



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

1441 West Balboa Boulevard – Newport Beach, California 92661

Monsignor Lawrence J. Baird, P.A., Pastor  
Father John Weling, Parochial Vicar

Father Sean Condon, In Residence  
Deacon Steve Mutz

Octave Day of Christmas;  
Solemnity of Mary:  
The Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2012

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel,  
the Mother of God,  
holding her Baby Child, the  
Infant Jesus, the Son of God.

Today we celebrate a very  
important feast day in the year.  
Based on arrangement in the  
1969 Liturgical Calendar, today  
is celebrated as the Solemnity  
of Mary, Mother of God. Today  
we proclaim Mary as the  
Mother of God, not just Jesus,  
but God.



Describing this relationship,  
in Greek, the term *Theotokos*  
is used, meaning *God-bearer*;  
in Latin, Mary's title is *Mater  
Dei*. By celebrating Mary as  
the Mother of God, we  
reaffirm the truth of Jesus  
Christ being both true man  
and true God (the two natures  
of Christ). In 431, the Third  
General Council of the  
Church at Ephesus defined  
doctrinally that which had  
already been held by many,  
that the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
as the Mother of Jesus, is the  
Mother of God.

## Schedule of Masses:

**Saturdays** (Vigil Mass): **5:00 PM**  
**Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM\*, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM**

\* *Children's Liturgy of the Word* during 10:00 AM Sunday Mass  
\* *Child Care* (ages 2-5) during 10:00 AM Sunday Mass

**Weekdays: 8:00 AM** (Monday – Saturday)

**Holy Days:** See Mass schedule printed in Bulletin  
for each upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

**Confessions:** Saturdays: **3:30 - 4:30 PM**  
or by appointment

**Daily Rosary Devotion:** ..... Every morning at **7:30 AM**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** ..... Weekday mornings after Mass

## Day of Eucharistic Adoration:

Observed on the 23rd day of each month

**Baptisms:** By appointment on the Second Sunday of each month  
at 1:15 PM – following completion of Preparation Class.\*

**Infant Baptism Classes:**\* Tuesdays prior to 2nd Sunday of Month.

**Marriage:** Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance of  
the expected wedding date.

**Marriage Preparation Classes:** Conducted on four consecutive  
Wednesday evenings during the months of  
January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Please Note:** For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing  
Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a  
Godparent, you must be a practicing and Confirmed  
Catholic and, if married, married in the Church.

## Rectory / Office

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## Music Director and Parish Choirs

Anne Peter ..... (714) 847-6515

## Ushers Ministry

Chair – Alan Smith ..... (949) 254-0909

## Bereavement Ministry

Jeannette Thomas

## Parish Prayer Line

Call either Lorna Barry .... (949) 673-1283  
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## Parish Finance Council

Steve Tully, Council Chair;  
Jill Andrus; Tim Collins; Mike Ryan;  
JoAnne Stewart

**OLMC Website** ..... [www.olmc.net](http://www.olmc.net)

## Knights of Columbus Council

Jim Brucken ..... (949) 642-5591  
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## OLMC Men's Club

Ted Barry ..... (949) 642-6762

## OLMC Women's Guild

Barbara Ryan ..... (949) 673-4180

## OLMC Young Adults Group

Diana McKnight ..... (949) 939-9643  
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Leslie Brennan ..... (949) 642-1336



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Mary kept all these things, reflecting  
on them in her heart. - Luke 2:19

**FROM MONSIGNOR BAIRD:**

Your Priests and Deacon wish to thank you for your gifts and greetings at Christmas and for the gift which each of you are to Our Lady of Mount Carmel family.

May you be abundantly blessed in the New Year of grace, 2012.

Msgr. Lawrence J. Baird, P.A.  
Father John Weling  
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Deacon Steve Mutz



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



**WORD OF LIFE**

The Church considers it her duty to defend in our society as a whole the truths and values in which the very dignity of man is at stake. Accordingly, to mention one particularly important point, we have no right to judge whether an individual is "already a person" or "still a person," and even less is it up to us to manipulate the human being or even to wish to do so.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhar Scheweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011



**DAILY MASS AND ROSARY DEVOTION**

**A New Year's Resolution!** Join us as often as possible in the New Year for *daily Mass* which is celebrated in our parish every

morning at **8:00 AM (Monday - Sunday)**; and/or for our parish's daily Rosary Devotion which takes place each morning at **7:30 AM**.



**QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST**

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."  
- *Blessed Mother Teresa*

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE AND MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Meets in the church at 7:00 PM in preparation for January 8 Baptisms For information, call Deacon Steve Mutz.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES: The first in a four-week series begins at 7:00 PM. Pre-registration is necessary. For information, call the Parish Office.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

ADULT EDUCATION – CATHOLICISM TODAY CLASS: Thursday evening Catholic Faith Discussion Class for all adults. New program focusing on a review of the DVD series entitled "Catholicism" narrated by Father Robert Barron. 7:30-9:00 PM. Upstairs in St. John's Room in O'Donnell Hall.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**

OLMC MEN'S CLUB: Meets from 7:00-8:00 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. All men are invited. For information, call Ted Barry at (949) 642-6762.



**OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR INVITES YOU...**

If you plan to be at the **10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, or 5:00 PM Mass next Sunday, January 8, the Solemnity of the Epiphany,**

you are invited to arrive about a **1/2 hour early** and enjoy the finale weekend of the singing of Christmas *carols* with our **OLMC Christmas Choir**.



