



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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PARISH CENTER HOURS - Monday-Friday **now from 8:30AM-4:00PM**, break from 12PM-1PM

Dec. 28, 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Y advertido en sueños, se retiró a Galilea y se fue a vivir en una población llamada Nazaret. Así se cumplió lo que habían dicho los profetas. - Mt 2, 23

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Jan. 1 (Thu.)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A holy day of obligation

10am – English Mass

12nn – Spanish Mass

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

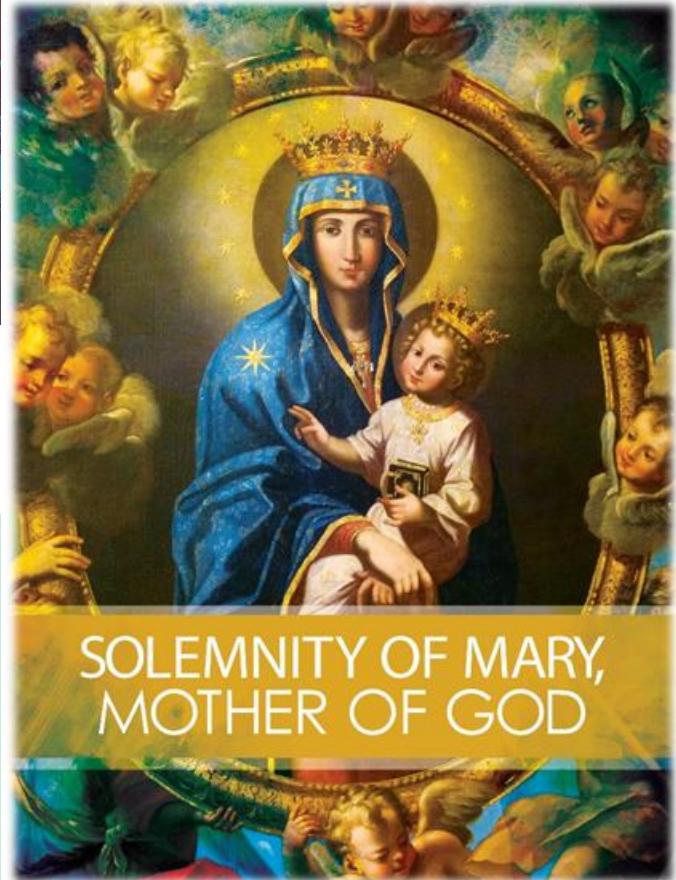
Parish GOAL:
\$72,983

Collected donations:
\$54,305

(As of 12/16/25)

Balance due (until December):
\$18,678

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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
CONFESIONS:	Saturdays, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
ANOINTING OF THE SICK, FUNERAL SERVICES or HOUSE BLESSING:	Please call the Parish Center to set an appointment.
BAPTISM - Monthly:	Second Saturday: 10:00 AM - English El cuarto sábado: 10:00 AM - Español Please call at least 2 months prior to the approved date of baptism.
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 \$700. 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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Pray for our departed parishioners
May they rest in peace
AMEN.



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

Community prayer for all the sick at the Church every **2nd Tues of the month** at 7pm.

Gospel Message

The family of Nazareth were totally available to God's will.

Mary, like every young woman of her time, was about to realize her life project, that is, to marry Joseph. But when she realizes that God is calling her to a particular mission, she does not hesitate to proclaim herself His "servant" (cf. Lk 1: 38). And when she does not fully understand the events that involve her, Mary meditates in silence, reflects and adores the divine initiative. Her presence at the foot of the cross consecrates this total willingness.

Then, with regard to Joseph, the Gospel does not give us a single word: he does not speak, but he acts, obeying. He is the man of silence, the man of obedience. Today's Gospel reading (cf. Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23) recalls this obedience of the righteous Joseph three times, referring to the flight to Egypt and the return to the land of Israel. Under God's guidance, represented by the Angel, Joseph distances his family from Herod's threats, and saves them.

Finally, the third person of the Holy Family, Jesus. He is the will of the Father: in Him, says Saint Paul, there was no "yes" and "no", but only "yes" (cf. 2 Cor 1: 19). And this is made manifest in many moments of His earthly life. For example, the episode at the temple when He responded to the anguished parents who sought Him out: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2: 49); His continual repetition: "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent me and to accomplish His work" (Jn 4: 34); His prayer in the olive grove: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done" (Mt 26: 42).

