



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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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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

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Sister Rosalie Callen, C.S.J.
rcallen@mtcarmelsb.com

Youth/Young Adult Ministry 805/574-9941

Sarah Mack
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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

Sister Kathleen Patrice Sullivan
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"At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to John and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. – Mt 3:4-6



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 Offertory basket or you can mail it to the parish office.



Whole Community Faith Sharing

**Gospel
Matthew 3:1-12**



Reflection: In today's gospel we are introduced to John the Baptist as a forerunner to Jesus, preaching repentance in the wilderness and baptizing those who confessed their sins in the Jordan River. He foretells the coming of a mightier figure who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, and he warns the Pharisees and Sadducees against relying on their ancestry alone, stating that true repentance is shown through actions, not just lineage. The passage concludes with John rebuking the religious leaders and explaining that judgment is coming for the unrepentant, while the righteous will be saved.

Question: What sins are holding me back from having a closer relationship with the Lord?

Faith Response: This week I will be mindful of my words and actions and stay close to the Lord.

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!



OLMC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

**Tuesday, December 16th
6pm Parish Hall**

Join fellow parishioners for an evening of festive fellowship as we prepare for Christmas.

RSVP is required for this event so that we do not run out of food and beverage. Drinks will be provided.

For any questions or help with RSVP, please contact

Louise Hill, 805-452-0274 or

Susan Robles, 805-252-8206

RSVP Website: <https://our-lady-of-mt-carmel-christmas-potluck.cheddarup.com>



**Scan this QR code to
RSVP your dish & seat
or visit the website
listed above!**





Dear Fellow Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishioners –

Because of you, hundreds of families across Santa Barbara were able to share a warm meal on Thanksgiving Day. Through your generosity, we collected **79 turkeys, 1 turkey breast, and 2 chickens**—each one a gift of hope to a family in need.

Even more inspiring, we have received over **\$21,000 in cash donations** so far. With these funds, we were able to purchase **7 turkeys for Saint Vincent's Thanksgiving Dinner** and **300 chickens** that were distributed by the Catholic Charities Food Pantry before Thanksgiving. Thanks to your continued support, we will also be able to purchase **another 300 chickens** to be distributed by Catholic Charities prior to Christmas Day.

And the impact doesn't stop there. Your generosity will help keep the Catholic Charities Food Pantry shelves stocked well into **2026**, ensuring that families in our community continue to receive nourishment and care long after the holidays have passed.

I cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming support of our Annual Turkey Drive. To our incredible table volunteers—please accept my deepest gratitude. Your kindness and compassion this Thanksgiving will go on to feed thousands of Santa Barbara families in the year ahead.

May you all be richly blessed.

Martin Bell



FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times: 7:45am & 5:30pm

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

Our 5th Annual Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley Holiday Lights Trolley Ride



THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT
TEXT TO BE ADDED TO THE WAITLIST
IF YOU RESERVED BUT HAVE NOT PAID BY DECEMBER 2nd
YOUR RESERVATION WILL BE DROPPED.

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL OLMC TRADITION WITH OUR FAVORITE DRIVER,
JUSTIN MACK!

WHEN:- MONDAY DECEMBER 22, 2025
*5:30PM WINE, CHEESE AND TREATS IN THE PARISH HALL THEN-6:15PM-8:00PM-WE RIDE!
DRESS WARMLY AND BRING YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

TICKETS ARE \$50.00 EACH AND A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DIRECTED TO YOUTH MINISTRY HERE AT OLMC

PLEASE CALL/TEXT SARAH MACK 805-574-9941 FOR TICKETS. TICKETS NON REFUNDABLE

2025 Advent & Christmas Services

Advent Confession Times

Tuesday, December 16th | 3:30pm-4:30pm
Wednesday, December 17th | 3:30pm-4:30pm, 7pm-8pm
Saturday, December 20th | 3:30pm-4:15pm

Christmas Eve Masses

4pm - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (livestreamed w/ overflow in Parish Hall)
9pm - Christmas "Midnight" Mass

Christmas Day Masses

8am, 10am & 12pm Christmas Day Masses

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9am Holy Day Mass

This is not a holy day of obligation, so there is no Vigil Mass.



Save the Date!

Advent Night of Reflection

with Bishop Matt Elshoff

"Advent: The Season of Mary"

Tuesday, December 9th @ 7pm in the Parish Hall

Please join fellow parishioners for this gathering as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, and His promised second coming. A light reception will follow the talk. All are welcome to attend.

