

# OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

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*Mass Schedule / Sacraments*

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EMERGENCY SICK CALLS.....(707) 422-7767

CONFIRMATION & RCIA.....(707) 422-7767

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Rhyan Ramirez.....(707) 853-2905

MASS / WEEKENDS:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 8, 10 AM & 12 Noon

MASS / WEEKDAYS: 9:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: 9 AM, Noon and 7 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS: 2nd Weekend of the Month

*Pre-Baptism Program Required (consult bulletin)*

MARRIAGES: *Six months notice required*

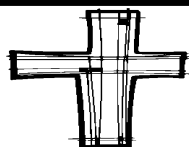
*Contact the Parish Office for all Baptisms & Marriages*

# WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2015 \* FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL COMMUNITY

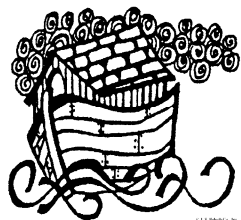
Monday	2/23	~ ~ ~
Tuesday	2/24	Faith Formation / Legion of Mary
Wednes.	2/25	Faith Formation
Thurs.	2/26	TAG / Knights of Columbus
Friday	2/27	Lenten Soup Supper / Stations of the Cross
Saturday	2/28	FFL-CFC / Couples For Christ
Sunday	3/01	Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Visit



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## Mass Intentions

Monday	Mary Francis Bauer +
Tuesday	Karl Berger +
Wednesday	Larry Hebert
Thursday	Bev Orlando +
Friday	Margo Vest
Saturday:	
9AM	Hugo Schraer
5PM	Rin Barker +
Sunday:	
8AM	Tanya Thaxton +
10AM	Rodolfo Fernandez +
12Noon	Andy and Margo Vest



## THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's readings are a nice short-hand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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*When you've trusted Jesus and walked his way  
When you've felt his hand lead you day by day  
But your steps now take you another way . . . Start over.*

*When you've made your plans and they've gone awry  
When you've tried your best and there's no more try  
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why . . . Start over.*

*When you've told your friends what you plan to do  
When you've trusted them and they didn't come through  
And now you're all alone and it's up to you . . . Start over.*

*When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone  
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong  
And now your grandchildren have come along . . . Start over.*

*When you've prayed to God so you'll know his will  
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still  
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill . . . Start over.*

*When you think you're finished and want to quit  
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit  
When you've tired and tried to get out of it . . . Start over.*

*When the year has been long and successes few  
When December comes and you're feeling blue  
God gives a January just for you . . . Start over.*

*Starting over means "Victories Won"  
Starting over means "A Race Well Run"  
Starting over means "The Lords' Will Done"  
We need not just sit there . . . START OVER.*

*The best Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions, and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals.*



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Our faith rests in God



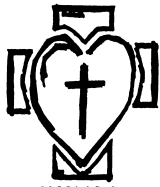
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**Parish Collection**  
Weekly goal : \$12,500  
Offertory for week ending February 15th:  
**\$11,000.00**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

*Eucharist is the point where God and the soul meet - God with all His graces, the soul with all its wants” (Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen). “The Bread of Life will help the body as well as the soul, if we have faith. If we but touch the hem of His garment ... and how much more have we than that! We can find Him, at every moment, on the altar. Be with Him there. Better than all books! Thank the Trinity over and over again for this Gift. Rest in His presence” (Edel Quinn, Legion of Mary).*

Come and adore Christ ! .St. Therese Chapel is located across the street from our church, 698 Berkeley Way, Fairfield, CA. The chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! We encourage you to come visit the Blessed Sacrament and see where you are needed to fill in vacant spots on our schedule. Our goal is to have 2 or more committed adorers every hour.

**Prayer Requests** If you would like the faith community of OLMC to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the Parish Office at 422-7767. We do occasionally take some names off of the list in the bulletin. If we have taken a name from the printed list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on.

*Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:*

- For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness
- For Armed Forces Men and Women on Active Duty, and for:



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Madison O’Shields	Daniel Artates	Joe Hill
Joan Hutchinson	Carol Nunes	Phil Brouder
Timothy White	Dolores Sheppard	Connie Arias
Maria Kraszewski	Albert Pratt	John Hess
Mary Ellen McCormick	Bessie Zanolini	Robert Keck
Deacon Larry Sheldon	Annie Haley	Kimo Boon
Ron Scharfen	Susan Cox	Gloria Lee
Dolores Highsmith-Cass	Johanna Klibanoff	Bill Parker
Freddie Highsmith	Elba Elias	Anita Brennan
Dion Newman	Jim Sams	Jackie Flores
Shannon Valtierra	Ian Padilla	Maria Flores
Daniella Rogers Harre	Laura Labrado	Vicky Schnaars
Kim Bettencourt		
Susan Stockwell		

