



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025

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.

Priests

Fr. Lawrence Seyer, *Pastor*

lseyer@mtcarmelsb.com

Monsignor Stephen Downes, *Pastor Emeritus*

Father Maurice O'Mahony, *Pastor Emeritus*

Parish Office

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Website: www.mtcarmelsb.com

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Masses

Daily 7:45 AM

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Holy Day Mass

Please check website for updated Mass times.

Confessions

Saturdays, from 3:30 to 4:15 PM – Side Chapel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

805/969-5965

Principal - Tracie Simolon

Pre-K thru 8th Grade

www.mountcarmelschool.net

Sacraments

Baptism – baptisms@mtcarmelsb.com

Confirmation ('El Camino' High School)

sarahm@mtcarmelsb.com

Marriage – weddings@mtcarmelsb.com

OCIA (Adult Sacraments) – info@mtcarmelsb.com

Faith Formation/First Communion

805/969-4868

Sister Rosalie Callen, C.S.J.

rcallen@mtcarmelsb.com

Youth/Young Adult Ministry

805/574-9941

Sarah Mack

sarahm@mtcarmelsb.com

5th Grade Youth Group – "The MC Club"

6th-8th Grade Youth Group - 'The 'M&M's'

High School Confirmation & Leadership – CORE

Young Adult – Spiritual Direction/Discipleship

Young Family Ministry – Stay & Play

Secular Order of Carmelites

Merri Berwick

805/448-3587

Community Outreach

805/969-4868

Sister Kathleen Patrice Sullivan

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"The person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11



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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, Father Lawrence, our retired priests, Fr. Steve and Fr. O' Mahony and Parish Family extend the hospitality of Jesus Christ to you.

If you would like more information about our faith community, please email our us at info@mtcarmelsb.com. Our parish office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9am - 12 noon and 1pm - 5pm.

The office is closed for lunch from noon to 1pm. The office is also closed on Saturdays, Sundays and all federal holidays.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
pray for us!**



Parish Registration Form

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

email _____

email _____

Check One

_____ New Parishioner _____ New Address

_____ New email or phone number

Sign up for Flocknotes

(Our Parish Communication Tool)

- Go to "olmcsb.flocknote.com"

Check our website mtcarmelsb.com
for our Mass times, other
services schedule and
current parish events.

Please place the form into the
Offerory basket or you can
mail it to the parish office.



Whole Community Faith Sharing

Gospel Luke 16:1-13



Reflection: The gospel reading this week is a powerful reminder of living with honesty and faithfulness. It calls us to put God above money and use what we have to serve others. Wealth and possessions are not bad, but they should never control us. God wants us to act with fairness, care for the poor, and live in a way that reflects His love.

Let us draw wisdom from a homily by Franciscan Friar, Father Larry Janowski, who eloquently explains the gospel.

Some seminarians were sitting around in the recreation room. Their casual conversation soon turned to kidding one another, as young men do. Each one got ragged over some minor matter: One was a champion at procrastination, another was getting caught up in fantasy football, and so on. Finally, they turned to John. John had recently taken a part-time job at a local women's college, working in the library. Knowing that John was a solid guy who also really enjoyed women's company, they held forth on how he should be concerned about his vows. After all, several nights a week, he was "surrounded by all those young women." John played along, finally saying, "Well, if you guys can compromise on poverty with expensive cell phones or obedience by sneaking out to bars after hours, then so can I with celibacy."

A priest who was in the room, pretty much unnoticed, noisily put down his newspaper and looked directly at all the young men: "If you compromise one vow, you compromise them all." There was silence. No one became defensive or argumentative, and no one justified their behavior by saying, "We were just kidding." They knew he was right. They recalled Jesus' words: "You cannot serve two masters."

Question: In what ways do you feel exploited or tricked – as a citizen, family member, a consumer or a church member?

Faith Response: This week I will reflect if there is any group I have exploited or was tempted to exploit and follow Paul's advice and pray to lead a life of tranquility and dignity.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

wine & cheese reception

HOSTED BY
THE PARISH

VISIT WITH MEMBERS OF THE PARISH,
OLD AND NEW, AND ENJOY WINE,
CHEESE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IN
OUR SIDE COURTYARD.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 4:30PM MASS.





