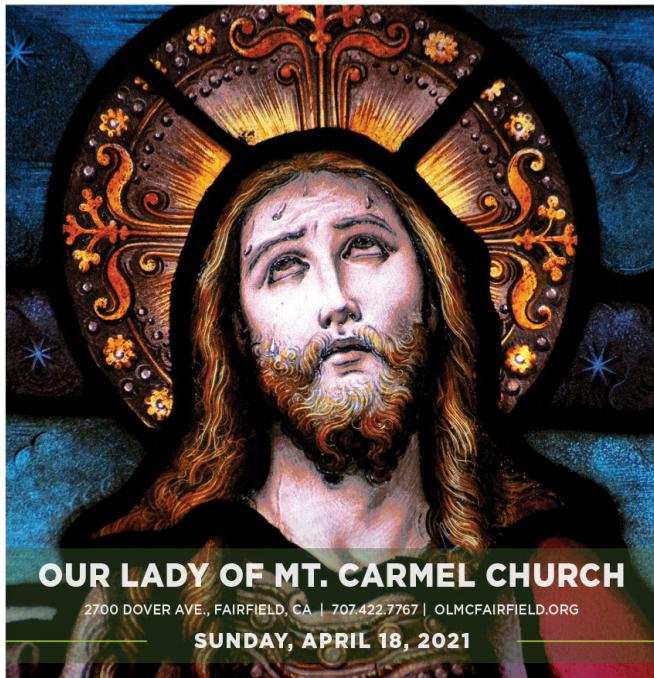


# OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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Third Sunday of Easter  
April 18, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE | SACRAMENTS

**MASS:** **Weekend:** Saturday Evening, 5PM Vigil  
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, Noon & 6PM  
**Daily:** Monday - Saturday, 9AM  
**Holy Days:** 9AM, Noon and 7PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturdays:** 3:00 to 4:00 PM or by appointment

**Baptisms:** Please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriages:** Six months notice required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the Parish Office.

Contact the Parish Office for all Baptisms & Marriages.

**Staff:** Fr. Patrick Gavin, O. Carm. (Pastor) | Fr. Joseph Cilia, O. Carm. (Parochial Vicar)  
Fr. Mario Lopez, O.Carm. (Retired Priest in Residence) | Deacon Raymond Elias

## MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE

## Monday April 19th

9:00 am Teresa Smith / Nathania Steif

## Tuesday April 20th

9:00 am † Gerhard Berger / † Linda Deguzman Armas

## Wednesday April 21st

9:00 am † Leonida C. Romero / Esper Perez

## Thursday April 22nd

9:00 am Emmanuel N. Labaria

## Friday April 23rd

9:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## Saturday April 24th

9:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

5:00 pm † George Kulasingam

## Sunday April 25th

8:00 am † Francisco and † Pura San Pedro

10:00 am † Donald Pursglove

12:00 pm † Franciso Wold

6:00 pm † Thelma Castillo

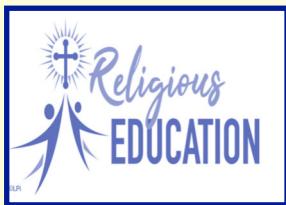
**FAITH FORMATION CORNER:****Congratulations to our newly Confirmed!**

May the Holy Spirit continue to empower us all as missionary disciples of Christ. Thank you to the catechists and volunteers who helped prepare our young people for the sacrament. Information regarding certificates have been emailed to parents.

Remember that Confirmation is not graduation! Carmel Youth is gearing up for an exciting summer!! Let us journey with you! Keep in touch . . . follow us on [instagram.com/carmel.youth](https://www.instagram.com/carmel.youth)

Registration for school year 2021-2022 Confirmation, First Communion, and religious education for elementary students begins on the weekend of April 17th and 18th!

Diana Banasan  
Director of Youth Faith Formation  
(707) 844-0716  
Anna Albericci  
Co-Director  
(707) 422-7767



# Prayer REQUESTS

If you would like the faith community of OLMC to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the Parish Office at 422-7767. We do occasionally take some names off of the list in the bulletin. If we have taken a name from the printed list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on. Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:

- For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:



