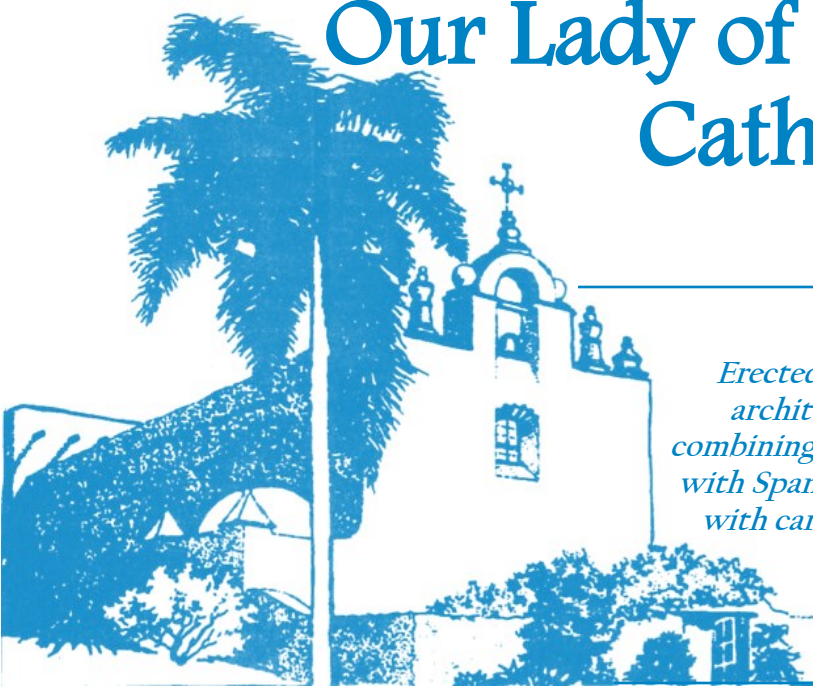


# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church



*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.*

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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

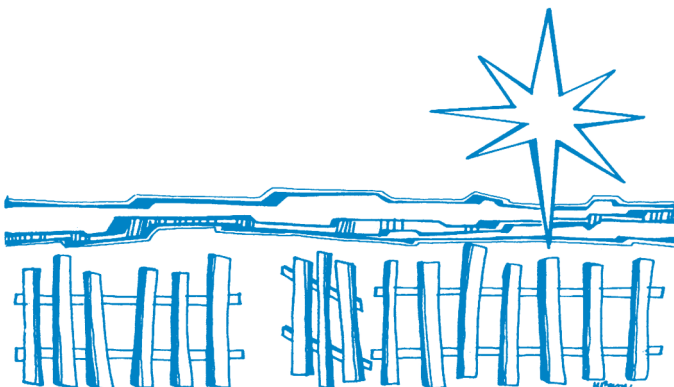
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High School Confirmation - '*El Camino*'  
Middle School Youth Group - '*The 'M&M's*'

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 805/969-5965  
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*Pre-K thru 8th Grade* • Principal — Karen Regan  
[www.mountcarmelschool.net](http://www.mountcarmelschool.net)

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



**First Sunday of Advent**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

**Be watchful! Be alert!**  
**You do not know when the time**  
**will come.**

**Mark 13:33**



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**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, our Retired Priests and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you. If you would like more information about our community, please call or stop by our Parish Office. The office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30am- 12 noon and from 1:30pm - 5pm. Coffee, Donuts & Cappuccino are served in the Side Courtyard after the 10am Sunday Mass.

**WHOLE COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING**

**Week of November 30th — Mark: 13:33-37**

**Faith Reflection:** In today's Gospel, Jesus is exhorting his followers to states of readiness: "Be watchful! Be alert!" These are strong words which catch the ear of His disciples. They are also words by which Jesus himself has lived his personal mission of redeeming this world. This is a call to action unlike most others in the Gospels. Jesus uses a little image which is important, but can be easily overlooked. Jesus uses the image of a land owner who goes on a journey, but leaves his servants, "each with his own work" to do. The challenge is not just to stay awake, but awake so as to do the work of bringing light and life to God's world. Waiting and watching out of fear is passive and paralyzing, but waiting in faith is eager and exciting. We are called to start living our faith today and create a better world for others.

