

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021



GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Matt 16:13-19
Tues: Matt 6:7-15
Wed: Luke 11:29-32
Thurs: Matt 7:7-12
Friday: Matt 5:20-26

“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.”—Psalm 25:4

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25;
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel of Mark 1:12-15

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert.”—Mark 1:12

Just as the season of Lent reflects Jesus’ 40 days in the desert, we too are called to follow Jesus into the desert. Doing so, we prepare ourselves spiritually to share in his triumph over sin and death at Easter. Lent is a time for intensive prayer, fasting and giving—especially in service to the poor. As our reading from Genesis reminds us, Noah’s 40 days in the waters of the great flood led to a new covenant with God. We, too, experience this Lent a return to God that leads us beyond ourselves to a life of faithfulness as servants and disciples of Jesus. The temptation of sin will always exist, but if we live prayerfully with the strength and power of the Spirit, we like Jesus will receive the grace to remain faithful to the Father.

“Lent” comes from the old English “eternal springtime”—the spring-time of our souls! New birth comes forth! Let’s accept with joy the gift of Lent and emerge with Jesus from our 40 days in the desert empowered by the resurrection to live the good news. “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel!”

Maintaining God’s House 33rd Week of Construction

Interior painting was completed this week, and finish carpentry has begun. New cabinets, countertop and sink were also installed in the small “coffee station” between the office and the hall. Next week the second coat of concrete for the exterior stucco will be applied and interior finish electrical work will begin. Thank you for your support of our building renovation project.

Winter Weather Advisory

- ✝ Check the weather report before coming to Mass.
- ✝ Dress accordingly.
- ✝ Consider bringing a blanket if it’s especially cold.
- ✝ Please don’t feel obligated to come to Mass if you have concerns. You will be missed, but it might be wise for you to watch a live streamed Mass.

Way of the Cross / Viacrucis

Please join us on Fridays during Lent for our prayer of the Way of the Cross at 5:00 pm.

Acompáñenos cada viernes a las 5:00 pm para la oración del Viacrucis.



Meet Me In the Desert — First Sunday in Lent Prayer *Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,*

As you went into the desert
So do I follow
Putting aside that which distracts me
Grabs at me
Falsely claims me.

To search inside
To confront myself
My best, my worst
My good works and my sins.

And each time, I find you there
To call me again
With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting
In sacrifice and penitence
Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach out
and gently lift me

To renew me
To claim me as nothing of this world
can claim me.

Meet me in the desert, Lord.
Claim me anew.

Amen.

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021



“Behold, are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt. 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

Please go to our parish website for Pope Francis’
Lenten Message: ourladycarmelvalley.org

Diocesan Annual Ministry Appeal 2021



“Building Our Family of Faith” is the theme of Annual Appeal of the Diocese of Monterey, supporting the many programs and ministries of the Diocese. Our participation in the 2021 Annual Appeal makes it possible for us to help sustain the important ministries of our Diocese while also providing necessary funds to support our Parish Building Renovation Project.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowls

Lenten Rice bowls are available in our Welcome Tent. Please take this special opportunity to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lenten Program—a local and global effort: 75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports CRS work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger in our own community. Your participation is appreciated.



Honoring the Victims of COVID-19 at OLMC

As mentioned before Christmas, we are preparing the empty lot to the east of the rectory in honor of those who have died from COVID-19. Our live Christmas tree will be planted in a new garden, along with benches and a special plaque. If you are able to help out with the project, please inform Chip Powers or Fr. Dennis.

Pax Christi USA—Jesus calls us during Lent and always to witness non-violence. To participate in Pax Christi see their website at: paxchristiusa.org.



Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Available in our St. Francis Prayer Garden by appointment. Call Fr. Dennis at 659-2224.

Hope’s Pantry

Food for individuals or families in need is available every Wednesday morning at 10 am.



Weekly Offertory Report

2/14/21 General Fund \$1,075; Funeral \$300; Hope’s Pantry/Social Outreach \$55; Total \$1,430.

Mass Intentions - February 21-26



Sun	10:00 am	+John Paszek +Adan Solano y +Consuelo Lorenzo 2 Aniversario
	12:00 pm	+Penny Newton
Wed	12:00 pm	+Jerry Eppler
Thur	12:00 pm	+Sebastian Reny
Fri	12:00 pm	+Riley Christiansen

Primer Domingo de la Cuaresma



Génesis 9:8-15; Salmo 25; 1 Pedro 3:18-22

Evangelio de San Marcos 1:12-15

Dios de fidelidad, Tu nunca nos abandonas en tiempo de pena y necesidad. Ayúdanos a reconocer los signos de tu amor en nuestra vida diaria y a seguir el camino de santidad que Tu nos marcas.

Por Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor

+ Viacrucis bilingüe — cada viernes de la cuaresma a las 5:00 pm. ¡Acompáñenos!



Honrando las Víctimas de COVID-19

Estamos organizando un proyecto para honrar a las víctimas de COVID-19. Nuestro plan preparar el terreno, plantar nuestro árbol de Navidad, construir bancos y una placa especial. Si Ud. quisiera ayudar con el proyecto con su trabajo para hacer el lugar muy significativo, hable por favor con Chip Powers o P. Dennis.

Dispensa de Comida cada miércoles a las 10 am.

Oración: Señor de la Cuaresma, Señor de la Pascua

Así como tu entregaste en el desierto,
yo también sigo dejando de lado lo que me distrae,
lo que se apropia de mi, lo que me reclama falsamente.

Para buscar dentro de mi, lo mejor de mi, lo peor de mi,
mis buenas obras y mis pecados,
para enfrentarme a mi mismo.

Y cada vez, te encuentro dentro de mi para llamarme
de nuevo con palabras de desafío
y palabras de misericordia.

Y mientras caigo de rodillas, en oración, en ayuno,
en sacrificio y penitencia, de alguna manera,
tu estas allí para extenderme la mano
y gentilmente levantarme, para renovarme,
para redimirme como nada de este mundo puede
redimirme. Encuéntrame en el desierto, Señor.
Redimirme de nuevo. Amen.

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Catholic Church



Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spirit-filled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Special Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10 am and 12 Noon

Weekday Masses: Wednesday - Friday, 12 Noon

Special Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment in the Parish Office

Office Hours

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

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council: Adele Margolis, *Chair*,
Dede Woodhead, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*,
Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek,
Patricia Merrifield, Tom Rowland

Faith Formation:

First Communion:

Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

Confirmation:

Sam Klemek, David Warner

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