY, DEC. 20th

4:30 PM

Lector - Stephanie Kwock

Euch Ministers - K. Flynn, S. de Ponce & H. Peterson

Altar Servers - Grayson MacLeod, Luke & Riley Peterson

SUNDAY, DEC. 21st

8:00 AM

Lector - Eloise Srednicki

Eucharistic Ministers - G. & M. Mueller

Altar Servers - Riley Green, Justin & Adam Coffin

10:00 AM

Lector - Martin Bell

Eucharistic Ministers - W. Gragg, C. Wathen

R. & M. Willmon, A. & R. Bentajado, P. & J. Langhorne

Altar Servers - Guiliana Ziliotto, Theo & Emmett Mack

12:00 PM

Lector - Jack Kelly

Eucharistic Ministers - M & J. Kelly

Altar Servers - Ann Bentajado, Ava Prober & Natali Flint



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24th (Christmas Eve)

4:30 PM

Lector - Debbie Saucedo

Eucharistic Ministers - W. Gragg, P. Langhorne,
M. Press, J. & M. Kelly

Altar Servers - Nicole Figueroa, Clare & Sean Kelly

9:00 PM

Lector - Mel Weddle

Eucharistic Ministers - S. de Ponce, C. Webb, J. Casey,
A. & R. Bentajado

Altar Servers - Matthew Helkey, Theo & Emmett Mack

THURSDAY, DEC. 25th (Christmas Day)

8:00 AM

Lector - Frederic Cogburn

Eucharistic Ministers - F. Cogburn, S. Carroll &
Sister Pauline

Altar Servers - Sam Krautmann, Emily & Joshua Wazny

10:00 AM

Lector - Peter Da Ros

Eucharistic Ministers - J. Klink, B. Jones, J. Samuelson,
M. Press, B. Nunez, P. Langhorne, R. & M. Willmon

Altar Servers - George, Henry & Ted Schuberg

12:00 PM

Lector - Chris Toomey

Eucharistic Ministers - M & J. E. Guadagnini

Altar Servers - Ava Prober & Julianna Forry



Mass Intentions

SAT. DEC. 20th

7:45 AM Robert Grainger +

4:30 PM Denny Lord +

SUN. DEC. 21st

8:00 AM Thos. (Vince) Vincerri +

10:00 AM Mike Olsen +

12:00 PM Annette Corbett +

MON. DEC. 22nd

7:45 AM John Rosecrance +

Int. of Tyler Hester and Scott Hester +

TUES. DEC. 23rd

7:45 AM Louis de Ponce +

WED. DEC. 24th (Christmas Eve)

7:45 AM Jim Burkemper +

4:30 PM Louis de Ponce +

9:00 PM Int. of Stanley & Dolores Murawski

THU. DEC. 25th (Christmas Day)

8:00 AM Denny Lord +

10:00 AM Paul Hindelang +

12:00 PM George Corbett +

FRI. DEC. 26th

7:45 AM Ronnie Clint +

SAT. DEC. 27th

7:45 AM George Ponty +

4:30 PM Dolores & Walter David +

SUN. DEC. 28th

8:00 AM For All Our Parishioners

10:00 AM Int. of Stanley & Dolores Murawski

12:00 PM Edward Gilkeson +

Please Pray For The Sick Of Our Parish

Bruce Albertson, Jack Jones, Marti Boise, Jo Dushais, Rosemary Donohue, Patricia McNamara, Christopher Guadagnini, Tyler Hester, Dylan Swalley, Frances Maher, Maddie Press, the Borgatello Family, Marilyn Schuermann, Mary McCormack, Robert Munoz, Roger Cass, Jim Fuller, Susan Basler, Ritz Brunello, Francisco Ramos, Joe Maguire, Eric Lundy, Laurie Maguire, Ann Rosecrance, Domini Tarmann, Richard Sharp and Ruben Camacho.

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.



SHRINE CANDLES

Candles can be purchased in the Parish Office or from Oscar, our Parish Care-taker. The donation is \$4.00.



Here at OLMC Parish, we strive to offer our youth a place to "Belong, Believe, Become".



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM *Instructing children in an enriching, loving, and learning environment.*

"El Camino"

High School Confirmation Group

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.



Sessions & Gatherings

- ◇ Jan. 11th - Regular Session in Parish Hall
- ◇ Jan. 17th - Santa Barbara Youth Day at Bishop Diego High School

"Sanctus" High School Leadership Group

- ◇ Jan. 17th - Peer Ministers for Santa Barbara Youth Day at Bishop Diego High School

"M & M's"

Middle School Youth Group

Open to all 6th - 8th graders from ANY school. Meets on Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 8pm in Parish Hall



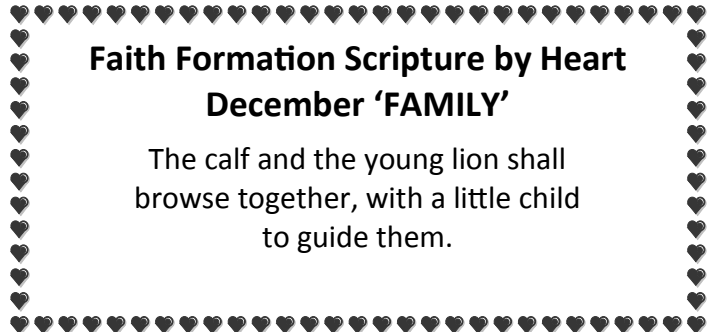
Upcoming Events

- ◇ Jan. 7th Happy New Year 'Glo Session' "How is Jesus like a Glo-Stick?"
- ◇ Jan. 24th 80's Roller Skating Night Skating Plus (Ventura)

**"MC-YA" OLMC
Young Adult Ministry**

We are young adults between the ages of 18 to 39 who strive to develop our Catholic identity, strengthen our relationship with Christ, with one another, and with the wider community. We do this by planning and participating in a variety of spiritual, social, and service opportunities. Theology on Tap, Retreats, Food drives and much more.