**Faith Question:** At this watchful time, how faithful do I feel I am being to God's plan for me?

**Faith Response:** At least one thing that I will do this week to help me remember that Jesus is coming is

**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 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 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.



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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
 Monday, December 8th  
 A Holy Day of Obligation  
 7:45 AM ◊ 9:00 AM (School Mass)  
 5:30 PM

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



**Ministry Assignments**

**SAT. NOV. 29th**  
 4:30 PM Stephanie Kwock - Lector  
 H. Peterson, J. Samuelson & E. Guadagnini  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Natasha Huey, Halie Bissell & Clarissa Davis  
 Altar Servers

**SUN. NOV. 30th**  
 8:00 AM Mel Weddle - Lector  
 G. & M. Mueller - Eucharistic Ministers  
 Caitlin Hubb, Emily & Joshua Wazny  
 Alyssa Pakes - Altar Servers

10:00 AM Mary Pat Whitney - Lector  
 W. Gragg, C. Wathen, B. Jones, M. Press  
 B. Nunez, J. Stratford, M. & T. Lorge  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Matthew Helkey, Kate & Emily Whitney  
 Juliana Forry - Altar Servers

12:00 PM Eloise Srednicki - Lector  
 M. Guadagnini & O. Loretto  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Juan Valtierra, Alyssa Pakes &  
 Makeila Cervantes - Altar Servers



**Mass Intentions**

**SAT. NOV. 29th**  
 7:45 AM James Tabacchi +  
 4:30 PM Int. of Tom Wathen

**SUN. NOV. 30th**  
 8:00 AM For All the Parishioners  
 10:00 AM Int. of Velasquez & Tuazon Families  
 12:00 PM James Newbill +

**MON. DEC. 1st**  
 7:45 AM Int. of Catherine Carroll Beck

**TUES. DEC. 2nd**  
 7:45 AM Leoda Gotchall +

**WED. DEC. 3rd**  
 7:45 AM Jane Weinheimer +

**THU. DEC. 4th**  
 7:45 AM Elizabeth Harper +

**FRI. DEC. 5th**  
 7:45 AM Ronnie Clint +

**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 Thomas (Vince) Vinceri +  
 12:00 PM Ryan Dunn +

Parishioner Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 email \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  New Parishioner  New Address  
 Want Offertory Envelopes  Moving out of Parish  
 Please place the form into the Offertory basket or  
 you can mail in or drop-off at the Parish Office.

**SCHOOL HAPPENING?**

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**Tuesday, Dec. 9th ♦ 9am  
Monthly School Tour**

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.

**Adopt A Family**

Since Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, we are inviting our parishioners, including children, to join us in helping some of the less fortunate families in the Santa Barbara community experience the joyful love of Christmas. This year in addition to our individual children, we are looking for parishioners to adopt a family. We have many different size families available. Remember that there is a 3 gift limit per child. This helps us to ensure that all the family gifts are delivered together. If you are interested in adopting a family, please call Sister Kathleen Patrice at 805/969-4868.

**Santa's Workshop**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish is planning our 14th Annual Santa's Workshop. On December 7th & 8th from 6p.m.– 8p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are inviting children from grades 6th – 12th to come decorate the hall so it will look like Santa's Workshop, help paint, repair, wrap, and tag toys. Christmas music and refreshments will add to our festivities. We are in need of gently used toys to be repaired or painted. Please check your closets once, twice... for toys your children may have outgrown. The toys may be dropped off in the Parish Hall or Religious Ed office beginning Monday, November 3rd. These toys will be given to economically poor children living in Carpinteria and Santa Barbara.

