

# OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

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## **Served by the Carmelites**

## **Mass Schedule / Sacraments**

PARISH OFFICE.....(707) 422-7767  
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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

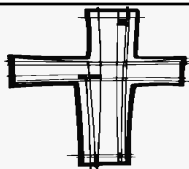
# WEEK OF FEB. 14TH , 2016 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Serve The Poor** - Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself. -- St. Louise de Marillac

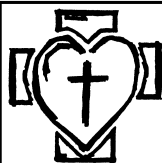
Monday 02/15 *K of C Auxiliary*  
 Tuesday 02/16 *Faith Formation / Legion of Mary*  
 Wednesday 02/17 *Faith Formation / SVDP / Members in Motion / RCIA*  
 Thursday 02/18 *SVDP / Cancer Support / Bible Study / Lay Carmelites*  
 Friday 02/19 *Amor Dei / Lenten Soup Supper/Stations*  
 Saturday 02/20 *Lay Carmelites / Women's Retreat / FFL*  
 Sunday 02/21 *Little Church / CFC / Ultreya*

## Mass Intentions

Monday † Helen Crosby  
 Tuesday † Joshua B. Padilla  
 Wednesday † Bev Orlando  
 Thursday † Fr. David Fontain, O.Carm.  
 Friday † Jeanette Withers-Berg  
 Saturday 9AM † Elbert Wood  
 5PM † Michelle Andrada  
 Sunday 8AM † Dulcie Amess  
 10AM † Michelle Andrada  
 12Noon Valerie Lumibao



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## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

### Benefits of Eucharistic Adoration

- ♥ By being faithful to a Holy Hour of Adoration you can teach by example. "The young should be taught the value of Eucharistic Adoration." ~ Blessed John Paul II
- ♥ I strongly recommend that each of us make a resolution, no matter how much the decision may cost us, to make a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament...once a week. ~ Fr. John Hardon
- ♥ The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship  
~ Blessed John Paul II

**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 TRADITIONS Today Lent



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begins. *Ash Wednesday* initiates the forty days of the Lenten fast, but since Sundays are not tallied in the days of fasting, today is the solemn opening of the forty days of Lent. The Church has work to do today, principally the calling forward of those chosen (the proper word is elected) for the Easter sacraments. Some of those who have been catechumens may now make a transition

to a new way of life as the "elect." For them, this Lent will be a time of "purification" and "enlightenment." For us who accompany them, it is a time of helping them discern God's call and prepare for new life. This year, while the readings from the third year of the Lectionary cycle are usually read, they are set aside on certain Sundays for the benefit of the elect. We turn then to the readings from Year A, and we give those who journey to the font of baptism three extraordinary companions. In the Gospels for those days, we meet the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, and we come to the tomb of Lazarus three days after his death. Many bishops celebrate the Rite of Election on or near today, affirming God's choice for these new faithful, and also offering them the solidarity of many companions. In 2013, over 38,000 adults entered the baptismal waters in the United States, a remarkable testimony to the vigor of our tradition of receiving and nurturing adult faith.



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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	Kimo Boone
Freddie Highsmith	Bessie Zanolini	Gloria Lee
Dion Newman	Elba Elias	Anita Brennan
Shannon Valtierra	Ian Padilla	Steve Henson
Daniella Rogers Harre	Cameron Schuster	Mack Cole
Kim Bettencourt	Miley McCrary	Stephen Shanahan
Susan Stockwell	Sally Fields	Rebecca Rivera
Francisco Galvez	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	William McFadden	Kellie Arnold
Malou Garado	Johanna Abrera	Josephine Iannarelli
Irma D. Marrufo	Ferdinand Aquinovo	Bob Olmstead
Ezra Creed Haueter	Augusto Limjoco	Jennifer Briones
Nino Casilag	Stephanie Ambat	Sonia Agustin
Generosa Dumlaog	Carol Ann Lewis	Sabine Krygier
Karen Mastrandrea	Llavore Family	Imelda De Dios
Andy Andalajao	Angelina Sabaria	Miguel Cortez
Aukusitino Iulio	Valerie Lumibao	Nancy Sexton
Dolores Krystek	Jean Taylor Hamilton	Su Kuropatokin
Cassandra Lopez	Therese & Bob Keck	Romy Lopez
Yolanda Galvan	Jean Banks	Darrell Sturgeon
Simon Taylor	Charles Raymond	Ken Sanders
Bobbylyne Rice	Sandy Leigh	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36





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 Regina Williams 330-6915  
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 Ambassador)*

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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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
 for Parents and Grand-**

**parents!** California allows minors to get abortions without their parents' knowledge. This is not just killing a human being. It creates a major wall of mistrust between the daughter and her parents. It also can do serious harm to the girl's sense of conscience and self-worth. Studies show that laws to require parental notification before a minor can get an abortion result in dramatic declines in teen abortion. While not stopping abortion on demand, this is a big step in the right direction. The drive to put repeal on the ballot—so citizens can decide if this immoral law continues—has until March 15, 2016 to collect signatures. We want every member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to think about this matter. We'll place petition forms and a box to put completed forms in the narthex. PLEASE give this serious thought. It can affect your daughter's or granddaughter's life.

