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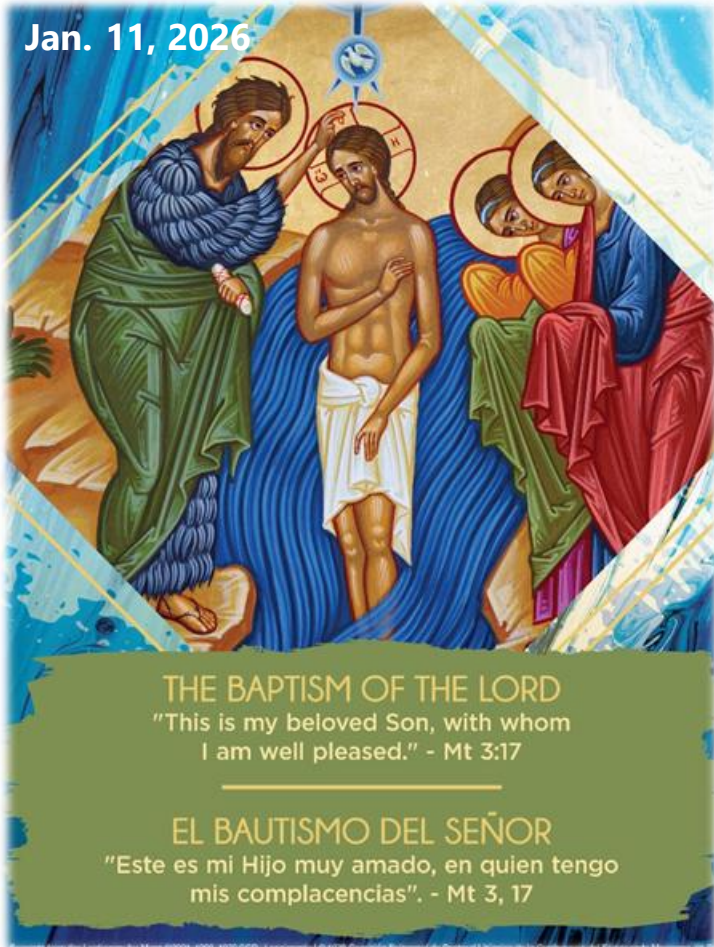
## CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

300 Fulton Street, Redwood City, CA 94062

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

Jan. 11, 2026



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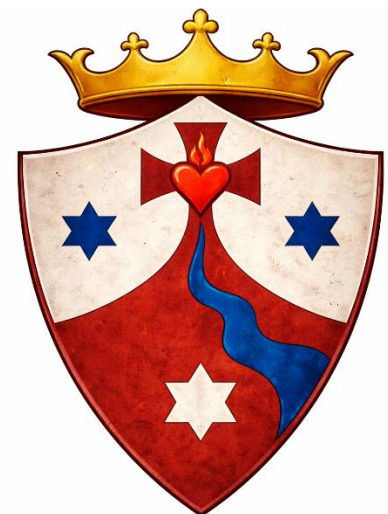
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**Have you noticed the Parish Shield or Coat of Arms at the entrance of the church?**

- The Crown symbolizes Mary as Queen of Carmel.
- The Brown Mountain represents Mount Carmel, the birthplace of the Carmelite Order, signifying contemplation and prayer.
- The Cross signifies Christ's redemption.
- The three Stars represent Mary (center), and prophets Elijah and Elisha.
- The heart is an addition to the traditional Carmelite Shield likely referring to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- The blue stream of water flowing from the heart is also an addition that might represent the living water which is the Holy Spirit. (CCC 2652)



## 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>ANOINTING OF THE SICK, FUNERAL SERVICES or HOUSE BLESSING:</b>	Please call the Parish Center to set an appointment.
<b>BAPTISM - Monthly:</b>	Second Saturday: 10:00 AM - English El cuarto sábado: 10:00 AM - Español <b>Please call at least 2 months prior to the approved date of baptism.</b>
<b>QUINCEAÑERA MASS:</b>	Saturdays at 12 noon. Subject to availability. <b>Please call at least 5 months prior to the approved date of the Mass.</b> 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. <b>Please call at least 6 months prior to the approved date of the wedding.</b> 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

<b>Administrator:</b> <i>Rev. Fr. Andy De Guzman</i>	<a href="mailto:adeguzman@mountcarmel.org">adeguzman@mountcarmel.org</a>
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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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month** at 7pm.

