

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

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Mass Schedule / Sacraments

PARISH OFFICE.....(707) 422-7767
Gemma Gonzalo, Parish Administrator
Office email address: olmc.gem@gmail.com
Office hours: 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday
FAITH FORMATION.....(707) 422-2814
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.....(707) 422-5209
Emergency material assistance
EMERGENCY SICK CALLS.....(707) 422-7767
CONFIRMATION & RCIA.....(707) 422-7767
TAG / HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Rhyan Ramirez.....(707) 853-2905

MASS: *WEEKEND*....Saturday Evening: 5PM Vigil
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM & 12 Noon
DAILY.....Monday - Saturday: 9AM
HOLY DAYS.....9AM, Noon and 7PM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays.....3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment
BAPTISMS: 2nd Weekend of the Month
Pre-Baptism Program Required (visit our website)
MARRIAGES: *Six months notice required*
Contact the Parish Office for all Baptisms & Marriages

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2015 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Strength & Courage- Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

~ Anonymous

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL COMMUNITY

Monday	12/14	~~~
Tuesday	12/15	<i>Knights of Columbus / OLMC Communal Penance 7PM</i>
Wednes.	12/16	~~~
Thursday	12/17	<i>SVDP</i>
Friday	12/18	<i>Nativity set up!</i>
Saturday	12/19	~~~
Sunday	12/20	<i>Little Church / TAG Youth Group</i>



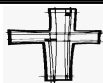
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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration *Christmas and the Eucharist*

“Christmas is a fact of history. In a point of time and at a definable place of God of heaven and earth was born of a woman, and came to live among us as man. It is a fact that the infinite God became, unexplainably, a finite creature. It is a fact to which historians attest but which we know is no mere statistic of history; it is rather, a fact planned by God from all eternity. This is the fact of Christmas: the Word actually became Flesh.”

by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

COMMITTED ADORERS are NEEDED !!! OLMC's St. Therese Chapel is open 24 hours, 7 days a week! Our goal is to have 2 or more committed adorers every hour. Please call the Parish Office for more information, 422-7767.



Mass Intentions

Monday	† Charles Elser
Tuesday	Frank and Dina Cruz
Wednesday	† Mary Kelly
Thursday	† Bev Orlando
Friday	OLMC Parishioners
Saturday: 9AM	Gabino and Carmen Casillas
5PM	† Charlie Elser
Sunday: 8AM	† Ana and Edwardo Arias
10AM	† Pilar Quiestas
12Noon	† Jonathan Brown

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes. Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.



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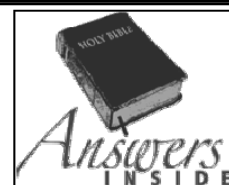
Prayer Requests If you would like the faith community of OLMC to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the Parish Office at 422-7767. We do occasionally take some names off of the list in the bulletin. If we have taken a name from the printed list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on. Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:

- For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness
- For Armed Forces Men and Women on Active Duty, and for

Madison O'Shields	Daniel Artates	Joe Hill
Timothy White	Carol Nunes	Connie Arias
Ron Scharfen	Dolores Sheppard	John Hess
Dolores Highsmith-Cass	Albert Pratt	Robert Keck
Freddie Highsmith	Bessie Zanolini	Kimo Boone
Dion Newman	Elba Elias	Gloria Lee
Shannon Valtierra	Ian Padilla	Anita Brennan
Daniella Rogers Harre	Laura Labrado	Steve Henson
Kim Bettencourt	Cameron Schuster	Mack Cole
Susan Stockwell	Miley McCrary	Stephen Shanahan
Francisco Galvez	Sally Fields	Rebecca Rivera
Jim & Christa Christian	De Pham	Don & Julia Rivera
Carl Johnson	John & June Kelley	Kathy Spain
Vanessa Demerin	David Quilao	Larry Hebert
Joe & Evelyn Nunes	Mary Aquila	Phillip Rodriguez
Sharon Dotson	Susan Cox	Kellie Arnold
Malou Garado	William McFadden	Josephine Iannarelli
Carter "Ed" Wilson	Kelly Farney	Bob Olmstead
Veronica Blas	Johanna Abrera	Jennifer Briones
Irma D. Marrufo	Ferdinand Aquinovo	Sonia Agustin
Ezra Creed Haueter	Augusto Limjoco	Sabine Krygier
Pat Brausch	Stephanie Ambat	Imelda De Dios
Nino Casilag	Carol Ann Lewis	Miguel Cortez
Generosa Dumlao	Llavore Family	Nancy Sexton
Karen Mastrandrea	Angelina Sabaria	Su Kuropatokin
Andy Andalajao		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 5:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45





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 Regina Williams 330-6915
 John Quitugua 428-7255
 Matt Maffei 592-0375
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 Ambassador)*
 Angie Bernardo 344-0166
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 Jim Brown 688-5181
 Ray Fortaleza 720-5166
 Patricia May 252-3856
 Laura Rojas (415) 613-3671
 Vince Tydingco/Sec. 631-5269
 Julie Darling / Pres. 425-3934



OLMC's Knights of Columbus - is sponsoring a TOYS' DRIVE. Your generosity has been wonderful in past years and we hope to have another fantastic year. You can bring new, unwrapped toys to the back of the narthex through Dec. 19/20. Donations will be given to children in need.

Nativity Display News:
 Loaners for display will be accepted on Dec. 18, 2015 between 10AM - Noon.



