Fifth Sunday of Lent March 29, 2020

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
— Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

I hope this finds you and your family safe and healthy, and adjusting to the new realities imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic.

So much has changed in the world in recent weeks, and also here at Carmel Mission. We have done much work to develop our communication on our website carmelmission.org to keep our community informed and to draw everyone closer together in these unsettling times.

You will see the layout of our bulletin has changed slightly as we are currently only publishing online. There is very useful information in this bulletin about how to stay connected with our virtual community, including how-to directions on adding our website to the home screen on your phone, how to subscribe to our weekly bulletins emails, which include a link to our streaming mass, and how to reach Fr. Rodrigo and myself directly with your prayer requests and special intentions by emailing us at prayerprequest@carmelmission.org or clicking on the prayer request button on the website.

Just last Sunday, we streamed our first weekend mass. On Monday, we posted my first daily prayer, which will be posted on our website and viewable via YouTube every morning except Sundays at 7:00 am. We were able to speak directly with our ministry leaders this week, and will continue to do so throughout this time. We have also been able to engage our JSS community who have transitioned to distance learning but are staying connected with us through our website. I would ask that everyone visit our website and participate daily in the community we are developing online.

Of course, none of this is possible without your continued support. I ask that you continue your generous support of the Carmel Mission, so we can weather these challenging times and continue to support you and our community. You may contribute electronically via the DONATE button on the website or by mailing your offering to Carmel Mission, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

We are still on our Lenten journey, a journey we could hardly have imagined when Lent began. As we near the end of that journey and prepare to accompany our Savior through his Passion, Death, and triumphant Resurrection, I encourage you to turn your eyes, as Jesus did, towards Jerusalem, and journey onward, even into the unknown, with confidence that you will never walk alone.

May God continue to bless and protect you and your loved ones,

Fr. Paul
Stay Connected to Your Parish

Visit us at carmelmission.org and explore the various ways to stay connected with your parish family.

We are developing the four webpages listed below:

Bishop Daniel E. Garcia's Diocesan Updates
We are posting important posts from Bishop Danny here as we receive them.

Father Paul's Parish Updates
Important news and video messages impacting the functioning of the Mission are posted here.

Send Your Prayer Requests
We are also adding a very important link to send your Prayer Requests to Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo.

Videos of our Streaming Masses and Daily Video Prayer

Our Sunday Mass - Join us for streaming mass each Sunday and please join your prayers with ours for our community and the world.

Daily Video Prayer - Join me for a prayer and reflection each morning.

Continuing Your Support of the Carmel Mission
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**EASY TIPS TO STAY CONNECTED**

**Fr. Paul’s Weekly Bulletin Email (instructions below)**

Subscribe to Fr. Paul’s weekly email message at the bottom of any of our webpages – The email is scheduled to be sent each Saturday night and will include a link to stream the weekend mass and view our Bulletin.

**Add CarmelMission.org to your home screen (instructions next page)**

Adding the Carmel Mission website to your phone home screen as an icon, so that the site is one touch away.

**Prayer Requests – our email address is live!**

Please send us your prayer requests to PrayerRequest@carmelmission.org and save our email in your contacts.

I really appreciate your leadership at this critical time.

I look forward to our next opportunity to speak together and I hope to hear from each of you before then. Please send your thoughts and ideas to me at fr.paul@carmelmission.org. Also, kindly CC me on your email to your ministry volunteers.

May God continue to bless and protect you and your loved ones,

Fr. Paul

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**Receive our Parish Bulletin via Email**

If you would like to receive weekly news and updates from the Carmel Mission Basilica, sign up to our bulletin distribution list.

*We send weekly emails which contain:*

- Our Pastor’s letter to you
- Our complete online calendar
- A digital version of our weekly bulletin and...
- News and updates of the Carmel Mission

**How to Join?**

- Go to carmelmission.org, or click the link.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page
- Follow instruction under “Sign up for our Bulletin” (bottom right)
- Click Send
Carmel Mission Website

To add our website to your smartphone home screen, open your web browser and navigate to carmelmission.org and follow the instructions needed for your device.

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Tap on the **Options icon (three dots)** at the top right corner of the screen

Tap on **“Add to Home Screen”**

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Apple

Tap on the **Share button (square with an arrow)** at the bottom of the screen

Scroll until you see the option **“Add to Home Screen”**
Today’s Reading

First Reading ...thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD. (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

Psalm With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

Second Reading ...the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:1-45)

Readings for the Week

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In the Gospel reading for this final Sunday of Lent, Jesus performs yet another miracle (in the Gospel of John referred to as a sign) to show his disciples and all those present who he is, the Son of God, sent by the Father. Indeed, when he hears that Lazarus is ill, he does not rush back, he waits until Lazarus has died to return, so his sign might bring even more people to believe in him. When the disciples miss the point and think Lazarus is not yet dead, Jesus even says he is glad he was not there to save Lazarus, "[so] that you may believe." When the disciples remind Jesus that the Jews in Judea had tried to stone him, he chastises them, knowing that they will soon return to Jerusalem, an equally dangerous for him, and the eventual place of his passion and death. When Jesus does return to find Lazarus dead and buried, and his sisters Martha and Mary grieving, he becomes perturbed and even weeps. Jesus purposefully let Lazarus die so he could raise him from the dead, and he knows that in moments he will put an end to everyone’s sorrow by restoring Lazarus to life, but he is still so moved with compassion at the grief of those he loves, that he weeps. This empathy and love is what will lead the Lord of life, the proven master of death itself, to offer his own life on the cross. What greater love is there than this? As we prepare to journey with our Lord to Jerusalem, we have the opportunity to feel the powerful force of this love in our own lives. Jesus loves each of us as he loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and he weeps with us in our struggles even as he knows and reassures us that we have the promise of everlasting life through him.
Join us online and watch our Daily Prayers

Please send your prayer requests and special intentions to Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo by emailing them at PrayerRequest@carmelmission.org or clicking the Prayer Request button on our website, carmelmission.org.