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider your weekly offertory gift to God – in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have received this past year.



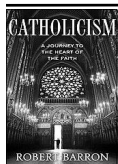
**WEEKLY OLMC SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Our parish's Sunday Collection for the weekend of December 17-18 Totaled: \$13,131.07; which came from... Regular collection: \$12,469.60; and Electronic Funds Transfers: \$661.47.

**"PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC IN ORANGE COUNTY"**

**NOVEMBER 2011 PSA REPORT:**

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| GOAL-----           | \$76,000.00  |
| PLEGGED-----        | \$101,864.00 |
| PAID-----           | \$96,006.37  |
| PLEGGES-----        | 210          |
| REBATE TO DATE----- | \$20,006.37  |



**"CATHOLICISM TODAY"**

Join us this **Thursday** evening, **January 5**, from **7:30-9:00 PM** when we begin a new program, viewing and discussing each of the episodes in the highly acclaimed DVD series, entitled: "**Catholicism**" narrated by Rev. Robert E. Barron. This class meets twice-a-month on the first and third Thursdays. **All adults are welcome.**

For more information, contact, Greg Kelley, *Director of OLMC Adult Education and Faith Formation*, at **(949) 645-4540**



**OLMC MEN'S CLUB**

Men of all ages -- make a *New Year's Resolution* to join the **OLMC Men's Club** on **First Friday's** each month for **Bible Study and Men's Fellowship**. We meet this **Friday, January 6**, from **7:00-8:00 AM** in the **Rectory Conference Room**. For more information, call Ted Barry at **(949) 642-6762 (H)** or **(949) 675-3551 (O)**.



**OLMC YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

All young adults are invited to join the Group. For information about activities this week, contact **Dianna** at **(949) 939-9643** or email **OLMCYoungAdult@gmail.com**



**SOUL - OLMC WOMEN'S GROUP**

For information about SOUL activities this week, contact **Leslie Brennan** at **(949) 642-1336** or **lesliebrennan@verizon.net**



**OLMC CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-12**

All grades, all sessions *return* to the regular schedule beginning this **Monday, January 2**.

**Meeting days/times:**

**Grades 1-5**, Monday's from 3:15-4:45 PM  
**Grades 6-8**, Tuesday's, 6-7:30 PM.  
 High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation, **Grades 9-12**, Sunday's, 6-7:30 PM. **Starting back up on Sunday, January 8!**

We look forward to a Holy and Happy New Year! For further details contact program director, John Bruscia, at **(949) 673-2719** or **jbruscia@olmc.net**



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE... YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES... BY YOUR DONATION OF BLOOD!**

**OLMC** is sponsoring its annual **Red Cross Blood Drive** in **O'Donnell Hall** on **Thursday, January 26**, from **1:00-7:00 PM**.

For information and to schedule your appointment, go online to: **www.RedCrossBlood.org** Follow the user-friendly steps, and use sponsor Code: **olmc** Then select an appointment time. It's that easy!

If you don't have internet access, call Kim Puppo at **(714) 296-3604 (C)**.



*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish*  
**OLMC Monthly Speaker Series 2012**  
 Beginning the 13th Year of OLMC's Highly Acclaimed Adult Education Series

Join Us and Find Out the Benefits to You of ...  
**"The Power to Forgive and Reconcile"**

with guest speaker...

**Dr. John Yzaguirre, Ph.D.**

Licensed psychologist, consultant, author, specializing in integrating psychology and Catholic spirituality.



When you forgive, you affirm: "who you are is more important to me than what you did." Dr. Yzaguirre's presentation will teach you how to activate the healing process of forgiving with one's soul, mind, heart, and will. The goal of forgiveness is to build a new and stronger relationship, not to "fix" an old one. Forgiveness requires a merciful heart; reconciliation entails a just-behavioral change. The journey from forgiveness to reconciliation is an essential part of a healthy relationship.

**This Thursday evening ..... January 12**  
**7:30 - 9:00 PM ..... O'Donnell Hall**  
 Doors open at 7:15 PM ..... **Public is Invited**  
**No Admission Charge ..... Free-will Offering at the Door**

For details and information contact Greg Kelley at **(949) 645-4540**



**SAINT JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

If you want a quality Catholic education for your child then save this date: **January 29** from **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Join us to find out why over 200 families have chosen Saint Joachim Catholic School for their children...which offers a loving and safe environment for children, chosen by many families for its strong sense of community and its well rounded academic program. For more information, contact **Sister Kathleen Marie** at **(949) 574-7411**.



**SMCHS WINTER OPEN HOUSE AND INCOMING STUDENT INFO NIGHT**

Santa Margarita Catholic High School will hold its Winter Open House on **January 12**, at **7:00 PM** in the **Moiso Pavilion (Gymnasium)**. Come learn why Santa Margarita provides one of the most rewarding high school experiences. For more information, call **(949) 766-6076** or go online to: **www.smhs.org/admissions**



**ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL'S 9TH ANNUAL RED, WINE & GOLD**

This year's fundraising event taking place on **Saturday, January 21**, in the **Karcher Center**, will feature premium wines along with microbrew beers and cuisine from some of OC's best restaurants! For more information and to purchase your tickets online go to **www.rosaryhs.org** \$60/person PRE-SALE and \$65/person at the door.