

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 28, 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](mailto:lseyer@mtcarmelsb.com)

Monsignor Stephen Downes, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Father Maurice O'Mahony, *Pastor Emeritus*

### Parish Office

1300 East Valley Rd • Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
Phone: 805/969-6868  
Website: [www.mtcarmelsb.com](http://www.mtcarmelsb.com)  
Email: [info@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:info@mtcarmelsb.com)

### 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](http://www.mountcarmelschool.net)

### Sacraments

Baptism – [baptisms@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:baptisms@mtcarmelsb.com)

Confirmation ('El Camino' High School)  
[sarahm@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:sarahm@mtcarmelsb.com)

Marriage – [weddings@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:weddings@mtcarmelsb.com)

OCIA (Adult Sacraments) – [info@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:info@mtcarmelsb.com)

Faith Formation/First Communion 805/969-4868

Sister Rosalie Callen, C.S.J.  
[rcallen@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:rcallen@mtcarmelsb.com)

Youth/Young Adult Ministry 805/574-9941

Sarah Mack  
[sarahm@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto: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

Sister Kathleen Patrice Sullivan 805/969-4868  
[kpatrick@mtcarmelsb.com](mailto:kpatrick@mtcarmelsb.com)

"He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,  
so that what had been spoken through the  
prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a*  
*Nazorean.*" – Mt 2:22b-23



## 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](mailto: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](http://olmcsb.flocknote.com)"

Check our website [mtcarmelsb.com](http://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 2:13-15; 19-23



**Reflection:** This Gospel is so in tune with the refugees in today's world...it is startling. Mary, Joseph, and young Jesus were refugees! They had to pivot with a new plan with very little notice, leaving everything behind. It is tantamount that we are cognizant of all of the people who must suddenly flee leaving their homes due to circumstances beyond their control.

**Question:** What impact can I personally have to help make change to those in need and help others see through their lens?

**Faith Response:** I will always be aware to see the lives of others through their lens and do what I can to have compassion and pray for them. If I can help with food, clothing or through philanthropy, I will do so with compassion.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

**Thursday, January 1st  
Holy Day Mass @ 9am**

# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME CHORALE

## 2026 WINTER TOUR CONCERT

Music by: Bach | Bernstein | Brahms | Rheinberger | Carly Simon



7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026  
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1300 EAST VALLEY RD, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC





### **"ONCE A CATHOLIC, ALWAYS A CATHOLIC."**

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING THAT GOES, "ONCE A CATHOLIC, ALWAYS A CATHOLIC." MAYBE YOU HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A LITTLE WHILE OR FOR QUITE SOME TIME, BUT NOW YOU FEEL A TUG AT YOUR HEART CALLING YOU BACK TO YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. LISTEN TO THAT TUG, IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE HOPE YOU RESPOND TO THIS SPIRITUAL INVITATION AND REDISCOVER THE TRUTH, WONDER AND MYSTERY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

AS YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, WE WELCOME YOU BACK HOME. WE'VE MISSED YOU, AND OUR CHURCH IS NOT THE SAME WITHOUT YOU. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ONE OF OUR PRIESTS TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE CALL OUR CHURCH OFFICE AT **805-969-6868**.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU HOME.**



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you, thank you for your generous response to the Giving Tree! Your beautifully wrapped gifts and donations helped brighten the lives of almost 200 children and families living in Santa Barbara area. The families served were from Santa Barbara Catholic Charities and St. Vincent's.

I am so grateful for your kindness. Thank you for sharing the special meaning of Christmas with other families.

May God bless you and your family.

Happy New Year!

Lovingly,  
Sister Kathleen Patrice



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**

# **SCRIPTURE STUDY**



Join Us for Another Fun, Interactive and Engaging Study Led by our very own Justin Mack

**Every Thursday | 6:45pm-8:00pm**

**Our New Season of Study Kicks off on Jan. 15, 2026**

**1300 East Valley Rd. Parish hall**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Text Sarah Mack at 805-574-9941 for more information

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  
FAITH FORMATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

Class resumes January 4

Family Mass January 11

YFM  
WINTER  
STAY AND PLAY



JOIN OTHER FAMILIES  
WITH YOUNG CHILDREN  
FOR FUN, SNACKS,  
DONUTS & DRINKS

SUNDAY JANUARY 4TH  
11:00-NOON  
MEET ON THE SCHOOL  
PLAYGROUND

Text Sarah at 805-574-9941  
for more info



# The Gamez on Wheelz Truck is Coming!

THE M&M'S YOUTH GROUP  
NEW YEAR'S KICK OFF!  
JANUARY 7TH 6:30PM-8:00PM

FREE ENTRY!

