

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE AND PARISH SURVEY

Your Pastoral Council is considering an important change to the Sunday Mass schedule and other important topics of our parish life, and wants your input to make an informed decision.

The impetus behind this change is a desire to foster more Parish unity. Recent special events such as the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Summer Festival have included a Mass which the entire Parish Community attends beforehand. These events are always well attended. The hope is that, by moving to one Sunday Mass that includes Hospitality (coffee & donuts) afterward, we would better be able to get to know our fellow parishioners through shared community and faith.

There are also several other benefits that would accrue because of such a change. Some of these are:

- 1. Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharistic, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, and Sacristans assignments would be spread among more people lessening the resource strain at each Mass.
- 2. The choir and music ministry would be shared by one Mass instead of spreading across two Masses, likely improving the quality of this valuable part of our worship.

A review of the attendance statistics over seven Sundays in the past 12 months shows the following:

- Average attendance at both Masses on Sunday is 144 parishioners.
- Of these, 59% (85) attend the 9AM mass and 41% (59) attend the 11:15AM Mass.
- On one Sunday during the period surveyed the total attendance at both Masses exceeded the building capacity of 180 persons by two (182). On one other Sunday, attendance was just short of total capacity (179).

In order to make the best decision for all involved, the Parish Council would like your **answer to the following questions with honesty, clarity and most of all with a spirit of charity.** Your input is important and the Pastoral Council thanks you for your responses. Kindly complete the general Parish survey, which is inside the Sunday bulletin and place it in the basket in front of the altar no later than May 11 & 12. If you prefer, you can also fill out the survey on the OLMC website.

- 1. Which Mass you normally attend?
  - a. Saturday Vigil (4:30PM) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 9:00AM \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. 11:15AM \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. If only one Mass was offered on Sunday, what time would work for you?
  - a. 9:00AM \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 10:00AM.
  - c. 11:00AM \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

If we offered Hospitality (coffee and donuts) in the Parish Hall after the single Mass on Sunday, would you attend regularly:

d. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

e. No \_\_\_\_\_

# NOTE: There is no anticipated change to the Saturday Vigil Mass (4:30PM)

# PARISH SURVEY APRIL 2024

## PAINTED WALL MURAL

We are considering changes to the mural that is behind where the choir currently is (where the Tabernacle used to be): Should we:

a- Leave as it is behind the choir.

b- Delete the angels and leave the rest of the mural on the wall, making fabric banners of the angels for Christmas.

c- Remove mural completely and replace it with wood paneling.

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

Scale: 1 is low - 5 is high

#### WORSHIP

**Homilies or Sermons:** Do you find Fr. Jhonnatan's Homilies or Sermons to be well prepared and inspiring?

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

**Music:** Does our current music at the Masses enhance your prayers at Mass?

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Are you currently involved in one or more ministry? Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_ Which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you find it fulfilling?

Do you have adequate support for your ministry?

If you are not yet involved, what ministry would you like to participate in: Examples: Faith Formation (First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA), Bereavement Ministry, Manna Ministry, Human Trafficking, Parish Hall & Events, Social Media, Website, Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Severs (Juniors or Seniors) Coffee Hospitality Ministry, Sacristans, Ushers.

Your Name and ministry if would you like to participate:

#### **COMMUNICATION/INFORMATION**

Do you feel well informed about our parish events and other parish news?

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

Do you find the Sunday bulletin and website to be informative and helpful?

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

# AVAILIBILITY/ACCESSIBILITY OF OUR PASTOR

Do you feel you have adequate opportunity to communicate with Fr. Jhonnatan?

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

Do our parish office hours meet your needs?

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH LIFE

What ideas do you have to improve the quality of our parish life? Comments:

## PRESENCE IN THE CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY

What ideas might you have to improve our presence and visibility in the larger Carmel Valley community?

#### Comments:\_\_\_\_\_