Mary, Joseph, Jesus: the Holy Family of Nazareth which represents a choral response to the will of the Father: the three members of this family help each other reciprocally to discover God's plan.

Pope Francis

(Excerpt from Angelus Address 12/29/19)

La familia de Nazaret estaba totalmente a disposición de la voluntad de Dios.

María, como toda joven de su tiempo, estaba a punto de realizar su proyecto de vida, es decir, casarse con José. Pero cuando se dio cuenta de que Dios la llamaba a una misión particular, no dudó en proclamarse su "esclava" (cf. Lucas 1, 38). Y cuando no comprende plenamente los acontecimientos que la involucran, María medita en silencio, reflexiona y adora la iniciativa divina. Su presencia al pie de la Cruz consagra esta disponibilidad total.

Luego, en lo que respecta a José, el Evangelio no nos refiere ni una sola palabra: no habla, sino que actúa por obediencia. Es el hombre del silencio, el hombre de la obediencia. La página del Evangelio de hoy (cf. Mateo 2, 13-15, 19-23) nos recuerda tres veces esta obediencia del justo José, refiriéndose a su huida a Egipto y a su retorno a la tierra de Israel. Bajo la guía de Dios, representada por el Ángel, José aleja a su familia de la amenaza de Herodes y los salva.

Finalmente, la tercera persona de la Sagrada Familia: Jesús. Él es la voluntad del Padre: sobre Él, dice san Pablo, no hubo "sí" y "no", sino sólo "sí" (cf. 2 Corintios 1, 19). Y esto se manifestó en muchos momentos de su vida terrenal. Por ejemplo, el episodio en el templo en el que, a los padres angustiados que lo buscaban, les respondió: «¿No sabíais que yo debía estar en la casa de mi Padre? (Lucas 2, 49); o su constante repetición: «Mi alimento es hacer la voluntad del que me ha enviado» (Juan 4, 34); su oración en el Huerto de los Olivos: «Padre mío, si esto no puede pasar sin que yo lo beba, hágase tu voluntad» (Mateo 26, 42).

María, José, Jesús: la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret que representa una respuesta coral a la voluntad del Padre: los tres miembros de esta familia se ayudan mutuamente a descubrir el plan de Dios.



Catherine & Deacon Thomas Boyle

For your remarkable dedication and valuable service, you are being honored by all priests and deacons, ministers and members of our community through the years with much appreciation and gratitude.

Wishing you all the best on your retirement from the ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Dec. 27

5:00 PM

† Nestor Tordilla

Sun., Dec. 28

8:00 AM

† Mario Kucich

10:00 AM

† Maria Ordonez

12:00 PM

† Joel Guzman

Weekdays at 8:15 AM

Mon., Dec. 29

† Marlene Muscat

Tues., Dec. 30

† Mary Louise Liberati

Wed., Dec. 31

† Camille Torres

Thurs., Jan. 1

(10:00am)

† Juan Rodriguez

† Irene Cruz

(12:00pm)

For all the people of the parish

Fri., Dec. 26 at 8:15 AM

† Msgr. Loi Vergara

† Caridad Saguin

Sat., Dec. 27 at 8:15 AM

† Julie Salas

2nd Collection: Dec. 7 - Facility Repair & Improvements Dec. 14 - Religious Education
Dec. 21 - Liturgy Fund Dec. 25 – Christmas Offering **Dec. 28 – AAA**

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

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

The 2nd collection this Sunday is for Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mental Health Ministry

Call: Maria Koenigsberg @
(650) 366-3802
Or email us at:
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Good Grief Ministry

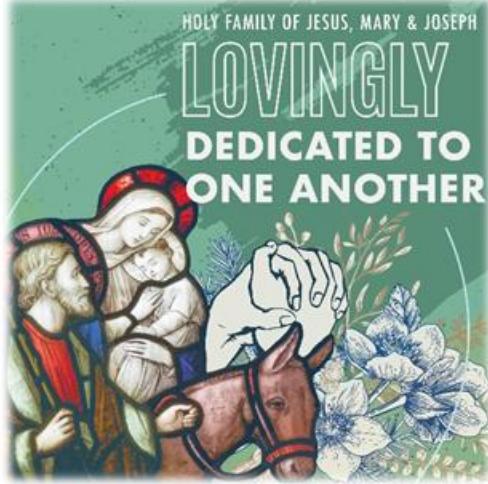
Call: Maryann Gonzales @
(650) 366-3802
The ministry meets **every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month 6pm** at the Parish Center.

