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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER— MAY 25, 2025 “WHOEVER LOVES ME WILL KEEP MY WORD”

In today's Gospel we reflect that the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace. Loyola Press



“EL QUE ME AMA GUARDARÁ MI PALABRA.”

En el evangelio de hoy reflexionamos que la vida del cristiano no está moldeada por la ausencia de Jesús sino por la presencia permanente de Dios; La presencia de Dios supera la ansiedad por la ausencia de Dios; y el presente contiene las semillas de un nuevo futuro moldeado por el amor, no por el miedo.

Estos versículos también contienen un vistazo de algunos de los otros temas del discurso de despedida: la relación de Jesús con el Padre y la relación de los discípulos con Jesús también conectan a los discípulos con el Padre. Jesús promete enviar al Paráclito o intercesor que recordará a los discípulos todo lo que Jesús les enseñó y les traerá la paz.

Jesús está preparando a sus discípulos de antemano para su ausencia para que sigan creyendo en él y no se sientan solos después de su regreso al Padre. Después de la emoción inicial de sus apariciones pascuales, Jesús permanecerá con sus seguidores de una manera muy diferente a lo largo de los siglos. A medida que nuestra celebración del tiempo pascual está llegando a su fin, la liturgia nos recuerda que Jesús permanece con nosotros a través del Espíritu Santo, quien nos enseña todo lo que necesitamos saber, nos recuerda todo lo que Jesús enseñó y nos trae paz.

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED." MATTHEW 5:4

The Bereavement Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel focuses on assisting parishioners who have lost loved ones. Bereavement is the process of mourning and a time of adjustment and reorganization to life without the loved ones. This ministry is dedicated to offering heartfelt expressions of support and assistance to bereaved families and is inspired by the belief that the OLMC community is a family, and good families take care of each other in times of need.



The Bereavement Ministry was established in 2017 by Fr. Dennis Gallo, with Trudy Dowd spearheading the formation. Trudy, who has a background in hospice care, is a retired Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) and was a well-known school counselor at Tularcitos Elementary School for many years. Patti McAleer, a retired nurse known for her big smile and huge heart, works closely with Trudy as a minister.

A six-hour training program was developed to prepare the volunteers for their roles. Parishioners John and Victoria Griffin have recently joined the ministry and have completed their training.

The Bereavement Ministry assists and supports members of our community by first offering to meet with newly bereaved families to help plan a funeral Mass or memorial that feels right for them and their personal experience. On an ongoing basis, the members of the ministry provide follow-up and support through phone calls, visits, cards, mailings about the Journey of Grief, and offering Masses at which the loved one is remembered.



More recently, the ministry has organized seasonal social gatherings for parishioners who have lost a loved one to get to know each other and share their experiences and support. In addition, the ministry is able to share resources in the Monterey area that includes access to grief groups and other professional resources.

The Bereavement Ministry has touched the lives of many in our community. Here are a few examples:

- "I called the Bereavement Ministry when my husband was diagnosed with cancer in order to get feedback on many issues I had no experience with. The ministers offered spiritual and practical guidance throughout the process, and we were able to experience many quality moments as a couple and a family before he passed away as a result of their support." **-Gini Lutrell**
- "The members of the Bereavement Ministry are amazing. I was from out of the area when my mother-in-law passed away. I was not yet Catholic but wanted to have the service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel where she was a long-time parishioner. I had no idea where to begin and what to do and the Bereavement Ministers handled it all." **-Jeanne Shakal**
- "When you lose a loved one you think you are prepared but you aren't. The whole team was very helpful in reducing my stress in a time of need. And it didn't stop after the services. The ministry now has social gatherings giving me a chance to share time with other members of the OLMC community." **-Shirley Ladd**



If you would like to get involved in this fulfilling ministry, you can contact Trudy Dowd or the office to see how you can become a Bereavement Minister or support the ministry's efforts.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sat. May 24th 4:30 Vigil: + **Carlos Alberto Montoya**

Sun. May 25th 9:00: + **Gladys & Alfonse Scarpitto**

11:00:+ **Lyle Cavin III**

Wed. May 28th 12:00:**Health of Ginny Luttrell (Birthday)**

Thurs. May 29th 12:00:+ **Diane Freitas**

Fri. May 30th 12:00:+ **Carlos Albert Montoya**

Sat. May 31st 4:30 Vigil:+ **Mandy Reyes**

Sun. June 1st 9:00: **People of the Parish**

11:00:+ **Susan McBride**

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

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



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

The only way that we can be disciples of Jesus is to remain in his love (Agape). We have been hearing about visions of the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. This weekend I want to focus my reflection on the New Jerusalem that He is describing. I hope you can join me, as we reflect on the Apocalyptic literature! Thank you so much for your prayers as I am celebrating my 10th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. I am a living testimony that God can do everything possible if we place our Hope in him! Fr. Jhonnatan

SPAIN PILGRIMAGE

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



Fr. Jhonnatan's 10-year anniversary of ordination was on May 22nd. Please join us after the Sunday 9am & 11am Masses to celebrate. Small bites, cake & mimosas!.
You are all invited!



- Let's get to our 100 Donor AMA Goal! Envelopes in the pews and any dollar amount counts. Thanks.
- Do you have story ideas or would like to write a story that supports the loving nature of our community? Please contact us at bulletin@ourladycarmelvalley.org
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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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