

# OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

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## **Served by the Carmelites**

## **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*

*The Name for God* ~ Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.  
- William Makepeace Thackeray

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL COMMUNITY**

Monday 12/28  
Tuesday 12/29  
Wednesday 12/30  
Thursday 12/31  
Friday 01/01  
Saturday 01/02  
Sunday 01/03

*Happy  
New  
Year!*



**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration** "What is the mystery of Christmas? The mystery is the humanly incredible reality of why God became man. He did not have to. God did not even have to make the world, and within the world, He did not have to make us. Except for the love of God, we are all empty unoccupied spaces on earth. But, having decided to make the world and to make us, God also decided that once man had sinned, He would redeem man. God might have redeemed man by an act of His divine Will; He chose not to do so. He chose, rather, to become man, so that as man He might not only, by some fiat of His human freedom redeem us, but might have a mortal flesh and a soul capable of suffering. In a word, the mystery of Christmas is the mystery of God's love that chose to take on our human form in order to show His love for us by suffering." by Fr. John Hardon



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday** † Bev Orlando  
**Tuesday** † Rizalina Pata  
**Wednesday** † Helen Haug  
**Thursday** Celina Hess  
**Friday** Solemnity of Mary  
**Saturday: 9AM** † Rin Barker  
5PM † Gloria and Ken King  
**Sunday: 8AM** † George Tydingco  
10AM † Helen Crosby  
12Noon Staff of OLMC

**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

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|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 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          | Valerie Lumibao    | Romy Lopez           |

**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, (707) 422-7767.

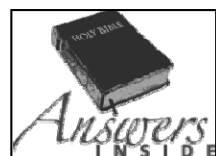


**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

This New Year's Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. In northern Europe "Sylvester Night" is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester's papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They've been celebrating ever since! Many New Year's customs have pagan roots, like the British "First Footer" tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household's first footer?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12





Rainer Urbach 246-4686  
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*(Immaculate Heart Radio Ambassador)*  
 Angie Bernardo 344-0166  
 Hayde Talley 421-1306  
 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



# MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday - January 31, 2016

9 AM - 2 PM

This New Year  
 come see how your  
 Church helps the  
 community and  
 how YOU can help your Church!



## Registration for NEW students, Grades K-8 for Holy Spirit School, Fairfield, will be accepted during the month of January, 2016, in the school office from 9 AM until 2PM daily. The office will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016. Applications made in past years are obsolete. There is a \$40 application /processing fee per child. Parents applying for entrance into Kindergarten, please note: children must be 5 years old by September 1st of the Fall of 2016; pre-school is required. Entrance observations will be given to all applicants. All applicants must submit the following documents: *(Incomplete applications WILL NOT be accepted).*

*Birth Certificate \*\* Immunization Records \*\* Church Certificates—Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation (if applicable) \*\* Letter of Recommendation from your Parish \*\* Progress Report from preschool for Kindergarteners \*\* Photo of Family*

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Holy Spirit School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color or national/ethnic origin in admission policies.



**Knights of Columbus**  
 Council #15499  
**2016 Winter Spectacular**  
**New Year's Eve Dinner /Dance**

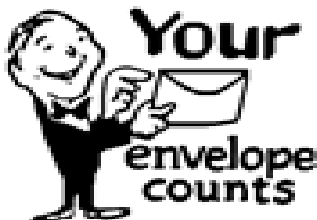
7PM - 1AM. Cost per person \$45. *(Last day to purchase your ticket Dec. 27, 2015)*



### ParishCollection

Our weekly goal  
**\$12,500.00**

Offertory for week ending:  
**December 20th, 2015**  
*Not available at print.*



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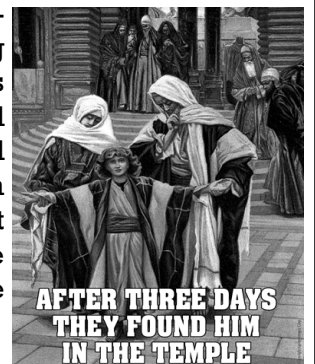
**Ushers NEEDED!** Secondary Ushers are needed to fill-in for Primary Ushers who are not available to serve on their regular schedule. If you have an interest in becoming an Usher for our Parish, please see one of the following Captains. A meeting of all current and new Ushers will be scheduled after the holidays. If you have questions, please call Bunny at (707) 386-2709 / (707) 423-3649.

Captains: 5PM Saturday Mass Tom Amess  
 8AM Sunday Mass Joe Lujan  
 10AM Mass Paul Parkinson  
 Noon Mass Bunny Dominguez



## FAMILY LIFE . . . Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial.

Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes - can disconnect - then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to - and take some solace in - the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.





◆ *Dec. 27th - The 13th Annual  
Bev Orlando Memorial  
Creche Exhibit - ends  
today!*

- ◆ *Dec. 31st - Knights of Columbus New Year's  
Eve Dinner / Dance*
- ◆ *Jan. 7th - OLMC's Bible Study begins . . . Thursdays  
10AM and 7PM. Registration is required.*
- ◆ *Jan. 23rd - Walk For Life, West Coast!*



### Mass Schedule

- New Year's Eve Day ~ 9 AM
- New Year's Eve Mass ~ 5 PM
- New Year's Day ~ 10 AM

*May Jesus light shine on you all year long.  
Blessed New Year!*

## 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