



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 "GO AND DO LIKEWISE"

The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendents of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable. Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion. When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right.



**The key is to do it.**

## THE RICH EARLY HISTORY OF OLMC CHURCH

Did you know our church community began in a barn? Actually, two barns! Until 1947, Catholics from the area had to go to the Carmel Mission or other nearby churches to worship and celebrate Mass. In those days, that would have been a lengthy trip. As their numbers grew, some members including Leo Weber, Charlie Allaire, and Leo and Mary Lou Berta asked Msgr. Michael O'Connell, the pastor of Carmel Mission, to send a priest here to celebrate Mass. When the pastor heard how many Catholics lived here, he decided to send a priest to celebrate Mass here each weekend. But there was, of course, no church... and so the first Mass was celebrated in the De Amaral barn (pictured right) on Middle Canyon Rd, which had previously been a meeting place for the Carmel Valley Fire Department volunteers, and later became the well-known Tantamount Theater.



Lang dairy farm barn

In the same year, under the leadership of Msgr. Michael O'Connell and his Associate Pastor, Fr. Kelly, efforts were made to find some property and to raise funds for a church to call their own. The three-acre site on El Caminito was purchased for a permanent church. It included an old stable which was known as the Lang dairy farm. This barn was transformed into a church using only volunteer labor supervised by Harry Downie,



Mass in the Lang dairy farm barn

the Curator of Carmel Mission. Part of the barn was also used as a temporary rectory for the priest. At that time, part of the interior of the building featured an elongated trough where cows drank their well water. As proof of our humble beginnings, remnants of that trough still exist in a closet behind the altar.

The "new" church was small and could accommodate fewer than one hundred worshippers. The first Mass in this newly transformed barn/church was celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 1947. A photo here shows a gathering of families after Mass in August 1948, including Sue Stoney Morris (circled) and her family, one of the original families of our parish.



Church entrance, facing El Caminito Road, ca. 1970  
(prior to 1973 remodeling)

Four years later, in 1951, the first priest was appointed in residence. Since then, there have been 11 pastors, including Fr. Jhonnatan Carmona.\* People tend to mark the period of a church by who was the pastor at that time. Parishioners remember well who the pastor was when they joined the parish, which priest married them, and who gave them their First Holy Communion, and buried their loved ones. We have been blessed by a dedicated group of priests over these many years to shepherd our community. All were different, but each had special gifts to share with us to build the unique character of our church community.

In 1953, the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which served 65 local families, was formally established by the Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno, A.J. Willinger. There have been several expansions, renovations and improvements since then, most recently the major renovation of our parish hall in 2021, resulting in the beautiful church facilities we enjoy today where we serve approximately 200 families.

If you have been worshipping here long enough, you may remember some of the "old timers", like Leo Berta, a rancher East of the village, who would come to Mass with the back of his pick-up truck filled with artichokes from the Odella farm to give away; or Lou Allaire, who passionately led the singing at Mass for many years. God bless their souls and the souls of all the dedicated early parishioners who persevered to build Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.....from barn to church. **The website has a "living" version of our parish history. Check it out!**



## MASS INTENTIONS

*JULY 12TH– JULY 20TH*

Sat. July 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30 Vigil: + People of the Parish

Sun. July 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Parish Feast Day Mass  
with Bishop Danny

Wed. July 16<sup>th</sup>: + Dee Brannen

Thurs. July 17<sup>th</sup>: + Sam Getz

Fri. July 18<sup>th</sup>: + Ray Lucido

Sat. July 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 Vigil: + Greg Franks

Sun. July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00: People of the Parish

11:00: Health & Healing of Rich Ring

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

*JULY 5 – 6*  
*GENERAL FUND \$3,364.30*  
*MAINTENANCE \$451*

*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,

For the context of our liturgy, we have the parable of the Good Samaritan unique to the Gospel of Luke... this parable has so many things to tell us; specially to see those who are different from us with other eyes.

I hope to see you at **Our Feast Day, one bilingual Mass, on Sunday July 13th at 10am** followed by a BBQ, music and fun for our whole community. **Bishop Danny will be the main presider**; he is also going to bless our New Back Altar. Since I got to this parish, I always considered that our Crucifix was too small for the size of our Sanctuary area, it has been my hope to fix that and the day has final arrived!

Fr. Jhonnatan.

### “ANDA Y HAZ TU LO MISMO”

El viajero en esta parábola se identifica solo como "un hombre". Lucas usa esta frase en muchas de sus parábolas para que la audiencia, judía o gentil, pueda identificarse con el hombre. Después del ataque, el hombre es dado por muerto, y sangrando al costado de la carretera. Llega un sacerdote, pero en lugar de

ayudar, como cabría esperar, se traslada al otro lado de la calle. Viene otro religioso, un levita que asiste en el Templo. Su reacción es la misma que la del sacerdote. Ambos eligen ni siquiera saber si el hombre está vivo. Llega una tercera persona. Los oyentes probablemente esperarían que fuera un israelita. Esto haría de la parábola una crítica al liderazgo religioso. En cambio, es un samaritano, el vecino más odiado de un israelita. Los samaritanos eran descendientes de judíos de la parte norte del país, que se habían casado con gentiles y no adoraban en Jerusalén. El samaritano no sólo se acerca al herido sino que le limpia las heridas, lo monta en su propio animal, lo lleva a una posada para que se recupere y promete pagar todos sus gastos. El enemigo odiado es el prójimo compasivo en esta parábola.

Jesús ha demolido todas las expectativas de los límites. No son las definiciones sociales como clase, religión, género o etnicidad las que determinan quién es nuestro prójimo. Un prójimo es una persona que actúa con compasión hacia otra. El punto no es quién merece ser amado como yo me amo a mí mismo, sino que me convierto en una persona que trata a todos con compasión.

Cuando Jesús le pregunta al doctor de la ley quién era el prójimo en la historia, el no se atreve a decir que fue el samaritano. Todo lo que dice es que fue “el que lo trató con misericordia”. La respuesta de Jesús fue similar a la de la primera discusión: “Ve y haz lo mismo”. El doctor de la ley, y nosotros, sabemos lo que es correcto. **La clave es hacerlo.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our beloved parishioner Ray Lucido passed away on June 21. We offer our deepest condolences to his wife Patty, his son Sal and all their family. He will be sorely missed.

There will be a Rosary on **Thursday July 17 at 7pm** in our church.

A Mass of Resurrection will be offered on **Friday July 18th at 10am**, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

The Lucido family is offering a live video feed (for friends/family in Italy and for others unable to attend in person)

<https://tinyurl.com/RayLucidoMemorial> - to register to receive a link or use the QR code



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



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