Bishop Elshoff was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but grew up in the Los Angeles area, attending St. Bede the Venerable Church and school in La Cañada Flintridge as a child. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1973 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1982. He is currently serving as the Episcopal Vicar for Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FAITH FORMATION

Happy 2nd week of Advent!

Peace

This second Advent candle of Peace reminds us that the angels declared "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. Jesus offers us inner peace and peace with others. We can know and experience peace today only through the life of Jesus Christ.

How can I be a person of peace for others this week?

December - 7 Regular Class Today
December 14 - Christmas Program

Faith Formation 805 969-4868
 Director: Sister Rosalie Callen, CSJ
 rcallen@mtcarmelsb.com

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

GIVING TREE

Since Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, we are inviting our parishioners, to join us in helping some of the less fortunate families in the Santa Barbara community. Please contact Sister Kathleen if you would like to still help a family or make a monetary donation to help make a child's Christmas wish come true.

Sister Kathleen Patrice 805 969-4868.
 kpatrice@mtcarmelsb.com

From the Principal's Desk...

"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." Isaiah 11:1

Jesse trees are a centuries' old tradition and one that our students take part in each Advent. It helps us to connect our Christmas preparation of decorating a tree to our faith "family tree." Each day at morning assembly, we hear the stories from Creation all the way through Christ's birth presented by our sixth grade students. This is an important part of our Advent preparation as a school, along with lighting our Advent candles and saying a special prayer each morning.

Another tradition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School is to celebrate First Reconciliation with our second graders during the season of Advent. I always think it is appropriate to do so this time of year. Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. What better way to do so than through the sacraments? Congratulations to our second graders who celebrated their First Reconciliation this weekend! Thank you to our teachers and parents who partner in forming these young people of faith!

- Tracie Simolon, Principal

Do you know a family who would be a great addition to our school community?
 Contact us at (805) 969-5965 or
info@mountcarmelschool.net.

Stay up on what's happening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School by following us on Facebook and Instagram. @MountCarmelSchoolSB



Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

4:30pm
Harriet Callier

8:00am
John Pate

10:00am
Beth Boyd

12:00pm
Anthony Dal Bello

4:30pm
Deborah Ferris

8:00am
Jack Casey
Sheila Neary

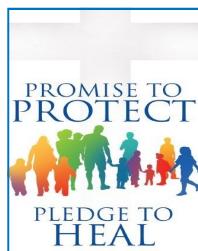
10:00am
Jackie Krock
Gretel Rothrock
Jane Osumi

12:00pm
Hank Peterson

SAFEGUARD OUR CHILDREN Red flags in gift giving

'Tis the season for giving and receiving gifts, but some gifts are inappropriate for children to receive from adults. Talk to your children about appropriate gift giving – who they should give presents to and who they do not need to give to. Discuss when they should accept a present or not. This would be a good time to establish family rules about gift receiving. For example: friends and family may not accept gifts outside of established holidays, like a birthday or Christmas. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article

"An embarrassment of riches: establishing a framework for gift giving to kids" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Mass Intentions

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| SAT. | DECEMBER 6TH |
| 7:45AM | Rina Bentajado † |
| 4:30PM | Gino & Rosetta Guadagnini † |
| SUN. | DECEMBER 7TH |
| 8AM | Bill Werts † |
| 10AM | For All Parishioners |
| 12PM | Edmund Jenkins † |
| MON | DECEMBER 8TH |
| DAILY | Intentions of Fr. Steve Downes (birthday) |
| 5:30PM | Patricia Jackson † |
| TUES | DECEMBER 9TH |
| DAILY | Shirley J. Conley † Roy Rohrer † |
| WEDS | DECEMBER 10TH |
| DAILY | Serena Moran Schmidt † |
| THURS | DECEMBER 11TH |
| DAILY | Tina Lorge † |
| FRI | DECEMBER 12TH |
| DAILY | Betsy Lewis † |
| SAT | DECEMBER 13TH |
| DAILY | Intentions of Carol Wathen |
| VIGIL | Kevin Freeman † |
| SUN | DECEMBER 14TH |
| 8AM | Gay Schaaf † |
| 10AM | For All Parishioners |
| 12PM | Intentions of the Hines family |

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
Meagan K.—Spencer Vaughn
John Ryan – Guadalupe Diaz De Leon
Zofia Uznanska — Bill Whittenberg
Bret Dougherty—Molly Rosecrance
Please contact us if you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

