



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 18, 2026

I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD

In John's Gospel, John the Baptist doesn't describe baptizing Jesus but instead testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. He recognizes Him when he sees the Spirit descend upon Him and calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God," revealing His mission to redeem humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

HE VISTO Y HE DADO TESTIMONIO DE QUE ÉL ES EL HIJO DE DIOS.

En el Evangelio de Juan, Juan el Bautista no describe el bautismo de Jesús, sino que da testimonio de que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Lo reconoce al ver que el Espíritu desciende sobre Él y llama a Jesús el "Cordero de Dios" y el "Hijo de Dios", revelando así su misión de redimir a la humanidad.

El testimonio de Juan el Bautista acerca de Jesús distingue claramente su propio bautismo del Bautismo que Jesús inaugurará. Juan bautiza con agua; Jesús bautizará con el Espíritu Santo. Juan también sitúa su práctica del bautismo dentro del contexto del ministerio de Jesús. El propósito del bautismo de Juan era dar a conocer a Jesús a Israel.

El sentido de misión de Juan el Bautista se identifica claramente en esta lectura: él bautizaba para preparar y dar a conocer el ministerio de Aquel que vendría después. Su testimonio es un excelente ejemplo de lo que significa ser discípulo. Por nuestro Bautismo, estamos llamados a dar a conocer a Jesús al mundo entero con nuestras palabras y con el testimonio de nuestra vida.



THE CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

Written by Sean Devine.

The **Confirmation classes at Our Lady of Mount Carmel** are on a **meaningful journey of faith** that helps **young people grow spiritually** and prepare for active participation in the adult life of the Catholic Church. The program includes both first- and second-year candidates, **creating a supportive community where participants can learn from one another while deepening their relationship with God.** **The program leaders are Derwin and Antonia Borling and Daryl Lyon.** A key moment in the year was the retreat held on a recent Sunday, which brought together both classes to focus on each confirmands' personal faith journey. **Led by Emiko Torres, from Saint Patrick's parish in Watsonville,** the retreat invited candidates to reflect on where they have been, where they are now, and how God is calling them forward. **Using the book Chosen,** the classes placed a strong emphasis on **understanding the Holy Spirit and its role in guiding, strengthening, and inspiring believers as they move into adulthood in the Church.** The program also recognizes that faith is not lived alone. Meetings with parents and sponsors are an important part of the process. Sponsors share their own faith journeys, offering real-life examples of how faith continues to grow beyond Confirmation. These relationships help candidates see Confirmation not as an ending, but as a beginning. Service to the community is a major focus of the class. Confirmands serve as lectors, help with parish dinners, label songbooks, and participate in meaningful liturgical actions such as the washing of feet on Holy Thursday. On January 25, students will tour the church with Father Jhonattan to better understand its different aspects and symbols. Other important milestones for the second-year class will include writing a letter to the Bishop requesting Confirmation and entry into adult faith, the **Rite of Commitment on May 3,** and finally the celebration of **Confirmation on May 24 at the 9:00 AM Mass.**

Together, these experiences form a rich and lasting foundation for a life of faith and service.



Photo from a past retreat



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 17TH – JANUARY 25TH

Sat. Jan. 17th 4:30 Vigil: + Joan Shoemaker
Sun, Jan. 18th 9:00: + Evelyn & Charles Morrill
11:00: People of the Parish
Wed. Jan. 21st 12:00 + Valerie McKay
Thurs. Jan. 22nd 12:00: + Tony Moure
Fri. Jan. 23rd 12:00: + Deloros McGlochlin
Sat. Jan. 24th 4:30 Vigil: + Walt DeFaria
Sun, Jan. 25th 9:00: Health of Jerry Ellis
11:00: + Melida Sanchez (Fr. J.'s grandmother)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 10th & 11th General Fund: \$3,264
Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

RESPECT LIFE MASS 2026

The annual Respect Life Mass will take be celebrated on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Madonna del Sasso Pro-Cathedral, 320 E. Laurel Dr, Salinas, CA 93906. All parishioners of the Monterey Diocese are encouraged and invited to come and attend this annual mass.

MISA DE RESPETO A LA VIDA 2026

La Misa anual de Respeto a la Vida será celebrada el jueves 22 de enero, 2026 a las 7:00 pm, en la Pro-Catedral Madonna del Saso, 320 E. Laurel Dr., Salinas, CA 93906.
El Obispo invita a todos los feligreses de la Diócesis de Monterey a participar en esta misa anual.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



The grace we received in our Baptism—being called children of God, becoming part of God's Church, and being opened to the other sacraments—is a gift that no one can take away from us. I am looking forward to being back in beautiful Carmel Valley Village next weekend and celebrating our Catholic faith with you. I would also like to thank Fr. Roy for covering for me during these past few weeks

Fr. Jhonnatan



With profound sorrow in our hearts, yet sustained by our faith and hope in the Resurrection, we announce that on the morning of Thursday, January 15, *my beloved maternal grandmother, Mérida Sánchez* at the age of 98, was called to eternal rest and has returned to the Father's House.

Con profundo dolor en nuestros corazones, pero sostenidos por nuestra fe y esperanza en la Resurrección, anunciamos que en la mañana del jueves 15 de enero, *mi amada abuela materna, Mérida Sánchez* 98 años de edad, fue llamada al descanso eterno y ha regresado a la Casa del Padre.



Important Announcement: Installation of Bishop Ramon Bejarano *We are pleased to share that Bishop Ramon Bejarano will be installed as the bishop of the Diocese of Monterey on February 19th. The specific location for the ceremony will be determined and announced at a later date. Please note: This installation event will not be open to the public and attendance is strictly by invitation only. We kindly ask all parishioners to be aware of this to prevent any disappointment regarding attendance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

Anuncio importante: Instalación del obispo Ramón Bejarano *Nos complace informarles que el obispo Ramón Bejarano será instalado como obispo de la Diócesis de Monterey el 19 de febrero. La ubicación específica de la ceremonia se determinará y anunciará en una*


fecha futura. Tenga en cuenta que este evento de instalación no estará abierto al público y la asistencia es estrictamente por invitación. Rogamos a todos los feligreses que tengan esto en cuenta para evitar cualquier desilusión con respecto a la asistencia. Gracias por su comprensión y cooperación.



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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

PARISH MINISTRIES

For more information about our ministries, follow the link in this QR code:



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Finance Council	Website
Faith Formation	Eucharistic Ministers
Bereavement Ministry	Coffee Hospitality
Human Trafficking	Sacristans
Music Ministry	Lectors
Parish Hall & Kitchen Renta	Ushers

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