

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH



First Reading

"Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

(2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
(Ps 89)

Second Reading

The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)



December 24, 2023

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

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MASS SCHEDULE

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. Daniel Gonzalez, O. Carm. (Parochial Vicar)

Retired Priests in Residence: Fr. Jose Cilia, O. Carm. and Fr. Mario Lopez, O. Carm. | Deacon Raymond Elias

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday **December 25th** **The Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 AM † JJ Gonzalo
† Benedicto and † Rosario Samson
10:00 AM † Jack Mancinelli
12:00 PM † Providena Cruz
† David Heinkel

Tuesday **December 26th**

9:00 AM † Cleofe P. Tagle
† Joe N. Lujan

Wednes. **December 27th**

9:00 AM † Shiu-Chen Yang
Braxton Unson
Celina Hess

Thursday **December 28th**

9:00 AM † Todd S. Smith
† Laura Labaria

Friday **December 29th**

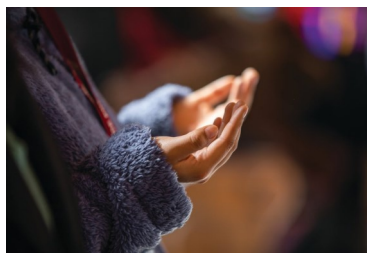
9:00 AM † Saturnino Casilang
† Joe N. Lujan

Saturday **December 30th**

9:00 AM † Joe N. Lujan
† Mary Lou Cordova
5:00 PM † Helen Haug
† Suzanne Tydingco Romero

Sunday **December 31st - Holy** **Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 AM † Benedicto C. Samson
† Magid Mokatish
10:00 AM † Roy Pearson
† Lionel Brown
12:00 PM † Emmanuel and † Gabrielle Canaya
6:00 PM † Rosario Manalisay
† Francis Pablo
† Antonio and † Martin Torres



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:

Jo & Evelyn Nunes
Mary Highsmith
Howell Wood III
Yollie Wood
Diane Ball
Dolores Sheppard
Ian Padilla
David Quilao
Virgil Jaramillo
Vivian Blas
Roberto, Inday &
Robbie Visda
Renita Manalo
Ann Garant
Remy Calica
John & Celina Hess
Sharon Dotson
Anita Brennan
Romy & Cuca Lopez
Manny Labaria
Etta Doherty
Robert Gebing
Sammy & Luz Quilao
Ryan Bautista
Luis Mora
John Linehan
Joe Santos
Pat Brausch
Diane Topacio
Martha Pickens
Alvin Barba
Mike Loedding
Alapati Suisala
Julio Suisala
Sanele Tuimavave
AnaMarie Tuimavave
Tom & Aida Quinn
Roy Shaver
Raymond Elias Jr.
Ramil Magalang
Tony Hernandez Jr.
Miguel Vilaro
Garcia Family
Berti Berger & Family
Jossie & Igal Koiman
Linda Sharp
Mark Carkin
John Nyquist
Siobhan Franey
Ted Simbulan
Sutton Family
Melba Luna

Rudolph Garcia
John Kraszewski
Bunny Dominguez
Carlito Z. Acuña
Socorro Eshabaar
Cyril Eshabarr
Anita & Frank Lizardo
Elian Jojola
Don McKenna
Johnathan & Jessica
Crocker
Mason Ferrulli
Albert & Dottie Pratt
Analyn Balontong
Joleen Savoy
Austin Yang
Unson Family
Robert Olmstead
Danilda Castor
Jarosch Family
Vincent Bayquen
Margaret Sanders
Nina Larson
Janelle Tsuitiuchi
Anicia Angeles
Carlito M. Mendoza Jr.
Dave LaVoie
Carmen Cruz
Kathy Stoddart
Gerardo Ordanza
Luis A. Maneru
Tony Luchangco
Mike MacCallum
Sally Colbert
Margrite Jacinto
Jennifer Jacinto
Jennifer Espera
Rolando Tan
Carol Phillips
Gene Richards
Frank Nunes & Family
Noemi Carinio
Julianne Allison
Andy & Pat Anderson
Phil Correia
Ed Junker
Joanne Skidmore
Bob Howisey
Bill Jacks
Kennedy Washington
Romeo Dizon
Carolyn Ross

Mary Jane Pasqual
James Omoso
Josie I. Taeleifi
Netallia Moore
David Moore
Vivian Donohoe
Ma Lourdes Jovez
Yoshiko Dragos
Daxtyn Valdez
Doloros De Loza
Enoc Robles
Sally Ronquillo
Brad Lewis
Amanda Safapour
Erick MacCallum
Brian Thornton
Judy Davis
Robert Anthony
Oswaldo & Aurelia
Joven
Richard Marsch
Sue Alunan
Andy Wood
Ajamu Abubakar
Ezra Abubakar
Cybelle Abubakar
Marvin Edwardes
Mia Erickson
Brody Erickson
Stephanie Crocker
Remedios Cordova
Gribi Family
Domiciano Nodado Jr
and Leticia Nodado
Joselito Rafael Fores
Liz Duran
Paul Parkison
Claudia Castro
Annie Hutchinson
Victoria Brown
Peggy Sherrod
Joe Patch & Family
Pursglove Family

Carmelite Fathers:

Fr. David Fontaine
Fr. Patrick Gavin
Fr. Jose Cilia
Fr. Mike Greenwell
Fr. Mike Kwiecien
Fr. Mario Lopez
Fr. Jim Mueller
Fr. Daniel Gonzalez

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Lord has not forgotten us!

