



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2026

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

1300 East Valley Rd • Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Phone: 805/969-6868

Website: www.mtcarmelsb.com

Email: 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

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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"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." ~ Mt 2:1b-2



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 2:1-12



Reflection: The Gospel today narrates an incredible story filled with Astrologers, a king, conflict, intrigue, gifts, warnings, and a bright star. A great story, but a closer look might reveal a hidden story. The magi set out on a spiritual journey, prompted by the stirrings of their souls, guided by ancient writings and a wondrous star. They were not sure of what they would find, but they were resolute in their intentions to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews They found him, and we can imagine that the Isaiah line described them perfectly: "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow." One encounter with the Lord and they were never again the same. They couldn't even return the same way; their journey took a different turn.

We, too, are pilgrims on a journey, seeking the One who will make our hearts "throb and overflow." Each time we meet the Lord, we come away changed, our path pointing in a new direction. Without the benefit of stars and messages in dreams, we continue seeking the Lord in likely and unlikely places. We look for him in prayer, in good people, in good deeds, but sometimes he arrives in silence, in distressing disguises, in emptiness. But we have set out on our own journey and must be resolute. There is no turning back, only going ahead, and, as Isaiah puts it. "Then shall you be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."

Question: How will I pay homage to Jesus this year? Do any of my resolutions help me deepen my relationship with him?

Faith Response: This week, I will reflect on the Herod in my life, the obstacle that threatens my growth in the Holy Spirit and pray that God will guide me.

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



In remembrance of January 9, 2018

**We honor all those who suffered, especially
those who lost their lives.**

Jonathan Benitez - Kailly Benitez

Faviola Benitez

Calderon Joseph Francis Bleckel - Martin Cabrera Munoz

David Cantin - Jack Cantin -

Morgan Corey - Sawyer Corey -

Peter Fleurat- Josephine Gower -

John McManigal - Alice Mitchell

James Mitchell - Mark Montgomery

Caroline Montgomery - Marilyn Ramos

Rebecca Riskin - Roy Rohter

Lydia Suttithepn - Peerawat Suttithepn -

Pinit Suttithepn - Richard Taylor

***"The light that shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5***

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



“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’s 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!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

NEW YEAR'S BINGO

MONDAY
JANUARY 12 6:30PM-8PM

OLMC PARISH HALL
OPEN TO ALL AGED 18 AND
UP! PLAY FOR PRIZES!
BRING A FRIEND, A SNACK
TO SHARE AND \$3.00 FOR
TWO CARDS.
TEXT SARAH
805-574-9941 FOR INFO



RAISING OUR LIGHT

AN EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE, CONNECTION AND HOPE

As we approach eight years since the 1/9 Debris Flow, our community is invited to gather at Montecito Union School to connect and remember the 23 lives we lost.

Friday, January 9, 2026

Montecito Union School

385 San Ysidro Road

6:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS • READING OF THE NAMES • BELL RINGING • COURTYARD RECEPTION

Need someone to talk to?

Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral
Wellness is here to support you. Contact the
Community Wellness Team at 805-699-6001.

WATCH ONLINE AT

KEYT.COM/livestream-2

NEWS CHANNEL



TELEUNIVISION COSTA CENTRAL

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ROSEWOOD Thank you to the Raising Our Light Event
MIRAMAR BEACH Coordinators & Sponsors



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LIGHTING • DECOR • AUDIO • VIDEO
GENERATORS • EQUIPMENT RENTALS





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



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FAITH FORMATION

"Happy Epiphany - Little Christmas!"



The three kings followed the star to the manger bearing gifts for the Christ Child.
What gift will you bring Jesus today?

Classes resume Today January 4th
8:40-9:50 A.M.
Family Mass January 11th
We will attend the 10:00 Mass together!
Martin Luther King Day is January 18 No class

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



From the Principal's Desk...

During the second half of my junior year of college, I was blessed with the opportunity to study in Spain for a semester. I arrived just days after the celebration of Día de Los Reyes Magos and was amazed to learn that many countries celebrate the Epiphany with equal, if not more, fervor as Christmas itself. Children put out their shoes the night before and wake to see what gifts the Wise Men have left for them. Families gather for feasts, special treats, and in many towns, there are parades and processions.

While I do not think children in our country would complain about a second opportunity to receive gifts, I wonder if we should instead take on the role of the Magi. They paid homage by giving gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the newborn Christ. We spend a lot of time talking to our students about the gifts and talents they have each been given from God. As we begin a New Year and celebrate how the wise men honored Jesus, perhaps we can recall the example of the Magi by giving to a charity organization, helping a neighbor with yard work, or calling a friend to lift their spirits. In this way we can give our gifts in service of others.

- 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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Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

4:30pm

Harriet Callier

8:00am

Pam Langhorne

10:00am

Deborah Ferris

12:00pm

Scott Ogilvie

4:30pm

John Pate

8:00am

Bridget Crooks

David Crooks

10:00am

Jackie Krock

Mark Lorge

Narindra Rafidimalala

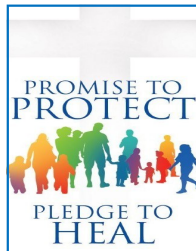
12:00pm

James Garcia

SAFEGUARD OUR CHILDREN

The challenge of complacency

Safe adults often move through the world with a heightened awareness of what could be suspicious behavior and warning signs – this may feel overwhelming. If they never encounter abuse, they could easily become complacent — thinking there is no potential for abuse because they have not seen it in their own lives. The antidote to complacency is to always remember the end goal: the safety and well-being of the children and vulnerable people in our parishes, schools, ministries and communities. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “The Challenge of Complacency” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Mass Intentions

SAT.	JANUARY 3RD
7:45AM	Lois Raine †
4:30PM	Intentions of Diane Jones
SUN.	JANUARY 4TH
8AM	For All Parishioners
10AM	Intentions of Al & Sheila Chavez
12PM	Joseph Duffy †
MON	JANUARY 5TH
DAILY	Intentions of Izabela Tomaszycska
TUES	JANUARY 6TH
DAILY	Intentions of Mark & Julee Richards
WEDS	JANUARY 7TH
DAILY	Intentions of Christian & Tyler Crisp
THURS	JANUARY 8TH
DAILY	Intentions of Lucy June Belluardo
FRI	JANUARY 9TH
DAILY	The Victims of the 2018 Debris Flow Roy Rohrer †
SAT	JANUARY 10TH
DAILY	Tyler & Scottie Hester †
VIGIL	Gino & Rosetta Guadagnini †
SUN	JANUARY 11TH
8AM	For All Parishioners
10AM	Intentions of Gary & Beth Boyd
12PM	Intentions of Martha Lange

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.