



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. 30, 2025

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Parish GOAL: \$72,983

Collected donations: \$53,700
(As of 11/17/25)

Balance due (until December):

\$19,283

Donation envelopes are in the vestibule.

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please use this website:

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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

"Pero sepan esto, que si el dueño de una casa supiera a qué hora de la noche va a llegar el ladrón, se mantendría despierto y no dejaría que nadie se metiera en su casa a robar". - Mt 24,43

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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 is **today**
at 8am Mass*

The Advent Wreath

Traditionally, Advent wreaths have four candles that represent the four weeks of the season.

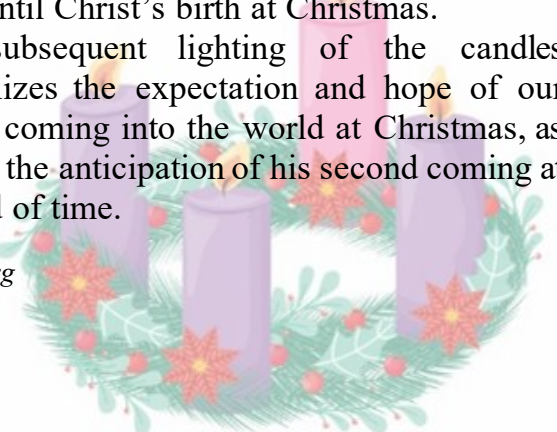
Three candles are purple and one is rose.

The purple candles represent prayer, penance, and charitable works undertaken during the season. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday also known as Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete means "rejoice" and marks the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas.

The subsequent lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope of our Lord's coming into the world at Christmas, as well as the anticipation of his second coming at the end of time.

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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
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.



Gospel Message

Today in the Church a new liturgical year begins, which is a new journey of faith for the People of God. And as always, we begin with Advent. The passage of the Gospel (cf. (Mt 24:37-44)) introduces us to one of the most evocative themes of Advent: *the visit of the Lord to humanity*. Today, the Lord speaks to us about this final visit, which will take place at the end of time, and he tells us where we will arrive on our journey.

The Word of God emphasizes the contrast between the normal unfolding of events, the everyday *routine*, and the unexpected coming of the Lord. Jesus says: “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away” (vv. 38-39): so says Jesus. It always strikes a cord when we think about the hours which precede a great disaster: everyone is calm, and they go about their usual business without realizing that their lives are about to be turned upside down. Of course, the Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to *another*, greater dimension, one which, on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit-us gives every gesture, every thing a different light, a substance, a symbolic value.

From this perspective there also comes an invitation to *sobriety*, to not be controlled by the things of this world, by material reality, but rather to govern them. If, by contrast, we allow ourselves to be influenced and overpowered by these things, we cannot perceive that there is something very important: our final encounter with the Lord: this is important. That encounter. And everyday matters must have this horizon, and must be directed to that horizon. This encounter with the Lord who comes for us. In that moment, as the Gospel says, “Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left” (v. 40). It is an invitation to be vigilant, because in not knowing when he will come, we need to be ever ready to leave.

Pope Francis

(Excerpt from *Angelus Address*, 11/27/2016)

Hoy en la Iglesia inicia un nuevo año litúrgico, es decir, un nuevo camino de fe del pueblo de Dios. Y como siempre iniciamos con el Adviento. La página del Evangelio (cf. *Mt 24*, 37-44) nos presenta uno de los temas más sugestivos del tiempo de Adviento: la visita del Señor a la humanidad. El Señor hoy nos habla de esta última visita suya, la que sucederá al final de los tiempos y nos dice dónde llegará nuestro camino.