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Monday, March 23:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
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.

-composed by Archbishop Jose Gomez
Tuesday:

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:
Lo, I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
The things of the past shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness
in what I create;
For I create Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight;
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and exult in my people.
No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there,
or the sound of crying;
No longer shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime;
He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years,
and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed.
They shall live in the houses they build,
and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

Wednesday:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his humble servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed,
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.
**Friday:**

R.  **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**

The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.  
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.

R.  **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
Many are the troubles of the just man,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him.

R.  **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**

He watches over all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.  
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;  
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

R.  **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**

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**Saturday:**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implied your help, or sought your intercession,  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petition that we soon find a cure to this pandemic,  
but in your mercy, hear and answer me.  
Amen.

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SICK IN THE PARISH

All the sick are prayed for during a general intercession at every mass.
At this time we pray especially for:


RECENTLY DECEASED IN OUR PARISH

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, especially:

Mary Dills, Elinor Laiolo, Dr. Maria Gurney, Frank Crivello, Rose Green, Deane H. Hollenback, Luigi Uttaro, Anita Pender, Karen Lyon, Jean Neiman, Filomena Pacheco, Mary O’Shea

... that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them; and may the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Please Pray For Our Military

Keep in prayer our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our parish family who are in service to their country in the Armed Forces abroad: Michael Healy, Richard Brophy and Robert Maher

We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm and pray for their families while they are far from home.
LITURGY VAULT

LIVING THE LITURGY AT HOME: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Last week, we began exploring how to live the sacred liturgy at home, beginning with the devotional practice of Spiritual Communion.

God the Father commanded us to “remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). How does one “observe the sabbath day” and “keep it holy” as “the Lord our God” commanded us? (Deuteronomy 5:12). How does one keep the Christian sabbath (Sunday) holy? According to the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

“Christians keep Sunday and other days of obligation holy by participating in the Eucharist of the Lord and by refraining from those activities which impede the worship of God and disturb the joy proper to the day of the Lord or the necessary relaxation of mind and body. Activities are allowed on the Sabbath which are bound up with family needs or with important social service, provided that they do not lead to habits prejudicial to the holiness of Sunday, to family life and to health” (n. 453).

While we may be currently unable to fulfil the Church’s precept “to attend Mass on Sundays”, the commandment to “remember the sabbath day” and “to keep it holy” still applies. In addition to Spiritual Communion, another way to live the sacred liturgy at home would be to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, which is the first of two great parts of the Mass.

“In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of His Word. The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation” (USCCB).

The primary part of celebrating the Liturgy of the Word at home would consist of reading aloud the scripture readings appointed for the Mass of the day. You can begin this celebration by making the Sign of the Cross and praying the Confiteor (I confess) before reading the liturgical readings appointed for the day. The daily readings are listed in the bulletin and you can look them up in your Bible. There are also several online resources, two of which being http://www.usccb.org/bible/ and https://us.magnificat.net/free, where the full text of the daily Mass readings are available.

Silence is a very important part in relation to the Word of God and its reception in our lives.

“The Word, in fact, can only be spoken and heard in silence, outward and inward. Ours is not an age which fosters recollection; at times one has the impression that people are afraid of detaching themselves, even for a moment, from the mass media. For this reason, it is necessary nowadays that the People of God be educated in the value of silence. Rediscovering the centrality of God’s word in the life of the Church also means rediscovering a sense of recollection and inner repose. The great patristic tradition teaches us that the mysteries of Christ all involve silence. Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, woman of the Word and, inseparably, woman of silence” (Pope Benedict XVI, Verbum Domini (2010), n. 66).

The celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at home can then be concluded by praying the Collect prayer for the day, which for this Fifth Sunday of Lent is as follows:

“By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen” (The Roman Missal, Third Edition).

~ Geoffrey Lopes da Silva
Liturgy Coordinator
Liturgy@CarmelMission.org
In the early 1980s, then pastor Msgr. Eamon MacMahon had a vision for creating a unique instrument to enhance and compliment the beauty of our Basilica. He joined with the community to raise a significant amount of money to realize this vision, and partnered with Casavant Frères organ builders from Quebec. Our organ was conceived as a "classical" style instrument. That is, an organ that might have been built in the Classical period of music (ca. 1730-1820). Such instruments are characterized as being particularly brilliant in tone. The organ was designed specifically for our space, taking into account the physical space available for the pipes, the acoustics of the Basilica, and the desire for the organ to be both a wonderful vehicle to support and enhance our worship, and a world class concert instrument. Both of these goals were accomplished in our Casavant Opus 3612, installed here in 1986.

Since its installation the organ has received only routine required maintenance, and we continue to rely on its 1986 computer brain to power all functions. An upgrade to the computer and electrical system is sorely needed, as the existing hardware is completely obsolete and could not be repaired if it were to fail.

Since its installation the organ has faithfully served this community at well over 10,000 masses, thousands of weddings and funerals and hundreds of professional concerts. Please consider supporting our Heavenly Sounds campaign. With your help, our organ can receive the necessary upgrades and maintenance to continue to help us lift our minds and our voices to our loving God for years to come.

For more information, please visit our AMA page at carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/

**Thank You for your Stewardship!**

Your generous donations for the week ending in 3/15/2020

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I thank you for your sense of Stewardship and your great generosity.

—Fr. Paul, Pastor