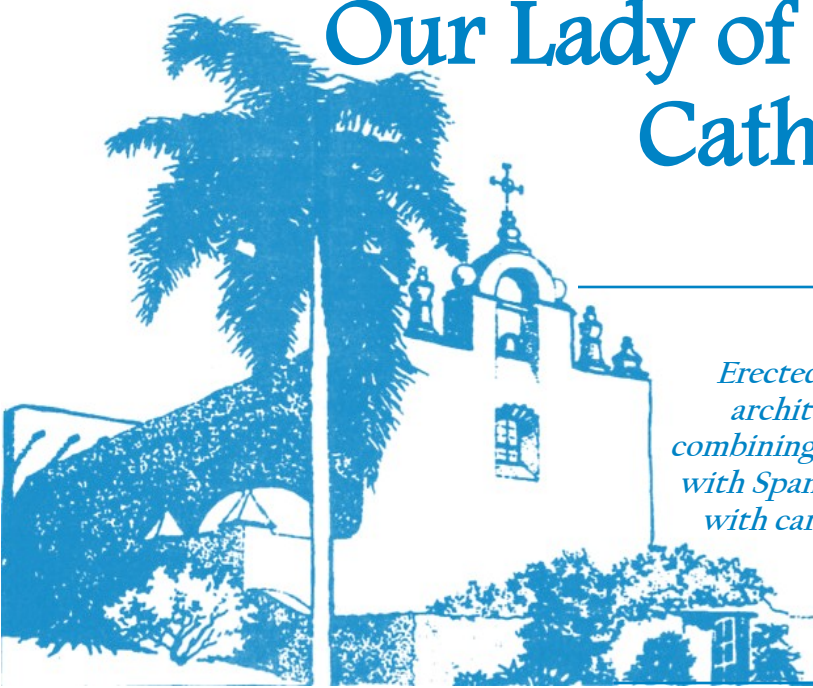


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



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 Phone 805/969-6868
1300 East Valley Road Fax 805/565-5959
Santa Barbara, California 93108
website: www.olmc-montecito.com
email: dellastrada1300@gmail.com

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 5:30 PM
Masses on Holy Day:
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 805/969-4868
Sister Kathleen Patrice, C.S.J. - Director
srkathleen@mountcarmelschool.net

Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator
Sarah Mack - Youth Minister 805/574-9941
sarahm@mountcarmelschool.net
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



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2013

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

If you would like more information about our Parish, please call or stop by our Parish Office. The hours are M-F, 8:30am-12 noon and 1:30pm-5 pm. Coffee, Donuts & Cappuccino are served in the side courtyard after the 10am Sunday Mass. **PLEASE JOIN US!**



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Bruce Albertson, Jack Jones, Eric Lundy, Kevin McKernan, Marti Boise, Carolyn Bell, Jo Dushais, Maria Bregy, Jack McClellan, Rosemary Donohue, Wayne Dreyer, Rosemary Redmond, Patricia McNamara, Christopher Guadagnini, Sir Daniel Donohue, Tyler Hester, Leonard Jarrott, Dylan Swalley, Frances Maher, "Maddie" Press, the Borgatello Family, Marilyn Schuermann, Pat Moylan, Mary McCormack, Robert Munoz, Roger Cass, Barbara Orth, Jim Fuller, Harry Williams, Susan Basler and Natalie McGrath Lang. Let us also pray for Bowe Bergdahl, a POW detained by the Taliban.

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.



