

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas

December 24 and 25, 2017



First Reading: 2 Sam. 7:1-5; 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13, Luke 2:11;

Second Reading: 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

“She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.”

May our Christmas Season be a blessed opportunity to reflect on and live the most precious gift of Emmanuel—God with us!

Tues: Matthew 10:17-22

Wed: John 20: 1a, 2-8

Thurs: Matthew 2:13-18

Fri: Luke 2:22-35

Sat: Luke 2:36-40

The angel Gabriel proclaims to Mary, the peasant girl from Nazareth, the joy and wonder of the Lord’s dream—Emmanuel, God with us! “Do not be afraid,” she is told. And young Mary responds with faith in the God of her people, the God of dreams come true! “May it be done to me according to your word,” are the words of strength and courage that the young Mary speaks to Gabriel and, more importantly, to the God of endless possibilities!

Our celebrations of the final Sunday of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord are reminders of the song of angels from on high to the shepherds tending their flocks; words of peace, joy and love. May our hearts accept God’s precious gift. All that is asked of us is to live with hearts of dreams come true—fearless hearts that live and serve God’s dream of peace: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests!”

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm

6:30 pm Concert

7 pm Bilingual Mass



Monday, December 25, Christmas Morning

9 am and 11:15 am Masses

Monday, January 1, 2018

There will be a special Mass on New Year’s Day at 7 am for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Parish Potluck for the Epiphany of the Lord



Please mark your calendars now and plan ahead to join us for a special parish potluck to celebrate the blessings of the Christmas Season on the beautiful Christmas Solemnity

of the Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, **January 7 at 12:30 pm**, following the 11:15 am Mass.

Nativity Scene or Christmas Manger Blessing

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.



Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

New Social Outreach Ministry—A Hot Meal!

The needs of the homeless, as well as others going through difficult times here in Carmel Valley, has been a concern of our Parish Pastoral Council. We would like to expand our Social Outreach Ministry to include a possible once a month or so hot meal in the Parish Hall. This, of course, would require a team of parishioners willing to serve in this new ministry. Please contact Fr. Dennis as soon as possible if you are available. Your service would be deeply appreciated.



“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.”

Pope Francis



Mass Intentions Dec. 23-29, 2017



Sat	4:30 pm	Families of the Parish
Sun	9:00 am	+Michael Coakley
Sun	11:15 am	Rick and Jeannie Wilkinson
Sun	4:30 pm	Families of the Parish
Sun	7:00 pm	Families of the Parish
Mon	9:00 am	Families of the Parish
Mon	11:15 am	Families of the Parish
Wed	7:00 am	Communion Service
Thu	7:00 am	Communion Service
Fri	7:00 am	+Helen Luedtke

OLMC Study Group

A parish study group has been meeting monthly for a year to read and reflect upon a book about Ignatian Spirituality. They will be meeting again on January 8, 6 pm, at the Corkscrew Restaurant to begin a new book, *My Life with the Saints*, by James Martin, S.J. The saints are our ancestors in faith and just as many of us long to learn our family ancestry, learning about the saints can be very fulfilling in our spiritual life. New members are welcome! Please call Patricia Merrifield 809-4057 if you have any questions.

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 - Excellent written, verbal and public speaking skills
- For more information, please contact Clancy D'Angelo 373-4345, or email: cdangelo@dioceseofmonterey.org.

Offertory Report 12/17/17

Plate \$5,171; Hope's Pantry /Social Outreach Second Collection \$1,398; Building Fund \$4,370; Grounds & Bldg. Maintenance \$50; Other \$196 Total: \$11,185.

Eventos, Celebraciones y Misas Especiales



Misas de la Noche Buena, Dom., 24 de diciembre

4:30 pm - Misa de los Niños en ingles

6:30 pm - Concierto Navideño

7 pm - Misa Bilingüe Especial

(No habrá Misa de 5 pm de la Noche Buena)

Lunes, 25 de diciembre, La Navidad

Misas de la Navidad por la Mañana (ingles)

9 am y 11:15 am

Domingo, 31 de diciembre, Sagrada Familia

Misas de 9 am y 11:15 am

5:00 pm (Español)



Domingo, 7 de enero, La Epifanía del Señor

¡Celebración Parroquial de la Navidad y la Fiesta de los Reyes Magos!

12:30 pm - Cena de Traje

En el salón parroquial—¡Acompañenos!

“Les invito a detenerse ante el pesebre, porque allí nos habla la ternura de Dios. Allí se contempla la misericordia divina que se ha hecho carne, y que enternece nuestra mirada.” —Papa Francisco

Youth Corner (Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-14)

Mary's yes to the God of all creation reminds us of the importance of our response to God's word! The child Jesus, God with us, makes all things possible! The joy of the gospel! The joy of God with us!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1:
Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez
First Communion Year 2:
Christian Haun, Patricia Merrifield
RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon

Hope's Pantry: Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm
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Music Ministry:

Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass)
Louis Lebherz, *Director*, Barney Hulse, *Piano* (11:15 am Mass)

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Ministers of the Eucharist: Lorraine Ring

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