



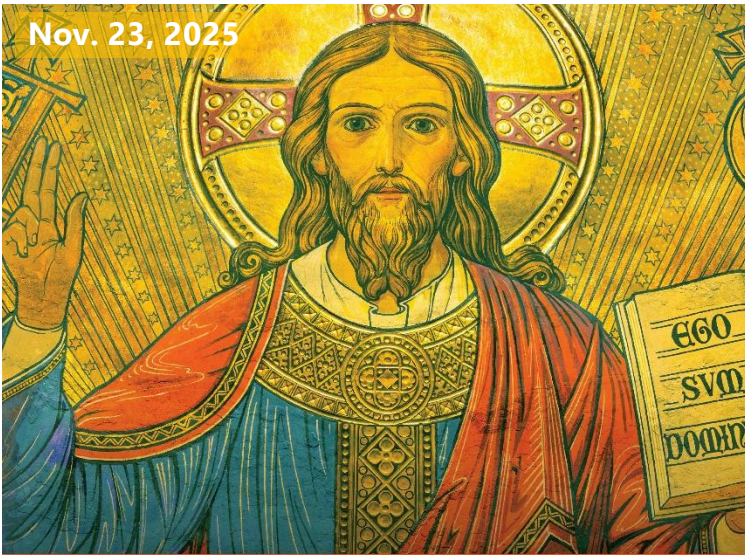
# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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



Nov. 23, 2025

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

Le decía a Jesús: "Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuérdate de mí". Jesús le respondió: "Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso". - Lc 23, 42-43

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### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

*The celebration of  
the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of  
Catechumens of the unbaptized*

*and*

*the Rite of Welcoming baptized non-Catholics  
seeking reception into the full communion of the  
Catholic Church will be on*

*Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am Mass*

### Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Parish GOAL: \$72,983

Collected donations: \$52,875  
(As of 11/16/25)

Balance due (until December):

# \$20,108

Donation envelopes are in the vestibule.

If you wish to make donations online,

please use this website:

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



## 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 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

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<b>Music Cantors:</b> <i>Kristen Lapinig &amp; Leodan Guerra</i>		
<b>School Principal:</b> <i>Jennifer Bruzzone</i>	jbuzzone@mountcarmel.org	(650) 366-6127



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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month** at 7pm.



## Gospel Message

Christ is *the center of the history of humanity and also the center of the history of every individual*. To him we can bring the joys and the hopes, the sorrows and troubles which are part of our lives. When Jesus is the center, light shines even amid the darkest times of our lives; he gives us hope, as he does to the good thief in today's Gospel.

Whereas all the others treat Jesus with disdain – “If you are the Christ, the Messiah King, save yourself by coming down from the cross!” – the thief who went astray in his life but now repents, clings to the crucified Jesus and begs him: “Remember me, when you come into your kingdom” (Lk 23:42). Jesus promises him: “Today you will be with me in paradise” (v. 43), in his kingdom. Jesus speaks only a word of forgiveness, not of condemnation; whenever anyone finds the courage to ask for this forgiveness, the Lord does not let such a petition go unheard. Today we can all think of our own history, our own journey. Each of us has his or her own history: we think of our mistakes, our sins, our good times and our bleak times. We would do well, each one of us, on this day, to think about our own personal history, to look at Jesus and to keep telling him, sincerely and quietly: “Remember me, Lord, now that you are in your kingdom! Jesus, remember me, because I want to be good, but I just don't have the strength: I am a sinner, I am a sinner. But remember me, Jesus! You can remember me because you are at the center, you are truly in your kingdom!” How beautiful this is! Let us all do this today, each one of us in his or her own heart, again and again. “Remember me, Lord, you who are at the center, you who are in your kingdom”. Jesus' promise to the good thief gives us great hope: it tells us that God's grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it. The Lord always grants more, he is so generous, he always gives more than what he has been asked: you ask him to remember you, and he brings you into his kingdom!

Jesus is the center of our desires for joy and salvation. Let us go forward together on this road! Amen!

