



April 9, 2020

OLMC Update: Day #20 School Closure

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel School families,

Today marks the beginning of the most sacred time in the Catholic liturgical year – the summit – of our faith cycle when we pray and witness the Easter Triduum, which falls from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. I believe that experiencing distance learning and the ravages of COVID-19 during this time offers us – each one of us – the opportunity to consider what is *important*, rather than what is *urgent*. I spoke with my Faculty yesterday afternoon, we all have what feels like an endless list of what's urgent, and yet we cannot possibly conquer our list of urgent demands. What we can do today, and in the coming three days, is to focus on what is important. Can we consider our deepest priorities as families? Can we focus on the most essential learnings for our young ones? Can we push away the many, many, many distractions to place our faith at the heart of how we conduct ourselves?

Can we focus on faith, hope, and love, as we are instructed in Corinthians 13:13, knowing that the greatest of all is LOVE.

I am attaching prayer cards written by the Most Reverend José **Gómez**, Archbishop of Los Angeles, with a special prayer to our Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe in English and Español.

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as
your beloved children...

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of
your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe,
Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas. Acudimos a ti hoy como tus
amados hijos...

Refúgiamos bajo el manto de tu protección, manténnos en el abrazo de tus
brazos,
ayúdanos a conocer siempre el amor de tu Hijo, Jesús. Amén



OLMC Stations of the Cross

Please join our community TODAY at 8am for Stations of the Cross. We will share a special student-led Stations of the Cross prayer experience. Let us all come together as a united Mount Carmel community to virtually follow the Stations of the Cross in the Mount Carmel Church.

Please join the virtual Stations of the Cross at 8am:

<https://zoom.us/j/579773733?pwd=TjAzS3lsVlc0WExLZ0xIRXBWUGFJZzo9>

Holy Week Daily Mass

Fr. Ulysses and I invite families to join their students for the noon Mass today and in the upcoming holy days.

Please follow Mass protocol to ensure reverence for this sacred experience:

- Students should wear their **school uniform** top and sweatshirt to Mass on school days and respectful Mass attire on non-school days.
- Student computers should be **muted** for the entire duration of Mass.
- All participants should **stand or kneel** at the appropriate times during the Mass.

Fr. Ulysses will offer Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Saturday Mass at noon/12pm. Easter Sunday Mass will be at 10am in English and 12pm in Spanish.

Please join the ZOOM virtual daily Mass at noon/12pm:

<http://olmc.cc>

Financial Assistance

Please see my important memo about Financial Assistance, shared in English and Español. Important deadlines are fast approaching on April 15th.

Food Distribution

Please read the attached important notice from the Superintendent of the Redwood City School District, shared in English and Español.

It is important to note for all OLMC families: Any child who is under 18-years old can get both breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **The child does NOT need to be a student in RCSD and does NOT need to be present per a waiver from the USDA.**

Para todas las familias de OLMC, es importante tener en cuenta que: Cualquier niño menor de 18 años tiene derecho de recibir desayuno, almuerzo y cena. **El niño NO necesita ser un estudiante en RCSD y NO necesita estar presente según una exención del USDA.**

Attendance

Please submit daily attendance by 10am daily

- Daily attendance link: <https://forms.gle/t7Jyqde8bgei7wz29>
 - Pro Tip: this link is the same every day, so you may bookmark it and use it each morning.
 - It is also posted: <http://school.mountcarmel.org/school-closure>
 - If necessary, please call Mrs. McLinden at **650-366-1051** to record your child's attendance.

Dearest Mount Carmel community, I wish for you and your loved ones a most blessed Easter Triduum and a rejuvenating holiday week. I will see you shortly for 8am Stations of the Cross and noon Holy Thursday Mass.

We will reassemble as a community on Monday, April 20th for 8am morning assembly.



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