



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 "THERE IS NEED OF ONLY ONE THING"

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time.



Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher

## **SPECIAL REPRINT**>>>> 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 19TH– JULY 27TH*

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

Wed. July 23<sup>rd</sup> : + Souls in Purgatory

Thurs. July 24<sup>th</sup> : + Alex Rodriguez

Fri. July 25<sup>th</sup> : + Health of Alice Tan

Sat. July 26<sup>th</sup> 4:30 Vigil: + Art Taylor (would have been 94)

7:00 pm: Mass in Cachagua

Sun. July 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00: Bonita Cabrera

11:00: People of the Parish

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION JULY 12– 13

**GENERAL FUND \$3,374.52**

*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,

We have been hearing unique text from the Gospel of Luke... stories that only appears in his Gospel: The Good Samaritan – Martha and Mary. How disciples of Jesus can find the perfect balance of a contemplative life (life or prayer at the feet of Jesus, like Martha); and put in practice the good values of the Gospel like the Good Samaritan... I am sure Martha, Mary and the Good Samaritan are in our hearts, and we can be good disciples of Jesus.

**I would like to thank all who made our Parish Feast Day possible: Volunteers, Sponsors, Parishioners and Visitors. Special thanks to Berni Aliotti, our event organizer. See the back page for some photo highlights.**

Muchas Gracias!

Fr. Jhonnatan.

## “UNA SOLA COSA ES NECESARIA”

La historia de Jesús en casa de Marta y María complementa la historia del Buen Samaritano, que la

precede inmediatamente en el Evangelio de Lucas. Ambas historias son exclusivas de San Lucas. La historia del samaritano comienza con las palabras “cierto hombre”. La lectura de hoy comienza con las palabras “cierta mujer”. El samaritano es un ejemplo de cómo debe ver y actuar un discípulo. María es un ejemplo de cómo debe escuchar un discípulo. María, mujer, es una persona marginada en la sociedad, como el samaritano. Ambos hacen lo que no se espera de ellos. Como mujer, se esperaba que María, como Marta, preparara la hospitalidad para un invitado. Aquí nuevamente Jesús rompe con las convenciones sociales de su tiempo. Así como un samaritano no sería un modelo de buena vecindad, una mujer no se sentaría con los hombres alrededor de los pies de un maestro.

Ambas historias ejemplifican cómo un discípulo debe cumplir el mandato dual que comienza en el capítulo 10: amor a Dios (María) y amor al prójimo (el samaritano). Estos son los dos elementos esenciales de la vida en el reino. Sin embargo, al usar los ejemplos de un samaritano y una mujer, Jesús está diciendo algo más. Los códigos sociales y los límites eran estrictos en la época de Jesús. Sin embargo, amar a Dios con todo el corazón y al prójimo requiere romper esas reglas. El Reino de Dios es una sociedad sin distinciones ni fronteras entre sus miembros. Es una sociedad que requiere tiempos para ver y hacer y también tiempos para escuchar y aprender a los pies de un maestro.





## 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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