

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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First Reading

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

Psalm

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

Gospel

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Lk 2:10-11)

December 25, 2022

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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

1st Saturdays: Immediately following the 9AM Mass

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages: Six months notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick // House & Car Blessings: Please contact the Parish Office.

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 INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday	December 26th
9:00 AM	Crosby Family / Sarah G. Becerra
Tuesday	December 27th
9:00 AM	Celina Hess / Zen Nogue
Wednesday	December 28th
9:00 AM	Derrick Orito / † Todd Joseph Smith
Thursday	December 29th
9:00 AM	Jim and Cathy Omoso † Elbert and † Paula Wood
Friday	December 30th
9:00 AM	† Helen Haug
Saturday	December 31st
9:00 AM	World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army Prayer Cell
5:00 PM	† Jack Mancinelli / Kathy Stoddart
Sunday	January 1st - Happy New Year
8:00 AM	Jess and Evelyn Pacheco
10:00 AM	World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army Prayer Cell
12:00 PM	† Hans and † Erika Urbach
6:00 PM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

MERRY Christmas



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:
- For Men and Women in Armed Forces and for:

Madison O'Shields
Ron Scharfen
Dion Newman
Jo & Evelyn Nunes
John & Vivian
Donahoe
Mary Highsmith
Howell Wood III
Yollie Wood
Mary Sheldon
Kai Crocker &
Family

Joe Lujan
Diane Ball
Carol Nunes
Dolores Sheppard
Ian Padilla
David Quilao
Virgil Jaramillo
Vivian Blas
Roberto, Inday &
Robbie Visda
Rosario Manalisay
Renita Manalo
Ann Garant
Remy Calica
John & Celina Hess
Sharon Dotson
Anita Brennan
Romy & Cuca Lopez
Crystal Buelna
Masoumeh Kennedy
Manny & Laura
Labaria
Judy & Tita Labaria
Etta Doherty
Robert Gebing
Sammy & Luz Quilao
Ryan Bautista
Luis Mora
Sally Fields
John Linehan
Joe Santos
Pat Brausch
Diane Topacio
Annie Hutchinson

Martha Pickens
Alvin Barba
Mike Loedding
Alapati Suisala
Julio Suisala
Sanele Tuimavave
AnaMarie Tuimavave
Tom & Aida Quinn
Peka Tuimavave
Roy Shaver
Raymond Elias Jr.
Ramil Maglalang
Tony Hernandez Jr.
Miguel Vilaro
Garcia Family
Berti Berger & Family
Jossie & Igal Koiman
Linda Sharp
Mark Carkin
John Nyquist
Siobhan Franey
Ted Simbulan
Jim Meyer
Sutton Family
Melba Luna
Mr. & Mrs. Cuizon
Rudolph Garcia
Lourdes Cayabyab
John Kraszewski
Bunny Dominguez
Carlito Z. Acuña
Socorro Eshabaar
Cyril Eshabarr
Anita / Frank Lizardo
Paul Hernandez
Thomas Penley
Gregory Santos
Elian Jojola
Don McKenna
Johnathan &
Jessica Crocker
Kathy DeMoraes
Mason Ferrulli
Albert & Dottie Pratt
Bill Vasiliou

Analyn Balontong
Joleen Savoy
Jessica Crocker
Austin Yang
Unson Family
Margaret Olmstead
Danilda Castor
Jarosch Family
Vincent Bayquen
Margaret Sanders
Yoko Anderson
Nina Larson
Janelle Tsuitiuchi
Anicia Angeles
Carlito M. Mendoza Jr.
Dave LaVoie
Carmen Cruz
Kathy Stoddart
Arlene Estimo
Gerardo Ordanza
Carol Sivigliano
Leo VanPutten
Richard Lockwood
Tom Paquin
Luis A. Maneru
Tony Luchangco
Mike MacCallum
Sally Colbert
Natalia Rocamora
Marggrite Jacinto
Jennifer Jacinto
Jennifer Espera
Rolando Tan
Carol Phillips
Debbie Cruz & Family
Gene Richards
Frank and Carol Nunes
Carmelite Fathers:
Fr. David Fontaine
Fr. Patrick Gavin
Fr. Jose Cilia
Fr. Mike Greenwell
Fr. Mike Kwiecien
Fr. Mario Lopez
Fr. Jim Mueller

All we want for
Christmas is your
presence.



Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

ANSWER: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable. Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness. In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

GOSPEL - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

STEWARDSHIP**Parish Collections****2022 Envelope Collections**

Date: Dec. 11, 2022 \$10,340.83
 Dec. 18, 2022 Not available at print
Mail Offertory Envelopes or donate via OLMC's Online-Giving!