### Pope Francis

(Excerpt from homily, 11/24/2013)

Cristo es *el centro de la historia de la humanidad, y también el centro de la historia de todo hombre*. A él podemos referir las alegrías y las esperanzas, las tristezas y las angustias que entretengan nuestra vida. Cuando Jesús es el centro, incluso los momentos más oscuros de nuestra existencia se iluminan, y nos da esperanza, como le sucedió al buen ladrón en el Evangelio de hoy.

Mientras todos se dirigen a Jesús con desprecio - «Si tú eres el Cristo, el Mesías Rey, sálvate a ti mismo bajando de la cruz»- aquel hombre, que se ha equivocado en la vida pero se arrepiente, al final se agarra a Jesús crucificado implorando: «Acuérdate de mí cuando llegues a tu reino» (Lc 23,42). Y Jesús le promete: «Hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso» (v. 43): su Reino. Jesús sólo pronuncia la palabra del perdón, no la de la condena; y cuando el hombre encuentra el valor de pedir este perdón, el Señor no deja de atender una petición como esa. Hoy todos podemos pensar en nuestra historia, nuestro camino. Cada uno de nosotros tiene su historia; cada uno tiene también sus equivocaciones, sus pecados, sus momentos felices y sus momentos tristes. En este día, nos vendrá bien pensar en nuestra historia, y mirar a Jesús, y desde el corazón repetirle a menudo, pero con el corazón, en silencio, cada uno de nosotros: “Acuérdate de mí, Señor, ahora que estás en tu Reino. Jesús, acuérdate de mí, porque yo quiero ser bueno, quiero ser buena, pero me falta la fuerza, no puedo: soy pecador, soy pecadora. Pero, acuérdate de mí, Jesús. Tú puedes acordarte de mí porque tú estás en el centro, tú estás precisamente en tu Reino.” ¡Qué bien! Hagámoslo hoy todos, cada uno en su corazón, muchas veces. “Acuérdate de mí, Señor, tú que estás en el centro, tú que estas en tu Reino.”

La promesa de Jesús al buen ladrón nos da una gran esperanza: nos dice que la gracia de Dios es siempre más abundante que la plegaria que la ha pedido. El Señor siempre da más, es tan generoso, da siempre más de lo que se le pide: le pides que se acuerde de ti y te lleva a su Reino.

Jesús es el centro de nuestros deseos de gozo y salvación. Vayamos todos juntos por este camino. Amen!



## 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 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

*Descriptions of each group are found in our website: <https://www.mountcarmelrc.org/>*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Sat., Nov. 22*

8:15 AM

Jehane Jones

5:00 PM

† Michele Egan

*Sun., Nov. 23*

8:00 AM

† Vickie Castro

10:00 AM

† Refugio Noriega

12:00 PM

Rosie Linarez

Weekday 8:15 AM

*Mon., Nov. 24*

† Anita, Mariano, & Edgardo Cruz

*Tues., Nov. 25*

Julie Salas

*Wed., Nov. 26*

† Elizabeth Raubacher

*Thurs., Nov. 27 (10am)*

† Chris Kenny

*Fri., Nov. 28*

† Maria Dolores

*Sat., Nov. 29*

8:15 AM

† Mr. & Mrs. Stanford

5:00 PM

† Mario Kucich

*Sun., Nov. 30*

8:00 AM

† Anita “Bunny” Bellatorre

10:00 AM

† Jeff, Ken & Constance Edwards

† Talavera San Maria Family

12:00 PM

† Fernando Mendez

† Cristina Torres Alvarez

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **St. Patrick’s Seminary**

*Thank you very much for your generosity.*



## FEAST of the Week

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs (Nov. 24)



## 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 CREATOR**

**316** Though the work of creation is attributed to the Father in particular, it is equally a truth of faith that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit together are the one, indivisible principle of creation.

**317** God alone created the universe, freely, directly and without any help.

**318** No creature has the infinite power necessary to "create" in the proper sense of the word, that is, to produce and give being to that which had in no way possessed it to call into existence "out of nothing").

