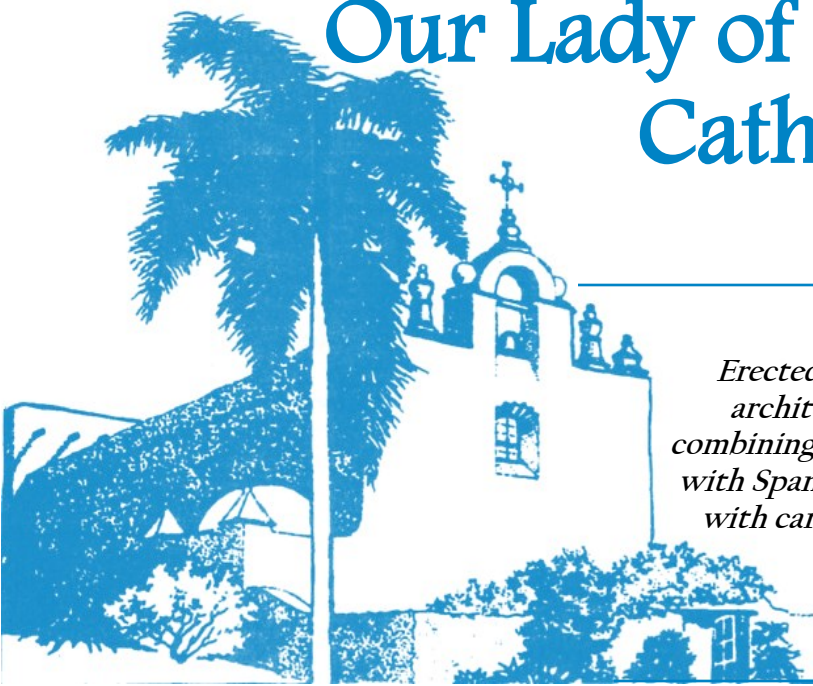


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



*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  
Father Carrol O'Sullivan, Retired  
Father Jack Shine, C.M., Weekend Associate

## Rectory

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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

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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](mailto:weddings@olmc-montecito.com) for more information.

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

530 Hot Springs Road • Santa Barbara, 93108  
*Pre-K thru 8th Grade* • Principal — Karen Regan  
[www.mountcarmelschool.net](http://www.mountcarmelschool.net)

805/969-5965

Secular Order of Carmelites - Meets 2nd Sat. of each month  
Evelyn Duimovich 805/969-3858

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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2014**

**Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill  
shall be made low.**

**Isaiah 40:4**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Fr. Steve

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2014

God speaks tenderly in the First Reading this Sunday (Isaiah 40:1ff): "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God...Fear not to cry out...Here comes with power the Lord God". We hear then of "a voice crying out...prepare the way of the Lord." The comforting "good news" of Isaiah are fulfilled in the beginning of the Gospel of Mark which we hear today, "the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God". Jesus is "Gospel", Good News for all. He comes with power, the Lord God. John the Baptist is then presented as fulfilling the words of Isaiah by crying out: "Prepare the way of the Lord". Its the great call of Advent to each and all. Prepare the way of the Lord by making straight the paths of his coming - opening our hearts to Jesus who comes. John the Baptist speaks of "repentance for the forgiveness of sins".

"Repentance" means turning around, having a change of heart, a turning again to God, welcoming Christ into our life in a new way. Jesus comes to comfort us with God's love and mercy. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

- Year Two Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for the final preparation period for Confirmation at the 10 AM Mass this Sunday. We ask your prayers for the Candidates and their sponsors and families as they enter this final preparation period to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation in May, 2015.
- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th and is a holy day of obligation. The schedule of Masses for this feast will be: Monday at 7:45 AM; 9:00 AM (with the School children) and 5:30 PM. There will be no 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Sunday evening, December 7th. This is the Patronal Feast of the Church in the United States. On this feast we celebrate that God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus, the incarnate God, and because of this unique vocation, God preserved Mary free from all sin from the first moment of her conception.
- We invite you to join us for an Old Fashioned Christmas Pot Luck Dinner in our Parish Hall on

Wednesday, Dec.11th, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. This is our Annual Parish Christmas Dinner presented by the Parish Pastoral Council. Please bring your favorite food dish, enough to serve 8. Drinks will be provided. More information will be found elsewhere in today's bulletin.

- 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.
- 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 [www.mtcarmelsb.com](http://www.mtcarmelsb.com) and click on Giving (or DONATE) link/tab.
- Our Christmas Schedule of Masses and Confessions will be found in today's bulletin.



