

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent "Laetare ('Rejoice) Sunday" March 20-27, 2022

1st Reading: Jos. 5: 9a, 10-12 Psalm 34; 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5: 17-21 Gospel: Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you"



Luke draws a detailed portrait of the height and depth of reconciling mercy. In Jesus' parable of a father and two sons, the father's unimaginable, extravagant forgiveness evokes different responses. The younger first offends by demanding his inheritance from a still-living father. He adds insult and shame to the family when he squanders the money and is reduced to feeding unclean animals. Even his planned return springs from self-interest: he is homeless, starving.

The father displays almost mad joy in dashing out to meet his wayward son. (In Jesus' time, the head of a household did not run in public.) Further, the father showers a boy who has brought him shame and heartache with signs of favored sonship: fine clothing, proper footwear, a ring. In response to this

extravagant mercy, the younger son admits his sin with sorrow. But the seemingly faithful son reacts with anger, jealousy, and bitterness. How do you account for the difference?

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

SourceBook

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Jn 4:43-54

Tues. Jn. 5: 1-16

Wed. Jn. 5: 17-30

Thurs. Jn. 5: 31-47

Fri. Jn. 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. Jn 7: 40-53

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord Ps. 34

CONFIRMATION IN THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." 1285

"From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the Letter to the Hebrews the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church." 1286

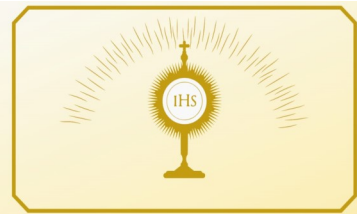


Congratulations

**Confirmands to be confirmed
at 9 am Mass, March 27th**

Jadyn Lome, Mauricio Martinez Zepeda, Carlos José Cabrera Resendiz, JD Solano, Jordy Cabrera Barrera, David Martinez, and Ian Lome Miranda Martinez-Zepeda, Carla Chavez Rodriguez, Lucila (Lucy) Martinez Rivera, Jovanna Y. Martinez Siri Panetta





FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
ADORATION



During Lent

Mass at 12 noon
Eucharistic Adoration
From 12:30 to 5:30 pm

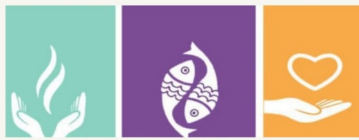
5:20pm Blessing with the Blessed
Sacrament

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday's during Lent
5:30 pm



Second Lenten Dinner
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

Friday, April 1st at 6pm

Fish Tacos, Rice & Beans.

Pre-sale tickets \$25
At the door tickets \$ 30

(Proceeds will benefit the sealing of the church parking lot)

Join us for
Coffee & Donuts

Following the
9 & 11:15 Masses.
At our Parish Hall.
We have an
outdoor setting.



Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

1era. Lectura: Jos 5, 9a. 10-12 Salmo: 33;

2da. Lectura: 2 Cor 5,17-21 Evangelio: Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32

*“Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y
contra tí”*

Lucas dibuja un retrato detallado de la altura y la profundidad de la misericordia reconciliadora. En la parábola de Jesús de un padre y dos hijos, el inimaginable y extravagante perdón del padre evoca diferentes respuestas. El hijo más joven ofende primero al exigir su herencia a un padre que aún vive. Agrega insulto y vergüenza a la familia cuando despilfarra el dinero y se ve reducido a alimentar animales inmundos. Incluso su regreso planeado surge del interés propio: no tiene hogar, se muere de hambre.

El padre muestra una alegría casi loca al salir corriendo para encontrarse con su hijo descarriado. (En la época de Jesús, el que cabeza de familia no corría en público.) Además, el padre colma al muchacho que le ha traído vergüenza y angustia con señales de filiación favorecida: ropa fina, calzado adecuado, un anillo. En respuesta a esta misericordia extravagante, el hijo menor admite su pecado con dolor. Pero el hijo aparentemente fiel reacciona con ira, celos y amargura. ¿Cómo explicas la diferencia?

El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma se llama tradicionalmente Domingo Laetare. Laetare es una palabra latina que significa “regocijarse”. El evangelio de hoy describe el motivo de nuestra alegría: el gran amor de Dios por nosotros se ha revelado en Jesús. A través de su Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección, Cristo nos ha reconciliado con Dios y entre nosotros.

Mass Intentions – March 26th – April 1st

Sat. March 26th 4:30pm: + Janie White

Sun. March 27th: 9:00am: Confirmation Mass

11:15am: People of the Parish

1:00pm Spanish Mass: + Johny & Elvira Osornio

(NO SPANISH MASS AT 5:00 PM)

Wed. March 30th: 12 pm: - All Women Who Have Had Abortions

Thurs. March 31st: 12 pm: + Paul & +Anna-Lou DeLay

Fri. April 1st: 12 pm: + George Rogers

Weekly Collection Totals: March. 19/20

General Fund & EFT

\$3,398.10

Thank you for your generosity to the our
Parish Community

COVID Memorial Garden Renovation:

The Memorial Garden project was completed last spring by a hard-working team of volunteers, and supported by generous plant donations from the parish community. Our on-going drought, irrigation problems, and substantial deer damage were not kind to the garden over the last 10 months.

But thanks to the very generous support of John and Nancy Endriz, a substantial renovation and improvement of this garden have been completed by Jara Landscaping. Parishioner Concepcion Jara contributed much of his labor to this effort. Please take a moment to walk through the garden after the Masses this weekend.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



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 Spiritfilled 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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Week Days:

Wed-Fri: 12 noon.

Weekend

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am
5:00 pm Spanish

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 3:30 pm and by Appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday-Friday
10 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

VOLUNTEER: PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council: Dede Woodhead, *Chair*, Alondra Klemek, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, J Concepción Jara, Tom Rowland, Tapanga Hirsch, Trini Resendiz.

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Faith Formation:

First Communion:

Marilyn Margadinho. Supply Teacher: Pat Gray

Confirmation:

Alondra Klemek (2nd year)— Brisa Cabrera (1st year)
Supply teacher: Tess Arthur.

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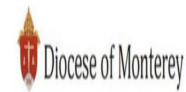
Liturgical Environment: Gail Quinnan

Coffee Hospitality Ministry: Rosemary Ellis

Sacristans: Richard Ring - J Concepcion Jara

PERSONAL PRAYER

The church is open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-400 pm.
At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service. St. Teresa of Avila



2022

Annual Ministry Appeal

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OLMC goal \$ 9,950



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