



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



Nov. 16, 2025

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."
- Lk 21:15

33ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Yo les daré palabras sabias, a las que no podrá resistir ni contradecir ningún adversario de ustedes".
- Lc 21, 15

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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.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Parish GOAL: \$72,983

Collected donations: \$38,305
(As of 11/11/25)

Balance due (until December):

\$34,678

Donation envelopes are in the vestibule.
If you wish to make donations online,
please use this website:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/#aaa-donate-form>



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Fr. Andy is in Manila from Nov. 5-19

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 10am

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 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 including our pastor, Msgr. Loi Vergara
at the Church every **2nd Tues of the month** at 7pm.



Clergy Message

This Sunday's readings, however, confront us with images of destruction and persecution: the prophet Malachi speaks of "the day... blazing like an oven," and in Luke Jesus foretells the ruin of the Jerusalem Temple and trials that will come to his followers. How do these two themes—sacred building and ruin—fit together?

First, the readings invite us to see who and what the Church really is. The Temple in Jerusalem was the sign of God's presence among Israel; Christ tells us that the true dwelling of God is not a building but his Body and the community of believers. Even if church buildings are damaged or taken away, Christ remains with his people and gives himself to us in the Eucharist. The Church, as living stones formed into a spiritual temple, endures beyond any physical structure.

Second, the history recalled in the Gospel has an historical fulfillment: the Temple was destroyed in A.D. 70 during the Jewish–Roman wars, a catastrophe described by ancient historians and reflected in the Gospel's warning about trials and flight from the city. Early Christians did experience persecution in the decades that followed; eventually, after periods of intermittent tolerance and persecution, Christianity obtained legal protection in the Roman Empire with the agreement commonly called the Edict of Milan in 313, which allowed Christians public freedom to worship.

Taken together, these truths teach us Christian fidelity in hard times. The Church's history shows that apparent disorder or loss does not mean God has abandoned his plan; often it is through trial that the faith is purified and renewed, and the Church is drawn more clearly to its mission.

Let us pray for the grace to remain faithful when circumstances are uncertain, to trust that Christ who promised to be with his Church "to the end of the age" sustains us, and to cherish the Eucharist—the pledge and source of our unity—whether in splendid basilicas or humble chapels. Amen.

Deacon Ray

Las lecturas de este domingo, sin embargo, nos confrontan con imágenes de destrucción y persecución: el profeta Malaquías habla de "el día... ardiendo como un horno", y en el evangelio según San Lucas, Jesús predice la ruina del Templo de Jerusalén y las pruebas que vendrán a sus seguidores. ¿Cómo encajan estos dos temas, la construcción sagrada y la ruina?

Primero, las lecturas nos invitan a ver quién y qué es realmente la Iglesia. El Templo de Jerusalén era el signo de la presencia de Dios entre Israel; Cristo nos dice que la verdadera morada de Dios no es un edificio, sino su Cuerpo y la comunidad de creyentes. Incluso si los edificios de la iglesia son dañados o quitados, Cristo permanece con su pueblo y se entrega a nosotros en la Eucaristía. La Iglesia, como piedras vivas formadas en un templo espiritual, perdura más allá de cualquier estructura física.

En segundo lugar, la historia recordada en el Evangelio tiene un cumplimiento histórico: el Templo fue destruido en el año 70 A.D. durante las guerras judeo-romanas, una catástrofe descrita por los historiadores antiguos y reflejada en la advertencia del Evangelio sobre las pruebas y la huida de la ciudad. Los primeros cristianos experimentaron persecución en las décadas siguientes; eventualmente, después de períodos de tolerancia y persecución intermitentes, el cristianismo obtuvo protección legal en el Imperio Romano con el acuerdo comúnmente llamado el Edicto de Milán en 313, que permitió a los cristianos la libertad pública de culto.

En conjunto, estas verdades nos enseñan la fidelidad cristiana en tiempos difíciles. La historia de la Iglesia muestra que el aparente desorden o pérdida no significa que Dios haya abandonado su plan; a menudo es a través de la prueba que la fe se purifica y se renueva, y la Iglesia se ve atraída más claramente a su misión.

Oremos por la gracia de permanecer fieles cuando las circunstancias son inciertas, de confiar en que Cristo que prometió estar con su Iglesia "hasta el fin del siglo" nos sostiene, y de apreciar la Eucaristía, prenda y fuente de nuestra unidad, ya sea en espléndidas basilicas o en humildes capillas. Amén.



