



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 11, 2025 *"I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME"*

In today's Gospel, 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. *Loyola Press*

FIRST COMMUNION: FEEDING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH PRIMERA COMUNIÓN: ALIMENTANDO EL FUTURO DE NUESTRA IGLESIA



This past Sunday, May 4th, before parishioners, friends and their families, 7 young girls from our parish took an important step in their faith journey when they received the body and blood of our Lord in their First Holy Communion. This is the second of three Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism and Confirmation. For two years, these young parishioners have engaged in spiritual and fun learning activities that helped them in the development of their faith journey. They learned about the teachings of Jesus, our church, and how important it is to participate in church. These classes



were led by much-loved teachers Susan Franks and Michele Higa. When asked about their favorite part of the class and the ceremony, two newly initiated parishioners, Sarah Latino and Ayniah Sandoval Ramirez shared that one of their very favorite parts of the class and ceremony was practicing the song "Take the Word of God with You" which they sang during the mass on the day of their First Communion. One line in this song is particularly special as it states: "Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow." The guidance of the teachers in this faith journey has been invaluable, as they are sowing these seeds, and guiding the heirs, the future parishioners and leaders of our church. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16).

El pasado domingo 4 de mayo, ante feligreses, amigos y familiares, siete jóvenes de nuestra parroquia dieron un paso importante en su camino de fe al recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor en su Primera Comunión. Este es el segundo de los tres Sacramentos de Iniciación, que incluyen el Bautismo y la Confirmación. Durante dos años, estas jóvenes feligresas han participado en actividades de aprendizaje espiritual que las han ayudado a profundizar su camino de fe. Aprendieron sobre las enseñanzas de Jesús, nuestra iglesia y la importancia de participar en ella. Estas clases fueron impartidas por las queridas maestras Susan Franks y Michele Higa. Al preguntarles sobre su parte favorita de la clase y la ceremonia, dos feligresas recién iniciadas, Sarah Latino y Ayniah Sandoval Ramírez, compartieron que una de sus partes favoritas fue practicar la canción "Lleva la Palabra de Dios contigo", que cantaron durante la misa el día de su Primera Comunión. Una estrofa de esta canción es particularmente especial, ya que dice: "Tomen las semillas de la palabra de Dios y háganlas crecer". La guía de las maestras en este camino de fe ha sido invaluable, ya que están sembrando estas semillas y guiando a los herederos, los futuros feligreses y líderes de nuestra iglesia. Jesús dijo: "Dejen que los niños vengan a mí y no se lo impidan, porque de ellos es el reino de Dios" (Lucas 18:16).

Many congratulations/ Muchas felicitaciones

Zury Arietta De La Rosa, Sarah Latino, Ayniah Sandoval Ramirez, Mia Ramirez, Ana Garcia Resendiz, Serafina Runnoe, and Estefania Salas.

Huge thank you /muchisimas gracias: Ms. Susan and Ms. Michele.

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 10TH – MAY 18TH 2025

Sat. May 10th 4:30 Vigil: + **Mercedes Selis & Pilar Paredes**

Sun. May 11th 9:00: + **Peter Sheaff**

11:00: **Baby Francis**

1:00pm: (Spanish Mass)

Wed. May 14th 12:00: + **Carlos Alberto Montoya**

Thurs. May 15th 12:00: + **Lyle Cavin III**

Fri. May 16th 12:00: + **Russell Bioc**

Sat. May 17th 4:30 Vigil: **Health & Healing of Naava**

Sun. May 18th 9:00: + **Evelyn Morrill**

11:00: **Health & Healing of Sue Morris**

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

MAY 3 & 4, \$ 2,814.40

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish
community.*

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



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

It is providential as we celebrating the fourth Sunday of Easter, known as the Good Shepherd Sunday, what we have the election of Our new Pope Leo XIV, we pray that he will lead the Universal Church as a Good Shepherd. We pray also for our mothers living and deceased, on Mother's Day. I hope to see you on the weekend Masses as we write the history of the Church in our present time.

Shalom! Fr. Jhonnatan.

*YO CONOZCO A MIS OVEJAS Y ELLAS ME
CONOCEN A MÍ*

En la parte del capítulo que escuchamos hoy, Jesús describe su relación con sus seguidores como similar a la que existe entre un buen pastor y sus ovejas. Así como un buen pastor arriesga y da su vida para proteger a sus

ovejas, Jesús se sacrifica voluntariamente por ellas. Jesús contrasta las acciones del buen pastor con las del pastor asalariado que abandona a las ovejas ante el peligro.

La preocupación de un buen pastor por sus ovejas forma parte de su labor. Sin embargo, Jesús afirma que las acciones del buen pastor se basan en la relación que se desarrolla entre él y las ovejas. Esta es la esencia de la diferencia entre el buen pastor y el pastor asalariado. El buen pastor conoce a las ovejas y, por lo tanto, actúa por amor. Para el Buen Pastor, esto nunca es simplemente parte de su trabajo; este amor en acción es parte integral de su identidad.

Como en gran parte del Evangelio de Juan, en este pasaje se percibe el enfoque particular de Juan en la cristología. Así como el Buen Pastor conoce a las ovejas, el Padre conoce a Jesús y Jesús conoce al Padre. Existe una unidad esencial entre el Padre y el Hijo. La libertad con la que Jesús actúa al entregar su vida se basa en la unidad que comparte con su Padre. *Loyola Press*

We are continuing our conversion to a new, streamlined parish management platform. If you have been getting our bulletin via email, you will be automatically transferred. We hope to complete the conversion by May 24/25. Our project manager is Katie Read. She will be glad to answer any questions. She can be reached at: readkc@gmail.com or (831) 238-2813.



**Wishing you a blessed and
happy Mothers Day!
Le deseamos una bendecida y
feliz Dia de las Madres!**



SPAIN PILGRIMAGE
11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 15-25, 2025

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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 7:00 PM 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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