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# OUR LADY of Mount Carmel CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of the new  
Liturgical Year—Year A

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition originating in Northern Europe. Its symbolism is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, representing the continuous seasons of life, the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, adding up to the 4,000 Biblical years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of Christ. Three candles are



purple and one is rose colored. The purple candles represent the prayers, penance, sacrifices and good works generally performed in preparation for Christmas. The rose candle is lit on 'Gaudete' or 'Rejoice' Sunday, the Third Sunday, representing the midpoint of the Advent season. 'Rose' being a mixture of purple and the 'white' light of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

### Schedule of Masses:

**Saturdays** (Vigil Mass) 5:00 PM

**Sundays** Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM;

**Weekdays:** 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday)

**Holy Days:** See Mass schedule printed in Bulletin for each upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

**Confessions:** **Saturdays: 8:45-9:30 AM** and **4:00-4:45 PM**  
**Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 PM** or by appointment

**Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

**Daily Rosary Devotion:** ..... Mornings (Sun-Sat) at 7:30 AM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** ..... Weekday mornings after Mass

**Funerals:** Contact the Rectory prior to making arrangements.

**Day of Eucharistic Adoration:** On the 23rd day of each month  
Unless the occurrence is on a Saturday or Sunday

**Baptisms:** By appointment each month following completion of Preparation Class.\*

**Infant Baptism Classes:**\* First Tuesday evening of the Month:  
Contact the Parish Office to register

**Marriage:** Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance of the expected wedding date.

**Marriage Preparation Classes:** Conducted on four consecutive Wednesday evenings during the months of January, March, May, July, and October.

**Please Note:** For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a Practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a Godparent, you must be a Practicing and Confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Church.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...



First Sunday of Advent  
First Sunday of the  
New Liturgical Year  
November 30, 2025

"You . . . must be prepared, for  
at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."  
- Matthew 24:44

### SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30

- First Sunday of Advent
- First Sunday of the new Liturgical Year; Year A.

### WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 3

- 7:00-8:00 PM HOLY HOUR: Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions
- # St. Francis Xavier, Priest

### THURSDAY – DECEMBER 4

- 11:00 AM Parish Christmas Luncheon
- # St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

### FRIDAY – DECEMBER 5

- 8:30 AM First Friday Stations of the Cross.

### SATURDAY – DECEMBER 6

- # St. Nicholas, Bishop (Santa Claus)
- CONFESSIONS: FROM 8:45-9:30 AM, and from 4:00 PM-4:45 PM;

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 7

- Second Sunday of Advent
- 2:00 PM MONTHLY ROSARY DEVOTION at the Wedge;



### PREPARE FOR MASS! READ BEFORE ARRIVING...

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
- Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



### PLAN AHEAD MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – DEC 8

This year, on Monday, **December 8**, the Church observes the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Marian Dogma, and a day in which Mary, under this title, is especially honored in the U.S. as **our country's patroness: the Immaculate Conception.**

It is a day joyfully celebrated as a **Holyday of obligation**, which means **all Catholics have the same serious responsibility to participate at Mass on this day as they do on any Sunday of the year.** **Holyday Masses** will be celebrated at OLMC on:

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:**
- **8:00 AM**
- **5:30 PM**
- **7:00 PM.**



### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us for our monthly Stations of the Cross devotions which take place in our church following morning Mass on the **First Friday** of each Month. All are invited to join us this Friday, December 5.



### ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 13

The **OLMC Music Ministry** invites you to this year's **Advent Lessons & Carols Service** on **Saturday**, evening **December 13th** at **7:00 PM** in the church.

This program consists of scripture readings (or lessons) with each followed by Advent & Christmas carols and anthems. There is no admission charge for this annual event which features **the OLMC Adult and Childrens Choirs, OLMC Lectors, and guest musicians!** All family members and friends welcome.



### LISTING OF MASS TIMES AND CATHOLIC CHURCHES ANYWHERE

**IN THE U.S. OR THE WORLD  
TRAVELING OR VISITING THIS DECEMBER 8?**  
**As it is a serious responsibility for all Catholics to participate at Mass on December 8**, to help you include Mass in your travel or business plans, please check the Internet at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) for times of Masses and locations of Catholic Churches anywhere in the U.S. or around the world.



### JOIN THE OLMC LECTOR MINISTRY!

Have you ever considered joining the parish's Lector ministry program? For information, stop by at any of our weekly *Lector Practice Sessions* on Saturday mornings at **8:30 AM**. Seniors, couples, young adults are welcome! Prior experience is not necessary. Enthusiasm, the ability to read, and commitment are. Scheduling is flexible.

For further information, contact Greg Kelley (*OLMC Lector Chair*) at **(949) 645-4540**.



### QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST

"You may be sure that of all the moments of your life, the time you spend before the divine Blessed Sacrament will be that which will give you more strength during life and more consolation at the hour of your death and during eternity". - *St. Alphonsus Liguori*



### Mark your calendars for our ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Monday Evening – December 22  
beginning at 7:00 PM**

*Several priests will be available to hear confessions.*



**OLMC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

To all parishioners, our **Annual Christmas Luncheon** is a Christmas Tradition at OLMC at which we hope to see you. This year's Luncheon is taking place this

**Thursday, December 4** at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (1601 Bayside Drive, Corona del Mar) beginning at **11:00 AM**.

The Luncheon is hosted by the **OLMC SOUL GROUP**. **Information Flyers** may be found on the tables near the exit doors of the church.

While your RSVP was due last **Tuesday, November 25**, contact Beth Fleming as to whether any reservations may still be available. Cost \$75 pp. Raffle Tickets for the Gift Baskets will be on sale at the Luncheon. For information and possible late reservations, contact **Beth Fleming** at **(714) 745-6514**.



**OLMC ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS PLEASE NOTE:** Everyone who has "adopted" a family for Christmas needs to bring their gifts to O'Donnell Hall **next weekend, December 6-7**. Please bring them **NO EARLIER** than **9:00 AM Saturday morning** and **NO LATER** than **6:00 PM Sunday evening**. For security's sake, do not drop off "gifts" outside of O'Donnell Hall. You must check in with the **program coordinators**. **NO GIFTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEC 7.**



Wrapped gifts (or gifts combined with Gift Cards) should be in the bags provided and tagged. Extra bags and tags will be available in O'Donnell Hall, if necessary. **"Card-only gifts"** should be in a large envelope or single gift box and labelled with the Family Number clearly identified.

**If you need more information**, contact **Richele Lowery** (OLMC Coordinator) at **(949) 631-2107** or by email at: [gandrlowery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gandrlowery@sbcglobal.net)

**PLEASE NOTE:** We still have a few families on our list who have not yet been adopted. If anyone, or any group or organization, was unable to sign-up during registration weekend, you may still adopt a family by contacting Richele Lowery, whose contact information is listed above.



**SOUL – OLMC WOMEN'S GROUP**

With the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, there is no SOUL Group meeting this week. We will resume Thursday meetings on December 11. For information, contact **Beth Fleming** at **(714) 745-6514**.



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 1-12**

•**Grades 9-10**, "Confirmation Preparation": **No meeting** this Sunday, Nov. 30th!

**Grades 11-12 "Leadership and Theology,"** our next scheduled meeting will be after Christmas! Contact John to sign up for our weekly scriptural readings and reflections at **(949) 673-2719**, or [jbruscia@olmc.net](mailto:jbruscia@olmc.net).

**GRADES 1-5 AND 6-8 ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES!**

**Grades 1-5: this Monday**, Dec. 1, during our regular meeting time. Parents are invited to participate.

**Grades 6-8: this Tuesday**, Dec. 2, starting at 6:30 PM. Students arrive at their regular times. Parents are invited to join their children in receiving the Sacrament during the "Season of Advent!"



**OLMC NATIVITY PLAY! MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Children's Ministry, in Grades 1-5, will present our annual **Nativity Play on Monday, December 15, at 4:30 PM** in the church! **Everyone is invited!** Prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ by sharing in this heart-warming production as only children can recreate! For more information, contact program director, John Bruscia, at **(949) 673-2719** or [jbruscia@olmc.net](mailto:jbruscia@olmc.net).



**KofC CHRISTMAS TAMALES SALE**

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling **pre-ordered tamales** for pick up on Sunday morning December 14th **after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses**.

All proceeds from the sale will be donated to St Joachim School for tuition assistance and/or endowment. Tamales are **\$30 /dozen**. Minimum order is half a dozen. You can order **chicken (green sauce); pork (red sauce); or chili cheese tamales**.

**Only pre-ordered tamales will be available for pick-up.** Contact **Chuck Baur** by texting your order to **(714) 244 8468** or email [chuckjr56@icloud.com](mailto:chuckjr56@icloud.com)

There may be extra tamales on the day of delivery, but no guarantees.



**PREPARATION CLASSES FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION 2026**

Are you an Adult Catholic (over 18+) who, for any reason, has never received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, or your **First reception of the Eucharist** or would like a **Refresher Course** in the basic teachings of the **Catholic Church**?

Our next 14-week series of **Adult Preparation Classes** for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will begin on **Tuesday evening, February 10, 2026**, in O'Donnell Hall, with the **Sacrament of Confirmation** being administered at the **Vigil of Pentecost Mass 2026**.

For information, contact OLMC Director of Adult Education and Faith Formation, **Greg Kelley**, at **(949) 645-4540** or [nbolmc@aol.com](mailto:nbolmc@aol.com), and to register for the classes, please contact the Parish Office.



**OLMC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Sign up for our young adult ministry and to receive updates on future events!

Scan this QR code to download **GroupMe** on iPhone or Android and join our group.