**319** God created the world to show forth and communicate his glory. That his creatures should share in his truth, goodness and beauty - this is the glory for which God created them.

**323** Divine providence works also through the actions of creatures. To human beings God grants the ability to cooperate freely with his plans.

**324** The fact that God permits physical and even moral evil is a mystery that God illuminates by his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose to vanquish evil. Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit an evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil, by ways that we shall fully know only in eternal life.



## 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

### *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.

### *La Sociedad Guadalupeana*

*los invita cordialmente a la tradicional fiesta en honor de nuestra querida La Virgen de Guadalupe*

**Domingo 7 de Diciembre, 2025**

Antes de la misa habrá:

**Una procesión** con la Virgen de Guadalupe partiendo desde el estacionamiento hasta la Iglesia.

**La dramatización** de las Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe, **la participación del Mariachi, Danza Azteca, y el Ofertorio Comunitario.**

**La hora de todas estas se van a anunciar pronto.**

Luego, vamos a celebrar **La Misa del Segundo Domingo del Adviento.**

Después de la misa están todos cordialmente invitados a seguir celebrando en el Salón Grande, ofreceremos comida y bebidas.

**Viernes 12 de Diciembre, 2025**

### **LA FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE**

Habra una Serenata a la Virgen a las **7pm.**

La Misa comenzara a las **8pm** con La Dramatización de las Apariciones, y Ofertorio Comunitario.

Al terminar estaremos ofreciendo chocolate y pan.

### **Women's Club Invitation Our Annual Christmas Party!**

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Small Hall - Doors Open at **6:00 pm**, Bring a wrapped gift (\$20 value) for Our FUN Gift exchange!

Heavy appetizers, many Desserts, holiday Drinks, and Fun, all for \$20!

A great evening of fellowship. **Women over 21 are invited.**

Again this year our club has purchased extra toys for the SVdP toy drive. As always, proceeds benefit Mt. Carmel Church ministries and projects.



**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (Mon) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tues)**  
Simbáng Gabí at 7pm

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (Tues)**  
Parish Advent Confessions at 7pm

**Dec. 8 (Mon.)**  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
*A holy day of obligation*

**8:15am** – English Mass  
**6:30pm** – Bilingual Mass

**Dec. 12 (Fri)**  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**8:15am** – English Mass  
**8pm** – Spanish Mass

**Dec. 19 (Fri)**  
Healing Mass  
**6pm** – English Mass

**Dec. 24 (Wed.)**  
**8:15am** – English Mass of the Day  
**4pm** – English Mass (Christmas Vigil)  
**9pm** – Bilingual Mass (Christmas Night Mass)

**Dec. 25 (Thu.)**  
Christmas Day  
**10am** – English Mass  
**12nn** – Spanish Mass

**Jan. 1 (Thu.)**  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
*A holy day of obligation*  
**10am** – English Mass  
**12nn** – Spanish Mass

### Holiday Donations

The Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>) will include our traditional food offering. We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to Mass that day. The food collected will be used to restock our pantry shelves and immediately benefit our neighbors. If you are traveling during the holiday, please feel free to bring your donation to the church office at any time, and we will ensure it gets to those who need it most.

### Special Second Collection for Community Aid

The second collection at all Masses on November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, is designated for aid to support the activities of OLMCarmel's St Vincent de Paul Chapter.

These donations go directly to supporting the neediest people in our area. This year has been especially challenging for many of our families due to economic uncertainty. So far this year, we have distributed aid to over 1,000 households, an increase of close to 20%. Your support during this second collection will allow us to continue providing food and other essentials.

### Holiday Toy and Food Delivery

Additionally, your support will directly fund the delivery of extra food and toys to children who are struggling in our community during the Christmas season.

I wish to thank all of our benefactors who have supported us over the years, and I look forward to your continued generosity. For those who have not contributed in the past, please prayerfully consider making a donation now.

God bless, Hugh Lovelace