Alex Bernardo 688-1474  
 Jim Brown 688-5181  
 Julie Darling / Pres. 425-3934  
 Ray Fortaleza / VP 720-5166  
 Mike MacCallum 631-0522  
 Sandro Rojas 481-3176  
 Vince Tydingco/Sec. 631-5269



Patricia May 252-3856  
 Laurie Runyan 426-4941  
 Regina Williams 330-6915



### St. Vincent de Paul News:

The volunteer staff of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend their gratitude to the OLMC parish community for their generosity in financial and food donations in 2014. Between January and December 2014, limited emergency services were given to 1330 families, in food, PG&E, water, rent, bus passes, clothing and medication. Referrals to other community services and general program information were also provided to these families. In addition, grocery store vouchers were given to 110 families at Thanksgiving and 82 families at Christmas. Throughout the year, our Homeless Outreach Program provided coffee / pastry, sandwiches or soup six days a week, to approximately 25 individuals on each day. These services were made possible with your help...THANK YOU!

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



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Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast—no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car—can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

**Respect Life News:** From February 18 to March 29, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God’s help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city and beyond. Daily Vigil during LENT is 24 hours every day at the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1325 Travis Blvd, Suite C, Fairfield, across from Solano Mall. For more information, visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) call Isidro Rodriguez, Campaign Coordinator, (707) 477-2846 (se habla español) or Cathy Omoso (707) 688-6551.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR ✓

- ◆ *Feb. 20th - Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross begins!*
- ◆ *Mar. 1st - Visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.*
- ◆ *Mar. 13th to 15th - Lenten Retreat with Fr. Angel Quitalig*
- ◆ *Mar. 21st - St. Patrick's Dinner Dance*



## SAVE THE DATE !

Join us for a day of fun on Saturday, May 16, 2015 for our 5th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. The proceeds will go toward our church's mortgage reduction. We are in need of:

- ◆ Golfers
- ◆ Hole / Corporate Sponsors
- ◆ Raffle prize items
- ◆ Volunteers

## OLMC MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS



ADULT EDUCATION - RCIA / Catholics Come Home	Vivian Donahoe - 422-0872 / Kelly Newman - 422-4582 / Dom Orlando - 429-0149	MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	Tom and Elaine Bruno - 426-9564
ALPHA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER	428-3300	MEMBERS IN MOTION	MaryEllen McCormick - 434-9850
ALTAR & SANCTUARY	Teo Balmeo	MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST	Julie Darling - 425-3934 Pearla Cuerdo - 429-8226
ALTAR SERVERS	Deacon Raymond Elias / 416-4618	MINISTRY OF THE WORD	Greig Parker - 688-1795
AMOR DEI CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY	Delia & Ireneo Tabasa / 631-9577	MUSIC MINISTRY	Barbara McFadden - 580-6514, Mark Middleton olcmusic@guitarandpiano.com
BAPTISM PREP Class held every other month	Deacon Raymond Elias / 416-4618 deaconraymondelias@sbcglobal.net	OLMC GIFT CARDS	Peggy Sherrod / 429-3183
CANCER SUPPORT	Annie Hutchinson	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	Consists of 10 members (listed in the bulletin)
CFC-FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY & LIFE	John & Malou Bayquen - 208-4005	PRAYER LINE	Catherine Scharfen - 427-2320 Jewel Perez - 426-3697 Pearla Cuerdo - 429-8226
COUNSELING (private practice)	Henry A. Ormond, O.Carm, PhD 422-7767 ext 16	QUEEN OF PEACE CENACLE	Mindy Zindel - 421-0776
COUPLES FOR CHRIST	Cesar & Norma Dulay (925) 528-3528 Pidz & Joy Banasan - 425-3077	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Elaine Bruno or Anna Albericci 422-2814
CURSILLO	Gem Geluz - 386-9142	RESPECT LIFE and LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK	Cathy Omoso 688-6551 Phyllis Kaminska 419-4237
FIAT	Norma Dulay - (925) 528-3528	RETROUVAILLE (Lifeline for troubled marriages)	Fred & Barbara Valles - 422-1215
FINANCE COUNCIL	John Donahoe - 422-0872	ST. VINCENT de PAUL	422-5209
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Dominic Orlando - 429-0149	USHERS / HOSPITALITY	Bunny Dominguez / 386-2709
LAY CARMELITES	Teresa Smith - 421-1491	VISITS TO THE SICK and SACRAMENT MINISTRY	Parish Office
LEGION OF MARY	Elena McBound - 481-7850	YLI (A Catholic Women's Organization)	Kathy Marley - 422-3588 or Margaret Sanders - 428-1970
LORD'S LEAVEN MISSION SOCIETY	Marlon & Yvette Taasan - 428-6375	YOUTH MINISTRY	Rhyan & Danielle Ramirez - 853-2905 Regina Berdak - 398-1092