YFM
Stay and Play
AT THE PUMPKIN
PATCH
SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH
3:30 PM
 PLEASE JOIN US AT
 LANE FARMS
 FOR TRACTOR RIDES, CORN MAZES AND LOTS OF
 FALL FUN!
 308 S. WALNUT LANE
 SANTA BARBARA, CA 93111
 MEET US AT THE LITTLE RED BARN!
 YFM IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER FIVE
 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 PLEASE TEXT SARAH AT 805-574-9941



OLMC M&M'S YOUTH
 GROUP
13 FT ICE CREAM SUNDAE NIGHT
STUDY BREAK!
 TAKE A BREAK AND ENJOY OUR
13 FT ICE CREAM SUNDAE,
GAMES AND RAFFLES
10/8 6:30-8PM
 OLMC PARISH HALL
 TEXT SARAH @ 805-574-9941 TO RESERVE YOUR
 SPOT! FREE AND OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
 STUDENTS FROM ANY SCHOOL



OLMC YOUTH MINISTRY
MC Club
5th Grade Youth
Group
 LIVE MUSIC - PIÑATA - GAMES
 FOOD - FRIENDS
 FALL KICK OFF-FREE
 THE MC CLUB IS OPEN TO
 ANY 5TH GRADER FROM ANY SCHOOL
 LED BY SARAH AND JUSTIN MACK
 OLMC PARISH HALL
 PLEASE TEXT YOUR RSVP
 TO SARAH 805-574-9941
 10/15
 6:30PM-8:00
 ONCE A MONTH FUN FOR ALL



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Faith Formation
FAMILY FOCUS TODAY
8:30 AM - 9:50 AM
 Come make new friends, have fun and learn
 about our Catholic faith.
 Please join us every Sunday
 8:40 AM - 9:50 AM
 Grades K - 8
 Registrations online or on-site
 First Family Mass next Sunday
 10:00 Am after regular class
 Faith Formation 805 969-4868
 Director: Sister Rosalie Callen, CSJ
 rcallen@mtcarmelsb.com



OKTOBERFEST

THE "WURST" BINGO NIGHT EVER!

Bratwurst, Bingo and Lots of Prize Fun!
 \$3.00 and a side dish to share gets you in!
 See you 10/6 in the OLMC Parish Hall
 Call/Text Sarah for more information
 805-574-9941



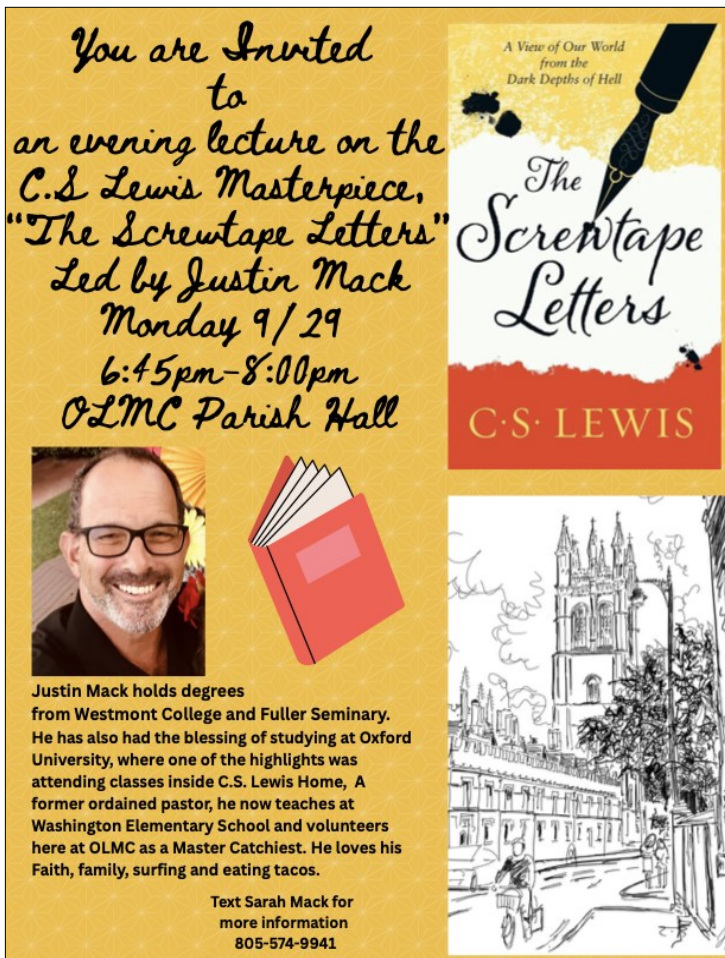
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome to join us on the school field for this annual tradition in the name of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of all creatures, from tall to small.

Please bring your pet on a leash or in its terrarium and meet on the school field. The blessing will take place at 9:00am - don't be late!
 Refreshments will follow.

Please email info@mtcarmelsb.com with any questions.