## 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. 6th**

**4:30 PM**

**Lector** - Jane Burkemper

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

**Altar Servers** - Ava Prober, Luke & Riley Peterson

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7th**

**8:00 AM**

**Lector** - Peter Da Ros

**Eucharistic Ministers** - G. & M. Mueller

**Altar Servers** - Emma Coglizer  
Theo & Emmett Mack

**10:00 AM**

**Lector** - Frederic Cogburn

**Eucharistic Ministers** - C. Wathen, E. Guadagnini, B. Jones, W. Gragg, M. Kelly, M. Press & J. Klink

**Altar Servers** - Michelle Henderson  
Clare & Sean Kelly

**12:00 PM**

**Lector** - Stephanie Kwock

**Eucharistic Ministers** - R. & J. Victoria

**Altar Servers** - Jillian Chierici, Grayson MacLeod & Clarissa Davis



**Mass Intentions**

**SAT. DEC. 6th**

7:45 AM Eunice Kay +

4:30 PM Cornelius & Muriel McCloskey +

**SUN. DEC. 7th**

8:00 AM Elizabeth Harper +

10:00 AM Thos. (Vince) Vincerì +

12:00 PM Bryan Dunn +

**MON. DEC. 8th**

7:45 AM Int. of Anne Vinari

**TUES. DEC. 9th**

7:45 AM George Brown +

**WED. DEC. 10th**

7:45 AM Thos. (Vince) Vincerì +

**THU. DEC. 11th**

7:45 AM Int. of Kathy O'Shea

**FRI. DEC. 12th**

7:45 AM Ronnie Clint +

**SAT. DEC. 13th**

7:45 AM M/M Edmund Mueller +

4:30 PM Gino & Rosetta Guadagnini +

**SUN. DEC. 14th**

8:00 AM Jack Molinero +

10:00 AM Thos. (Vince) Vincerì +

12:00 PM For All our Parishioners

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Monday, December 8th**

A Holy Day of Obligation

**MASS TIMES**

7:45 AM

9:00 AM (School Mass)

5:30 PM

There will be **NO**  
5:30 PM Vigil Mass  
on Sunday, December 7th.



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**Please Pray For The Sick Of Our Parish**

Bruce Albertson, Jack Jones, Marti Boise, Jo Dushais, Jack McClellan, Rosemary Donohue, Patricia McNamara, Christopher Guadagnini, Sir Daniel Donohue, Tyler Hester, Dylan Swalley, Frances Mather, 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 and Domini Tarman.

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.

**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.

**Sing to the Lord a new song**



**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

- ◇ Dec. 7th - RITE OF ELECTION - Year II at the 10 am Mass, followed by Regular Session in Hall
- ◇ Dec. 14th - Regular Session in Parish Hall

"Sanctus" High School Leadership Group

- ◇ Dec. 14th - Lunch & Gift Giving Trip to Ventura

"M & M's"

Middle School Youth Group

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



Upcoming Events

- ◇ Dec. 7th **Santa's Workshop** Service Project
- ◇ Jan. 7th **Study Break** "Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_."

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**Father, Son, Holy Spirit**

**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.

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

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jess, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.  
Isaiah 11:1

(During Advent we will study the Jesse Tree, which is a type of family tree for Jesus. Jesse was the father of King David and Joseph was from the House of David. Isaiah, Chapter 11 prophesied the coming of a Messiah from the "stump" or family of Jesse. *As a family read this beautiful passage which focuses on the peace and justice that Jesus will bring to the world.* Ask your child to share the illustrations for each week of Advent. Each picture on the Jesse tree reflects on the biblical happenings which pre-

**Safeguard Our Children**  
**Santa Safety**

Here are some simple guidelines for parents, guardians, and grandparents to employ to make sure that children have a safe and happy visit with Santa's helper: When your child is with Santa's helper, consider encouraging him or her to stand next to Santa or sit on the floor between his feet rather than sitting on his lap. Let your child know that it's okay to tell Santa what he or she wants for Christmas but that he or she should also tell mom and dad because they are also Santa's helpers... Secret surprises are special but no adult should ask a child to keep secrets from the child's parents. Make sure that the Santa visit is out in the open—or make sure that parents, guardians, and grandparents are included in the interaction.

For copy of the VIRTUS® article "Safety for Children and Santa Helpers," email [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

# 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.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift in **next weekend's** special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious.

