Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 12, 2020

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
— (Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23)
Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Never did I imagine that I would celebrate Holy Week in the manner that is now required. In my forty years as a priest, this is the first Holy Week I have celebrated without the people of God in God’s house. Regardless of the restrictions of this time, however, we continue to worship together, more passionately and fiercely than ever before. I am grateful for the spirit of our community, which has embraced our new ways of connection, and held Fr. Rodrigo and myself in prayer.

In our ongoing efforts to reach out to our community in all possible ways, Carmel Mission has joined social media. Please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CarmelMissionBasilica and on Instagram where are our handle is carmelmissionbasilica. In the few days that we have been live and active on these sites, we are amazed at the response and interaction with people all over California and the United States who have a special connection or affinity to our beautiful Mission. Please follow us there and share with your communities.

Easter is truly the high point of the church year, and it is very special time at Carmel Mission. Many of us remember just last year, when we were able to welcome so many parishioners, visitors and pilgrims to our Easter masses. Our Basilica and our front courtyard were full to capacity, and we even had people sitting in our parking lot. While we cannot be filling our beautiful physical space together we can still worship together, so please join our streaming mass for Easter Sunday via our website and invite your family and friends to join as well.

I also want to thank all of you who have continued your support and given electronically. The response to our streaming masses and daily prayer messages has been overwhelmingly positive and grows each day. It is so important in this perilous time that we stay connected with our faith and with one another. The fact that so many of you have chosen to give electronically has, we hope, made it simpler for yourselves and gives us the confidence to continue to provide for our many ministries at Carmel Mission. If you have not yet visited our website and clicked the DONATE link, I would ask that you consider doing so to make your Easter offering.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the triumph of our God. The crucified one has risen in glory. Yet still the disciples do not understand what has happened. Mary Magdalene fears that someone has stolen his body, Peter runs to the empty tomb but does not comprehend what has happened. Only the beloved disciple, who was with Jesus through his Passion and Death, though he may not understand, believes. The gift of faith is a precious one, never more so than in challenging times such as we are experiencing now. As we bask in the promise of Christ’s resurrection, let us also offer grateful hearts for the powerful consolation of our faith.

Wishing you and your loved ones Easter blessings of good health, new hope, and great happiness,

Fr. Paul
First Reading To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:34A, 37-43)

Psalm This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23)

Second Reading ... seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col 3:1-4)

Gospel Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, and saw the stone removed from the tomb (Jn 20:1-9)

In our Gospel reading today we learn that even given all the time the disciples spent with Jesus, in spite of all the ways in which He attempted to prepare them for His Resurrection, the many signs and miracles they witnessed, His Transfiguration, which was witnessed by Peter, James and John, they still did not “understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Like us, they lived by faith and sought understanding. The beloved disciple, the only one who remained with Jesus throughout His Passion and Death, was also the only one who believed at once. Can we truly comprehend the Paschal Mystery? Or can we only seek to understand a little more each year in our faith journey?

In the psalm we hear that “the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” The crucified one, the one who endured humiliation and torment, rejection and abandonment, has risen in triumph. We see again that God’s ways are not our ways. Our Savior, even in His greatest victory, continues to align Himself with the marginalized, with the rejected. Today we celebrate the joyful Easter truth that nothing can separate us from God. We are called, as a disciple of Jesus and as His Church on earth, to follow his example, and align ourselves with those closest to his heart, the poor, the marginalized, the abandoned, so that all may know the comfort and the joy of the Pascal Mystery; out of love for us, our God has defeated death itself. Alleluia.
04/05/20 - Fr. Paul’s Message — Join Us in Prayer Daily

Please click the image to view A message from Father Paul inviting you to join us for our Daily Prayer.

Please send your prayer requests

We want to hear from you.

We want to hear from you at this time when we cannot gather in person. Our prayer request email is a great way to let us know about your prayer requests, any special intentions you may have, and if you know of anyone in our parish family who is ill we ask that you share that with us so we may pray for them, and reach out to them or their family.

Please send your prayer requests and special intentions to Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo by emailing them at:
Fr. Paul’s Daily Prayers; Transcribed

The Carmel Mission posts Prayers by Father Paul, Monday through Saturday at 7 AM and a weekly Mass on Sundays.