Madison O'Shields	Jewel Perez	Raymond Elias Jr.
Ron Scharfen	Theresa McDermott	Anna Albericci
Dion Newman	Elinita VeraCruz-Ulep	Jeremy Banks
Jo & Evelyn Nunes	Masoumeh Kennedy	Xavier Hernandez
Andy Andalajao	Manny & Laura	Victoria Renteria
Darwin Rasmussen	Labaria	Sonya Renteria
John & Vivian Donohoe	Jose Gomez Family	Elizabeth Renteria
Mary Highsmith	Samantha Peregoy	Inez Calderon
Howell Wood III	Asianne McClinton	Ramil Maglalang
Yollie Wood	Robert Gebing	Tony Hernandez Jr.
Mary Sheldon	Hamilton Family	Tony Wiley
Kai Crocker & Family	Betty McFadden	Ayo Dejene
Matt A. Villaber	Sammy & Luz Quilao	Stephen R. Driscoll
Joe Lujan	Ryan Bautista	Karen McWhorter
Emanuel P. Caranay	Virginia Armas	Mike Davenport
Diane Ball	Luis Mora	Kari Mastrandrea
Carol Nunes	Sally Fields	Marsha Harley
Dolores Sheppard	Martha Eble	Miguel Vilaro
Bessie Zanolini	Steve Henson	Victor Wanberg
Ian Padilla	John Linehan	Cynthia Fernandez
John & June Kelley	Joan Gaut	Rita & Jessie Ramirez
David Quilao	Joe Santos	Jason Eshabarr
Bobby Holsworth	Rogelio Fortaleza	Sarah Eshabarr
John Joe White	Pat Brausch	Annabelle Semira
Virgil Jaramillo	Diane Topacio	Carmen MacRae
Therese Keck	Annie Hutchinson	Garcia Family
Pat Murtha	Martha Pickens	Berti Berger & Family
Lina Cradduck	Alvin Barba	James I. Boyer
Leonida Bascara	Mike Loedding	Jossie & Igal Koiman
Vivian Blas	Aukusitino Julio Jr.	Josemaria Uy
Roberto, Inday & Robbie Visda	Alapati Suisala	Marna Newman
Rosario Manalisay	Silvelia Alkowni	Linda Sharp
Robert Rabaino	Tom & Aida Quinn	Danilda Castor
Renita Manalo	Ramil Maglalang	Analyn Balontong
Ann Garant	Rommel Maglalang	Mark Carkin
Remy Calica	Elijah Maglalang	Miyeth Ramos
John & Celina Hess	Madison Maglalang	Caridad Suarez
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Su Kuropatkin	Ana Tuinavave	Fr. Hank Ormond
Romy & Cuca Lopez	Iulio Suisala	Fr. Patrick Gavin
Crystal Buelna	Andrew Davis	Fr. Mike Greenwell
Bernice Jojola	Roy Shaver	Fr. Mike Kwiecien

The best things in life aren't things.



### **Question:** Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

**Answer:** For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



### STEWARSHIP

#### Parish Collections

Our Weekly Goal:

\$12,500.00



#### 2021 Envelope Collection

Date:	April 4, 2021	\$8,812.25
	April 11, 2021	\$14,269.25

Mail Offertory Envelopes or utilize  
OLMC's Online-Giving!

#### 2021 Online Donations

Mar. 28 - Apr. 3, 2021	\$5,243.70
Apr. 4 -10, 2021	\$3,174.70



THIS  
EASTER  
SEASON!!!  
Our parish have  
been using an  
Online

Giving system (Parish Soft) that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. There are many benefits for the parish and for parishioners that choose to give online. Some of the benefits for the parishioners include: no need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contributions amount can easily be adjusted at any time.

This Easter, please prayerfully consider making your offering online to our parish.

Your contribution will support the operation of the church and community. Sign-up today! ParishSOFT is a convenient and secure electronic giving (eGiving) program, and it provides OLMC with reliable donations during these unstable times. To enroll:

- Visit our website [www.olmcfairfield.org](http://www.olmcfairfield.org)
- Click-on the link. "GIVE Online"
- How to create an account
  - click on "sign-in"
  - click on "Register for an Account"
- Navigate to choose the Fund and Give! You can give a one-time contribution or you can specify a reoccurring giving to any of the funds available throughout the year!

