



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

Jan. 4, 2026



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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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.

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."

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

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.

Clergy Message

The gospel today was only told by Matthew. We recall the visit of the Wise Men (Mt. 2:1-12)

The Greek word translated as “wise men” is **μάγος** (mágos) in the singular, or **μάγοι** (mágoi) in the plural. That’s where we get the English word “*magi*” from. It is also the Greek word from which we get our English word “magician.”

Greek lexicon describes *mágoi* originally designating a priestly class among the Medes and Persians, the term came to describe specialists in astronomy, dream-interpretation, and sacred writings. By the first century these scholars were scattered throughout the Parthian Empire and beyond, where many retained interest in Jewish prophecy through the legacy of the Babylonian Exile (Daniel 2:48). Their social standing was high; they advised kings and could ratify royal successions. Yet the same word could also denote charlatans who exploited popular fascination with the occult.

Matthew’s magi were likely astrologers from Persia according to Catholic biblical commentaries.

Each year, I still get greetings from people saying: “*Happy Three Kings!*”

Basing on what Matthew told us, there is no clear evidence that they were kings; Neither there is clear evidence that the visitors were only three people as it was common during that time to travel in a caravan.

In Matthew’s narrative, they were the first Gentiles to recognize the kingship of Jesus symbolizing that Jesus came into the world to save all humanity.

The gifts given were highly symbolical. Gold – a symbol of royalty; Frankincense – used for worship, a symbol of divinity; Myrrh, a burial ointment, a symbol of sacrificial death.

“On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” (Mt. 2:11)

Fr. Andy

El evangelio de hoy solo fue dicho por San Mateo. Recordamos la visita de los Magos (Mt. 2:1-12)

La palabra hispana “magos” viene la palabra griega **μάγος** (mágos). También es la palabra griega de la que obtenemos la palabra hispana “mago” (magician).

Léxico griego describe *mágoi* originalmente designando una clase sacerdotal entre los medos y persas, el término vino para describir a los especialistas en astronomía, interpretación de sueños y escritos sagrados. En el primer siglo, estos eruditos se dispersaron por todo el Imperio Parto y más allá, donde muchos conservaron el interés en la profecía judía a través del legado del exilio babilónico (Dan. 2:48). Su posición social era alta; aconsejaban a los reyes y podían ratificar las sucesiones reales. Sin embargo, la misma palabra también podría denotar charlatanes que explotaron la fascinación popular con lo oculto.

Los magos de San Mateo eran probablemente astrólogos de Persia según los comentarios bíblicos católicos.

Hay una canción titulada “*Los Tres Reyes Magos*”

Basándose en lo que San Mateo nos dijo, no hay evidencia clara de que fueran reyes; Tampoco hay evidencia clara de que los visitantes fueran solo tres personas, ya que era común durante ese tiempo viajar en caravana.

En la historia de San Mateo, los magos fueron los primeros gentiles en reconocer la realeza de Jesús, simbolizando que Jesús vino al mundo para salvar a toda la humanidad.

Los regalos dados eran altamente simbólicos. Oro - un símbolo de la realeza; Incienso - utilizado para la adoración, un símbolo de la divinidad; Mirra, un ungüento funerario, un símbolo de la muerte sacrificial.

Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. (Mt. 2:11)

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. 3

5:00 PM

† Steve Britschgi

Sun., Jan. 4

8:00 AM

† Alfred Schneider

10:00 AM

† Joseph Hoan & Ana Cuong

12:00 PM

† Fernando Nieto Ulgalde

Weekdays at 8:15 AM

Mon., Jan. 5

† Paul Quinn

Tues., Jan. 6

† Josiah Harris

Wed., Jan. 7

† Ivan Dei Rossi

Thurs., Jan. 8

Randy Kemp

Fri., Jan. 9

Jennie M. Raubacher

Sat., Jan. 10

† Julie Salas

2nd 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
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 **Facility Repair & Improvements**

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mental Health Ministry

Call: Maria Koenigsberg @
(650) 366-3802
Or email us at:
olmcmentalhealthministry@gmail.com



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. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4)
St. John Neumann, bishop (Jan. 5)
St. André Bessette, religious (Jan. 6)
St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest (Jan. 7)

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)

Catechism of the Catholic Church Conception and birth of the Lord

508 From among the descendants of Eve, God chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of his Son. "Full of grace", Mary is "the most excellent fruit of redemption" (SC 103): from the first instant of her conception, she was totally preserved from the stain of original sin and she remained pure from all personal sin throughout her life.

509 Mary is truly "Mother of God" since she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, who is God himself.

510 Mary "remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin" (St. Augustine, Sermon 186, 1: PL 38, 999): with her whole being she is "the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38).

511 The Virgin Mary "co-operated through free faith and obedience in human salvation" (LG 56). She uttered her yes "in the name of all human nature" (St. Thomas Aquinas, S Th III, 30, 1). By her obedience she became the new Eve, mother of the living.

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!

Our Lady of
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PS, TK, K-8

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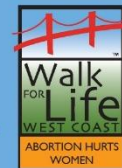
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30 PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00 AM
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:
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PERMANENT DEACONS

A permanent deacon is a man who is not being formed for the priesthood but to be ordained a deacon permanently.

Married men may become permanent deacons and have a family; they often work in a secular job in addition to their diaconal role.

If you feel the Lord is calling you, see Fr. Andy to guide you through the discernment process.

