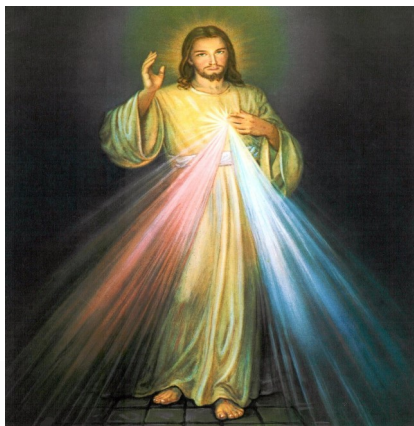


*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church*  
*Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy* April 23-24 2022  
*“His mercy endures forever”*





**GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon.** Mk 16: 15-20

**Tues.** Jn 3: 7b—15

**Wed.** Jn 3: 16-21

**Thurs.** Jn 3: 31-36

**Fri.** Jn 6: 1-15

**Sat.** Jn 6:16-21

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.** Ps. 118

This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

**Dive Into the Easter Season**

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. The Easter Candle is kept visible at the Sanctuary area throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49)



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**Saint of the week: April 29th  
St. Saint Catherine of Siena**

Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Born March 25, 1347, Siena, Tuscany [Italy]—died April 29, 1380, Rome; canonized 1461; Dominican tertiary, mystic. Moved by her great love for God and her neighbor, she promoted peace and harmony between cities and courageously defended the rights and freedom of the Roman pontiff, also favoring the renewal of religious life. She died in the year 1380. St. Catherine of Siena is one of only four women who were named doctor of the church, meaning that her writings, including the mystical *The Dialogue* and her prayers and letters, have special authority in Roman Catholicism. She was an important defender of the papacy and is a patron saint of Europe and of Italy.



**Santa de la semana: Abril 29th  
Santa Catalina de Siena**

Virgen y Doctora de la Iglesia. nacido el 25 de marzo de 1347 en Siena, Toscana [Italia]—fallecido el 29 de abril de 1380 en Roma; canonizada en 1461; Terciaria Dominica, y mística. Movida por su gran amor a Dios y al prójimo, promovió la paz y la armonía entre las ciudades y defendió con valentía los derechos y la libertad del Romano Pontífice, favoreciendo también la renovación de la vida religiosa. Murió en el año 1380. Santa Catalina de Siena es una de las cuatro únicas mujeres que fueron nombradas doctoras de la Iglesia, lo que significa que sus escritos, diálogos, oraciones y cartas, tienen una autoridad especial en el catolicismo romano. Fue una importante defensora del papado y es patrona de Europa y de Italia.

**Segundo de Pascua - Domingo de la Misericordia**

**1era. Lectura:** Hch 5, 12-16; **Salmo:** 117; **2da. Lectura:** Apoc 1, 9-11a 12-13. 17-19 **Evangelio:** Jn 20, 19-31

*“La Misericordia del Señor es Eterna”*

Jesús concede los medios para cumplir esta misión cuando da a sus discípulos el don del Espíritu Santo. El Espíritu Santo nos une como comunidad de fe y nos fortalece para dar testimonio de la Resurrección.

Las palabras de Jesús a sus discípulos también destacan la conexión integral entre el perdón de los pecados y el don del Espíritu Santo. El perdón y la reconciliación son regalos para nosotros de Jesús. Con la gracia del Espíritu Santo, podremos compartirlos con los demás. Este es otro aspecto esencial de lo que significa ser Iglesia de Cristo. La Iglesia continúa la misión de Jesús con el sacramento del perdón y la reconciliación.

Tomás, el discípulo que duda, representa la realidad de la Iglesia que viene después de esta primera comunidad de discípulos. Todos menos los primeros discípulos de Jesús deben creer sin ver. Como Tomás, podemos dudar de la noticia de que Jesús, quien fue crucificado y sepultado, se apareció a sus discípulos. Es parte de nuestra naturaleza humana buscar pruebas contundentes de que Jesús que se apareció a los discípulos después de su muerte es, de hecho, el mismo Jesús que fue crucificado. Tomás tiene la oportunidad de ser nuestro representante que obtiene esta evidencia. Tomás nos da testimonio de que Jesús que resucitó es el mismo Jesús que había muerto. Por el don del Espíritu Santo, somos de los bienaventurados porque no hemos visto y, sin embargo, hemos creído.

El Evangelio de este domingo combina dos escenas: la aparición de Jesús a sus discípulos después de su Resurrección y el diálogo de Jesús con Tomás, el discípulo que dudaba. Jesús saluda a sus discípulos con el don de la paz y el don del Espíritu Santo. Jesús también comisiona a sus discípulos para que continúen el trabajo que él ha comenzado. Así como Jesús fue enviado por Dios, también Jesús envía a sus discípulos. Esta continuidad con la propia misión de Jesús es un elemento esencial de la Iglesia.

**Mass Intentions – April 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday Vigil, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:30: + **Joseph Kane**  
 Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>: 9 am: + **Don & Lori Swiess**  
 11:15am: + **Irene Finn**  
 5:00pm: + **Artemio & Edward**  
 Wed. April 27<sup>th</sup> 12pm + **Fr. Mark Stetz**  
 Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 12pm + **Pedro & Gertrudes**  
 Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + **Sebastian Reny**

**Weekly Offering Report April 16/17**

General Found & EFT: **\$ 4,107.10**  
 2nd Collection Holy Sites **\$ 365.00**  
**Thank you for your generosity to  
 Our Parish Community**

**COVID Memorial Garden Maintenance**

After the wonderful support from Nancy and John Endriz and the great work by Jara Landscaping, we hope to keep the COVID Garden in its present, much improved state! A small team to control the weeds, check the drip system, prune, add mulch, etc. should keep the garden looking great with a modest time commitment-- "green thumb" not required!



Please email Jack McAleer ([jmcaleer753@gmail.com](mailto:jmcaleer753@gmail.com)) if you'd like to help.

# 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.*

Fr: Jhonnatan Flórez Carmona, Parochial Administrator. E-mail: frjcarmona@ourladycarmelvalley.org

### 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

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### Parish Ministries

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

#### Faith Formation:

##### First Communion:

Marilyn Margadinho. Supply Teacher: Pat Gray

##### Confirmation:

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

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon, Brian Kelly

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

**Hope's Boutique:** Janice Hawkins • Wed 10 am–12 pm

**Manna Ministry:** Joni Zabala

**Stop Human Trafficking/Social Justice:** Brendan Cook

**Bereavement Ministry:** Trudy Dowd • (831) 915-4619

**Finance Council:** Steve Zalan, *Chair*, Carol Duncan,  
*Secretary*, A.B. Introcaso, Jim Rice

**Accounting:** Rebecca Bayless

**Capital Campaign Committee:** Alex Gray, *Chair*,  
Jack McAleer, *Vice Chair*, Mark Boitano, Steve Zalan

**Kitchen & Hall:** A.B. Introcaso

**Website:** Adalice Powers

**Social Media:** Lorraine Yglesias and Trudy Dowd

#### Music Ministry:

Richard Carr (Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 9:00 & 11:15am).

**Lectors:** Dede Woodhead

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** Lorraine Ring

**Liturgical Environment:** Gail Quinnan

**Coffee Hospitality Ministry:** Rosemary Ellis

### 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



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