



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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AUGUST 24, 2025

21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Some are last
who will be first,
and some are first
who will be last."
- Lk 13:30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

Our Gratitude to all the volunteers of the Padre Pio Visit.

In behalf of Our lady of Mont Carmel Clergy & Staff, the OLMC School and the Coordinating Council of the Padre Pio Relic Visit headed by Melanie Valdes and Lisa Prosach, we would like to thank all the Parish volunteers who worked hard that the Padre Pio Relic visit would be spiritually meaningful and enriching for all who came.

Thank you very much and God bless you all!

St. Padre Pio, pray for us.

Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los voluntarios de la visita de Padre Pío.

En nombre del clero y el personal de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, la escuela OLMC y el Consejo Coordinador de la visita de las reliquias de Padre Pío, encabezado por Melanie Valdés y Lisa Prosach, queremos dar las gracias a todos los voluntarios de la parroquia que trabajaron duro para que la visita de las reliquias de Padre Pío fuera espiritualmente significativa y enriquecedora para todos los que asistieron. ¡Muchas gracias y que Dios los bendiga a todos!

San Padre Pío, ruega por nosotros.

PARISH MASSES & LITURGIES

DAILY MASS:	Monday - Saturday, 8:15 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:	5:00 PM - English
SUNDAY MASSES:	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM - English; 12:00 PM - Español
1st FRIDAY Devotion:	Eucharistic Adoration follows the 8:15 AM Mass
CONFESSIONS:	Saturdays, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
BAPTISM - Monthly:	Second Saturday: 10:00 AM - English El cuarto sábado: 10:00 AM - Español
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:	Please call the Parish Center to speak with a priest.
FUNERAL SERVICES:	Please call the Parish Center to speak with a priest.
QUINCEAÑERA MASS:	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.
MARRIAGE:	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.

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



In our first reading (Isaiah 66:18-21), we glimpse God's vision for a universal Church embracing every nation and tongue. As the exiles returned, Isaiah prophesied that Gentiles would not merely observe but serve as priests and Levites. This radical inclusion shatters old boundaries and points forward to the priesthood of all believers celebrated in the New Testament. From the trials of exile emerges the promise of global mission and worship.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us not to lose heart under God's loving discipline: "For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." Every correction aims to produce the peaceful fruit of righteousness, strengthening our character and deepening our trust. Rather than resenting hardship, we learn to welcome it as a father's guidance.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns that many will attempt the narrow door yet fail to enter. He delivers a stark judgment: "I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you evildoers!" This warning underscores the urgency of perseverance and authentic repentance. Mere proximity to Jesus isn't enough; we must walk the path he sets before us.

When we connect these readings, we see a clear pattern: God's discipline prepares his people to pass through the narrow gate. Just as Israel's trials equipped them for a new chapter of mission, our own struggles—shaped by divine love—fortify us for the journey of faith.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, grant us grace to recognize your discipline as the mark of your love. Strengthen our hearts so we might endure every test and enter through the narrow door. May we, your gathered and sent people, bear witness to your glory among all nations. Amen.

En la primera lectura (Is. 66:18-21), vislumbramos la visión de Dios de una Iglesia universal que abarque a todas las naciones y lenguas. Cuando los exiliados regresaron, Isaías profetizó que los gentiles no solo observarían, sino que servirían como sacerdotes y levitas. Esta inclusión radical rompe los viejos límites y apunta hacia el sacerdocio de todos los creyentes celebrado en el Nuevo Testamento. De las pruebas del exilio emerge la promesa de misión y adoración global.

El autor de la carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que no debemos desanimarnos ante la disciplina amorosa de Dios: "Porque el Señor disciplina al que ama, y castiga a todo el que recibe por hijo". Toda corrección tiene como objetivo producir el fruto pacífico de la rectitud, fortaleciendo nuestro carácter y profundizando nuestra confianza. En lugar de resentirse las dificultades, aprendemos a acogerlas como guía de un padre.

En el Evangelio según San Lucas, Jesús advierte que muchos intentarán entrar por la puerta estrecha, pero no logran entrar. Él emite un juicio severo: "No sé de dónde vienes; ¡Apártense de mí, todos los malhechores!" Esta advertencia subraya la urgencia de la perseverancia y el arrepentimiento auténtico. La mera proximidad a Jesús no es suficiente; debemos caminar por el camino que él nos presenta.

Cuando conectamos estas lecturas, vemos un patrón claro: la disciplina de Dios prepara a su pueblo para pasar por la puerta estrecha. Así como las pruebas de Israel los prepararon para un nuevo capítulo de la misión, nuestras propias luchas, moldeadas por el amor divino, nos fortalecen para el camino de la fe. Vamos a rezar: Padre Celestial, concédenos la gracia de reconocer tu disciplina como la marca de tu amor. Fortalece nuestro corazón para que podamos soportar toda prueba y entrar por la puerta estrecha. Que nosotros, tu pueblo reunido y enviado, demos testimonio de tu gloria entre todas las naciones. Amén.



