

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

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Emergency material assistance

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS.....422-7767

CONFIRMATION & RCIA.....422-7767

TAG / HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Rhyan Ramirez 853-2905

Mass Schedule / Sacraments

MASS / WEEKENDS:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8, 10 AM & 12 Noon

MASS / WEEKDAYS: 9:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: Consult Bulletin for Mass Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS: 2nd Weekend of the Month

Pre-Baptism Program Required (consult bulletin)

MARRIAGES: *Six months notice required*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21, 2014



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Dec. 22nd / Mon.	Nativity exhibit
Dec. 23rd / Tues.	Nativity exhibit
Dec. 24th / Wed.	Nativity exhibit
Dec. 25th / Thurs.	Nativity exhibit
Dec. 26th / Fri.	Nativity exhibit
Dec. 27th / Sat.	
Dec. 28th / Sun.	



Monday	Mary Moss+
Tuesday	Helen Anthony +
Wednesday	OLMC
Thursday	OLMC
Friday	Teresa Guerrero +
Sat 9 am	Pascuala Calunia Tabasa +
Saturday	Helen Anthony +
Sunday	
8 am	Bev Orlando +
10 am	OLMC
Noon	OLMC

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

*Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).
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Parish Weekly Collection

Weekly goal : \$12,500
 Offertory this week: _____



OFFERTORY - Dec. 14th
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CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES are available in the narthex. You may donate towards our Christmas flowers in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.



GET A JUMP START ON YOUR NEW YEAR EVE PLANS....WHAT WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING?

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual New Year's Eve Dinner Dance - begin at 8 pm in the Dome. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses and in the Parish Office.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Sunday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]



12th Annual Bev Orlando Memorial Creche Exhibit Schedule

*Free admission!
 (Donations gratefully accepted)*

OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING:

Dec. 20th 4PM - 7PM
 Dec. 21st 8:30 AM - 1:30PM
 Dec. 22nd 9:30 AM - 2PM & 6 - 8PM
 Dec. 23rd 9:30 AM - 2PM & 6 - 8PM
 Dec. 24th 9:30 AM - 2PM & 4 - 11PM
 Dec. 25th 8:30 AM - 2PM Merry Christmas!
 Dec. 26th 9:30 AM - 1PM (Raffle drawing at 1:15PM)

St. Vincent de Paul Society News:

We appreciate all the canned good donations, however, some of them were expired and we are not allowed to use them. Please, check the dates on each item before you donate. Thank you!

Hear our prayers, Lord



Madison O'Shields (4)
 Joan Hutchinson (1), Timothy White (1), Ian Padilla (2), Mary Ellen McCormick (3), Joe Hill (2), Isabella Sutton (4), John Williams (1), Dolores Highsmith-Cass (2), John Hess (4) Dion Newman (2), Connie Arias (1), Phil Brouder (1), Daniel Artates (4), Carol Nunes (4) Dolores Sheppard (5), Albert Pratt (2), Bessie Zanolini (3), Charlie Elser (1) Annie Haley (3), Shelby LeDoux (4), Susan Cox (1), Deacon Larry Sheldon (2), Elba Elias (1), Jim Sams (1), Otilia Quinn (1), Ron Scharfen (1), Dottie Pratt (4). Lourdes Garado (4), Freddie Highsmith (4), Robert Keck (4), Shannon Valtierra (2). Henry Rodriguez (3), Kimo Boone (2), Joe Nunes (3), Evelyn Nunes (3), Susan Stockwell (2), Gloria Lee (3), Daniella Rogers Harre (1), Shea (1), Laura Labrado (1), Lrroy Roles (1), Kim Brrtencourt (1)

Alex Bernardo 688-1474
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 Patricia May 252-3856
 Sandro Rojas 481-3176
 Laurie Runyan 426-4941
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 Regina Williams 330-6915



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Day December 24th

- ◆ 9AM (regular morning Mass)
- ◆ 5PM (Children's Mass)
- ◆ 8PM
- ◆ Midnight Mass



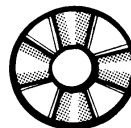
December 25th Christmas Day

- ◆ 8am, 10am & 12 Noon



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

- ◆ December 31st - 9AM (regular morning Mass)
- ◆ New Year's Eve - 7PM (only)
- ◆ January 1, 2015 - 10:00 AM (only)



DO YOU HAVE A CELIAC CONDITION? ARE YOU GLUTEN INTOLERANT?

Our parish is conducting a survey to see how many would like to receive Communion with a low gluten host. The Roman Catholic Church now offers low gluten hosts for gluten free parishioners so they will not have to worry about getting ill or only receiving the consecrated Blood of Jesus. These hosts are produced in strict adherence to Canon Law and only contain .002 percent gluten. Please note these hosts are not gluten free but the small amount they contain does not bother most people with gluten allergies. If you wish to receive a low gluten host during Communion please contact Deacon Raymond Elias:

(707) 416-4618 or email: deaconraymondelias@sbc.globalnet

ADULT EDUCATION RCIA Catholics Come Home	Vivian Donahoe/422-0872 Kelly Newman/422-4582 or Dom Orlando/429-0149
ALTAR SERVERS	Deacon Raymond Elias/ 416-4618
ALTAR & SANCTUARY	Teo Balmeo
BAPTISM PREP Class held every other month	Deacon Raymond Elias deaconraymondlianas@sbcglobalnet 416-4618
CANCER SUPPORT	Annie Hutchinson
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LAY CARMELITES	Teresa Smith/421-1491
LEGION OF MARY	Elena McBound/481-7850
MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST	Julie Darling/425-3934 Pearla Cuervo/429-8226
MARRIAGE PREP	Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before wedding date
MUSIC MINISTRY	Barbara McFadden/580-6514 Mark Middleton Email: olmcmusic@guitarandpiano.com
OLMC GIFT CARDS	Peggy Sherrod/429-3183
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	Consists of 10 Members (Listed in the bulletin)
PRAYER LINE	Catharine Scharfen /427-2320 Jewel Perez/ 426-3697 Pearla Cuervo/429-8/226
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Elaine Bruno or Anna Albericci 422-2814
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ST VINCENT de PAUL	422-5209
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MINISTRY OF THE WORD	Greig Parker/688-1795
VISITS TO SICK and SACRAMENT MINISTRY	Parish Office
YOUTH MINISTRY	Rhyan & Danielle Ramirez/853-2905 Regina Berdak/398-1092

ALPHA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER	428-3300
AMOR DEI CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY	Delia & Ireneo Tabasa 707-631-9577
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QUEEN OF PEACE CENACLE	Mindy Zindel/421-0776
YLI A Catholic Women's Organization	Kathy Marley/422-3588 Margaret Sanders-428-1970

FAITH FORMATION is on Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 6th & 7th 2015. First Communion classes will begin Wednesday, January 21st at 6PM.

Christmas Eve Mass – Children's Pageant
Attention Parents...reminder!!

The *rehearsal date* for the Christmas Children's Pageant will be after the noon Mass, December 21st. We will only have ONE practice (that may take 2 hours).



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration News:
Would you like to spend time with the Lord? Come...visit St. Therese Chapel as we need Committed Adorers during the hour(s) of Saturday 7-8 pm. Please see the (PEA) schedule in the chapel or narthex for all other vacant hours. Our goal is to have two (2) Adorers per hour! All are welcome!