Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 2020

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”

— (Lk 24:13-35)
Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

This past Thursday I sent out an update video message and letter to recap all that we have been doing to keep our community connected in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, I outlined some of the adaptations and modifications we are considering for the moment when we are able to gradually re-open to worship together. I encourage you to visit our website, carmelmission.org, to view and read this message.

As you will hear me say there, nothing we are doing or hope to do would be possible without your generous support. You are the greatest part of all we accomplish, and you are the reason we are working hard to grow and support our new virtual community online, and to prepare for when we can welcome you back to your beloved Basilica to worship together. Thank you for your generosity in this difficult time.

We love to hear from you, our parish family. Fr. Rodrigo and I look forward to receiving your prayer requests via the PRAYER REQUEST button on the website. We also invite your thoughts, ideas and suggestions on all our new developments. Your creative spirit is, and will continue to be, vital to all our efforts as we navigate our new realities.

In Lent, we journeyed with Jesus to Jerusalem. We stayed by His side through His Passion and Death. We witnessed the glory of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Now our journey continues with our Risen Lord. His work is not yet done, nor will it ever be as long as our world continues. Today in the Gospel we find two disciples, downcast, leaving Jerusalem bereft of their hopes and dreams for the future. All that changes in an instant when they recognize the stranger among them as the Risen Jesus. They know him in the breaking of the bread, and in the burning of their hearts when he breaks open the Scriptures for them. It is easy to be downcast in this time of fear and uncertainty, but our Gospel reminds us that our Savior is always with us even when we do not recognize Him. We need only listen to His voice to feel our hearts burning with His love. We continue our journey together in this time with the fire of that love to warm and comfort us; secure in the new hope and promise of the Risen Lord.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of great new hope and hearts on fire with His love,

Fr. Paul
First Reading I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. (Acts 2:14, 22-23)

Psalm Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11)

Second Reading He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, (1 Pt 1:17-21)

Gospel “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:13-35)

In the Gospel today we journey on the road to Emmaus with two downcast disciples, leaving Jerusalem and the terrible events of Christ’s Passion and Death behind them. They did not recognize the empty tomb for what it was, the hallmark of salvation, and instead saw it as the disappointment of all their hopes and dreams. Jesus joins them, to guide them back to the “path of life.” He does not announce himself but travels with them as a stranger, discussing the Scripture with them, but it is not until he breaks the bread that they recognize him as Jesus, risen from the dead. Interestingly, even before they know it is Jesus, they care for the stranger, asking him to stay with them rather than risk going on alone in the dark. Even before the profound experience of encountering their Risen Lord, their discipleship has changed them, made them more compassionate and hospitable. Jesus does not stay after revealing himself in the breaking of the bread. His mission in that moment is accomplished for in the moment of recognition they realize, “our hearts were burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us.” Earlier in Luke’s Gospel Jesus had said to his disciples “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Luke 12:49). This was the fire he was referring to, hearts on fire to share the good news of love and salvation. No longer fearing to journey in the night, the two set out back to Jerusalem to share with their friends the wonderful news that “The Lord has truly been raised.” Good news is made even better when it is shared. When has your heart burned when you listened to the Scriptures? How can you follow the example of the disciples to share the good news of the promise of God’s endless love?
Join us on Monday, April 27, for a special Taize Prayer Service via our website, carmelmission.org

Taizé Prayer Service

We will be streaming a special Taize Prayer service this Monday, April 27, available on our website, carmelmission.org. Please come and spend an hour in prayer and meditation with your community, availing yourself of a chance to rest and focus on your relationship with God. We look forward to praying with you! It will be remain available via the website for you to return anytime you want to spend time in prayer and meditation.

A Taizé prayer service offers an opportunity to still the busy-ness in our lives, our minds and our hearts and turn our thoughts over to God. A core element to Taizé is the repetition of simple musical chants, the duration of each chant is not pre-determined and the act of repetition, common to many forms of meditation and worship, allows our minds to quiet and our focus to deepen. The other principal element of Taizé worship is a generous use of silence. True periods of silence can create a unique moment for a meeting with God. In addition, Taizé liturgies incorporate readings from the sacred scriptures and communal intercessions.

The roots of the Taizé prayer come from the south of Burgundy, France. Over seventy years ago in a village called Taizé, Brother Roger Schutz founded a monastic community devoted to prayer and reconciliation. The community there is comprised of brothers from all over the world and all major Christian denominations who gather three times a day, seven days a week to pray. in busy times, many people go on pilgrimage to Taizé to experience this unique form of prayer and there can be upwards of 7000 people at a service! Many more people experience Taizé in their faith communities at home, as this style of worship has grown in popularity around the world.
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:
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

Monday, April 20 — Good Works for Good

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Tuesday, April 21 — The Quality of Mercy

The quality of mercy is not strain’d,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown;
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God’s
When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew,
Though justice be thy plea, consider this,
That, in the course of justice, none of us
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render
The deeds of mercy. I have spoke thus much
To mitigate the justice of thy plea;
Which if thou follow, this strict court of Venice
Must needs give sentence 'gainst the merchant there.

Wednesday, April 22 — Lectio Divina

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a
ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night
and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are
a teacher who has come from God, for no one
can do these signs that you are doing unless
God is with him.”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Amen, amen,
I say to you, unless one is born from above, he
cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man once
grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter
his mother’s womb and be born again, can he?”

Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot
enter the Kingdom of God. What is born of flesh
is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not
be amazed that I told you, ‘You must be born
from above.’ The wind blows where it wills, and
you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not
know where it comes from or where it goes; so
it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Thursday, April 23 — In the Wilderness

Christ of His gentleness
Thirsting and hungering,
Walked in the wilderness;
Soft words of grace He spoke
Unto lost desert-folk
That listened wondering.
He heard the bitterns call
From ruined palace-wall,
Answered them brotherly.
He held communion
With the she-pelican
Of lonely piety.
Basilisk, cockatrice,
Flocked to his homilies,
With mail of dread device,
Friday, April 24 — Litany of The Sacred Heart

**Response (R) Have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, have mercy on us.**
Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

God the Father of Heaven, **R.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **R.**
God the Holy Spirit, **R.**
Holy Trinity, one God, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal word, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, well-spring of all virtues, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, treasure-house of wisdom and knowledge, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, generous to all who call upon You, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in You, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, hope of all those who die in You, **R.**
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, **R.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **R.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **R.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **R.**

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, Touch our hearts and make them like your own.

Let us pray.
Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son. Open our hearts to share his life and continue to bless us with his love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.
**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:

John Calcagno, Jovita Martin Cabrera, Jeanne Johnson, Judy Mollner, Ernie Bizzazer, 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.

**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.

**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.

Send Your Prayer Request

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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.

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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

Diocesan Goal
$50,000

Parish Goal
$150,000

Currently at
$112,006

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:support@carmelneighbors.org)

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