

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 DECEMBER 6, 2015 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Busy Mother - Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.
~ St. John Vianney

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL COMMUNITY

Monday	12/07	<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Tuesday	12/08	<i>Faith Formation</i>
Wednes.	12/09	<i>Faith Formation / RCIA / Members in Motion</i>
Thursday	12/10	~ ~ ~
Friday	12/11	<i>Amor Dei</i>
Saturday	12/12	<i>Respect Life / Lay Carmelites</i>
Sunday	12/13	<i>Little Church / TAG Youth Ministry</i>



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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

"That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that cannot be apprehended by the senses," says St. Thomas, 'but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 ('This is my body which is given for you.'), St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.'"

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.



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Mass Intentions

Monday	Georgina Boyd
Tuesday	† Marie Duvall
Wednesday	Mass of Thanksgiving for Connie Bayquen
Thursday	† Otilia Quinn
Friday	† Andy Vest
Saturday: 9AM	† Hazel Turner
5PM	† Rin Barker
Sunday: 8AM	† David Thomas
10AM	† Otilia Quinn
12 Noon	† Jeremy Raphael Llavore / OLMC Parishioners



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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

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

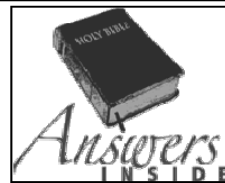
By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The "roots" of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the "Paradise Play," a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring "paradise trees" into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles. Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the "Paradise Tree" into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!



The Lord has done great things.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18





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



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**TOYS FOR THE NEEDY
 DRIVE.** Your generosity
 in the past has been
 wonderful and we hope
 to have another fantas-
 tic year. You can bring
 new, unwrapped toys to
 the back of the narthex
 beginning Nov. 21/22
 and following week-
 ends through Dec.
 19/20. Donations will
 be given to children in
 need.

St. Vincent de Paul wel-
 comes OLMC parish families,
 of one or more persons, to call
 422-5209 if financial assis-
 tance is needed to have a fam-
 ily dinner for Christmas.
 Please call by December 9th.

*All personal information will
 be confidential.*



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

Offertory for week ending:
 November 29th, 2015
 \$12,450



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 on the first and second weekend in December after each mass. You may also register in the Parish Office during normal office hours.



Bible Study

Holy Year of Mercy

December 9, 2015 - November 20, 2016
 "A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive"

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead



Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

Special Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious: Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sister, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The Second Sunday of Advent: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angle of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."
Matthew 1:18-23



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. 8th/9th - Gift Card Sales, from 3:30 to 8:30 PM
- ◆ Dec. 8th - HOLY DAY Immaculate Conception Masses: 9 AM, Noon & 7PM
- ◆ Dec. 15th - OLMC Communal Penance, 7PM (Holy Spirit Dec. 14th, 7PM).
- ◆ Dec. 22th - 27th - Nativity Around the World Display in the Dome
- ◆ Jan. 7th - OLMC's Bible Study begins, Thursdays 10AM and 7PM (registration is required)

The Knights of Columbus is promoting "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" by selling Christmas cards after all Masses, Nov. 21st - Dec. 13th. Get your cards early for the largest selection. There's more to Christmas than Santa, Reindeers, and Frosty. . . let's KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS! For additional information contact any Knight or call Dom Orlando, 429-0149.



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