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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time– Aug. 30th, 2026
"Take up your cross, and follow me " Mt 16,24

Today's Gospel continues the story from last week. Peter, who recognized Jesus as the Messiah, struggles to understand what that truly means. Jesus tells his disciples that he must suffer, die in Jerusalem, and rise on the third day. Peter rejects this idea, and Jesus strongly rebukes him, showing that Peter is thinking according to human expectations rather than God's plan.

At the time, many Jews expected the Messiah to be a political leader who would free Israel from Roman rule. Jesus, however, reveals that he is a different kind of Messiah: the suffering servant described by Isaiah, who gives himself in service and sacrifice for others.

Jesus then teaches that discipleship means following the same path. To be his disciple is to embrace the cross, serve others, and be willing to sacrifice oneself. This remains especially important for Christian leaders today, who are called to serve others as Jesus did.

XXII Domingo Ordinario
"Toma tu cruz y sígueme" Mt 16,24

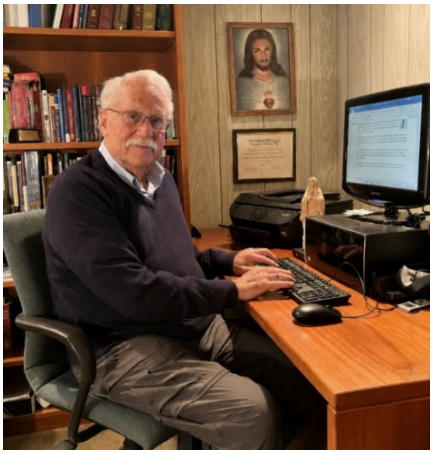
El Evangelio de hoy continúa la historia del Evangelio del domingo pasado. Pedro, quien reconoció a Jesús como el Mesías, todavía tiene dificultades para comprender lo que realmente significa. Jesús les anuncia a sus discípulos que debe sufrir, morir en Jerusalén y resucitar al tercer día. Pedro rechaza esta idea, y Jesús lo reprende fuertemente, mostrando que Pedro está pensando según las expectativas humanas y no según el plan de Dios.

En aquella época, muchos judíos esperaban que el Mesías fuera un líder político que liberara a Israel del dominio romano. Sin embargo, Jesús revela que es un Mesías diferente: el Siervo sufriente anunciado por el profeta Isaías, que se entrega al servicio y al sacrificio por los demás.

Jesús enseña entonces que ser discípulo significa seguir ese mismo camino. Ser su discípulo implica abrazar la cruz, servir a los demás y estar dispuesto a sacrificarse por ellos. Esto sigue siendo especialmente importante para los líderes cristianos de hoy, llamados a servir a los demás como lo hizo Jesús.

Know Your Fellow Parishioners

Introducing a new series spotlighting Parishioners that attend the same Masses as you, year after year but we don't really know each other. Enjoy!



Thomas R. Lukes is a lifelong Catholic and a retired architect. During his architectural career, he worked on numerous church and school projects. Among his projects were Madonna del Sasso Parish Hall and Sacred Heart Gymnasium. His final project was Assumption Church in Pajaro, California.

Tom serves as a lector at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carmel Valley at the 9:00 Mass and at St. Joseph's Church in Spreckels during the week.

He is the author of the ***God Incidents*** four-book series. Proceeds from his books support Catholic religious formation—including OCIA, CCD, and Confirmation—in parishes throughout the Diocese of Monterey.

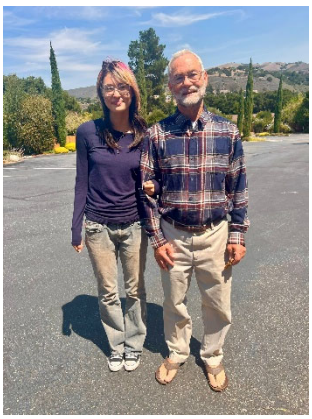
To date, more than $20,000 has been raised.

His fifth and latest book is ***The Ascent: A Parable—A Journey into the Catholic Faith.*** It is presently under review by Bishop Ramón Bejarano. Tom and his wife, Lois, have three sons and six grandchildren. In retirement, Tom enjoys daily Mass, reading, playing golf, and writing Catholic focused books.

Tell us about you! *Olmc@ourladycarmelvalley.org*
We can schedule a short interview and work with you to write your spotlight. 😊

Last week we said a fond farewell to **Sophia Schulz**, one of our accompanists, as she heads off to college at UCLA. Sophia joined us as a high school freshman, already an accomplished pianist but new to accompanying. Her willingness to embrace that challenge has been inspiring to watch. The **music ministry** will miss her beautiful playing and sweet spirit. We send her off with our best wishes and full confidence she'll continue to shine and we look forward to seeing her when she's home on breaks. **Thank you also to her parents for supporting her as an OLMC musician.**

May God bless Sophia and her family richly.



From the Parish Priest's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that following Him is not always easy. Taking up our cross means choosing love, faithfulness, and service even when it requires sacrifice. The cross is not something to fear, but the path through which Christ transforms our lives. May we have the courage to follow Jesus each day, trusting that when we give ourselves to Him, we discover the true meaning of life.Shalom!

Fr. Jhonnatan

Mass Intentions
Aug 29nd – Sept. 6th

Saturday Aug 29th 4:30: + **Tina Biegel**
Sunday Aug 30th 9:00: **Healing of Baby Charlie Martin**
11:00: + **Maria Apolonia Reyes &** + **Martha Crow**
Wed. Sept 2nd 12:00: **Int. of Residents of Rippling River**
Thurs. Sept 3rd 12:00: + **Jerry Ellis**
Fri. Sept 4th **(First Friday)** 12:00: **Health of Raphael Maldonado**
Saturday Sept 5th 4:30: **Health of Newt Bayless**
Sunday Sept 6th 9:00: **Healing of Brian Devine**
11:00: + **Guadalupe Vizeya & Health of Jim Peterson**

Weekly Collection

August 22-23: $4,628

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

New Parishioner Reception

Have you joined OLMC in the past year? Join us for a New Parishioner Reception on **Friday, September 18th at 5:30 PM** in the rectory! Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and a chance to meet our ministry chairpersons — plus receive our new picture directory.

Please register online or via the form in front of the church, then RSVP to the office email or Gail after Sunday Masses.

SAVE THE DATE! Sun. Sep. 27th **Parish Bingo Night -** Parish Hall. More details to come.

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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

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Finance Council
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Bereavement Ministry
Human Trafficking
Music Ministry
Parish Hall & Kitchen Rental
Manna Ministry
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Coffee Hospitality
Sacristans
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