*God,
You became human
through the obedience
of a simple young woman
named Mary.*

*Mary is our model of
faith.*

*May we be faithful to
your word as Mary was.*

*Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.*

*We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas
season. Amen.*



STEWARDSHIP

Parish Collections



2023 Envelope Collections:

December 10, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund	\$11,604.22
Capital Improvement	\$0.00

December 17, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund	Not available at
Capital Improvement	print
Fund	

2023 Online Donations:

Dec. 3 - Dec. 9, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund	\$4,621.89
Capital Improvement	\$1,465.00

Dec. 10 - Dec. 16, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund	Not available at
Capital Improvement	print

Dec. 17 - Dec. 23, 2023

Weekly Offertory Fund	Not available at
Capital Improvement	print

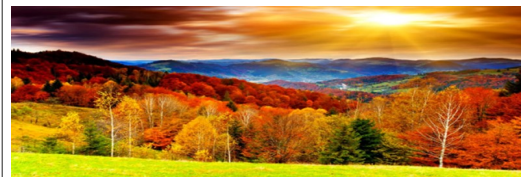
Gospel - 4th Sunday of Advent



Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **"Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."**



Sign up for Online Giving

Please, prayerfully consider making your offering online to our parish. Your contribution will support the operation of the church and community.

ParishSOFT is a convenient and secure electronic giving (eGiving) program, and it provides OLMC with reliable donations during these unstable times.

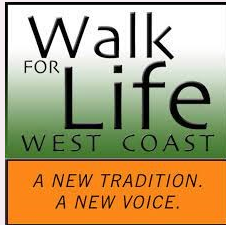
To enroll:

- 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 may give a one-time contribution or you may specify a reoccurring giving to any of the funds available throughout the year!



Respect Life Corner

Save the Date:
Walk for Life San Francisco
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024



Bus transportation to the event sponsored by Respect Life Ministry; Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral; Rally and walk to the Embarcadero Center.

Visit the website at: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com>

Contact:

Anna 707-422-7767

Cathy 707-688-6551



The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to the Homebound connect the worshipping community with parishioners who are unable to attend Mass for any reason. When requested, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist visits homebound parishioners and residents of local nursing homes or hospitals to bring them Holy Communion.

This ministry is currently looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Cliff Lubin at 954-304-4327, cliff.lubin@jmagroup.com if you are interested in this ministry.

Holiday Schedule

2023 Christmas Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve: 5PM, 8PM and Midnight
- Christmas Day: 8AM, 10AM and 12PM (no 6PM Mass)

2023 New Year's Mass Schedule:

- Dec. 31st, Sunday Mass: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM and 6PM
- New Year's Day: 10AM and 12PM



Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

OLMC Calendar		AROUND THE PARISH				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
-Dec. 24-	- 25 -	-26-	-27-	-28-	-29-	-30-

Office
closed



- 7PM
RCIA

- 10AM
Bible
Study
- 7PM KOC
off. mtg
- 7PM Bible
Study

Office closed

- 3PM
Confession

- 31-	- 1 -	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-
• Little Church	Office closed		• 7PM RCIA	• 10AM Bible Study	• 10AM EADM	• AM Confession
				• 7PM KOC Bus. Mtg		• 945AM LCC
				• 7PM Bible Study		• 3PM Confession
						• 530PM CFC



- 7-	- 8-	-9-	-10-	-11-	-12-	-13-
• Little Church	• 530PM Legion of Mary	• 1030AM RLM	• 7PM RCIA	• 10AM Bible Study	• 10AM EADM	• 945AM Baptism class
• Spanish Mass at 2pm				• 7PM Bible Study		• 3PM Confession

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

- Little Church all Sundays in Dec and Jan., **except 12/24**
- **No Faith Formation/Confirmation until Jan. 16/17**
- **January 7, 2PM, Spanish Mass starts (will continue every Sunday at 2pm)**
- **January 21 after 8AM, 10AM, 12PM Masses - Donut Sunday**



October - December 2023

Please remember the following recently deceased parishioners and their families in your prayers:

*Steve Retherford, Lawrence Franco,
Robert Rillo, Maria Galang, Sixto J. Alvarez,
Ace Flores, Conchita Domingo, Favio P. Gana,
Alan Ret, Patricia Patch*

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

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.).

Please check calendar on sign in table.
EVERYONE please sign in whenever you visit with the Lord.

Any questions ask Lynda Sutton:

707-330-4858 or

Lynda039@aol.com

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Robert Anthony | 688-8894 Tom Bruno | 326-2848
Dianne Harris | 344-6730
Woody Carnahan, VP | 208-9465
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Julie Darling, Pres. | 425-3934

PARISH INFORMATION &

OLMC MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS



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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**

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

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

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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CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY Casey Collins, 707-646-1894
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Julie Darling - 707-425-3934

MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST for THE HOMEBOUND

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Mark Middleton 707-688-4157 / midltn@gmail.com

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PRAYER LINE Catharine Scharfen: 707-427-2320

QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY GROUP

Mindy Zindel 421-0776

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Shelley Kim and Anna Albericci | 707- 422-7767 ext. 304
Shelley.olmc@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE & CATHOLIC Media KIOSK |

Cathy Omoso 707-688-6551 / Helene DeRose 707-429-9364 // 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 Thursday in Fr. Lanigan Center at Holy Spirit at 6pm. www.YLIonline.org