



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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20° DOMINGO DEL  
TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“¡Tengo que recibir un  
bautismo ¡y cómo me  
angustio mientras llega”!

-Lc 12, 50

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### Mission Statement

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish is a Christ-centered community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We try to share the Good News of salvation with others. As a diverse community, we value and respect individual differences.*

*As God's people, we gather in the Spirit to pray, to celebrate the sacraments, to teach, to learn, to minister, and to renew our faith with one another.*

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

School year 2025-26

# WELCOME

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff

## Back to School



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## PARISH MASSES & LITURGIES

<b>DAILY MASS:</b>	Monday - Saturday, 8:15 AM
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:</b>	5:00 PM - English
<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM - English; 12:00 PM - Español
<b>1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY Devotion:</b>	Eucharistic Adoration follows the 8:15 AM Mass
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Saturdays, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
<b>BAPTISM - Monthly:</b>	Second Saturday: 10:00 AM - English El cuarto sábado: 10:00 AM - Español
<b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</b>	Please call the Parish Center to speak with a priest.
<b>FUNERAL SERVICES:</b>	Please call the Parish Center to speak with a priest.
<b>QUINCEAÑERA MASS:</b>	Saturdays at 12 noon. Subject to availability. Please call at least 5 months prior to the approved date of the Mass. Suggested donation is \$500. Stipend for a musician is a separate fee and it depends on availability. Initial deposit required to reserve the date. Our Hall is not available for receptions.
<b>MARRIAGE:</b>	Saturdays at 12 noon. Subject to availability. Please call at least 6 months prior to the approved date of the wedding. Suggested donation is \$800. Stipend for a musician is a separate fee and it depends on availability. Initial deposit required to reserve the date. Our Hall is not available for receptions.

## CLERGY

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PARISH CENTER HOURS - MONDAY-FRIDAY from 9AM-3PM, CLOSED FROM 12PM-1PM



*The Lord said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk. 12:49)*

In the Bible, fire symbolizes several meanings: God's presence, purification, judgment, and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Fire can express divine power and justice, or cause destruction or transformation.

In the context of the gospel today, The Lord refers to fire as transforming, refining and purifying.

In reality, the teachings of the Lord changed his audience. Some received him, believed in him and followed him. While others rejected him and left him; and still others condemn him.

In His teaching on the Bread of Life (Jn. 6), The Lord said:

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* (Jn. 6:51)

Many of His followers found his teaching hard to believe. And so:

*As a result of this, many [of] his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.* (Jn. 6:66)

The teachings of the Lord may be accepted or rejected. And because we are free to make the choice whether follow Him or leave Him, believe him or reject Him, not everyone will have the same decision. In effect, this could cause conflict and division even among family members. Some of them could be our loved ones.

The Lord in the gospel today, in all honesty, told his audience what can possibly happen with the choice that we make in our faith in the Lord.

Do you have this experience?

*Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "He venido a traer fuego a la tierra, ¡y cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo! Tengo que recibir un bautismo, ¡y cómo me angustio mientras llega!" (Lc. 12:49)*

En la Biblia, el fuego simboliza varios significados: la presencia de Dios, la purificación, el juicio y en el Nuevo Testamento, el Espíritu Santo. El fuego puede expresar el poder divino y la justicia, o causar destrucción o transformación

En el contexto del evangelio de hoy, el Señor se refiere al fuego como transformador, refinador y purificador.

De hecho, las enseñanzas del Señor cambiaron a su audiencia. Algunos lo recibieron, creyeron en él y lo siguieron. Mientras que otros lo rechazaron y lo dejaron; y otros lo condenan.

En Su enseñanza sobre el Pan de Vida (Jn. 6), El Señor dijo:

*51 Yo soy el pan vivo bajado del cielo. El que coma de este pan vivirá eternamente, y el pan que yo daré es mi carne para la Vida del mundo."* (Jn. 6:51)

Muchos de sus seguidores encontraron su enseñanza difícil de creer.

*Desde ese momento, muchos de sus discípulos se alejaron de él y dejaron de acompañarlo.* (Jn. 6:66)

Las enseñanzas del Señor pueden ser aceptadas o rechazadas. Y debido a que somos libres de tomar la decisión de seguirlo o dejarlo, creerle o rechazarlo, no todos tendrán la misma decisión. En efecto, esto podría causar conflicto y división entre los miembros de la familia. Algunos de ellos podrían ser nuestros seres queridos.

El Señor en el evangelio de hoy, con toda honestidad, le dijo a su audiencia lo que puede suceder con la elección que hacemos en nuestra fe en el Señor.

¿Tienen ustedes esta experiencia?





