

# 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*

# WEEK OF JAN. 3RD , 2016 ~ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Little Minutes* ~ Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land; so the little minutes, humble though they be, make the mighty ages of eternity. ~ Julia Carney

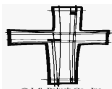
Monday 01/04 ~ ~ ~  
 Tuesday 01/05 *Faith Formation / Legion of Mary*  
 Wednesday 01/06 *Faith Formation / SVDP / RCIA*  
 Thursday 01/07 *SVDP / Cancer Support / Bible Study / Knights of Columbus*  
 Friday 01/08 *Amor Dei*  
 Saturday 01/09 *FFL / Respect Life*  
 Sunday 01/10 *Little Church*



## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.”  
 - St. Angela of Foligno

**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.



## Mass Intentions

**Monday** John & † Michele Andrada AND Berndette L. Aquino  
**Tuesday** Mass of Thanksgiving for Georgina Boyd  
**Wednesday** † Pat Bowen  
**Thursday** † Douglas Kelly  
**Friday** † Carmen Jennifer Scharff  
**Saturday: 9AM** Lay Carmelites, Fairfield Community  
**5PM** † Julia Berger  
**Sunday: 8AM** † Mark Coon AND † Steven Terris  
**10AM** † Deacon Larry Sheldon  
**12Noon** † Micheline Andrada



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 Dumlaog        | Llavore Family     | Nancy Sexton         |
| Karen Mastrandrea       | Angelina Sabaria   | Su Kuropatokin       |
| Andy Andalajao          | Valerie Lumibao    | Romy Lopez           |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways: “20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder,



the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names. The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Rainer Urbach 246-4686  
 Regina Williams 330-6915  
 John Quitugua 428-7255  
 Matt Maffei 592-0375  
*(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



**Get involved**

**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!**

**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 Tom Amess
- \* 8AM Sunday Joe Lujan
- \* 10AM Sunday Paul Parkinson
- \* Noon Sunday Bunny Dominguez



**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**

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



**LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES** *"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the epiphania, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true. What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives. We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.*

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

**Offertory for week ending:**  
**December 27th, 2015**  
**Not available at print.**



**Walk for Life West Coast 2016:** Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 23, 2016. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the walk down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. This year we are honored to welcome Latin American music legend Emmanuel, all the way from Mexico, as one of our speakers. We are taking registrations for the bus leaving our OLMC parking lot the day of the event after the 9 AM daily Mass. Contact Anna Albericci, (707) 290-5583 to register.



## Church Calendar

- ◆ Jan. 7th - OLMC's Bible Study begins - Thurs days 10AM and 7PM. Registration is required.
- ◆ Jan. 23rd - Walk For Life
- ◆ Jan. 30th - Crab Feed (Knights of Columbus)
- ◆ Feb. 6th - RCIA Retreat
- ◆ Feb 10th - Ash Wednesday - Masses: 9AM, Noon and 7PM
- ◆ Feb 12th - Lenten Soup Supper Begins!

## Its not too late donate!

*Special Christmas Flower Offering in memory of your loved one(s) can be dropped off in the Parish Office or Offertory basket.*



## OLMC MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS



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|--|--|---|---|
| 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<br>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<br>olmemusic@guitarandpiano.com | Barbara McFadden - 580-6514,  |
| BAPTISM PREP Class held every other month    | Deacon Raymond Elias / 416-4618<br>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<br>Jewel Perez, 426-3697 / Pearla Cuervo - 429-8226 |
| COUNSELING (private practice)                | Henry A. Ormond, O.Carm, PhD<br>422-7767 ext 16                              | QUEEN OF PEACE CENACLE  | Mindy Zindel - 421-0776   |
| COUPLES FOR CHRIST                           | Cesar & Norma Dulay (925) 528-3528<br>Pidz & Joy Banasan - 425-3077          | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION   | Elaine Bruno or Anna Albericci<br>422-2814  |
| CURSILLO                                     | Gem Geluz - 386-9142   | RESPECT LIFE and LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK                               | Cathy Omoso 688-6551 /<br>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<br>LADIES AUXILIARY      | Dominic Orlando - 429-0149<br>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<br>Margaret Sanders - 428-1970                         |
| LORD'S LEAVEN MISSION SOCIETY                | Marlon & Yvette Taasan - 428-6375  | YOUTH MINISTRY  | Rhyan & Danielle Ramirez - 853-2905<br>Regina Berdak - 398-1092                   |