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You are Invited to an evening lecture on the C.S. Lewis Masterpiece, "The Screwtape Letters" Led by Justin Mack Monday 9/29 6:45pm-8:00pm OLMC Parish Hall

A View of Our World from the Dark Depths of Hell
The Screwtape Letters
 C.S. LEWIS

Justin Mack holds degrees from Westmont College and Fuller Seminary. He has also had the blessing of studying at Oxford University, where one of the highlights was attending classes inside C.S. Lewis Home. A former ordained pastor, he now teaches at Washington Elementary School and volunteers here at OLMC as a Master Catchiest. He loves his Faith, family, surfing and eating tacos.

Text Sarah Mack for more information
 805-574-9941



SAVE THE DATE!!!
 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

MINISTRY FAIR 2025

Come learn about our many wonderful Parish Ministries, and where God may be calling you to get involved!

OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH
 FOLLOWING ALL MASSES

From the Principal's Desk...

As an educator and parent, I have always appreciated the cycle of the school year. Summer is an important time for us to refresh, spend time with our families, and enjoy new experiences or travels. However, the school year always comes with its own excitement and opportunities for a fresh start! There is a buzz around campus as we all get back into our usual routines and rhythms.

One of the things back on the calendar is our school tours, the second Tuesday of each month. Even with all our digital communication and social media in this day and age, research shows that families still primarily rely on word-of-mouth recommendations when selecting a school for their children. Help share about the great things happening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School! If you know a family who would be a good fit for our school community, invite them to contact our school office to attend an upcoming tour. (805) 969-5965

Tracie Simolon
Principal

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much *wants* to see you!

Adoration is held every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 6pm, and the First Friday of every month from 8:15am until 11am, in the Main Church.

All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
42ND ANNUAL
AUCTION & DINNER**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2025
EL PASEO RESTAURANT, SANTA BARBARA**

**OLMC
El Camino
High School
Confirmation
Orientation 9/14 11:00am**

**TWO SUNDAY'S A MONTH
11:00-12:30
FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES &
MUSIC.
SERVICE RETREATS IN LA,
SANTA YNEZ, COACHELLA
VALLEY AND WITH OUR
"GRACE TO GO" VAN IN SANTA
BARBARA
REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE
PICKED UP IN THE OFFICE OR FOUND
ONLINE AT MTCARMELSB.COM
CALL SARAH AT (805) 574-9941 FOR
MORE INFORMATION**



Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

4:30pm

Joan Rocco

8:00am

Pam Langhorne

10:00am

Debbie Bruce

12:00pm

Kathy Wilson

4:30pm

Deborah Ferris

8:00am

Scott Ogilvie

John Pate

10:00am

Beth Boyd

Mark Lorge

Brian Simolon

12:00pm

Marlene Massa

SAFEGUARD OUR CHILDREN

How to talk about sexting with teens .

As children get older, they begin to form more peer relationships, and today this growth also coincides with having more opportunities for private communication through technology, especially with mobile phones. Young people are often uncomfortable talking to adults about their relationships, particularly when it involves technology, because they fear raising concerns will lead to caregivers restricting access to their devices. However, positive relationships with adults help and empower youth to make safe and healthy choices, both on and offline. Netsmartz offers resources for keeping children and teens safe online, please visit <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/sextortion>.

Mass Intentions

SAT.	SEPTEMBER 20TH
7:45AM	Lori Seyer †
4:30PM	Bill Jones †
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 21ST
8AM	For All Parishioners
10AM	Tina Lorge †
12PM	Yolanda Oropeza †
MON	SEPTEMBER 22ND
DAILY	Edward David Dysarz †
TUES	SEPTEMBER 23RD
DAILY	Intentions of Justin Mack (birthday)
WEDS	SEPTEMBER 24TH
DAILY	John Rosecrance † Whitney & Peter Hansen †
THURS	SEPTEMBER 25TH
DAILY	Edward McHale †
FRI	SEPTEMBER 26TH
DAILY	Intentions of Roger † & Miny Willmon
SAT	SEPTEMBER 27TH
DAILY	Intentions of Msgr. Gary Bauler
VIGIL	The Staff of San Ysidro Ranch
SUN	SEPTEMBER 28TH
8AM	Tony Crisp † Cynthia Tinsley †
10AM	For All Parishioners
12PM	Rina Bentajado †

Please Pray For The Sick Of Our Parish

Amy Warren - Mary Ann Nielsen
 Domini Tarman — Mary Press
 Cheryl & Tom Elder—Jim Clement
 Madryn Neuman-Francoise Cogburn
 Carolyn Groth-Marnat—Mary Cannon
 Alicia Williford—Meagan K.
 Dolores Smith—Spencer Vaughn
 John Ryan – Guadalupe Diaz De Leon
 Zofia Uznanska — Bill Whittenberg
 Bret Dougherty



Please contact us if you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list.