If there was a video that stood out to you, or if you would simply like to revisit last week’s special prayers and follow along, this section has transcribed Fr. Paul’s Daily Prayers for your enjoyment.

In Jesus’ passion we see reflected the sufferings of all humanity and we discover God’s answer to the mystery of evil, suffering and death. We often feel horror because of the evil and pain around us and we ask ‘Why does God allow this? It hurts deeply when we see suffering and death, especially when it involves the innocent. When we see children suffering, it wounds our hearts.

This week it will do good for us all to look to the crucifix, kissing the wounds of Jesus, kissing the crucifix. Out of love for us, Jesus freely walked the path of humiliation and self-abandonment for our salvation. He has taken upon himself the whole of human suffering.

God gives us his Son who dies humiliated, betrayed, abandoned and reviled, Yet God’s victory shines forth in what appears, in human terms, to be failure and defeat.

Christ takes upon himself the power of evil in order to set us free: ‘by his wounds we have been healed. This week, as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross, may we imitate his loving obedience to the will of the Father, especially in times of difficulty and humiliation, and open our hearts to his gifts of reconciliation, redemption and new life.

— The Holy Father, Pope Francis

Daily Prayers

Tuesday, April 7 - A Prayer to St. Veronica

O My Jesus, Saint Veronica served You on the way to Calvary by wiping Your beloved face with a towel on which Your sacred image then appeared. She protected this treasure, and whenever people touched it, they were miraculously healed. I ask her to pray for the growth of my ability to see Your sacred image in others, to recognize their hurts, to stop and join them on their difficult journeys, and to feel the same compassion for them as she did for You. Show me how to wipe their faces, serve their needs, and heal their wounds, reminding me that as I do this for them, I also do this for You. Saint Veronica, pray for me. Amen.
**Wednesday, April 8 - A Prayer to St Dismas, The Good Thief**

Saint Dismas, you alone were Canonized a Saint by Christ Himself; you were assured of a place in Heaven with Him, “This day” because you confessed your sins to Him on Calvary; and you were truly sorry for them as you hung beside Him on a cross; you who opened the Heart of Jesus in mercy and forgiveness even before the centurion’s spear tore it asunder; you whose face was close to that of Jesus in His last agony, to offer Him a word of comfort; you who knew how to pray, teach me the words to say to gain pardon for my sins; and you who are close to Him now in Heaven, pray to Him for me that I shall never again desert Him, but that at the close of my life I may hear the words He addressed to you: “This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.” Amen.

**Thursday, April 9 - You Gather in the Outcast**

You gather in the outcast, the wretched and the sore. From every street and city, from every home we pour. You lay your hands upon us, you heal the wounded soul. You raise the crushed, disheartened, you make the wounded whole.

You welcome all the hungry, the thirsty and the weak, In you we find all fullness, in you is what we seek. You lay the feast before us, you bid us come and eat. But, oh, before you serve us, you kneel and wash our feet.

**Saturday, April 11 - Exult, Let Them Exult, the Hosts of Heaven**

Exult, let them exalt, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King’s triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.
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:

Bob Condry, 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.

Prayer Requests and Special Intentions

Don’t forget if you know of anyone in our parish family who is ill we ask that you share that with us so we may pray for them, and reach out to them or their family.

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.

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.
Once again, we have received a positive response for our Palm Sunday Mass and Daily Prayer videos.

We thank all our parishioners and staff for supporting our efforts to communicate and stay in touch with our amazing community.

If you or anyone you know is missing out on our daily videos, please share the Carmel Mission channel with them.

Follow us on social media!
The Carmel Mission has opened two new channels for you to communicate with us.

Click on the icons below to go to our social media pages.

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Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

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.

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 through the services we do such as our streaming mass and daily prayer. 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

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

— Fr. Paul
Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,

I hope that you and your loved ones are well.

Each year at this time, parishes throughout the Diocese of Monterey are launching the Annual Ministries Appeal. By our participation in this appeal, we assist so many people to grow in faith.

In this AMA campaign letter we will provide you with some idea of the huge variety of diocesan ministries that benefit as a result of your generous support of this appeal.