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday—Friday from 10AM to 4PM, inside the Church. Adoration times may be altered due to other Church events (i.e. Funerals, etc). Masks and social distancing are required. We also ask that you sanitize your area before you leave the Church. The entrance and exit will be through the side double doors (adjacent to the parking lot). Please call Lynda Sutton, 707-330-4858 for more information.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 7AM to 3PM, Rummage Sale at 1134 Tanglewood Dr., Fairfield, CA, to raise funds for The Gabriel Project (TGP of California). There will be a huge variety of items including power tools, bikes, furniture, clothes of all kinds, and much, much more. We are still accepting donations in goods or in-kind and your donations are tax deductible. For more information call Pearla 707-386-3403. *TGP is a non-profit group of volunteers who provides hands-on assistance to pregnant mothers and their families in need of material, emotional and spiritual support. For more information about TGP, check out the Respect Life Table in the narthex. Help us help those in need.*

**RESPONDING to the *Call*****How to Fail Your Way to Heaven**

*You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"*

*It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.*

*Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.*

*It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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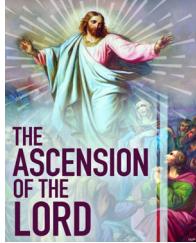


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**Married Couples:** The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Learn more at [www.sacramentowwme.org](http://www.sacramentowwme.org)

## AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April - 18 -</b>	- 19 -	- 20 -	- 21 -	- 22 -	- 23 -	- 24 -
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration for Faith Formation begins!</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Ed Grades 1-6</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Holy Communion</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year 1 Confirmation</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> </ul>
- 25 -	- 26 -	- 27 -	- 28 -	- 29 -	- 30 -	<b>May - 01 -</b>
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Ed Grades 1-6</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Holy Communion</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year 1 Confirmation</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confession after Daily Mass</li> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> </ul>
- 02 -	- 03 -	- 04 -	- 05 -	- 06 -	- 07 -	- 08 -
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Ed Grades 1-6</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5PM First Holy Communion</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year 1 Confirmation</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism Class</li> <li>• 11 AM First Communion Mass</li> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> </ul>
- 09 -	- 10 -	- 11 -	- 12 -	- 13 -	- 14 -	- 15 -
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Ed Grades 1-6 (last day)</li> <li>• Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation (last day)</li> </ul>		 <p>The Ascension of the Lord</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9AM Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony</li> <li>• 11AM Baptism</li> <li>• 3PM Confession</li> </ul>

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS



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### NEW PARISHIONER? UPDATING INFO?

#### New to the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish?

New Parishioner: \_\_\_\_\_ or Existing with updates: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Mr. & Mrs. / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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to give Offerings OnLine through our Website, "Give Online"  
Circle one

Give ONLINE: [www.olmcfairfield.org](http://www.olmcfairfield.org)

Please place completed form in the Offertory  
Basket (at Mass), mail it or bring it to the Parish Office!

### OLMC MINISTRIES | ORGANIZATIONS

**ADULT EDUCATION** | Call Parish Office, 707-422-7767

**RCIA** | Steve & Carlene Pearson, 707-426-2344

**CATHOLICS Come Home** | Call Parish Office, 707-422-7767

**ALPHA PREGNANCY CLINICS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** | 428-3300.

Address: 1044 Empire St., Fairfield, Ca

**ALTAR & SANCTUARY** Lay Carmelites

**ALTAR SERVERS** | Deacon Raymond Elias / 416-4618

**AMOR DEI CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY** | Delia Tabasa / 631-9577

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**CANCER SUPPORT** | Call the Parish Office, 707-422-7767

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST** | Medardo & Mimi Tuazon 707-344-7355

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Ray & Lyn Fortaleza 707-208-6679

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**MEMBERS IN MOTION** | Betty McFadden - 707-422-4129

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Pearla Cuerdo - 707-386-3403

**MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST for THE HOMEBOUND**

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**MINISTRY OF THE WORD** | Don McKenna - 707-718-5239

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Consists of 10 members (See Bulletin)

**PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration**

Lynda Sutton - 707-330-4858

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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**RESPECT LIFE & CATHOLIC Media KIOSK** |

Cathy Omoso 707-688-6551 / Phyllis Kaminska, 707-419-4237 (Alpha Pregnancy Clinic of Northern California, 707-428-3300)

**RETROUVAILLE (Lifeline for troubled marriages)**

Call the Parish Office.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** | 707-422-5209

**USHERS / HOSPITALITY** | Elaine Bruno / 707-326-1412

**VISITS TO THE SICK and SACRAMENT MINISTRY**

Parish Office

**YLGI (A Catholic Women's Organization)**

Margaret Sanders - 707-344-2838 (leave message) or Kathy Marley - 707-422-3588 / Meets 2nd Tuesday in Fr. Lanigan Center at Holy Spirit. [www.ylionline.org](http://www.ylionline.org)

**YOUTH MINISTRY | CARMEL YOUTH** Diana Banasan 707-422-2814