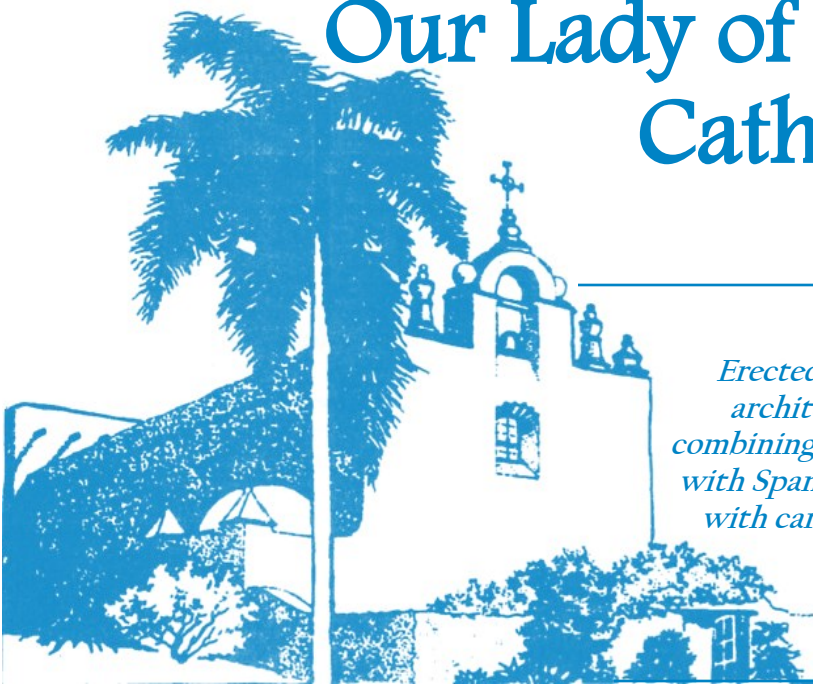


Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



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

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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 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
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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 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



Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 23, 2014

Be holy, for I, the LORD,
your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. 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!



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING

Week of February 23rd - Matthew 5:38-48

Faith Reflection: One of the greatest transitions of being on this earth is when an individual can learn to love without limits. The divine act of forgiveness and compassion doesn't come naturally to all human beings. It takes many of us a long time to truly learn to forgive egregious acts against us or our loved ones. If we could only realize that compassion and forgiveness help us to move on and to conserve the drain of our valuable energy that bitterness takes from us. Jesus wanted us to move on and forward, and not be held back in revenge and hate.

Reflection Question: It is easy to show love to those who love us, but how do I show love and compassion to those who are my "enemies"?

Faith Response I will show compassion toward everyone this week, especially _____.



GROUP LECTIO DIVINA
WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY
TIME: 7PM TO 8PM
WHERE: SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Bruce Albertson, Jack Jones, Eric Lundy, Kevin McKernan, Marti Boise, Carolyn Bell, Jo Dushais, Jack McClellan, Rosemary Donohue, Rosemary Redmond, Patricia McNamara, Christopher Guadagnini, Sir Daniel Donohue, Tyler Hester, Dylan Swalley, Frances Maher, Maddie Press, the Borgatello Family, Marilyn Schuermann, Pat Moylan, Mary McCormack, Robert Munoz, Roger Cass, Jim Fuller, Harry Williams, Susan Basler, John Macias, Ritz Brunello, Joe Corsaro 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

Table with columns for day/time and ministry assignments for February 22nd and 23rd.



Mass Intentions

Table with columns for day/time and mass intentions for February 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and March 1st and 2nd.

Religious Education Scripture By Heart February "LOVE" So faith, hope, love remain; but the greatest of these is love.

2014 TOGETHER IN MISSION APPEAL

This Sunday is **Announcement Sunday** for the Annual Appeal, *Together in Mission*, which will provide funds to 37 parishes and 56 parish schools that cannot remain open without the financial support of Catholics in every part of the Archdiocese. Everyone on our mailing list will receive a letter from our Pastor, Father Steve. When you receive this letter, we ask you to respond generously, as you have in previous years. Fr. Steve will also speak at all the Masses this weekend and next Sunday on *Together in Mission* and ask for your donation or four-month pledge, so our Parish can meet its goal of \$41,456.55. Your generous one-time gift or four-month pledge will help the Church continue being a force for human dignity and social justice in our communities. God bless you for your support of those in need.

“Love Thy Neighbor.” ~~~ Jesus Christ

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Safeguard Our Children

Create A Plan To Escape From Fire, And Practice With Your Children

According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), fires result in about 3,500 American deaths and more than 18,000 injuries each year. Once a fire is detected in the home, there is a short window of time to successfully escape before the smoke becomes overwhelming. Consequently, it is important for parents and caregivers to not only create a plan for escape, but also practice that plan with their children. If you would like a copy of the article, “A new study sounds the alarm on children and fire safety –What can you do?” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN LENT

Soon it will be Lent, the Church’s Season of Penance, Fasting and Renewal. This year, starting on March 5th, members of our Church will participate in an National Campaign that involves members of many Churches across the United States. It is called ‘40 Days for Life’. In Santa Barbara, it involves a peaceful vigil in front of the local Planned Parenthood Center on 518 Garden Street.

It is a time for prayer and fasting for an end to death of innocent babies by abortion.

