



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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In today's Gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians, despite their opposing views, unite in an attempt to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. The Herodians supported Roman authority, while the Pharisees opposed Roman occupation. They hoped that Jesus' answer would either offend the Jewish people or make Him appear disloyal to Rome. Recognizing their hypocrisy, Jesus asks to see a Roman coin and points to Caesar's image on it. He then responds with wisdom: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' response teaches us the importance of keeping our earthly responsibilities and our relationship with God in proper perspective. While we have obligations to society and civil authorities, our highest loyalty belongs to God. Just as Caesar's image appears on the coin, God's image is imprinted on each of us, reminding us that our lives ultimately belong to Him. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on our priorities: Are we giving God the love, gratitude, and faithfulness He deserves, or have worldly concerns taken His place in our hearts?

En el Evangelio de hoy, los fariseos y los herodianos, a pesar de sus diferencias, se unen para intentar poner a prueba a Jesús con una pregunta sobre el pago de impuestos al César. Los herodianos apoyaban la autoridad romana, mientras que los fariseos se oponían a la ocupación de Roma. Esperaban que la respuesta de Jesús lo enfrentara con el pueblo judío o lo hiciera parecer desleal al Imperio romano. Reconociendo su hipocresía, Jesús pide que le muestren una moneda romana y señala la imagen del César grabada en ella. Entonces responde con sabiduría: «Den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios».

La respuesta de Jesús nos enseña la importancia de mantener nuestras responsabilidades terrenales y nuestra relación con Dios en su justa perspectiva. Aunque tenemos obligaciones con la sociedad y las autoridades civiles, nuestra mayor fidelidad debe ser siempre a Dios. Así como la imagen del César está grabada en la moneda, la imagen de Dios está grabada en cada uno de nosotros, recordándonos que nuestra vida le pertenece a Él. El Evangelio de hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestras prioridades: ¿Le estamos dando a Dios el amor, la gratitud y la fidelidad que merece, o hemos permitido que las preocupaciones y los intereses del mundo ocupen su lugar en nuestro corazón?

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| <br><b>29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>— CYCLE A —<br>OCTOBER 18<br><br><i>Paying the Tax to Caesar</i><br>Matthew 22:15–21 | <br><b>29.<sup>o</sup> DOMINGO<br/>DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO</b><br>— CICLO A —<br>18 DE OCTUBRE<br><br><i>El tributo al César</i><br>Mateo 22, 15–21 |
| <i>"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar<br/>and to God what belongs to God."</i><br>Matthew 22:21                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>"Den al César lo que es del César,<br/>y a Dios lo que es de Dios."</i><br>Mateo 22, 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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## SPOTLIGHT ON RICH AND LORRAINE RING

Rich and Lorraine Ring, married 61 years, are the “go to people” at the 9:00 Sunday celebration of Mass. They arrive early, and together they set up for Mass. Rich fills and lights the candles, fills the ciborium with the right number of hosts (including gluten free hosts), fills the wine and water cruets, sets up the credence table on the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist which contains these sacred vessels and linens, and makes sure the key is in the tabernacle. He also sets the room temperature and brings out the collection baskets. Lorraine dusts the altar, cleans up the votive candle altar, puts the bulletins in the pockets in the back and side of the church. Rich is an acolyte at Mass, and Lorraine is a Greeter as well as a Eucharistic minister. She also finds 2 people to help with the collection, and a couple or family to bring up the gifts. Lorraine says, “It warms my heart when children want to bring up the gifts.” Thanks to these two, you can be assured that the church will be ready for you to worship when you arrive and, with God’s help, all will go smoothly.

Rich is also an acolyte at the Wednesday – Friday weekly Mass and often serves at our Funeral masses.

This faithful couple grew up, met in high school and married in St. Cloud, Minnesota. They brought 3 children into the world. Sadly, one son, Douglas John, died at birth. They have a daughter Lori, married to Keith, and a son Paul, married to Lisa, who along with 3 grandchildren, Lauren, Keith and Matthew, have brought them great joy and pride. Rich was a VP in Quality Product Development for Genentech. Lorraine was, and still is, an accomplished and gregarious homemaker. She loves to cook, decorate and entertain. Rich enjoys old cars, and has restored a 1937 Chevy from their home state. His favorite, however, is his 1929 Ford Model A.

After many moves, they ultimately settled in Carmel Valley in 1997. Fortunately for us, they followed Fr. Joe Occhiuto from San Carlos Cathedral to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in 2004. They love our parish because it is small and it’s easy to get to know people. They have made many dear friends here and treasure the opportunities to help friends when needed. Rich and Lorraine agree that when parishioners take the time to do something a little extra for our church, it makes it special for everyone. May God bless you both for all the “special things” you do for all of us at OLMC. THANK YOU!

*By Trudy Dowd*





# SAVE THE DATE

## ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

OUR REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (Vigil) 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

English Masses

## ALL SOULS DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

English Mass  
12:00 p.m.

Misa en Español en Cachagua  
7:00 p.m.

en la casa de Trini y Carlos Cabrera  
Casa No. 21

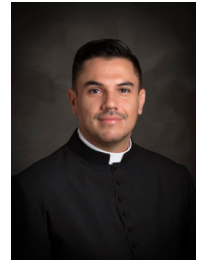
## THANKSGIVING MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 a.m.

Bilingual Mass

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

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that while we have responsibilities in this world, our hearts and lives ultimately belong to God. Created in His image, we are called to honor Him through our faith, our actions, and our love for one another.



Thank you so much for all your prayers during our priests' retreat. I truly felt your spiritual support. It was a beautiful time of renewal, prayer, and a deeper encounter with God and with one another.

Shalom! Father Jhonnatan

## MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 17 – 25, 2026

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday Oct 17, 4:30 PM:   | † Dorothy Hatch        |
| Sunday Oct 18, 9:00 AM:     | † Paul Tocchet         |
| 11:00 AM:                   | † Bill Griffon         |
| Wednesday Oct 21, 12:00 PM: | † George Derby         |
| Thursday Oct 22, 12:00 PM:  | † Jill Lynch           |
| Friday Oct 23, 12:00 PM:    | † Alice Cloran         |
| Saturday Oct 24, 4:30 PM:   | † Krista Schmidthues   |
| Sunday Oct 25, 9:00 AM:     | Healing of Donna Stang |
| 11:00 AM:                   | † Susan Villareal      |

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

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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

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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Human Trafficking  
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Manna Ministry

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