



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. JULY 6TH, 2025 THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND FOR YOU

In today's gospel Jesus appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are



to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

MEET THE OLMC PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Have you ever wondered how a small parish with almost no paid staff functions so well? Here's the answer: OLMC runs smoothly thanks to a small cadre of dedicated, knowledgeable and incredibly faithful volunteers who stand behind and next to Fr. Jhonnatan as he manages the business of our church. **This Project Management Team consists of Gail Quinnan, Alex Gray, John Finn and Katie Read.** Each has come to us with rich professional backgrounds and important skills to share. This group meets with Fr. Jhonnatan every two months to discuss the workings of the parish, new projects to be completed, and to brainstorm solutions to problems that have arisen.

Gail Quinnan came to us as a young Army wife with 3 small children. She and her husband Ed found our little church 36 years ago when they were stationed at Fort Ord. Father McSweeney was the pastor. Soon Gail was teaching the First Communion class, and in no time, Fr. McSweeney had enlisted her to do much more. Over these many years, Gail has been a support to 6 different pastors. One of her favorite jobs is being in charge of liturgical environment, that is, the altar colors and flowers. Our church is always beautiful, thank to Gail. She has acquired so many other jobs that Fr. Jhonnatan refers to her as his "left hand." Her "institutional knowledge" makes her invaluable. Before her retirement from 33 years of nursing, she worked as an operating room nurse, a Hospice nurse, and, finally, in diabetes management. Gail dearly loves her work at the parish. Long ago she promised God, if he supported her journey as a young, working mother while her husband was away, she would "Give back." Lucky for us, she's still giving.



Alex Gray and his wife Pat became part-time parishioners in 2006 when they bought a vacation home nearby, moving to Carmel Valley full-time in 2015. Alex is a retired electrical engineer who has worked in a variety of leadership roles for seven different Silicon Valley companies over almost 40 years. He currently handles parish email communications, church and hall IT systems, and is chair of the Finance Council. He also helps maintain the St. Francis and Memorial gardens and participates in Manna. Previous large projects included the capital campaign and construction of the hall in 2020-21. Alex considers himself blessed, and after retirement believed it was time to give back through volunteering, particularly in our small OLMC community. He says, "The only challenge is that there is always more to do!"

John Finn, his wife Lila Mulloth, and their daughter Rose joined the OLMC community in 2014 when they moved from the San Francisco Bay Area to Carmel Valley. John is a retired chemical engineer who directed an engineering lab for development of spacecraft life support technology at NASA Ames Research Center. He then co-founded the successful fuel cell company Bloom Energy (NYSE:BE) in 2003. John currently supports the church's website and occasional "out of the ordinary" projects. In the past he's also helped with Manna Ministry, Finance Council, the Annual Ministry Appeal, and facilities. John considers his volunteer support at OLMC to be its own reward. He says, "I stand in staunch support well behind the challenging tasks accepted by Gail, Alex, and Katie."



Katie Read is the newest member of the team. She and her husband Ryan moved to the area in 2017, but Katie had attended Mass at OLMC as a visitor with her mother-in-law Missy Read since 2006. Raised Methodist, and very involved throughout her youth as an acolyte and with youth groups, Katie felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She completed our RCIA program and received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil in 2024. She says, "I am loving the Catholic journey." Katie earned her PhD in Higher Learning at Virginia Tech, and most recently worked in Teacher Education at CSUMB. She now enjoys volunteering with OLMC, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Master Gardeners. For many years, Katie and Ryan volunteered with Saint Francis Service Dogs (based in Roanoke, Virginia), helping to raise and train puppy service dogs in training. She currently serves as a Team Leader for Manna Ministry, and is part of the important Flocknote transition. According to Katie, her work with OLMC has provided her with spiritual fulfillment and a renewed sense of purpose.



MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 5TH – JULY 13TH

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Sat. July 5th 4:30 Vigil: + **Carl Noto**

Sun. July 6th 9:00: + **Monica Landusco**

11:00: + **Karen O'Connor**

Wed. July 9th : + **Carl Noto**

Thurs. July 10th : + **Greg Franks**

Fri. July 11th : + **Sue Morris**

Sat. July 12th 4:30 Vigil: **People of the Parish**

Sun. July 13th 10:00: **Feast Day Mass with**
Bishop Danny

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JUNE 28TH & 29TH \$1,953.20

*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,

Four years ago on July 6th 2021, I arrived at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. I was sent like the 72 disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God with all its challenges, difficulties, and its rewards. I am glad to be back in Carmel Valley Village after spending some time with family, relatives and close friends in Colombia.

I am looking forward to Our Feast Day Celebration next Sunday July 13th at the 10:00 am Bilingual Mass with Bishop Danny and the blessing our new Back Altar followed by a BBQ & Potluck. I hope to see you all there.

Fr. Jhonnatan.

“YA SE ACERCA A USTEDES EL REINO DE DIOS”

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nombra 72 personas para que vayan delante de él a cada pueblo y lugar que planea visitar, proclamando que el Reino de Dios está cerca. Los envía en parejas. En la Ley de Moisés se necesitaban dos testigos

para que un testimonio fuera creíble. Probablemente también era una forma más segura de viajar. Jesús admite que será difícil, que los está enviando como corderos entre lobos. Sin embargo, no deben traer nada consigo, ni siquiera una bolsa de dinero o sandalias. No deben saludar a nadie en el camino para no distraerse de su misión. Cuando entran a una casa, su mensaje es simplemente “paz”. La respuesta que recibirán puede ser positiva o negativa. De cualquier manera, deben saber que el Reino de Dios está cerca. No deben exigir un trato especial, sino comer y beber lo que se les dé. Deben permanecer en una casa y no deben buscar una que ofrezca mejores alojamientos. Deben sanar a los enfermos como señal de que el Reino de Dios está cerca de ellos. Al igual que los milagros de Jesús, la curación es una señal de la venida del reino. Si el pueblo no los recibe, sacudirán el polvo de sus pies y seguirán adelante. Incluso en el caso de tal rechazo, deben saber que el Reino de Dios está cerca.

Cuando regresan de sus viajes, se regocijan porque su misión ha tenido éxito. Los demonios estaban bajo su poder por el nombre de Jesús. Jesús puede haberlos enviado como corderos entre lobos, pero al final de este pasaje les asegura que se les ha dado poder sobre el enemigo y nada les hará daño, ni siquiera las serpientes y los escorpiones.

Un tema clave del Evangelio de hoy es el discipulado: sus desafíos, sus dificultades y sus recompensas. Compartir la misión de Jesús es difícil, pero todos están llamados a hacerlo, no sólo algunos profesionales formados para el ministerio. Incluso para nosotros hoy, la cosecha es abundante. Debemos orar al dueño de la mies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: July 13, Feast of Our Lady of Mt.Carmel after the 10am Bilingual Mass celebrated by Bishop Garcia. (No 9 or 11am). Followed by Parish BBQ & Potluck.

Last name begins with:

A-M= side or salad.

N-Z= dessert.

Our new on-line registration system is now available. This allows new parishioners to register immediately, existing parishioners to update their information (mailing address, family members, etc), and frequent visitors to set up a profile as well. Access is easy, just go to the **REGISTER tab** on the parish web site.

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Council

Finance Council

Faith Formation

Bereavement Ministry

Human Trafficking

Music Ministry

Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental

Social Media

Website

Eucharistic Ministers

Coffee Hospitality

Sacristans

Lectors

Ushers

For more information about our ministries, follow the link in this QR code:



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