Next Sunday after Mass, you can sign up to pray with other believers, for one hour a week during Lent, What a great opportunity to make this part of your Lenten sacrifice!

School News



**NOW Enrolling
Pk– 8th Grade
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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 Sessions & Gatherings

Feb. 23rd 10am Mass & GATHERING for Students & Sponsors - **PIZZA FEAST &**

GUEST SPEAKER

Mar. 9th 10am Mass & Virtus Session

“Sanctus” High School Leadership Group

Feb. 28th ‘UP ALL NIGHT’ Winter Retreat
Peer Ministers

“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

Feb. 28th ‘UP ALL NIGHT’ Winter Retreat

Retreat full, but we do have a waiting list.

Mar. 12th ‘Hot Topic Night’ Busted Halo’s
“What Is the Meaning of Lent”

For more information or to be added to our email list,

**MC - YA Young Adult Ministry
“Tapas & Trivia”**

March 22nd — 7pm to 10 pm

‘The Work Zone’ @ The Paseo Nuevo Mall

Join Catholic Young Adults from the Santa Barbara Region as we enjoy a night of good wine, great friends and lots of fun!! MORE INFO IN THE COMING WEEKS.

OUR PARISH FINANCES

Many thanks to all for your generous contributions to our Church in the Offertory Collection each Sunday. Here is the report for the Offertory Collection for Sunday, February 1st and 2nd:

Envelopes and Plate Collection	\$7,663
Restricted Donations	\$50

Many thanks and God's blessings on all our donors. Your faithful and generous giving at Offertory at Sunday Eucharist expresses your love for God 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.

PILGRIMAGE to CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE Sept 7th thru 20th, 2014

Visit Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest,
Krakow & Warsaw (with Daily Mass)

Led by Father Dan O'Sullivan of Sacred Heart Church

For more information, contact Mary Poindexter at Sacred Heart at 805/672-0933 or email Mary at 2flower6@sbcglobal.net or call Maribel at our Parish Office at 805/969-6868.

Sponsored by Collette Vacations.

MEN'S RETREAT

Let's Get Ready For Lent!

All men looking for spiritual growth are invited to participate in a retreat at

The Brewer Center @ Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Saturday ♦ March 1st ♦ 8am to 1pm

Cost: \$10 pp (includes lunch). For registration information, contact Robert at 805/729-4309 or email him at sbrocha@hotmail.com

Retreat leaders are Fr. Andrew B. Garcia, SJ, Assoc. Pastor, OLOS Church & Fr. Arthur Najera, Assoc. Pastor, San Roque Church.

(Sponsored by The Miles Christi Men's Group @ San Roque.)



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish would like to invite you to join us on a journey to Mexico - Saturday, April 26th, to build a home in one day for a family in Mexico. We will be under the guidance of Corazon, a non-profit, volunteer corporation designed to serve the poor. This is our 16th year of building homes with Corazon for needy families. ****PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED**** Participants must be at least 18 years old.

We understand that not all of you can make the trip with us; however, you can still help us to build a home for our family through your prayer and financial contribution. Since it takes \$9,000 to purchase all the necessary materials, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in going to Tijuana on April 26th, please register on the website Corazon.org or call Sister Kathleen Patrice at 805/969-4868. There is an informational meeting on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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FR. STEVE

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" - this refrain is heard in the First Reading today and heard throughout the third book of the Bible, the Book of Leviticus. How is it possible to be holy? Only through the grace and presence of God in our lives. In the Second Reading this Sunday St. Paul tells us that "you are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you...the temple of God, which you are, is holy." In today's Gospel Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount and tells us how to live out our call to holiness: through love to others (offering no resistance to injury, turning the other cheek, loving one's enemies, praying for those who persecute you). At the Eucharist we come face to face with the all-holy God whose love, rain and sun shines on all, friends and enemies. At the Eucharist we are touched, redeemed, made holy by the presence of God. Filled with God's love we can live together in peace and be holy.

- This Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the Annual Appeal, Together in Mission. When you fill in a commitment envelope to support Together in Mission through a generous gift or four month pledge today, you are providing for ministry, education and services in 37 parishes and 56 parish schools in our own Archdiocese of Los Angeles. A brochure and a commitment envelope for Together in Mission can be found in the pews this Sunday. A letter with a commitment envelope was also mailed to everyone on our Church mailing list. Our goal for this year is to raise \$41,456.55 which is based on last year's Offertory giving. Your generous one time gift or four month pledge will help us meet our goal and show our love for our neighbor in the Church in the poorest parishes and schools of the Archdiocese. Many thanks and God's blessings to all.
- This Sunday is Scout Sunday. Our Scouts will help in the celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM and some Scouts will receive their Scout religious awards at this Mass.
- Father Steve, our Pastor, will be away this week at the annual retreat for priests' of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bible Study with Father Steve will not take place this week but will begin again on Monday, March 3rd from 10:30 AM to 12 noon in the Parish Hall and the class will be repeated on Wednesday night, March 5th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Library in the School.
- RCIA for Non-Catholics inquiring into the Catholic Faith and for Catholic adults preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place this Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Spiritual Library in the School.
- Ash Wednesday is on March 5th this year.
- We invite you to take a look at our new parish website at www.mtcarmelsb.com