Since I was appointed Pastor at our beautiful Mission, your support has seen us go from strength to strength. Last year, our Renew A Pew Campaign had more donors contribute than any other parish in our diocese. We also raised the largest amount and were able to renew our pews for the next generation. I hope that you find them comfortable.

The first $50,000.00 raised goes to our diocese and any sum over that amount comes back to our Mission.

This year our parish campaign is called: Heavenly Sounds, and has as its objective, the enhancement of the sound in our Basilica.

We probably have the best music in the Diocese of Monterey. Our wonderful Choir, Cantors, and musicians add so much to our liturgies and help us raise our minds and hearts to God. We also have music events throughout the year, the Bach Festival being a prime example. It is our intention to develop our music ministry and to add to our musical calendar.

A major component of our music at the Mission is our wonderful Casavant organ. This beautiful instrument adds so much to our many liturgies. The time has come when our Casavant organ requires immediate attention, if we are to continue to use it. A portion of our Heavenly Sounds Campaign will be used to replace all the electrical and computer components, which are totally out of date. We will be providing you with more detailed information soon.

I know that once again I can rely on your generous support, so that we at Carmel Mission can continue to create those Heavenly Sounds.

Sincere thanks to all,

Blessings,

Fr. Paul
Pastor at Carmel Mission

$25,000 $50,000 $75,000 $100,000 $150,000

For more information, please visit our AMA page at carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/
Carmel Neighbors are Here To Help

**CARMEL NEIGHBORS** want you to know that they are Carmel residents, just like you. Carmel Neighbors began as a conversation among several Carmel citizens who wanted to make sure that no one fell through the cracks during this time of shelter-in-place and social distancing. Members of the founding committee are listed on their About Us page at carmelneighbors.org/about-us/.

If you need help with groceries, errands, prescription pick-up, or just regular welfare calls, if you know someone who does, or if you would like to volunteer to help, use the contact information below to get in touch with them. You can also visit their website at carmelneighbors.org.

Thank you for everything you’re doing to support your congregation during these troubled times, and do let them know if you are aware of anyone who needs help.

**Email:** support@carmelneighbors.org

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Bob Condry passed away on 30 March 2020.

It is with much sadness that we inform you of the passing of Docent Bob Condry on Monday evening at the CareMeridan Nursing and Rehab Center in Gilroy.

Bob had been suffering from ALS disease for a number of years and many of us became one of “Bob’s Buddies” in support of the walkathon for ALS awareness recently. Fortunately for Bob, Mary and members of his family were with him at the end. We should all hope for such a peaceful end surrounded by our family and loved ones.

Bob was a “Docent Extraordinaire”. He and Mary were part of the founding group of parishioners who established the Carmel Mission Docent Association and served as Docents and members of the Docent Council since its founding. Bob and Mary researched and developed the first docent tour of the Mission printed on 5x8 index cards which became known as the “Condry Cards”. They were used for many years and became the basis for the current Docent Basic Tour. Bob was the Treasurer of the CMDA for many years and only gave it up when his physical condition deteriorated.

He was a liturgical minister, very active in the Bitten Falge Farmworkers group and a loyal Carmel Mission parishioner. He gave generously of his time and talent, the model of a Catholic man, was immensely friendly to all and if he ever had a cross word with someone, we never saw it. He will be missed by all who knew him.

May Bob rest in peace. Please remember him in your prayers and for Mary and the rest of the Condry family in this difficult time which is further compounded by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

When further arrangements are known, we will pass them on.
Bob is breathing freely now in the celestial realms where no pollution exists. His warm and welcoming smile is broader than ever. He is surrounded by many relatives and friends who have gone before him. Bob knows no discomfort now as he enjoys serene and perfect peace. The greatest part of his new existence is that he is in the presence of God. When he experienced the Divine embrace, it was like the meeting of two old friends, who had never lost contact through the years.

Our Carmel Mission community was blessed by the presence of Bob Condry, and will continue to benefit from the example of his well-lived life for years to come. As we extend our sympathy to his wife Mary, and to Mary Lynch and John, may we honor Bob by taking one of his many excellent qualities and virtues, and making it more a feature of our own life.