Parish Collection
 Our weekly goal \$12,500.00

Offertory for week ending:
 December 6th, 2015
 \$14,800.00



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!

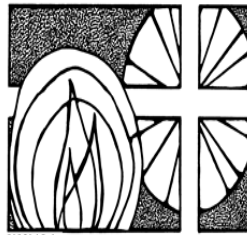
If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. Our parish will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on January 7th! Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its narrative approach and color-coded Bible Timeline. You'll see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos. Each video will be followed by a group discussion. Registration, in advance, is required to make sure we have enough study material for all participants. Please make sure to specify the desired class time when registering. We will be accepting registrations this weekend (Dec. 12/13) after each Masses. You may also register in the Parish Office during office hours.



Bible Study

Thank you to all for making the Craft Faire a success! We raised \$3,100 for Thanksgiving meals for families in need and \$1,500 for the annual youth conference. God Bless you!

~ St. Vincent de Paul and TAG Youth Ministry



AN ADVENT PRAYER May the God of peace make us completely holy. May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forever faithful is the One who calls us - God our Father! Expectant, let us live in joyful hope for the revelation of the glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus! To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

For unto us a Child is born

... and his name shall be called Everlasting Father

The Third Sunday of Advent:

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. *John 14:8-11*



Annual Nativity Display:

The committee is in the planning stages for this year's display. We can use additional help. If you're interested in helping with this worthwhile project, please call Dom Orlando, 429-0149 or Kelly Newman, 422,4582.



- ◆ Dec. 15th - OLMC Communal Penance, 7PM. (Holy Spirit - Dec. 14th, 7PM)
- ◆ Dec. 22th - 27th - The 13th Annual Bev Orlando Memorial Creche Exhibit
- ◆ Dec. 31st - Nights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dinner / Dance
- ◆ Jan. 7th - OLMC's Bible Study begins . . . Thursdays 10AM and 7PM. Registration is required.

The 13th Annual Bev Orlando Memorial Creche Exhibit schedule:



- Dec. 22 ... 9:30 am - 2 pm & 6 pm - 8 pm
- Dec. 23 ... 9:30 am - 2 pm & 6 pm - 8 pm
- Dec. 24 ... 9:30 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 11 pm
- Dec. 25 ... 8:30 am - 2 pm Merry Christmas
- Dec. 26 ... 9:30 am - 2 pm & 6 pm - 8 pm
- Dec. 27 ... 9:30 am - 1 pm (Raffle drawing at 1 pm).

OLMC MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS



ADULT EDUCATION - RCIA / Catholics Come Home	Vivian Donahoe - 422-0872 / Kelly Newman - 422-4582 / Dom Orlando - 429-0149	MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom and Elaine Bruno - 426-9564
ALPHA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER	428-3300	MEMBERS IN MOTION	MaryEllen McCormick - 434-9850
ALTAR & SANCTUARY	Teo Balmeo	MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST	Julie Darling - 425-3934 Pearla Cuervo - 429-8226
ALTAR SERVERS	Deacon Raymond Elias / 416-4618	MINISTRY OF THE WORD	Greig Parker - 688-1795
AMOR DEI CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY	Delia & Ireneo Tabasa / 631-9577	MUSIC MINISTRY - Mark Middleton olmemusic@guitarandpiano.com	Barbara McFadden - 580-6514,
BAPTISM PREP Class held every other month	Deacon Raymond Elias / 416-4618 deaconraymondelias@sbcglobal.net	OLMC GIFT CARDS	Peggy Sherrod / 429-3183
CANCER SUPPORT	Annie Hutchinson - 422-0851	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	Consists of 10 members (listed in the bulletin)
CFC-FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY & LIFE	John & Malou Bayquen - 208-4005	PRAYER LINE	Catharine Scharfen - 427-2320 Jewel Perez, 426-3697 / Pearla Cuervo - 429-8226
COUNSELING (private practice)	Henry A. Ormond, O.Carm, PhD 422-7767 ext 16	QUEEN OF PEACE CENACLE	Mindy Zindel - 421-0776
COUPLES FOR CHRIST	Cesar & Norma Dulay (925) 528-3528 Pidz & Joy Banasan - 425-3077	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Elaine Bruno or Anna Albericci 422-2814
CURSILLO	Gem Geluz - 386-9142	RESPECT LIFE and LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK	Cathy Omoso 688-6551 / Phyllis Kaminska 419-4237
FIAT	Norma Dulay - (925) 528-3528	RETRouvaille (Lifeline for troubled marriages)	Fred & Barbara Valles - 422-1215
FINANCE COUNCIL	John Donahoe - 422-0872	ST. VINCENT de PAUL	422-5209
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY	Dominic Orlando - 429-0149 Dottie Pratt 429-1023	USHERS / HOSPITALITY	Bunny Dominguez / 386-2709
LAY CARMELITES	Teresa Smith - 421-1491	VISITS TO THE SICK and SACRAMENT MINISTRY	Parish Office
LEGION OF MARY	Elena McBound - 481-7850	YLI (A Catholic Women's Organization)	Kathy Marley - 422-3588 or Margaret Sanders - 428-1970
LORD'S LEAVEN MISSION SOCIETY	Marlon & Yvette Taasan - 428-6375	YOUTH MINISTRY	Rhyan & Danielle Ramirez - 853-2905 Regina Berdak - 398-1092