

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH





SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT-DEC. 8TH, 2024 "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS"



The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 7th - 14th 2024

Sat. Dec. 7th 4:30: + Paul Tocchet Sun. Dec. 8th 9:00: + Yolande René 11:00: + Des Wytmans Misa en Espanol: 1:00 pm + José Ortiz

Mon. Dec. 9th 12:00: Holy Day of Obligation / Immaculate Conception: People of the Parish

<u>Wed. Dec. 11th 12:00:</u> + Jana Ellsworth <u>Thu. Dec. 12th 12:00:</u> + Josie Diaz Fri. Dec. 13th12:00: + Marilyn Stainbrook Sat. Vigil Dec. 14th 4:30: - Health of Jim Shakal Sun. Dec. 15th 9:00 + Joaquim Marques Morgadinho 11:00: - People of the Parish.

MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOV. 30TH & DEC 18T: **\$2,822.25**

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Our Lord Jesus has taught us, by his many examples, to serve others. Jesus shared his gifts with all, no matter their situation in life, whether wealthy or poor in money, position, or spirit. For many years, parishioners of OLMC have coordinated and served in Manna Ministry. This ministry exists to share food with anyone who may have a need in our community. This last week prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, Manna Ministry volunteers delivered special Thanksgiving boxes of food to community members. To add to these ample boxes of food, our OLMC candidates/students had the privilege to join with Manna Ministry and add a homemade component to the delivered Thanksgiving meals. With recipes in hand, the students joined together to bake pumpkin pies to share with many individuals and families for their Thanksgiving dinners.

While they were preparing the pies, the candidates and their teachers discussed Jesus' examples in sharing his gifts with others. The students realize that service to others is also enriching to those that provide the service. They were very excited to be a part of this project by baking a



sweet dessert for the Thanksgiving delivery. They discussed how very blessed we ALL are in this community, including our faith community, and in our beautiful Carmel Valley, with our friends, our neighbors, our homes, and the meals we share every day. It is easy to take all of these things for granted with the rush of everyday life, but it is important to take time to appreciate God's blessings, and share them with our neighbors, as Jesus taught us.

While they were baking the pumpkin pies for our Manna families, the students also baked two large sheet pans pies to share with the volunteers who were building Tatum's Treehouse. The story told in John 6:1-15 came to mind as another example of God's grace and the sharing of food during this week of the community playground build project. This beautiful project was to benefit children and families of all abilities here in Carmel Valley village. The project started on November 10th and lasted for over a week. It included hundreds of volunteers working daily on this important project, and meals were offered to these angels. The build volunteers numbered anywhere from 50 to 300 per meal. Meals were made and served by volunteers. Several times, despite best planning of large meals, the numbers of volunteers grew to many more than expected, and the food line did not diminish. Scrambling with what was at hand, the meal coordinators put together additions for these meals, or people would walk in at the last minute with food donations, such as our students' pumpkin sheet pies. At <u>every</u> single meal, everyone had enough to eat. The meal coordinators were in awe, and commented several times that "we are working with Jesus' blessings, sharing 'five loaves and two small fish,' to feed hundreds."



So, we are taught that the more we give, the more we have, in spirit.





EVENT CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 9th Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation). 12 Noon English Mass

Thru, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe:**

- 6:00 AM Mananitas
- 6:30 AM Rosario
- 12 Noon Mass in English.
- 6:30 PM Danza Azteca
- 7:00 PM Misa con Mariachi
- 8:00 PM Convivio

Sun. Dec. 15 - Mon. December 23, 7 PM **Posadas**

Poinsettias Donations Dec: 15th-22nd. Sun. Dec. 23rd 12 noon Altar decorations for Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Mon. Dec. 23rd:

6:30pm Misa de Navidad en Cachagua.

Tue. Dec. 24th:

4:30pm Christmas Children Mass.

Wed. Dec. 25th: 10am: Christmas Day Mass

Office Closed: Dec. 25th 2024—Jan. 5th 2025.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



December is our busiest month here at our parish: I would like to thank Bernie and

Joe Allioti, Ray Lucido, and the volunteers who helped in one way or another with the Natale Dinner, it was definitely a success. This and another dinners that we hold during the year are our only way for fundraising for our parish.

We will have other celebrations such Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Posadas, and Christmas. All these events make us come together as a community of believers training to share our gifts and put them in the service of others.

Prayers for all of you during this Advent Season.

Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan F. Carmona.

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE 11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 15-25, 2025

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PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO-DEC. 88T. 2024 PREPAREN EL CAMINO DEL SEÑOR, HAGAN RECTOS SUS SENDEROS.

El evangelista Lucas es el autor del Evangelio que lleva su nombre, y también escribió los Hechos de los Apóstoles como continuación de la historia de Jesús y de la Iglesia. En estas dos obras, surge el sentido del tiempo y de la historia de Lucas. Identifica tres épocas de la historia de la salvación: el tiempo antes de Cristo, el tiempo de Cristo y el tiempo de la Iglesia y del Espíritu Santo. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, como en otras partes, Juan



el Bautista es presentado como la figura que une el tiempo antes de Cristo y prepara el camino para el propio ministerio de Cristo.

En el Evangelio de hoy también notamos la atención de Lucas a los detalles políticos e históricos. Lucas muestra que la salvación es para todas las personas y está situada en los acontecimientos mundiales. Por eso, Lucas enumera los líderes políticos y religiosos en el momento de la aparición de Juan en el desierto. La salvación se entiende como la irrupción de Dios en esta historia política y social.

La predicación de Juan sobre la venida del Señor es un tema clave del tiempo de Adviento. Así como el mensaje de Juan preparó el camino para Jesús, también nosotros estamos llamados a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús. Respondemos al mensaje de Juan con el arrepentimiento y la reforma de nuestra vida. También estamos llamados a ser profetas de Cristo, que anuncian con nuestra vida la venida del Señor, como lo hizo Juan.



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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English,

Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 pm in the Church.

4th Saturday of the month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday: 1:00 pm—3:00 pm.

Sundays: 10:00 am—11:00 am.

"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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