This 3D Game Truck Theater is AWESOME! Experience "limo" lighting and custom seating equipped with seat rumblers that vibrate in sync with your game.

\*Meet in the OLMC Parish Hall for Check In

SPACE IS LIMITED 21 -PLEASE RSVP BY  
TEXTING SARAH AT 805-574-9941

JOIN US FOR  
A MC-CLUB

# GLOW party

Wednesday Jan. 14, 2026  
6:30 - 8.00 P.M.  
OLMC Parish Hall  
Free! Open to all 5th grade  
students from any school  
Games-Treats-Raffles-Glow  
Text Sarah @ 805-574-9941 for info-  
Invite a friend!

## From the Principal's Desk...

If your home is anything like mine, it can get pretty hectic in the days leading up to Christmas. Finishing the shopping, wrapping gifts, and preparing for family visits can take their toll. I find that it can be easy to worry needlessly about giving the perfect gift or having the house decorated a certain way. However, now the preparations are (nearly) complete as we celebrate the 4th week of Advent. Then arriving at the holy moment of Christmas, we are reminded that it is not about the presents or decorations. In our increasingly commercial and secular world, I appreciate rejoicing in the birth of Jesus in a humble stable.

As Christians we often repeat the phrase, keep Christ in Christmas, a mantra to recall ourselves to the true celebration of Christmas. This Christmas season one way we can keep Christ in Christmas by showing others Christ in us. Whether it is by helping those in need or sharing a kind smile, modeling the importance of family or treating our neighbors with patience, we can live out the reason for the season and be Christ to others during this time of year when it can be so easy for our world to forget. On behalf of the faculty and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, I wish you a Happy Advent & Merry Christmas!

- Tracie Simolon, Principal

Do you know a family who would be a great addition to our school community? Call our school office to RSVP for a school tour or to apply for the 2026-27 school year! (805) 969-5965 You can stay up to date on what's happening at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

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### Lectors

4:30pm  
Harriet Callier

8:00am  
Debbie Bruce

10:00am  
Anthony Dal Bello

12:00pm  
Clay Jordan

### Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm  
Jack Stratford

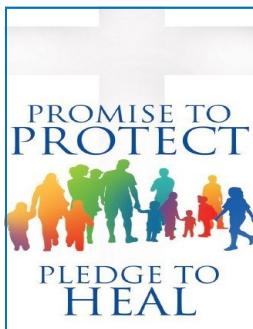
8:00am  
Jack Casey  
Sheila Neary

10:00am  
Jackie Krock  
Jane Osumi  
Gretel Rothrock

12:00pm  
Hank Peterson

### **SAFEGUARD OUR CHILDREN** Start the New Year reflecting on the protection of children and vulnerable persons

As we start the New Year and commemorate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we remember that Mary's life was devoted to the good care and protection of her Son and to lead all to God the Father. This season also reminds us, as parents and safe adults, of the beauty, dignity, and vulnerability of the children we are called to safeguard. Prayer is also a major part remembering victims, survivors, thrivers and all who are involved in the work of protecting God's children. We pray to our Mother of Good Counsel asking her to protect all children and vulnerable persons. For the full reflection, read the VIRTUS® article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## Mass Intentions

SAT.	DECEMBER 27TH
7:45AM	Tina Lorge †
4:30PM	For All Parishioners
SUN.	DECEMBER 28TH
8AM	Christopher Guadagnini †
10AM	Carolyn Bell †
12PM	Maria Munoz †
MON	DECEMBER 29TH
DAILY	Mary & Paul Hindelang †
TUES	DECEMBER 30TH
DAILY	Intentions of Teresa McWilliams
WEDS	DECEMBER 31ST
DAILY	Maribel Jarchow †
THURS	JANUARY 1ST
9AM	Intentions of Glenn & Missy Mueller
FRI	JANUARY 2ND
DAILY	Intentions of Pierina Lowdermilk
SAT	JANUARY 3RD
DAILY	Lois Raine †
VIGIL	Intentions of Diane Jones
SUN	JANUARY 4TH
8AM	For All Parishioners
10AM	Intentions of Al & Sheila Chavez
12PM	Joseph Duffy †

### 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.