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. 23

8:15 AM † Maureen Boyle
5:00 PM † Philip Northgrave

Sun., Aug. 24

8:00 AM † Solonno T. Soliano
10:00 AM † Pasquale Matteucci
12:00 PM † Elvira & Francisco Muniz

Daily Masses - 8:15 AM

Mon., Aug. 25 † Doonan family

Tues., Aug. 26 † Bobbi Nocon

Wed., Aug. 27 † Jerome O'Leary

Thurs., Aug. 28 † Luis Arias

Fri., Aug. 29 † Josiah Harris

Sat., Aug. 30

8:15 AM † Maria Campos-Martinez
5:00 PM † Pilar Gomez

Sun., Aug. 31

8:00 AM † Cecilia & Josiah Harris
10:00 AM † Emiliano Prado
12:00 PM † Oscar Alvarez & Patricia Villa

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.

2nd Collection: Aug. 3 - Parish Facilities
Aug. 10 - Religious Education
Aug. 31 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Aug. 17 - Liturgy Fund
Aug. 23 - Annual Appeal

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

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GO PAPERLESS! Our weekly bulletin is also available online @
<https://parishesonline.com/organization/our-lady-of-mount-carmel-church-94062>
<https://www.mountcarmelrc.org/>



Pray for our departed parishioners
May they rest in peace
AMEN.



Adoration Chapel
Open Sundays through Saturdays
from 9am to 9pm



SAINTS of the Week

St. Monica (Aug. 27)*

Saint Monica, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica.

Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua.

Monica followed Augustine to Rome. St. Ambrose helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance.

Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. The pair were led to believe they should spread the Word of God to Africa, but in the Roman city of Civitavecchia, Monica passed away.

Augustine recorded the words she imparted upon him when she realized death was near. "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."

St. Augustine (Aug. 28)*

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room, he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist (August 29)

The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite. (vaticannews.va)

*Source: <https://www.catholiconline.org>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE CHURCH is ONE

813 *The Church is one because of her source: "the highest exemplar and source of this mystery is the unity, in the Trinity of Persons, of one God, the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit."*

The Church is one because of her founder: for "the Word made flesh, the prince of peace, reconciled all men to God by the cross, . . . restoring the unity of all in one people and one body."

The Church is one because of her "soul": "It is the Holy Spirit, dwelling in those who believe and pervading and ruling over the entire Church, who brings about that wonderful communion of the faithful and joins them together so intimately in Christ that he is the principle of the Church's unity."

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 2025-2026

Our OCIA program is offered to:

- * Non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.
- * Baptized adult Christians who desire full communion in the Catholic Church.
- * Baptized Catholics seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

**Enrollment is ongoing until
Sept. 7th (Sunday)**

For more information, contact John Spotorno at (650) 303-6292 or Deacon Ray Smith and Magdalena Hernandez at the parish office.

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 29th – Aug. 26th)
At 7pm in the Church

*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*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The 5th Sunday second collection (**Aug. 31st**) 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 or call the parish office.

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

<https://ssvpusa.org/>



MISSION APPEAL – Sept. 6th & 7th

Founded in Nyeri, Kenya by Bishop Filippo Perlo in 1918, the **Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate** is a congregation of Catholic women working throughout East Africa, Europe as well as the United States. In founding the congregation, Bishop Perlo -- an Italian missionary who himself had come to Africa in 1902 to live and work -- believed that anyone who would come to be a part of the new congregation must follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ in caring for the poor, the needy and those who were suffering.

Today, with more than 500 Sisters actively serving in Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Italy, Kenya and the United States -- the Missionary Sisters continue to hold closely to the belief that it is the duty of all Christians to reach out on behalf of those who cannot care for themselves.

We are open to receive any support to continue this mission in our present times. For more information, visit our website @ www.msomi.org

Sr. Helen Murage, S.M.I Mission Director

Mass Intentions for 2026

Mass Intentions for 2026 may now be scheduled beginning this week.

Some guidelines:

* The Mass Intentions per family for the year is at most ten (10).

* For more than two or three Mass Intentions, please provide the Parish Office a written list that includes: the date and Mass time being requested, the name of the person(s) the intention is for, and whether they are deceased. If the date and Mass time you requested is already filled, we will select the closest Mass date and time that is available.

* We kindly ask for a \$10 donation at the time of the Mass Intention request.

Thank you

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40 Days for Life members are currently praying in front of planned parenthood in Redwood City, Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 11:30 AM. The more people who physically show up to pray, the more graces God gives us to save babies and mothers!

A Spanish-speaking counselor is needed as well. For questions, please email Erika Hathaway (erikashathaway@gmail.com).



Women's Silent Retreats
September 5-7, 2025
September 19-21, 2025

**Meditations on
The Last Discourse of Jesus**

For more information
call
(831) 4238093

Or go to their website:
www.stclaresretreat.org

*For Mental Health, call:

Maria Koenigsberg @ (650) 366-3802

Or email us at: olmmentalhealthministry@gmail.com

*For Good Grief, call: Maryann Gonzales @ (650) 366-3802.

The ministry meets every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month 6pm at the Parish Center.

**Mental Health
& Good Grief
Ministries**