We thank our loving God for Bob’s life among us and ask that one day we will be greeted by his smiling face again.

— Fr. Paul

Some words from our friends of Carmel Mission

Finance Committee:

Our committee lost a long-time friend and key contributor to our parish finance committee, Robert Condry. Bob recent lost his well fought fight against ALS. Throughout his courageous battle he continued to serve our community in many ways. Seeing him serve me coffee and donuts after 7:30am mass just a few weeks ago touched my heart and made me realize how important our community is to each other. Bob’s background at Loyola Hospital in Chicago allowed him to have great insight to our parish budgets and financials. His humble and insightful guidance to the committee will be sorely missed.

Of particular help was his “on the job” experience with so many ministries here at the Mission. We constantly need to balance needs against limited resources. It was Bob’s reports directly from his constant efforts as a member of many ministries, that helped us prioritize at each meeting.

I will never forget his and Mary’s effort to sustain and transform the Bitten Falge Farmworker program here at the mission at a time of crisis. Bob and Mary stepped into a serious need for the community. I have no doubt the program would not be the same had it not been for their leadership and efforts.

His contributions to the Mission community are too numerous to list. Each of them will make a lasting difference to our Mission family. His efforts will serve as both an example of what a good disciple can achieve and motivate us all to try to be a little more like Bob.

Please join our Mission family in turning your thoughts and prayers in support of Bob’s family, especially Mary, and ask that they be helped through this grieving process.
He has been released from the bonds of ALS and is with his maker. I know I will sorely miss him, and the Mission will miss him. This is when we feel the separation of the “stay home” order. He has made his final journey and can rest in painless peace. I cherish the time we spent in the sacristy together, another gift from God.

— Matt Kelleher

With a very heavy heart, we heard from Bob and Mary’s daughter, Mary Lynch, today. She wrote,

“We had a bright beautiful day today with my dad. After the sun set and the last light left the Diablo Mountains, he reached the top of his mountain. He left his broken body to be with God at 9:20 tonight. It was a loving and peaceful send off for our dear dad, husband, grandpa, uncle, friend and fellow traveler.”

— March 30, 2020

What a noble fight, what a fearless man we had the pleasure and honor of working with! His care for God’s working poor and their families was unstoppable and resolute. Even when he could no longer speak, he "summoned" me to his bedside in the ICU to tell me through many different means about what he knew needed to be done in the Falge ministry. I remember his face lighting up when I told him we may be able to serve more farmworker camps.

He was good-natured but fiercely determined, especially in the service of those in need. He was certainly a Christian, but he was especially a follower of Christ (which is harder to do). He lived the Beatitudes fully and in his non-complaining final fight, he ended his journey on earth with loving dignity and in the palm of God.

May the angels take you into Paradise, Bob! And, we are certain, they already have!

Let’s pray for those remaining here for now, for Mary and her family who, although grieving, understand the gift of a holy passing that Our Lord granted Bob.

Finally, rest in peace and pray for us, Bob, as we carry on this gospel work in your name...

Amen.

— Roger Fiola

Thank you for this. What a blessing to have known him and better yet, call him friend. I will miss his “hello darling” with a hug. We would love to send something from the Palma community. If you could give their address I would be grateful. We have much to do and we will have his guidance every step of the way.

— Mia Mirassou
(Palma Faith Formation)

This is sad news for all of us. Bob was truly a light to the Mission Community and to everyone who has the privilege of crossing paths with him. The world grew smaller today.

May angels guide him into Paradise.

— Warren Hoy

I am proud to have known and worked with Bob, and witnessed Bob’s love and devotion to family, and faith, and friends-truly in the Falge tradition!! A loving husband, gentle and strong man, friend to everyone who knew him.

A remarkable man!
God will surely smile upon him!

— Harry How

Now Bob rests in God’s divine embrace, welcomed by a choir of angels to be sure. Bob brought his talents and gift of love to many ministries in our faith community, and his passing reminds us that we are but pilgrims in this world, called to love and serve each other. Let us pray that all the Falge Friends, and all the faithful departed, will reunite with him in heaven one day

— Bill Reichmuth
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