



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 22, 2026

### "BE MERCIFUL, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED" PSALM 51

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke) Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

In Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.



The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

## DOMINGO DE CUARESMA – FEBRERO 22, 2026

### "MISERICORDIA, SEÑOR, HEMOS PECADO" SALMO 51

En cada uno de los tres evangelios sinópticos, se informa que Jesús fue al desierto a ayunar y orar durante 40 días. En cada caso, mientras está en el desierto, Jesús es tentado por el diablo.

En Mateo, el diablo presenta tres tentaciones a Jesús. El diablo tienta a Jesús para que use su poder para calmar su hambre; tienta a Jesús a poner a prueba la promesa de protección de Dios; y le ofrece a Jesús todos los reinos del mundo si Jesús adora al diablo. En cada caso, Jesús resiste la tentación, reprendiendo al diablo con palabras de la Escritura.

El relato de la tentación de Jesús en el desierto está lleno de alusiones y paralelismos con el Antiguo Testamento, incluida la historia del pueblo de Israel. Los israelitas pasaron 40 años vagando por el desierto en Éxodo, por ejemplo, y Jesús pasa 40 días en el desierto. Así como los israelitas fueron tentados durante el Éxodo, también Jesús es tentado.

Cada tentación ofrece una visión tanto de Dios como de la condición humana. El rechazo de Jesús a las tentaciones muestra que no pondrá a Dios a prueba. Basándose en la palabra y la autoridad de las Escrituras, Jesús reprende al diablo, confiado en la protección y fidelidad de Dios.

Al comenzar nuestro camino a través de la Cuaresma, nuestras lecturas dominicales nos llaman a adoptar la misma confianza que Jesús tuvo frente a la tentación: solo la palabra de Dios será suficiente; Se puede confiar en la promesa de protección de Dios; Sólo Dios es Dios.

# LENTEN DINNERS TO BE COOKED IN RAY'S CUCINA

It's Lent again, and with it comes our keen anticipation of the delicious Lenten Dinners served at OLMC. This year they will lovingly prepared in RAY'S CUCINA, our parish hall kitchen newly dedicated last December to Ray Lucido. For many years, Ray built community with the generous gift of his time and talent. He gathered a crew to cook with him for both the Lenten dinners and the Buon Natale dinners. Guests loved his delicious food and the fellowship that accompanied it. He was a blessing to our entire parish family. Sadly, Ray passed away last June and we miss him greatly. It is our hope that his memory will live on with the camaraderie of volunteers cooking food for special events.

These lovely photos were taken last December at our Christmas potluck. It was a beautiful yet poignant evening of yummy food and friendship. Many sweet memories were shared at the dedication of the kitchen, and some tears were shed as well. We offer special gratitude to Berni & Joe Aliotti for their promise to keep Ray's legacy alive for us all.

Get your tickets for this year's Lenten dinners to be held on March 13 and March 27.



**Don't wait to register for our Lenten dinners! Tickets are limited.**

**You can use our online platform FlockNote (use QR codes) to sign up to volunteer and/or pay for tickets, or visit our website's Event Calendar.**



**March 13**



**March 27**

## LENTEN SEASON 2026

Bilingual Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 5:30 PM

Lenten Talk on Elijah by Fr Steven Payne, OCD. Saturday March 7 at 5:30 PM.

Lenten Reconciliation Service  
Thursday March 19 at 6:30pm. Confessions with four priests, two English-speaking and two bilingual.

Magnificat Lenten Companion Booklets  
English/Espanol. \$5 offering.

## 2026 LENTEN DINNERS

Tickets are available for purchase after Sunday Masses or online through our website \$45 per person.

Friday March 13 at 6:00 pm

Friday March 27 at 6:00 pm

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

Saturday March 28

4:30 pm: Vigil Mass

7:00pm: Misa en Cachagua, con Bendicion de Ramos, en Casa de Dona Lupe, #14.

### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday March 29

9:00 am and 11:00 am: Sunday Masses

Blessing of Palms (Covid Memorial Garden) "Weather permitting"

Thursday April 2

6:30 pm: Bilingual Mass of the

Lord's Supper with Adoration until 10 pm Parish Hall.

### HOLY THURSDAY

Friday April 3

3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

3:45 pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

6:00 pm: Santo Via Crucis y 7 Dolores de la Virgen (Cachagua Community Park)

### GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday April 4

8:00 pm: Bilingual Easter Vigil

Blessing of Fire (Covid Memorial Garden) "Weather permitting"

### HOLY SATURDAY

Sunday April 5

9:00 am and 11:00 am: Easter English Masses.

### EASTER SUNDAY

NOTE: The office will be closed and there will be no weekday Masses the week after Easter, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 8, 9, and 10.

## FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...

As I mentioned in my Ash Wednesday homily, when we began the season of Lent, we are invited to see this time as an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbor not as a time of punishment. Lent continues reminding us that temptation is real, but so is grace. Jesus does not argue loudly with the devil; He simply holds onto the Word of God. His strength comes from prayer, fasting, and complete trust in the Father.



Shalom! Father Jhonnnatan

Our dear parishioner Patricia Merrifield passed away unexpectedly in Virginia on January 23. She was laid to rest there on January 30. All are invited to attend a Memorial Mass here in her memory on Saturday March 7 at 11 AM. A potluck reception will follow at 1 PM at her home at 4 Paso del Rio, Carmel Valley. Please bring a dish you think she'd like.



Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to her family and closest friends.

## MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 1, 2026

Saturday Feb 21, 4:30 PM vigil: † Joe & Pat Reinkemeyer

Sunday Feb 22, 9:00 AM: † Al Barcelos

11:00 AM: † Dean & Josie Diaz

Wednesday Feb 25, 12:00 PM: Health of Serena Underwood

Thursday Feb 26, 12:00 PM: † Joe & Pat Reinkemeyer

Friday Feb 27, 12:00 PM: † Anita Zumach

Saturday Feb 28, 4:30 PM vigil: Healing of Reyna Aburto

Sunday Mar 1, 9:00 AM: † Jose Ortiz

11:00 AM: † Fr Donald Higgins

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

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## SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass

Wednesday – Friday: 12 PM

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM, in English  
Spanish Masses:

2nd Sunday of the Month, 1:00 PM in the Church  
4th Saturday of the Month, 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

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