La palabra de Dios hace resaltar el contraste entre el desarrollarse normal de las cosas, la rutina cotidiana y la venida repentina del Señor. Dice Jesús: «Como en los días que precedieron al diluvio, comían, bebían, tomaban mujer o marido, hasta el día en el que entró Noé en el arca, y no se dieron cuenta hasta que vino el diluvio y los arrasó a todos» (vv. 38-39): así dice Jesús. Siempre nos impresiona pensar en las horas que preceden a una gran calamidad: todos están tranquilos, hacen las cosas de siempre sin darse cuenta que su vida está a punto de ser alterada. El Evangelio, ciertamente no quiere darnos miedo, sino abrir nuestro horizonte a la dimensión ulterior, más grande, que por una parte relativiza las cosas de cada día pero al mismo tiempo las hace preciosas, decisivas. La relación con el Dios que viene a visitarnos da a cada gesto, a cada cosa una luz diversa, una profundidad, un valor simbólico.

Desde esta perspectiva llega también una invitación a la sobriedad, a no ser dominados por las cosas de este mundo, por las realidades materiales, sino más bien a gobernarlas. Si por el contrario nos dejamos condicionar y dominar por ellas, no podemos percibir que hay algo mucho más importante: nuestro encuentro final con el Señor, y esto es importante. Ese, ese encuentro. Y las cosas de cada día deben tener ese horizonte, deben ser dirigidas a ese horizonte. Este encuentro con el Señor que viene por nosotros. En aquel momento, como dice el Evangelio, «estarán dos en el campo: uno es tomado, el otro dejado» (v. 40). Es una invitación a la vigilancia, porque no sabiendo cuando Él vendrá, es necesario estar preparados siempre para partir.



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. 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

12:00 PM

† Talavera San Maria Family

† Fernando Mendez

Weekday 8:15 AM

Mon., Dec. 1

Maria Umhofer

Tues., Dec. 2

Julie Salas

Wed., Dec. 3

† Ivan Dei Rossi

Thurs., Dec. 4

† Alison Huber

Fri., Dec. 5

† Andreina Sandrini

Sat., Dec. 6

8:15 AM

† Leoncia Puzon

5:00 PM

† Fr. Harry Corcoran, SJ

Sun., Dec. 7

8:00 AM

† Gloria Bueno

10:00 AM

Guadalupe Dominquez

12:00 PM

† Elvira & Francisco Muniz

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

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 **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Thank you very much for your generosity.



FEAST of the Week

A saint for the children and youth

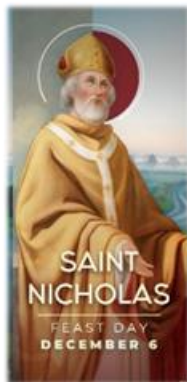
St. Francis Xavier, Jesuit Priest (Dec. 3)

St. John of Damascus, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Dec. 4)

St. Nicholas, Bishop (Dec. 6)

Santa Claus

In the Low Countries, and throughout Germanic lands generally, the winter feast of Saint Nicholas (in Dutch, “Sint Nikolaas” and later “Sinteklaas”), and his patronage of the young, gave rise to the tradition of giving gifts on his feast day: on the Eve of his feast, children would leave socks or shoes on a chair, or next to the fireplace, and go to sleep trusting that the following morning they would be filled with gifts. (Vatican news)



*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>

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 Heaven and Earth

350 Angels are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve his saving plans for other creatures: “The angels work together for the benefit of us all” (St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh I*, 114, 3, ad 3).

351 The angels surround Christ their Lord. They serve him especially in the accomplishment of his saving mission to men.

352 The Church venerates the angels who help her on her earthly pilgrimage and protect every human being.

353 God willed the diversity of his creatures and their own particular goodness, their interdependence and their order. He destined all material creatures for the good of the human race. Man, and through him all creation, is destined for the glory of God.

354 Respect for laws inscribed in creation and the relations which derive from the nature of things is a principle of wisdom and a foundation for morality.



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 **Annual Christmas Giving Tree** is in the vestibule.

Please take a gift tag and instruction sheet and return your unwrapped gift under the tree or to the parish office by **Sunday, December 7**. Thank you for your generosity.

La Sociedad Guadalupana
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 **a las 11:15 de la mañana**:

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.**

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 6th

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. 15th (Mon) and 23rd (Tues)

Simbáng Gabí at 7pm

Dec. 9th (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. 27th) 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 29th & 30th, 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

