

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "C" – FEB. 16TH 2025 REJOICE AND LEAP FOR JOY ON THAT DAY! BEHOLD, YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN.



Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1 -7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the

audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. Loyola Press

LENTEN SEASON 2025

Wed. Mar. 5th, <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>: 12:00 pm Mass w/ ashes. 6:30 pm Bilingual Mass w/ ashes

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> Fridays: 5:30pm.

Lenten Talk: Sat. March 22nd at 5:30pm in the Church. Fr. Jim Nesbit. Why do we meditate on the Stations of the Cross?.

Lenten Reconciliation Service. Wed. April 9th at 6:30pm.

<u>Magnificat Lenten Companion</u> <u>Booklets</u>: English/Espanol. \$ 5 offering.

2025 LENTEN DINNERS—Tickets for sell next weekend (Feb. 22-23)

Friday March 14th at 6:00 pm Friday March 28th at 6:00 pm Friday April 11th at 6:00 pm

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY LUCY ZARAZUA, A QUIET BENEFACTOR

In our parish hall on February 1st, a celebration was held to celebrate the 80th birthday of a cherished parishioner, Lucy Zarazua.

Lucy is truly a Valley treasure, a quiet but strong pillar of our community and our parish. At age 18, Lucy arrived in Carmel Valley from Jalisco, Mexico in 1961 with her family, as her dad worked in the artichoke fields close to Carmel. From her arrival here, she was always involved in the community, and started attending mass at OLMC in its early years when it was still developing from its humble beginnings as a barn. Since then, Lucy married, and had three beautiful children, Roberto, Sylvia and Carlos, who have given her 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Additionally, Lucy has approximately 16 godchildren, having shared her faith by being a Baptismal sponsor for all these babies.

As a Carmel Valley mom her cooking was famous among friends and



relatives. In 1990 she had a food booth at the Carmel Valley Fiesta. That venture was so successful she decided to open a restaurant, and one year later in 1991 she opened the beloved Taqueria del Valle, now a valley staple. Since then, she has continued to work tirelessly at the restaurant, crafting delicious authentic Mexican food in her bright, cheerful and welcoming restaurant. As a member of OLMC for over 6 decades, she has remained a steadfast, but almost anonymous benefactor. For many years

she has provided all of the linens for OLMC's Lenten dinners, has been an advertising sponsor providing constant financial support, and has often contributed large yummy dishes for many parish gatherings. This year Lucy sponsored our parish calendars as a gift to the OLMC community, another example of her giving nature. She says she loves supporting our church, stating, "Everything I give to the Church, God gives me back double."

Lucy's birthday party reflected a small part of what she means to the Carmel Valley community. The celebration, organized by her children and grandchildren, featured delicious food and beverages. But the best part was the love shared by her guests, which included attendees from Carmel Valley and beyond, from all walks of life, from the humblest to local notable residents, all dear to Lucy. Lucy does not advertise her good deeds, but is quietly generous. We celebrate her and the role model she is. Happy Birthday, Lucy Zarazua! We love you!



MASS INTENTIONS

February 15th - 23rd 2025

Sat. Feb. 15th Vigil 4:30: + Jim & Mary Duncan Sun. Feb 16th 9:00: + Don & Lory Swiess <u>11:00:</u> + Gloria De Ocampo

 $\frac{\text{Wed. Feb. 19}^{\text{th}} \ 12:00:}{\text{Thurs. Feb. 20}^{\text{th}} \ 12:00:} + \text{Fr. Donald Higgins} \\ \frac{\text{Thurs. Feb. 20}^{\text{th}} \ 12:00:}{\text{Fri. Feb. 21}^{\text{th}} \ 12:00:} + \text{Ines Fiorio}$

<u>Sat. Feb. 22nd 4:30:</u> + Barb Burdick **Misa en Cachagua** 37200 Nason Rd # 9 Familia Salinas-Solano <u>7:00pm:</u> + Maurilio Salinas (1er. Aniv.), + Adan y + Consuelo Solano (6to. Aniv.) <u>Sun. Feb. 23rd 9:00:</u> + Peter Coakley <u>11:00:</u> + Max Tybrowski

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

<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION</u> FEB. 8TH & 9TH **\$ 3,919.21**

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,

As Jesus continues his public ministry, we hear in today's gospel the version of the 'Beatitudes' according to Luke. If we make a parallel on the Beatitudes between Mathew's Gospel and Luke's, we will notice some distinct differences; However, the heart of their message is the same: how we can find ourselves blessed even though we pass through difficult times.

Our long-time Parishioner Lucy Zarazua had her birthday celebration in our Parish Hall this past week. I invite you to read this article, especially because Lucy has done so much for our parish community. Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan.



VI DOMINGO ORDINARIO 'C" — FEB. 16TH, 2025Alégrense ese día y salten de gozo, porque su recompensa será grande en el cielo.

La lectura del evangelio de hoy es el comienzo de lo que a menudo se llama el Sermón de la Llanura. Encontramos un paralelo con este pasaje en Mateo 5:1-7,11 que a menudo se llama el Sermón del Monte. Como sugieren estos títulos, existen diferencias y similitudes entre estas lecturas del evangelio.

Cuando Lucas presenta el lugar de la enseñanza de Jesús, Jesús enseña en terreno llano, junto a los discípulos y la multitud. Lucas presenta la autoridad de Jesús bajo una luz diferente. Él es Dios entre nosotros. Otra distinción que se encuentra en la versión de Lucas es la audiencia. El Sermón de la Llanura de Lucas está dirigido a los discípulos de Jesús, aunque en presencia de la multitud; De acuerdo con este estilo, las Bienaventuranzas del Evangelio de Lucas suenan más personales que las del Evangelio de Mateo: Lucas usa el artículo "tú", mientras que Mateo usa "ellos" o "aquellos". También hay una diferencia en el número: Mateo describe ocho bienaventuranzas; Lucas presenta sólo cuatro, cada uno de los cuales tiene una advertencia paralela.

Al escuchar este Evangelio, las Bienaventuranzas sacuden nuestra sensibilidad. Los que son pobres, tienen hambre, lloran o son perseguidos son llamados bienaventurados. Este es, en verdad, un evangelio de reveses. A aquellos que a menudo se piensa que han sido olvidados por Dios se les llama bienaventurados. En la lista de "ayes", aquellos a quienes normalmente podríamos describir como bendecidos por Dios se les advierte acerca del peligro que corren. Riquezas, posesiones, risas, reputación. . . estas no son cosas de las que podamos depender como fuentes de felicidad eterna. No sólo no cumplen su promesa; nuestra confianza equivocada en ellos conducirá a nuestra desaparición. El peligro máximo está en identificar erróneamente la fuente de nuestra felicidad eterna.

Las Bienaventuranzas se describen a menudo como un marco para la vida cristiana. Nuestra vocación como cristianos no es ser los primeros en este mundo, sino ser los primeros ante los ojos de Dios. Tenemos el desafío de examinar nuestra situación actual en el contexto de nuestro horizonte último, el Reino de Dios.

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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 Month1:00 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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