## Gospel Message

Today's page from the Gospel emphasizes that, when Jesus had received baptism from John in the River Jordan, "the heavens were opened" to him (Mt 3:16). This fulfills the prophecies. In fact, there is an invocation which the liturgy has us repeat during the Season of Advent: "O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down" (Is 64:1). If the heavens remain closed, our horizon in this earthly life is dark and without hope. Instead, in celebrating Christmas, once again faith has given us the certainty that the heavens have been rent with the coming of Christ. And on the day of the baptism of Christ we continue to contemplate the heavens opened. The manifestation of the Son of God on earth marks the beginning of the great time of mercy, after sin had closed the heavens, raising itself as a barrier between the human being and his Creator. With the birth of Jesus the heavens open! God gives us in Christ the guarantee of an indestructible love. From the moment the Word became flesh it is therefore possible to see the open heavens.

When Jesus received the baptism of repentance from John the Baptism, showing solidarity with the repentant people — He without sin and with no need for conversion — God the Father made his voice heard from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (v. 17). Jesus receives approval from the heavenly Father, who sent him precisely that he might accept to share our condition, our poverty. Sharing is the true way to love. Jesus does not dissociate himself from us, he considers us brothers and sisters and he shares with us. And so he makes us sons and daughters, together with him, of God the Father. This is the revelation and source of true love. And this is the great time of mercy!

**Pope Francis**

(Angelus Address 2014)

La página del Evangelio de hoy subraya que, cuando Jesús recibió el bautismo de Juan en el río Jordán, «se abrieron los cielos» (Mt 3, 16). Esto realiza las profecías. En efecto, hay una invocación que la liturgia nos hace repetir en el tiempo de Adviento: «Ojalá rasgases el cielo y descendieses!» (Is 63, 19). Si el cielo permanece cerrado, nuestro horizonte en esta vida terrena es sombrío, sin esperanza. En cambio, celebrando la Navidad, la fe una vez más nos ha dado la certeza de que el cielo se rasgó con la venida de Jesús. Y en el día del bautismo de Cristo contemplamos aún el cielo abierto. La manifestación del Hijo de Dios en la tierra marca el inicio del gran tiempo de la misericordia, después de que el pecado había cerrado el cielo, elevando como una barrera entre el ser humano y su Creador. Con el nacimiento de Jesús, el cielo se abre. Dios nos da en Cristo la garantía de un amor indestructible. Desde que el Verbo se hizo carne es, por lo tanto, posible ver el cielo abierto.

Cuando Jesús recibió el Bautismo de penitencia de Juan el Bautista, solidarizándose con el pueblo penitente —Él sin pecado y sin necesidad de conversión—, Dios Padre hizo oír su voz desde el cielo: «Éste es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco» (v. 17). Jesús recibió la aprobación del Padre celestial, que lo envió precisamente para que aceptara compartir nuestra condición, nuestra pobreza. Compartir es el auténtico modo de amar. Jesús no se disocia de nosotros, nos considera hermanos y comparte con nosotros. Así, nos hace hijos, juntamente con Él, de Dios Padre. Ésta es la revelación y la fuente del amor auténtico. Y, ¡este es el gran tiempo de la misericordia!



## LAY ORGANIZATIONS

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

### Liturgical ministries:

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Sat., Jan. 10*

5:00 PM

For all people in the parish

*Sun., Jan. 11*

8:00 AM

† Osei Van Horne

10:00 AM

† Enrique & Araceli Pilapil

12:00 PM

Isabel & Rodolfo Cruz

Antonia Landaverde

Weekdays at 8:15 AM

*Mon., Jan. 12*

† Our departed parishioners

*Tues., Jan. 13*

† All Souls in Purgatory

*Wed., Jan. 13*

† Angela and Adrian Rivera

*Thurs., Jan. 14*

† Marguerite Richardson

*Fri., Jan. 14*

† Ray & Camille Torres

*Sat., Jan. 15*

† Eucharía Mulhall

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Jan. 4 - Facility Repair & Improvements

Jan. 11 - Religious Education

Jan. 18 - Liturgy Fund Jan. 25 – 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.