Please use the special envelopes in the pews for the one collection at Offertory time next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

## WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING

December 7, 2014 - Gospel of Mark 1:1-8

**Faith Reflection:** This Second Week of Advent's Gospel focuses on John the Baptist's role in the preparing for the coming of Jesus. John promises a Savior who would baptize with spirit instead of water.

**Faith Question:** John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can I be good news to my friends and family this week?

**Faith Response:** This Advent Season I will take time to share the *true* meaning of Christmas with my friends and family.



## 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
- 1 0:00 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 15th/16th:

Envelopes & Plate Collection	\$6,717
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$575</u>
Total	\$7,292

According to the parish budget, the average Sunday collection would need to reach \$8,500 a Sunday to avoid another parish operating deficit this year. Online giving is a convenient way to show your love for God and his Church each Sunday, even when you are traveling or unable to come to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on a Sunday. Just visit our parish website at [www.mtcarmelsb.com](http://www.mtcarmelsb.com) and click on Giving (or DONATE).

We are very grateful to all our donors. Your faithful and generous giving on Sundays expresses your love for God and his Church and funds all the parish worship, religious, educational and service programs of the parish. Many thanks and God's blessings on you and your family.

# BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL



## WE ARE YOUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*"The academics and athletics are great at Bishop but there's more...I feel like Bishop has helped me to be a better person."*

*Jonathan Gaasch, BDHS '15*

*Respect • Perseverance • Compassion*

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



AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND REFUGEE AID ORGANIZATION

## CONCERN AMERICA'S MARKETPLACE OF FAIR TRADE CRAFTS WILL BE AT:

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14!**



Concern America's fair trade craft program provides direct support to materially impoverished artisans (predominately women) and their communities in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Bangladesh. You get the opportunity to support them by purchasing gorgeous, hand made products! See you Sunday!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	St. Juan Diego
Wednesday	International Human Rights Day
Thursday	St. Damasus I
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday	St. Lucy

**PURE HEARTS**

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

**LIVING GOD’S WORD**

Unlike those who were baptized by John, we were baptized “with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:8). If that is so, then “what sort of person ought” we to be? Like Isaiah, John and Peter, we ought to be both heralding and ‘hastening the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:12)

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

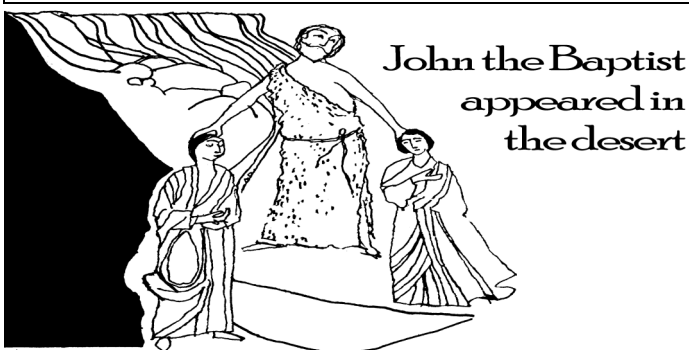
- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Have you seen *Antiques Roadshow* on television? People bring attic treasures to experts for appraisal and possible cash. Catholic attics, or maybe Grandma’s wall, often hold a “sick call crucifix.” It is a curiously bulky crucifix hiding a sliding panel and a secret compartment. Two tiny candles, a squeeze bottle of holy water, a stringy purple mini-stole, a tube of prayers, and some cotton balls are all hidden inside. The cross folds up to form a mini-altar that can be propped up by a sick person’s bed. All that is needed is a priest with the oil of the sick and Holy Communion. Forty years ago, when these crosses enjoyed great popularity, the sacrament of the sick was often an encounter between priest and sick person alone, and often only in a last crisis of illness.

Gradually, we are reclaiming the sacrament of anointing from this minimal, hidden expression. It is celebrated more richly and more often, even in the Sunday assembly, at every stage of illness and across a wide range of human suffering. The “sick call crucifix” is not a tradition, it is a curiosity from another time, but it reminds us of true tradition: we are a people who care for our sick, who accompany them in faith, and who sustain them with an experience of Christ’s presence.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW**

If you have young children, make a Jesse tree or use an Advent calendar, preferable one with Advent rather than Christmas themes. Find more information about both at catholicculture.org.

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**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!!**

25th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life  
Monday, December 8th ♦ **Mass at 7pm**

A powerful night of prayer **AFTER MASS** to save the innocent pre-born. Please join us in sending up prayers to heaven.

8pm to 12 am

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 1740 CLIFF DRIVE  
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