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First Reading:

We hear how job struggled to find meaning and hope in his life. How does your faith help you get through difficult times in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of his singular desire to preach the "gospel" (the Good News of Jesus Christ). When do you share the gospel message with others?

Gospel:

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE | SACRAMENTS

MASS:
Weekend: Saturday Evening, 5PM Vigil
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, Noon & 6PM
Daily: Monday - Saturday, 9AM
Holy Days: 9AM, Noon and 7PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:00 to 4:00 PM or by appointment

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages: Six months notice required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.

Contact the Parish Office for all Baptisms & Marriages.

Staff: **Fr. Patrick Gavin, O. Carm. (Pastor) | Fr. Joseph Cilia, O. Carm. (Parochial Vicar)**
Fr. Mario Lopez, O.Carm. (Retired Priest in Residence) | Deacon Raymond Elias

MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE

Monday 02/08

9:00 am † Charles Elser / † Nancy Mace

Tuesday 02/09

9:00 am † Jose Gaglianone / † Harry Lui

Wednesday 02/10

9:00 am † Gerhard Berger / † Dennis Theodore Gavin

Thursday 02/11

9:00 am † Timothy White / † Doris

Friday 02/12

9:00 am Betty Harnett / † Brett Page

Saturday 02/13

9:00 am Cherie Bauer / Dina Cruz

5:00 pm † Don and † Helen Haug / † William Spitzner

Sunday 02/14

8:00 am † Amy Ruth Wright / Anthony "Tony" Garcia

10:00 am Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Noon Chiqui Ramos / † Eleno Padilla

6:00 pm † Rowena T. Ramos

Carmel Youth

Carmel Youth Live is an interactive show for young Catholics. Our upcoming livestreams are on February 7th, 21st, March 7th and 21st — at 3 PM. Find the link on olmcfairfield.org/youth Instagram.com/carmel.youth

Please contact Diana Banasan, Director of Youth Faith Formation
Carmel Youth Director
olmc.diana@gmail.com
(707) 844-0716

Prayer REQUESTS

If you would like the faith community of OLMC to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the Parish Office at 422-7767. We do occasionally take some names off of the list in the bulletin. If we have taken a name from the printed list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on. Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers:

- For all in our parish family who are suffering serious or terminal illness:

Madison O'Shields
Ron Scharfen
Dion Newman
Jo & Evelyn Nunes
Andy Andalajao
Darwin Rasmussen
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Bobby Holsworth
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Pat Murtha
Lina Cradduck
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Vivian Blas
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Robert Rabaino
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Ann Garant
Alejo Aranas
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Anita Brennan
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Theresa McDermott
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Manny & Laura Labaria
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Samantha Peregoy
Asianne McClinton
Robert Gebing
Jean Hamilton
Betty McFadden
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Virginia Armas
Luis Mora
Sally Fields
Martha Eble
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Ed Junker
Joe Santos
Joel, Fe Tubig & Family
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Fr. Mike Kwiecien

I trust the next chapter because I know the author.

Question: Is it ever ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer: *This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why. First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others. If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.*

GOSPEL MEDITATION 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Collections

Our Weekly Goal: $12,500.00

2020 Envelope Collection

Date:	Jan. 10, 2021	*$4,328.00*
	Jan. 17, 2021	*$5,127.25*
	Jan. 24, 2021	*$4,065.00*
	Jan. 31, 2021	*$4,974.00*

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2020 Online Donations

Jan. 3 - 9 , 2021	*$5,521.70*
Jan. 10 - 16, 2021	*$3,206.70*
Jan. 17 - 23, 2021	*$2,624.70*
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Dear OLMC Parishioners,

Thank you for your support of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church this year as we have navigated how to best continue our ministry during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. The arrival of autumn typically signifies a change in seasons, children going back to school, and the arrival of our many fall programs that enrich our church family. This fall is different. Many children are attending school fully or partially remote and most in-person gatherings have strict guidelines.

As we learn how to adapt to our current reality, OLMC would like your help to allow us to continue our ministry. Please consider joining many of your fellow parishioners at OLMC by making your generous gifts through ParishSOFT Giving at www.olmcfairfileld.org. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to minister during the COVID-19 outbreak.

ParishSOFT is a convenient and secure electronic giving (eGiving) program, and it provides OLMC with reliable donations during these unstable times. I hope that if you are able, you'll take a minute to enroll:

- Visit our website www.olmcfairfield.org
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AROUND THE PARISH

Upcoming Events

Please call Elaine Bruno, 707-326-1412 or the Parish Office, 707-422-7767.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

The Gabriel Project (TGP) of California

The Gabriel Project helps pregnant mothers in need by providing personal assistance directly to the person in need. YOU CAN BE AN ANGEL AND OUR PARISH CAN BE A HOST OF ANGELS by joining the Respect Life Ministry with TGP as our "action arm." We are looking for all who are interested and / or may be able to volunteer as an Angel or Angel Assistant to pregnant women who desire to keep their baby. This is 'hands-on' assistance to mothers in crisis and we need all the 'Angels' out there to join us in this endeavor. Phyllis Kaminska is the Project Coordinator with Lynda Sutton as the Co-coordinator. The Project is a 501c3 and we will provide receipts for any donations provided to us for this Project, whether it be material or monetary. Please feel free to contact Phyllis (707) 419-4237 or Lynda (707) 422-2619 to volunteer. We will need many resources to all on for assistance at different times so if you can cook a meal, provide transportation, fix minor mechanical jobs or give in other ways, you will be truly appreciated. Let us know how you would like to help or if a need arises.

OLMC 2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Thank you for your generosity for the past year, 2020! The Tax Contribution Statements for 2020 have been mailed out (week of January 25th) to those who have donated $500.00 and above. If you have not received a contribution statement, and you would like a copy please contact the Parish Office (707) 422-7767.

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AROUND THE PARISH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 07-	- 08 -	- 09 -	- 10 -	- 11 -	- 12 -	- 13 -
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		• Religious Ed Grades 1-6 • Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation	• First Holy Communion • Religious Ed Year 1 Confirmation			• Baptism Class • 3PM Confession
- 14 -	- 15 -	- 16 -	- 17 -	- 18 -	- 19 -	- 20 -
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED in observance of PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY**	• NO Classes!	• NO Classes! • **ASH Wednesday**			• Baptism • 3PM Confession
- 21 -	- 22 -	- 23 -	- 24 -	- 25 -	-26 -	-27 -
First Sunday of Lent		• Religious Ed Grades 1-6 • Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation	• First Holy Communion • Religious Ed Year 1 Confirmation • First Reconcialation 5-7PM			• 3PM Confession
- 28 -	March - 01 -	- 02 -	- 03 -	- 04 -	-05 -	-06 -
Second Sunday of Lent		• Religious Ed Grades 1-6 • Religious Ed Year-2 Confirmation	• First Holy Communion • Religious Ed Year 1 Confirmation			• Confession after Daily Mass • 3PM Confession

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: 9PM, NOON, 5PM and 7PM

The Berger family would like to thank everyone for the many condolences, mass offerings, prayers and consoling, kind words of sympathy.

Love,
Berti Berger

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New Parishioner:_____ or Existing with updates:_____

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Call the Parish Office.
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Parish Office
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Margaret Sanders - 707-344-2838 (leave message) or
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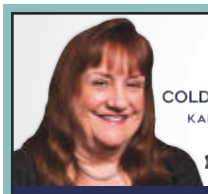

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