Please contact Sarah Mack Youth/Young Adult Minister @ 805-574-9941 or olmcyb93108@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

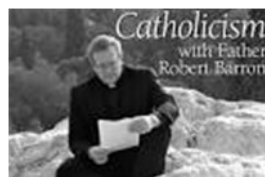


**Faith Formation Scripture by Heart
December 'FAMILY'**

The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

**Safeguard Our Children
Tips For Choosing Safe
Toys For Kids**

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant. Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say nontoxic. Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit www.kidshealth.org.



What Makes Us Catholic?

Can't we always go deeper into our Faith? Isn't there always more to learn?

"The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends, symbols or literary devices. It's about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It's an encounter with Jesus Christ."

Fr Robt. Barron, *Catholicism*

We, as a Parish, will have the chance to do just that early in 2015. Look for more details in weeks to come.

School News

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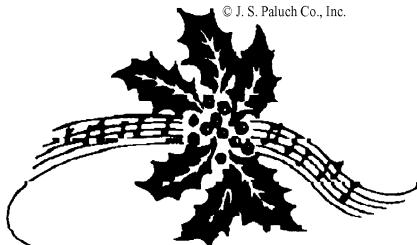
Monthly School Tour

Tuesday, Jan. 13th ♦ 9am

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School
Pre-K thru 8th grade

We accept students for admission with-out reference to race, color, age, national and ethnic origin or gender.

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Merry Christmas

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend of discovery, a lifetime of love.

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to help deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and **renew your sacrament**. The next WWME weekend is February 6th thru 8th in Ventura.

For more information, please contact Jeanine and Russ Walker at 805/648-4244. You can also register at the WWME website—www.twocanlove.org.

A new command I give you; love one another.

You Are Supported in Your Time of Loss

The Parish Staff & Clergy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish want you to know that we are here to serve you at the time you might suffer the loss of a loved one.

Please contact the Parish Office immediately upon the death of a family member so that we can begin to pray for you, your loved one, and make us aware of your needs in the coming days — (805) 969-6868.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, Dec. 24th

- 4:15 pm Caroling by Children's Choir
- 4:30 pm Family Mass with Children's Choir
- 8:45 pm Adult Choir Caroling
- 9:00 pm "Midnight" Mass with Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - THURSDAY, Dec. 25th

- 8:00 am Mass with Carols
- 10:00 am Mass with Adult Choir
- 12 Noon Mass with Adult Choir

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

- Saturday, Dec. 20th 3:30 to 4:15 pm
- Monday, Dec. 22nd 3:30 to 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 23rd 3:30 to 4:15 pm
- 7:00 to 8:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Thursday)

Octave Day of the Nativity of Jesus and the 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.

OUR PARISH FINANCES

Many thanks to all for your generous donations to our Church in the Offertory Collection each Sunday. Here is the report for the Offertory Collection on Sunday, November 29th/30th:

Envelopes & Plate Collection	\$5,241.50
Donations	\$550.00
Total	\$5,791.50

This Sunday was the week-end of Thanksgiving Day and many people were out of town. It is still a very low collection. According to our parish budget the average Sunday collection would need to reach \$8,500 a Sunday to avoid another parish operating deficit this year.

Your Christmas gift to God in the Christmas collection at Offertory is a wonderful way of showing your love and thanks to God for the gift of his only Son, Jesus. Your generous giving at Christmas is an important part of our parish budget for the year and makes possible all the religious, educational and service programs of our parish.

Online giving is now available at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Just visit our parish website at www.mtcarmelsb.com and click on Giving (or DONATE) link/tab. Many thanks and God's blessings on all our donors.

The students, faculty and staff of your Catholic high school wish you



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Jonathan Gaasch, BDHS '15

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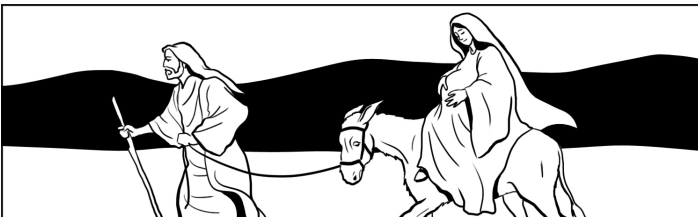
For additional information regarding Bishop or the admissions process, please contact Ms. Lori Willis, Director of Admission 805.967.1266, ext. 118

lwillis@bishopdiego.org

Bishop Diego High School, 4000 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Winter Begins
Tuesday: St. John of Kanty
Wednesday: The Vigil of Christmas
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Friday: St. Stephen
First Day of Kwanzaa
Saturday: St. John



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LIVING GOD'S WORD

O come, O come, Emmanuel. Make your dwelling place in us this day. Let the world recognize that we are a people chosen to be a sign of your loving, merciful, justice-seeking, reconciling presence in the world. Thank you for the many ways you continue to do the impossible in us, through us. Amen.
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LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

What can you do for a God who has already loved you so much? Give your heart to God and be prepared like Mary to take risks.
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RECITATION OF THE ROSARY



The Rosary is recited everyday after the 7:45 am Mass. Please join us in the Main Church.

The Rosary is a special set of prayers to God that help us to remember the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus.



Announcing 2015 Level One Icon-Writing Classes Begins January 24th (4th Saturday of ea. Month) Meets in Parish Hall 9am—4:30pm

For more info, contact Theresa Rohter at 805/969-0019.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
(Christmas Eve) Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Thursday: (Christmas Day)
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5
or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity, who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum.

The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community. Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.