## LAY ORGANIZATIONS

- Mental Health Ministry
- Grief Support Group
- Legion of Mary (Eng & Sp)
- Rosary Group
- The Prayer Warriors
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Pro Life 40 days for Life Group
- Sto. Niño Group
- El Grupo Guadalupano
- Lazos de Maria
- El Grupo de Oracion: Aliento de Oracion
- OCIA – Catechists
- Bible Study Group
- Men's Club
- Women's Club

### Liturgical ministries:

- Altar servers
- Lectors and Holy Communion ministers
- Hospitality: Ushers and Greeters
- Music Ministry
- Liturgical Environment

*Descriptions of each group are found in our website: <https://www.mountcarmelrc.org/>*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sat., Aug. 16

8:15 AM

† Deceased parishioners

5:00 PM

† Fred Schneider

### Sun., Aug. 17

8:00 AM

† Rosalio de la Rosa

10:00 AM

† Maria Ordoñez

12:00 PM

† Galdino Agustin &  
Maria Dorotea Piña

Daily Masses - 8:15 AM

### Mon., Aug. 18

† Joseph Smith

### Tues., Aug. 19

Rudi Kain

### Wed., Aug. 20

† Filomena & Luigi Liberati

### Thurs., Aug. 21

† Don Sullivan

### Fri., Aug. 22

† Matthew Smith

### Sat., Aug. 23

8:15 AM

† Maureen Boyle

5:00 PM

† Philip Northgrave

### Sun., Aug. 24

8:00 AM

† Solonno T. Soniano

10:00 AM

† Pasquale Matteucci

12:00 PM

† Elvira & Francisco Muniz

**Prayer List:** Our prayer list clears at the end of each month. Please submit your entries for the prayer list by calling 650-366-3802.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Aug. 3 - Parish Facilities

Aug. 17 - Religious Education

Aug. 10 - Liturgy Fund

Aug. 23 - Annual Appeal

Aug. 31 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Registration:** If you are new in our community, welcome! Register at: [mountcarmelrc.org/registration](https://mountcarmelrc.org/registration)  
Registered parishioners may also update their information on the website.

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<https://parishesonline.com/organization/our-lady-of-mount-carmel-church-94062>

<https://www.mountcarmelrc.org/>



## SAINTS of the Week

### St. Bernard (Aug. 20)

Born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France. After the death of his mother, he joined the very austere institute of the Cistercian Order. Together with 12 monks he found a new monastery, which became known as the Abbey of Clairvaux. The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade. (<https://www.catholic.org>)

### St. Pope Pius X (Aug. 21)\*

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, “I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor.”

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. “This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge.” He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

### The Queenship of Mary (August 22)\*

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the **Blessed Virgin Mary**’s queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary’s Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary “mother of my Lord.” As in all the mysteries of Mary’s life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus’ kingship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus’ redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

### St. Rose of Lima (August 23)\*

She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She is known for her beauty and excessive practice of mortification.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick.

When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral.

\*Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### **THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

*1212 The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life.*

*"The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. the faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life.*

*By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."*

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 2025-2026**

Seekers and inquirers are non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and baptized adult Christians who desire full communion in the Catholic Church.

If you would like to be part of our Catholic community here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we invite you to join our weekly sessions on Sundays, following the 8:00 am Mass in the Parish Center.

We discuss the Sunday scripture readings and topics on doctrines and morals.

Members of our community who wish to deepen their faith and who also consider assisting in the program are welcome to join.

For further information, contact the parish office, Deacon Ray or John Spotorno at (650) 303-6292.

## Mental Health & Good Grief Ministries

Our local faith community offer God's hope and love through spiritual accompaniment, practical support and education.

We are here to help you find public and private support services.

For Mental Health, call:  
Maria Koenigsberg @ (650) 366-3802  
Or email us at:  
olmcmentalhealthministry@gmail.com

For Good Grief, call:  
Maryann Gonzales @ (650) 366-3802  
The ministry meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of the month 6pm at the Parish Center.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday second collection supports our Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry. Your donation goes to the neediest families in our parish. In 2025, we provided food for over 1,000 deliveries including assistance to over 1,500 children, along with rent and utility assistance.

For those who have supported our ministry in the past, we give our utmost gratitude and hope for your continued support.

If you would like to be a member of our team, please contact Hugh Loveless at [hughloveless@yahoo.com](mailto:hughloveless@yahoo.com) or call the parish office.

If you know someone who needs our service, please call 650 343-4403.



## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as “Pilgrims of Hope.” The Jubilee Year of Hope, also known as Jubilee 2025, concludes on January 6, 2026, which is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The year began with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024.

The Vatican issued a decree\* in May 2024 outlining the different ways that Catholics may obtain the Plenary Indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year.

\*[https://www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence\\_Vatican\\_Bollettino.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf)

Here is the link on Ways to obtain the indulgence in the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

<https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Indulgence-instructions-1.pdf>

Here is the link to the pilgrim sites in the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

<https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/jubilee-year-of->

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### Adoration Chapel

*Open Sundays  
through Saturdays  
from 9am to 9pm*



The funeral of **Alene Karthas**, a long-time parishioner, former choir member and lector will take place on Saturday, August 23 at 11:30 AM.

### Prayer to Our Lady

“O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, beautiful vine, splendor of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity... O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.”



*When you feel like you're drowning in  
life's situations, don't worry,  
your Lifeguard walks on water.*

### El Grupo Guadalupano and The Prayer Warriors

invite you to join  
a communal prayer for healing  
for Msgr. Loi Vergara and all the sick  
in our parish community  
5 Tuesdays (July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>)  
At 7pm in the Church

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*los invitan a unirse a una oración  
comunitaria por la curación de  
Mons. Loi Vergara  
Y de todos los enfermos*

*de nuestra comunidad parroquial  
5 los martes (29 de Julio – 26 de Agosto)  
a las 7 de la tarde en la iglesia*