**Giving Tree**

**THIS Sunday**, as we begin the Season of Advent, there will be three special Christmas trees filled with ornaments. These ornaments will have a child's first name, age and their requests to Santa. If you wish, you can take one home, buy up to three gifts for the child, wrap it, and bring it to church with the tag by Friday, December 5th. What a wonderful way to brighten a child's Christmas! Parishioners will deliver hundreds of these gifts to families. **We are serving an extra 100 children this year.**

**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.**



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

**"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 @ 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. 3rd **Advent Party**—White Elephant Gift Exchange
- ♦ Dec. 7th **Santa's Workshop** Service Project

**YAM — SB Region of Young Ministry**

Santa's Workshop Service Project

Dec. 7th & Dec. 8th ♦ Parish Hall

**YAM—Open to ALL Young Adults 21 — 39**

For more info, call or text Sarah at 805.969.6868 or 805.574.9941

**Safeguard Our Children**

**Archdiocese Implements Strict Policies For Children's Safety**

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented rigorous policies and procedures to provide a safe environment in our parishes and parish schools for all children and young people. These include: Zero Tolerance; Guidelines for adults working or volunteering with minors; Archdiocese of Los Angeles boundary guidelines for junior high and high school youth working or volunteering with children or youth; and Megan's Law compliance procedures. To view these and other policies visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting>.

## 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 8th/9th:

Envelopes & Plate Collection	\$6,805.77
Restricted Donations	\$300.00
Total	\$7,105.00

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 on all Sundays, 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.



**You are invited to the  
5th Annual Christmas Music Festival**  
Friday, Dec. 5th ◊ 7pm ◊ In the Church  
(Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall)

Please bring your favorite homemade cookies.  
Please call Rina or Alvin Bentajado at  
805.680.2529 for more information.

**My Spirit Rejoices in God, My Savior!**

**Father Stephen Downes & The Pastoral Council  
Invite You to An Old Fashioned  
Christmas Pot Luck Dinner**



Wed. Dec. 10th ◊ 5:30 – 8:30pm ◊ Parish Hall

Bring your favorite dish, enough to serve 8.  
Refreshments will be provided.

(Seating is limited - RSVP by Dec. 5th - Adults only!)

Let us know what dish you will be bringing.

Steve Martin 896-3274 or [action94@hotmail.com](mailto:action94@hotmail.com)

## PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!!

**25th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life**

Monday, December 8th ◊ Mass at 7pm

A powerful night of prayer to save the innocent pre-born, from 8pm to 12 am

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SANTA BARBARA, 93109 • 805/962-0411



**FIRST FRIDAY**—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Friday, Dec. 5th, from after the 7:45 am Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon.  
You are invited to come worship and pray.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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## Fr. Steve

Advent means "Coming". Today we begin a new Church year and the season of Advent, a time of preparing for the Coming of Christ into our lives at Christmas and at the end of the world. The First Sunday of Advent emphasizes the final coming of Christ in glory. In the First Reading (from Isaiah 63:16ff) we hear the cry: "Return for the sake of your servants...Would that you might meet us doing right..." We also hear our need for God's coming: "...we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind." We pray that the Lord may come for he is "our father, we are the clay and you the potter: the work of your hands." In the Gospel (Mark 13:33-37) Jesus tells us: "Be watchful! Be alert!" for his coming. Like the gatekeeper we must be on the watch, open to the coming of the Lord in glory at the end of the world and also in his coming each day. Christ comes in Advent in our prayer, in reading the Holy Bible, in the Eucharist, in the ordinary events and meetings of each day, in each Christmas card we send or gift we prepare. The Lord comes! Let us be open to his Coming!

- Advent booklets are available at the doors of the Church this weekend to help you prepare for the coming of Christ. In the booklets you will find a meditation on the Bible Readings for each day in Advent and Christmas.
- 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 in the School from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Any questions? Call Father Steve at the Parish Office (969-6868).
- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th and is a holyday of obligation. The Schedule of Masses for this feast will be: Monday, December 8th 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.
- 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. Just visit our parish website, [www.mtcarmelsb.com](http://www.mtcarmelsb.com) and click on Giving (or DONATE) link/tab. Its a convenient and safe way to contribute, especially if you are traveling or unable to come to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church every Sunday.



*In Memoriam*

Our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Frances Johnson who died this past week. May our Heavenly Father welcome her into His Kingdom and grant her the happiness of heaven. May she rest in peace.