## Mental Health Ministry

Call: Maria Koenigsberg @

(650) 366-3802

Or email us at:

[olmcmentalhealthministry@gmail.com](mailto:olmcmentalhealthministry@gmail.com)



## Good Grief Ministry

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.

The number to call  
for mental health crisis  
support in  
San Mateo County

**(650) 579-0350**

For help from local mental health  
counselors 24/7 during mental  
health crisis, substance use issue,  
or thoughts of suicide.

## Feast of the Week

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Jan. 13)

St. Anthony, abbot (Jan. 17)

***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.*

**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

*O God, You have given us in **St. Carlo Acutis** a model of virtue and holiness for our digital age. We thank you for making him an inspiration to young people through his devotion to the Eucharist, his love for the poor, and his ability to use modern means to spread the Gospel.*

*St. Carlo Acutis, friend of God and servant of the poor, intercede for us before the throne of grace. Help us to recognize Christ's presence in the Eucharist, to use our talents in service of others, and to navigate the digital world with wisdom and charity.*

*Like you, may each of us proclaim that **"the Eucharist is my highway to heaven"** and strive to live in constant communion with Our Lord. Guide us to use technology as a tool for evangelization and to bring others closer to Christ through our witness.*

*Through your intercession, we ask for...*

*[**make your request here**].*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

*([www.thecatholiccrusade.com](http://www.thecatholiccrusade.com))*

## **Catechism of the Catholic Church** **The Mysteries of Christ's life**

**561** "The whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching: his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world, and his Resurrection are the actualization of his word and the fulfilment of Revelation.

**564** By his obedience to Mary and Joseph, as well as by his humble work during the long years in Nazareth, Jesus gives us the example of holiness in the daily life of family and work.

**568** Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent on to the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory."

**570** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifests the coming of the kingdom that the Messiah-King, welcomed into his city by children and the humble of heart, is going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection.

## 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.***

**The Santo Niño Prayer Group**  
invites you to the

### **Feast of the Holy Child Jesus**

**January 17, 2026 (Saturday)**

4pm Holy Rosary and Novena  
5pm Holy Mass

Right after the Mass is the blessing of the Santo Nino image followed by the Reception, Entertainment and Raffle.

The Feast of the Santo Niño (Holy Child Jesus) is a major Filipino festival celebrating the birth of Catholicism in the Philippines, held annually on the third Sunday of January, with vibrant parades, masses, and cultural events like the famous Sinulog in Cebu, honoring the Christ Child as a symbol of faith, hope, and protection.

It is celebrated nationwide in the Philippines and by Filipino communities globally.

Be a part of this yearly celebration to honor and thank our beloved Santo Niño for all his blessings and love for us.



## 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!

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## 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.



Register at  
QR Code

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

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**  
**301 Grand St.**  
**Redwood City**



## A JOURNEY OF FAITH *Presents*

### *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion* By Dr. Edward Sri

*A Perfect Bible Study for Lent  
Open to all Parishioners*

Date: **February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
(All Wednesdays - **5 sessions only!**)

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Venue: Old Chapel, Parish Center

**It is FREE! Call the Parish office to register.**  
**Limited seats available.**

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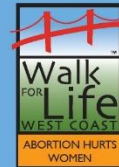
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM  
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA  
Info Faire: 11:00AM  
Saturday, January 24, 2026



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza,  
walking down Market Street (2 miles).  
Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.  
BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



Register and info:  
(415) 658-1793 | email: [info@WalkforLifeWC.com](mailto:info@WalkforLifeWC.com)

[WalkforLifeWC.com](http://WalkforLifeWC.com)

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## MEN'S CLUB

*The OLMC Men's Club invites you to the  
2026 Annual Crab Feed on **Saturday,**  
**January 31st.***

*Let's gather as a community to enjoy a feast  
of Dungeness crab, pasta, and bread. We  
will also have live music to make the  
evening even more special. Whether you are  
a long-time parishioner or new to OLMC,  
we would love to have you join us at the  
table.*

*Tickets are available now at*

*<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/olmc-crab-feed-2026>.*

*If you prefer to buy in person or need  
assistance, please stop by our table outside  
after Mass.*

*See Poster for more details*