Ministry Assignments

SAT.	DECEMBER 21st
4:30 PM	Frederic Cogburn - Lector S. de Ponce, C. Jimenez & E. Guadagnini Eucharistic Ministers Luke Wegrzynowicz, Guiliana Ziliotto & Emily Wazny - Altar Servers
SUN.	DECEMBER 22nd
8:00 AM	Alicia McFarlane - Lector G. & M. Mueller -Eucharistic Ministers Anna Braastad, Cory & Luke Williams Altar Servers
10:00 AM	Mary Pat Whitney - Lector C. Webb, B. Nielsen, W. Gragg, F. Cogburn, M. Press, A. & R. Bentajado Eucharistic Ministers Matthew Helkey, Sarah, Luke & Riley Peterson Altar Servers
12:00 PM	Jack Kelly - Lector J. & M. Kelly Eucharistic Ministers Antonia Bazzani, Sean Kelly & Clarissa Davis Altar Servers
TUES.	DECEMBER 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 PM	John Kelly - Lector M. Kelly, G. & M. Mueller, J., P. & K. Langhorne Eucharistic Ministers Jack, Clare & Sean Kelly - Altar Servers
9:00 PM	Stephanie Kwock - Lector C. Webb, K. Flynn, S. de Ponce, J. Casey, J. Klink & F. Cogburn - Eucharistic Ministers Michelle Henderson, Nicole Figueroa & Ann Bentajado - Altar Servers
WEDS.	DECEMBER 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 AM	Tina Da Ros - Lector S. Carroll, D. & B. Crooks - Eucharistic Ministers George, Henry & Ted Schuberg - Altar Servers
10:00 AM	Anthony Dal Bello -Lector B. Jones, J. Samuelson, M. Press, R. Sailors, B. Nunez, E. Guadagnini, R. & M. Willmon Eucharistic Ministers Anabel, Kaed, Charlotte Caesar - Altar Servers
12:00 PM	Debbie Saucedo - Lector Matthew Helkey, Nathan Lopez & Alec Rubio Altar Servers



Mass Intentions

SAT.	DECEMBER 21st
7:45 AM	John Woodward +
4:30 PM	Mignon Winans +
SUN.	DECEMBER 22nd
8:00 AM	John Rosecrance +
10:00 AM	Scottie Hester + and Int. of Tyler Hester
12:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Ziliotto Fam.
MON.	DECEMBER 23rd
7:45 AM	Louis de Ponce +
TUES.	DECEMBER 24th
7:45 AM	Lynda Ann Murphy +
	CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 PM	For All Our Parishioners
9 PM	Louis De Ponce +
WED.	CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 AM	For All Our Parishioners
10:00 AM	James King +
12:00 PM	Veronica Franklin +
THU.	DECEMBER 26th
9:00 AM	John Rauer +
FRI.	DECEMBER 27th
7:45 AM	Florio Massari +
SAT.	DECEMBER 28th
7:45 AM	Martha Marshall +
4:30 PM	Edward F. Gilkeson +
SUN.	DECEMBER 29th
8:00 AM	For All Our Parishioners
10:00 AM	Vito Scattaglia +
12:00 PM	Raymond Manzo +



GROUP LECTIO DIVINA
WHEN : EVERY FRIDAY
TIME: 7 PM TO 8 PM
WHERE: SPIRITUAL LIBRARY
EVERYONE IS WEL-

Safeguard our Children
Shopping Mall Safety Tips

It's easy for kids to get sidetracked with all the sights, sounds, and smells surrounding us at holiday time. It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, teach them to look for a "safe stranger" who can help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person can help a child who is lost. Avoid telling children to go to the "manager." Any adult in a suit, who looks important, can look like the manager to a child. Children must be told never to leave the mall or store to go looking for you in the parking lot. Let them know that you would never go outside or leave until you are reunited -- no matter what anyone else tells them.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637 7650.



Christmas & New Year's Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, Dec. 24th
 4:15pm Caroling by Children's Choir
 4:30pm Family Mass with Children's Choir
 8:45pm Adult Choir Caroling
 9:00pm "Midnight" Mass with Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY Masses - Wednesday, Dec. 25th
 8:00am Mass with Carols
 10:00am Mass with Adult Choir
 12 Noon Mass with Adult Choir

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
 Friday, Dec. 20th 3:30 to 4:15pm
 Saturday, Dec. 21st 3:30 to 4:15pm
 Monday, Dec. 23rd 3:30 to 4:15pm
 7:00 to 8:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Wednesday)
 Octave Day of the Nativity of Jesus and 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

School News

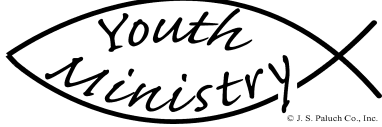


Come see what OLMC School has to offer!!
 Every 2nd Tuesday of the month starting at 9am.

Call the school at 805/969-5965 for all the details.
 Check out our website - mountcarmelschool.net


Religious Education Scripture By Heart
December "Giving"

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.