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
- Sto. Niño Group
- El Grupo Guadalupano
- Lazos de Amor Mariano
- 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., Nov. 15

- 8:15 AM † Marta Melghem Lopez &
Fr. Abel Angel Lopez
- 5:00 PM † Robert Clement

Sun., Nov. 16

- 8:00 AM † Mary Waters
- 10:00 AM † Mario Kucich
- 12:00 PM † Cristina Torres Alvarez

Weekday 8:15 AM

- Mon., Nov. 17* † Mary Louise Liberati
- Tues., Nov. 18* Julie Salas
- Wed., Nov. 19* † Richard Jones
- Thurs., Nov. 20* † Gertrude Sullivan
- Fri., Nov. 21* Tran family (living and deceased)

Sat., Nov. 22

- 8:15 AM Jehane Jones
- 5:00 PM † Michele Egin

Sun., Nov. 23

- 8:00 AM † Vicky Castro
- 10:00 AM † Refugio Noriega
- 12:00 PM Rosie Linarez

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: Nov. 2 - Facility Repair & Improvements Nov. 9 - Religious Education
Nov. 16 - Liturgy Fund Nov. 23 – St. Patrick’s Seminary Nov. 30 - SSVdPaul

Registration: If you are new in our community, welcome! Register at: [mountcarmelrc.org/registration](https://www.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/>

The 2nd collection this Sunday is for **Liturgy Fund**

Thank you very much for your generosity.



FEASTS of the Week

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Nov. 16)

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul (Nov. 18)

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Nov. 21)

St. Cecilia (Nov. 22)



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

("Our Father", "Hail Mary", "Glory be...")

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

Prayers to the Holy Couple

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.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Holy Trinity

261 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

262 The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God.

263 The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (Jn 14:26) and by the Son "from the Father" (Jn 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. "With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified" (Nicene Creed).

264 "The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle and, by the eternal gift of this to the Son, from the communion of both the Father and the Son"

265 By the grace of Baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light.



DEPARTED PARISHIONERS Nov. 2024-Oct. 2025

Alfonso Gill
Ricardo Diaz
Richard Jones
Larry Carini
Fernando Cerda
Emile Bourdet
Juan White
William Coats
Victor Jimenez
Maria Noriega
Marilyn Campbell
Luke Kieninger
Mireya Nunez
Shirley Thompson
Elaine Teixeira
John Chapman
Maria de Garcia
Hedy Ann Schneider
Lola Yvonne Cornell
Carmelita Domingo
Alene Karthas
Irma Andrade
Steve Britschgi
Patricia Wolohan
Anita Bellatorre
Alfredo Aldana
Sr. Barbara Ann Kavanaugh

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

We invite you to write the names of your departed family and friends on **All Souls envelopes** that are available in the vestibules for the whole month. These names will be remembered in all Masses throughout the month of November.

It is also our tradition to hang **banners** that contain the names of the departed parishioners.

It is timely that this year, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) fall on a Sunday when all the faithful participate in all Sunday Masses.

You are also invited to bring pictures of your departed loved ones for the **memorial table** (*Altar de los Muertos*) that will be set up. You may place a small photo of your departed loved ones on it as the community remembers and prays for them. Please put your name and phone number on the back.



Mental Health Ministry

You may call:
Maria Koenigsberg @ (650) 366-3802
Or email us at:
olmmentalhealthministry@gmail.com



Good Grief Ministry

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



Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park
 Contact: Jaynie Fedele (jaynie@vallombrosa.org)
 (650) 325 5614

For those who want private rooms for alone time, with spiritual direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens. There are both day retreats and overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case) – learn more and book above.



40 Days for Life members pray in front of **Planned Parenthood** in Redwood City, Monday – Friday, at 8:30 – 11:30 AM. Let us show our strength in person praying to save babies and mothers!

For questions, please email Erika Hathaway (erikashathaway@gmail.com).

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

A Perfect Blend: Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community

A SPECIAL WINE TASTING EVENT



Join us for an evening of wine, community, and discovery! Meet our Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten teachers and see why Our Lady of Mount Carmel School is a place of learning, love, and belonging for your child in 2026–2027.

Date Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Time 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location 301 Grand St., Redwood City

[REGISTER NOW](#)



The first 10 families to register for the event, attend the event, and submit a completed application will receive a special gift.

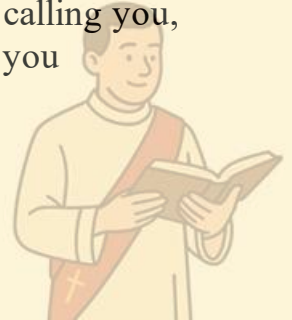


PERMANENT DEACONS

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.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Project
 We are accepting donations for our new image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Donation envelopes are available at the church's entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