2022 Online Donations:

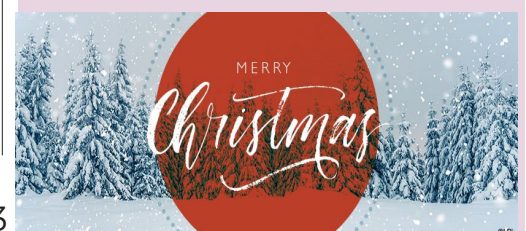
Dec 4 - 10, 2022 \$3,356.49
 Dec. 11 - 17, 2022 Not available at print

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is offering a quick, easy and convenient way to give . . . Our **Online Giving** system (Parish Soft) strengthens stewardship as well as making it easier for parishioners to support our Church. 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. 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
- 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!



Faith Formation

Office Hours:

- Tuesdays 4PM-7:30PM
- Wednesday 6PM-8PM
- By appt.

Please check the website for weekly updates and hours in addition to Tues/Wed, or call / email Shelley: 707-422-2814 or shelley.olmc@gmail.com
www.olmcfairfield.org

2023 Calendars are here!

On the weekend of December 31st / January 1st, after each Mass, our team of ushers will be distributing the 2023 Calendars to our parishioners; limit one per family please! Don't forget to take one home! God Bless you!



Respect Life Corner

Walk for Life West Coast 2023:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 21, 2023. There will be Mass at 9:30 AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. For more information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

OLMC Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a bus for this event.

Call or text Anna to reserve your seat at 707-290-5583.



Prayer For Christmas

Almighty God
in your mercy,
you sent us your
only Son to

redeem us. We gather in prayer and thanksgiving as a family and as a church to rejoice! Dear Jesus, you became a child so that we might become children of God. Thank you for revealing yourself to us. We pray that, throughout the Christmas season and beyond, we will have the strength to grow ever closer to you.

Amen

O Come, Let Us Adore Him



OLMC Calendar

AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. - 25 -	- 26 -	- 27 -	- 28 -	- 29 -	- 30 -	- 31 -
<u>Christmas Mass:</u> 8 AM 10 AM 12 Noon 6PM Mass cancelled	Parish Office Closed	NO Faith Formation Classes	NO Faith Formation Classes	10AM Bible Study 7PM K of C 7PM Bible Study	EADM Parish Office Closed	3PM Confession Mass Schedule 9AM (Daily Mass) <u>New Year's Mass:</u> 5PM Vigil Mass
Jan. - 01 -	- 02 -	- 03 -	- 04 -	- 05 -	- 06 -	- 07 -
	Parish Office Closed	NO Faith Formation Classes	NO Faith Formation Classes		EADM	- AM Confession 10AM LLC 3PM Confession
- 08 -	- 09 -	- 10 -	- 11 -	- 12 -	- 13 -	- 14 -
		NO Faith Formation Classes	NO Faith Formation Classes		EADM	3PM Confession

ADORATION HOURS AT OLMC

Monday to Friday from 10AM to 4PM, inside the Church. Adoration times may be altered due to other Church events (i.e. Funerals, etc.). **RE-MINDER:** Committed Adorers, please sign-in.

- 1) Please get a Sub-Adorer if you cannot make your Hour. Masks and social distancing are required. The entrance and exit will be through the MAIN doors. Call Lynda Sutton 707-330-4858 for more information.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

- **Little Church** - every Sunday during the 10AM Mass, (except for Nov. 6th and Dec. 25th.)
- **Jan. 21, 2023**—Walk for LIFE West Coast 2023

For the Months of Oct – Nov 2022

In Loving Memory
Please remember the following recently deceased parishioners and their families

In your prayers:

Violeta Santos, Myrna Serrano, Isabel Mendoza, Irene Bruce, Milagros Matundan, Lionel Brown, Paul Bonnett, Frankie Sablan, Nenita Manliclic

In our hearts forever

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lio Suisala | 688-5592 Thelma Meyer | 372-7889
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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 Member(s): _____ Relation? _____

Other Member(s): _____ Relation? _____

Other Member(s): _____ Relation? _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to receive Offertory Envelopes OR do you prefer to give offerings onLine through our Website, "Give Online?" Circle one

It's easy . . . Give ONLINE: www.olmcfairfield.org

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

Questions? Call (707) 422-7767

OLMC MINISTRIES|ORGANIZATIONS

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

RCIA | Pidz Banasan, 707-631-4213

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

ALPHA CLINICS | 707-449-8991

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Marlon & Yvette Taasan - 707-688-4880

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Tom & Elaine Bruno - 707-426-9564

MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Consists of 10 members (See Bulletin)

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

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PRAYER LINE Catharine Scharfen: 707-427-2320 / Pearla

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RESPECT LIFE & CATHOLIC Media KIOSK |

Cathy Omoso 707-688-6551 // The Gabriel Project:

Pregnant, need help? 800-910-0191 or contact OLMC

Parish Coordinators: Lynda 707-330-4858 (Alpha Clinics, 707-449-8991)

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

Call the Parish Office

YLI (A Catholic Women's Organization)

Margaret Sanders - 707-344-2838 (leave message) or

Kathy Marley - 707-631-1701 / Meets 2nd Tuesday in Fr.

Lanigan Center at Holy Spirit. www.ylionline.org

YOUTH MINISTRY | **CARMEL YOUTH** Casey Collins,

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