Feast of the Week

St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr (Dec. 29)

St. Sylvester I, Pope (Dec. 31)

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Jan. 2)



Prayers to Sts. Joseph and Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph,
to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

A saint for the children and youth



Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us St. Carlo Acutis, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone. You made him become enamored with

Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven". You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped.

Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need ...

I ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

<https://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/preghiera-ufficiale>

Catechism of the Catholic Church *SON of GOD made MAN*

479 *At the time appointed by God, the only Son of the Father, the eternal Word, that is, the Word and substantial Image of the Father, became incarnate; without losing his divine nature he has assumed human nature.*

480 *Jesus Christ is true God and true man, in the unity of his divine person; for this reason he is the one and only mediator between God and men.*

481 *Jesus Christ possesses two natures, one divine and the other human, not confused, but united in the one person of God's Son.*

482 *Christ, being true God and true man, has a human intellect and will, perfectly attuned and subject to his divine intellect and divine will, which he has in common with the Father and the Holy Spirit.*

483 *The Incarnation is therefore the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one person of the Word.*

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is in need of new members to provide financial oversight for our church and school.

*We are especially looking for parishioners with a **background in business, accounting (CPA), or financial management or civil law.***

*The council usually meets just **four times a year and plays a vital role in supporting the stewardship of our parish resources.***

*If you are interested in serving, please contact **Father Andy.***

Oracion a San Juan Diego

Amado San Juan Diego, tú que fuiste elegido por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como instrumento para mostrar a tu gente y al mundo que el camino del cristiano es uno de amor, compasión, comprensión, valores, sacrificios, arrepentimiento de nuestros pecados, aprecio y respeto por la creación de Dios, y por encima de todo, uno de humildad y obediencia.

Tú, quien ahora sabemos que estás en el Reino de nuestro Señor y cerca de nuestra Madre, sé nuestro ángel y protégenos, quédate con nosotros mientras luchamos en esta vida moderna sin saber, la mayor parte del tiempo, donde fijar nuestras prioridades. Ayúdanos a orar a Dios, por medio del Corazón de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe hacia el Corazón de Jesús, para obtener los dones del Espíritu Santo y usarlos para el bien de la humanidad y el bien de nuestra Iglesia. Amén.

Baptism & Confirmation

The parents are the first and primary ministers of faith because of their central position during the formative years of the child's life. Through their daily contact with the child, they will share their faith and help the child discover the Father's loving presence in all creation. For this environment to exist the parents must live lives rooted in faith.

WHO MAY BE GODPARENTS?

Baptism:

1184.1 He/she is a baptized, confirmed, and active Catholic who is able to receive the sacraments.

1184.2 He/she is in frequent contact with the parents and is capable of encouraging them and their child to live the faith.

1184.3 A baptized, confirmed, and active member of the Orthodox Church may be a Godparent. In such a case an Orthodox Priest must be consulted because of ecumenical considerations. Members of other Christian Churches may be Christian witnesses to the Baptism.

Confirmation:

1243.1 Sponsors: The ordinary practice is that there be individual sponsors for each candidate being confirmed. It is desirable that the Godparent at Baptism be the sponsor at Confirmation to better express the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. Parents may present their children for Confirmation and in this way be sponsor. The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female.

1243.2 Pastors will see that the sponsor, chosen by the candidate, is spiritually qualified for the office. The sponsor should be sufficiently mature for this role, belong to the Catholic Church and have been initiated in the three Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The sponsor should also be a person of faith, actively participating in the life of the Church, especially by receiving the Eucharist regularly.

1243.3 The sponsor should be of an age and living proximity that will enable the sponsor to be present to the candidate as he/she grows in the life of faith. The custom of having proxy sponsors for someone who is and who will continue to be separated by long distances from the candidate is discouraged.

(from Archdiocese of San Francisco website)

<https://sfparishconnect.com/docs/sacraments/>

Go PADRES!



Donut miss out! Discover what makes OLMC so special!

OLMC welcomes all prospective Preschool-8th grade families to a morning that will include an overview of the OLMC curriculum and admissions process for the 2026-2027 school year. You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers, principal, students, and alumni, and tour our campus.



Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026
11 am - 12:30 pm

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