



Merry Christmas!

The only time – as far as I can tell – we use the word “Merry” is to wish someone a “Merry Christmas.” I mean, I’ve never heard anyone say “Merry Easter,” or “Merry Birthday,” or “Merry Thanksgiving” or “Merry (fill in the blank).”

I think it’s because, like the greeting itself, Christmas is extraordinarily unique.

At Christmas, God comes to us not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror ... but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter.

At Christmas, God tapped humanity on its shoulder and said, “Pardon me.” Put another way, at that first Christmas divinity interrupted humanity, eternity interrupted time and heaven interrupted the world in the form of a baby.

If we believe this, then there must be decisive steps we take. We can’t just say, “Oh, that’s nice ... now let’s open our presents!” Certainly, we **must** do whatever Jesus Christ proposes: Keep the Commandments, live the Beatitudes, confess our sins, receive the Eucharist, turn the other cheek, love our enemies, pray for those who mock us, etc.

In the new year, Our Lady of Mount Carmel will offer countless opportunities to learn more about this Jesus. Our Blue Ribbon School is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Retreats will



be offered by The Ladies of Mount Carmel and The Knights of Columbus. We’ll be welcoming twenty people into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

The parish will continue to offer the *Walking With Purpose* women’s bible study and there will be gatherings to watch the popular *Chosen* series. Father Flanagan will continue his Men’s Prayer Group and R.O.C.K.s (Raising Our Catholic Kids) will continue to gather families for a variety of activities and parish ministries will keep working with one another to provide Donut Days throughout the year.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg! **PLEASE read our bulletin and Flocknote** each week. Our fantastic staff does a great job at keeping the Christmas Spirit alive throughout the year.

Merry Christmas!

**Father Matthew Guckin**

# Home, Prayer & Worship

## Find Us. Meet Us. Join Us.

**Rev. Matthew W. Guckin, Pastor**  
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## Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Wednesdays**  
 6:00 to 6:45 PM

**Saturdays**  
 3:45 to 4:30 PM

All other sacraments, please call the rectory.

**OLMC Wednesday Confessions will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**



## Want to learn more about growing your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Email Christine Weyer, Director of Parish Discipleship  
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## Ways to Serve God While Serving Others

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## Prayer & Worship

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

#### Wednesday, December 24



4 PM 🎵

6 PM

6 PM Sensory Friendly Mass  
Interpreted in ASL  
No Music.

8 PM 🎵

10 PM 🎵

10 PM Choir Sings Carols  
Starting at 9:30 PM

#### Thursday, December 25

Not the Sunday Mass Schedule

8 AM 🎵

8 AM Ensemble

10 AM 🎵

12 PM 🎵

🎵 Music at All Masses with the Exception of the  
6 PM Sensory Mass on Christmas Eve



### Daily Mass Schedule

Weekly Mass Schedule *LiveStreamed* ▶▶

**Sunday** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM ▶▶, 10:30 AM & 12:00 Noon

**Monday - Friday** 8:00 AM

**Saturday** 5:00 PM Vigil

### Sensory Friendly Mass



Come to me.

Matthew 19:14



**Sunday, December 28 • 12 Noon Mass**

4th Sundays of the Month

Mass is interpreted in American Sign Language  
[parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org](mailto:parishengagement@ourladymtcarmel.org)

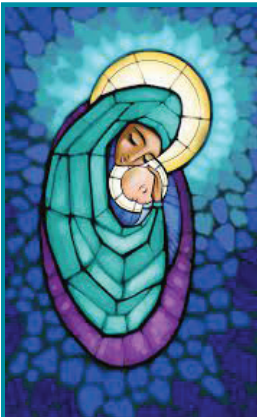
### New Year's Day The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses on New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026

8:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

*Note: There will not be a Vigil Mass  
on Wednesday, December 31.*



### Rectory Hours

#### Christmas

Rectory is closed on  
Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26

#### New Year's

Rectory is closed Wednesday, December 31 &  
Thursday, January 1

Open on Friday, January 2 • Regular Hours



### St. Mary's Columbarium



St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium is more than a resting place. It is a sacred place where memories live on and healing begins. God spreads a bouquet of blessings before us every day, and we see the names of some of those blessings, family and friends, who now rest in St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium.

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