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

" El Camino "
High School Confirmation Group
Join us as 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.



Up Coming Session & Gatherings
Jan. 12th - 10am Mass, Regular Session @ 11am
Jan. 18th - SB Youth Day @ Bishop High School

" Sanctus " High School Leadership Group
 Date TBD Movie Night Madness



" M & M 's "
Middle School Youth Group
 Open to all 6th - 8th graders from ANY school. Meets 6:30pm - 8pm in Parish Hall

Upcoming Events
Jan. 8th **Hot Topic Night** - "Why Am I Here?"
Jan. 18th SB Youth Day @ Bishop HS
 (8th Graders Only! \$20 per student, includes lunch and a t-shirt)

OUR PARISH FINANCES

On November 24th, a summary financial report for our Parish for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, was presented. The parish had an operating deficit of \$43,408. Our hope is to avoid a parish deficit this fiscal year by making every effort to reduce parish expenses and by inviting all parishioners to increase your Sunday giving by 10% or more.

Here is the report for the Offertory Collection for December 7th and 8th:

Envelopes and Plate \$7,229.00

An average Sunday collection of at least \$8,500 is needed to avoid a deficit this year. To fund the parish budget only from Sunday giving, we would need to receive \$10,300 per week. Any increase in your Sunday giving will be a great help.

Many thanks and God's blessings to all our donors. Your faithful and generous giving at Offertory at Sunday Mass 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 at Christmas and in the New Year.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING

Week of December 22nd - Matthew 1:18-24

Faith Reflection: Mary had to face an enormous challenge to her faith and trust in God and faith in Joseph, the man she chose to marry. Mary was asked to assume a tremendous responsibility and she was asked to accept this miraculous exception to the laws of nature as her own. She had faith in God and God's promises. Joseph, not wanting to embarrass or punish Mary, also took this matter to God through prayer and meditation. What God asked of Joseph, to be Mary's husband and earthly father to Jesus, required the utmost in faith, confidence and complete trust in God. Joseph and Mary are models of faith for all of us.

Faith Question: Do you believe that God will fulfill every promise He has made?

Faith Response: God has not left us alone, but has brought us His only begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate this Christmas with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God. Merry Christmas to all.

Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER STEVE

Father Steve will lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of John on Monday mornings, beginning January 27th, from 10:30am to 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall.

We will read together, share, listen to some insights from Bible Scholars and come to know and be more open to the love of God for all of us as revealed in the wonderful Gospel of John. If there is enough interest, the Study will be repeated on Monday nights. The Study will conclude on April 7th, one week before Holy Week.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

© J.S. Palook Co., Inc.

FR. STEVE

The birth of any child is a sign of hope, of new life and blessing of "God with us", keeping his promises. But King Ahaz, in today's First Reading, couldn't see it that way. The Kingdom was being invaded and he was afraid that he was about to lose his kingdom. The prophet brings a message from God: the King's new wife will have a child as a sign that God is with his people and the Kingdom will survive. Like King Ahaz, Joseph is deeply troubled in today's Gospel. This man of faith has just learned that Mary, his betrothed wife, is pregnant. But he is open to God's Good News that this Child is from God and is God, Emmanuel, God with us, who will save his people from their sins. Joseph believes and responds in love and caring for Mary and her expectant Child. May we follow the example of Joseph and open our hearts to every child who comes and especially to Jesus, born a Savior for us in Bethlehem!

- "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 or Penance here in our Church on Monday, December 23 from 3:30 to 4:15 PM and from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.
- 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 makes possible all the religious, educational and service programs of our parish. Many thanks.
- New Year's Day, Wednesday, Octave Day of the Nativity of Jesus and 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.
- Are you 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 nights in the Spiritual Library. We meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We will meet again on Tuesday, January 7th. Any questions? Call Father Steve at the Parish Office (969-6868).

**Come join Fr. Andrew Garcia S.J. & Fr. Arthur Najera for
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Retreat**

Wednesday, January 15th ◇ Open to all Ladies!!

Registration at 8:30am ◇ Mass at 11:30am

Brewer Hall ◇ Our Lady of Sorrows Church

21 E. Sola St. ◇ Santa Barbara, 93101

\$15 pp (Lunch included.)

For reservations, please call Theresa at 805/967-2791.