*Thank you!*

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



**Offertory for week ending  
 Feb. 7, 2016: \$16,150.00**



Please find some important information and some ways to celebrate the Year of Mercy promulgated by our Holy Father, Pope Francis on Dec. 8, 2015 (Feast Day of Immaculate Conception). Although it began Dec. 8th - I felt that it would better coincide with the penitential season of Holy Lent! Furthermore, this year of MERCY can be lived out both locally in our Deanery and throughout the Diocese. St. Dominic's Church in Benicia (Pilgrimage site for our Deanery) invites all of the Parishes to make a Pilgrimage there. Our date will be **June 11, 2016**. I encourage all varied ministries to participate in this special day of MERCY (more information will follow). I also draw your attention to the second important date, **March 4, 2016** at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Sacramento with Mass at 12: 10 PM, followed by the 24 - Confessions. A **Plenary Indulgence** will be given to all those Pilgrims who will be participating in these two special occasions of grace and MERCY!! For more information: <http://www.scddec.org/yearofmercy>.

**SEVEN WAYS TO LIVE THE  
 YEAR OF MERCY**

- 1 Visit as many of the pilgrimage sites as possible.
- 2 Practice as many of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as possible.
- 3 Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the 24-hours for the Lord, and more frequently throughout the Holy Year.
- 4 Pray the Jubilee Year of Mercy prayer frequently.
- 5 Memorize the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- 6 Research the patron saint of your parish or school. Who were they? How did they practice mercy in their lives?
- 7 Attend Jubilee Days and Events as your schedule allows.



**What is the Jubilee year of Mercy?**

Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, saying he wants to make it evident that the Church's mission is to be a witness of compassion. "Let us not forget that God forgives and God forgives always," Francis said. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness. I am convinced that the whole Church - which has much need to received mercy, because we are sinners - will find in the jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." Traditionally, every 25 years the Pope proclaims a holy year, which features special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Extraordinary holy year, like the Holy Year of Mercy, are less frequent, but offer the same opportunities for spiritual growth. The jubilee began (Dec. 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council). It will end on Nov. 20, 2016, on the feast of the Christ the King. The biblical theme the Pope has chosen for the jubilee year is "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

**A Women's Morning of Reflection "Heartwork: Mercy and Compassion"**

*at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>—Retreat: 9am-12:30. During Lent we step aside to pray and ponder. This mini-retreat is offered for women of the parish to enrich their Lenten journey. We will reflect on the mercy and compassion of our God, its fullness of expression through Jesus, and our call to be united in heart as we share the gifts of mercy and compassion with others. The retreat presenter is Lorraine McGuinness. She holds a master's degree from the Franciscan School of Theology. She has many years of pastoral ministry experience, and currently provides spiritual care at the hospital. Ladies, registration is required by February 17, 2016. Please contact Carmen Correia at [carmen9022@yahoo.com](mailto:carmen9022@yahoo.com) or call (707) 631-7877.*



◆ ***Fridays - Through March 18th:***

**Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross.**



◆ ***Feb. 20th - Women's Day of Reflection, 9 am - Noon ("Mercy & Compassion")***

◆ ***Feb. 20th / 21st - Annual Catholic Appeal***

◆ ***Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th and Mar. 6th - Lecture Training, 2-3PM (Church)***

◆ ***Mar. 7th - OLMC Communal Penance, 7PM (Holy Spirit Communal Penance, March 14th)***

**OLMC LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS 2016**

*Our Lenten journey CONTINUES....with Lenten Soup Supper. Each ministry is asked to bring meatless soup and bread ready to serve at 5:30 PM. Supper is at 6 PM and Stations of the Cross at 7PM. Desserts welcome only March 18th.:*

**Feb.19th** *Lay Carmelites /* Ministry of the Word  
Religious Education  
Santo Nino de Cebu Community

**Feb. 26th** *Knights of Columbus and Auxiliary*  
Lord's Leaven Mission Society  
Music Ministry  
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

*Please see the complete schedule in the Church Narthex (ends 3/18).*

**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
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AMOR DEI CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY	Delia & Ireneo Tabasa / 631-9577	MUSIC MINISTRY - Mark Middleton olmcmusic@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 PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration	Consists of 10 members (See Bulletin) Lynda Sutton - 330-4858
CFC-FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY & LIFE	John & Malou Bayquen - 208-4005	PRAYER LINE	Catharine Scharfen - 427-2320 Jewel Perez, 426-3697 / Pearla Cuervo - 429-8226
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COUPLES FOR CHRIST	Cesar & Norma Dulay (925) 528-3528 Pidz & Joy Banasan - 425-3077	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Elaine Bruno or Anna Albericci 422-2814
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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