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# The Ascension of the Lord May 24, 2020

“I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

— *(Matthew 28:16-20)*



# FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord when Jesus returns to His Father in Heaven. We can imagine the disappointment of the disciples. They have only recently learned that Jesus has risen from the dead, and now he is leaving them again. Jesus seeks to reassure them that he will be with them always, even until the end of the world. Indeed, when Jesus ascends to Heaven, the Risen Lord also escapes the bonds of time and space. No longer is He only with His eleven disciples in Galilee, He is now able to be with all His disciples, at all times and in all places. We are the heirs of this promise.

As you know, the history of our Mission church is a rich one; deeply connected to the history of our state of California. Our founder and first pastor, St. Junipero Serra was also an heir of Jesus' promise, and His commission to His disciples, "Go and teach all nations." (Matthew 28:19.).

St. Junipero braved a dangerous sea voyage from Spain, and countless obstacles upon his arrival in the New World to live out that call to evangelization. Next year we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Carmel Mission. That we are here today, 250 years later, continuing to proclaim the Good News of the great love of our God, is proof that Jesus is indeed with us always.

We are currently facing a dangerous time and many disruptions to our daily routines as we experience the COVID -19 Pandemic. Our commitment to discipleship is surely all the greater to overcome these challenges and continue our mission of evangelization. Unable to worship in person, our community has gathered online via our website, CarmelMission.org. Our streaming Masses and Daily Prayer Messages have allowed us to pray together and connect with each other. This week, as we anticipate the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost and the birth of our universal Church, I encourage you to reach out to friends and family and invite them to join you, and us, online. Even in isolation, we can share the Good News of salvation with those we love.

Your generous support has made it possible for us to continue the work of St. Junipero even in these unprecedented times. I thank you for your sense of stewardship and ask you to continue to visit our website and click the DONATE button, so that we can continue to serve you and our community.

I wish you and your loved ones a renewed sense of discipleship and comfort in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Paul

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## Act of Spiritual Communion

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***My Jesus,***

***I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into  
my soul.***

***Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.***

***Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.***

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." (*Acts 1:1-11*)

**Psalms** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (*Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*)

**Second Reading** May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (*Ephesians 1:17-23*)

**Gospel** "I am with you always, until the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:16-20*)

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, May 25

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB  
Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday, May 26

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
Jn 17:1-11A

### Wednesday, May 27

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35A, 35BC-36AB  
Jn 17:11B-19

### Thursday, May 28

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2A & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
Jn 17:20-26

### Friday, May 29

Acts 25:13B-21  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB  
Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday, May 30

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Ps 11:4, 5 & 7  
Jn 21:20-25

### Sunday, May 31

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3B-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

## Scripture Message

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, the moment when Jesus ascends to the Father in Heaven. This is beautifully and dramatically described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. However in our Gospel reading from Matthew, there is no description of the Ascension, rather we learn about the commissioning of the disciples. They are to go out into the world, teaching and baptizing. Jesus tells them that all power is His; He is indeed triumphant. His triumph will inspire them to share the Good News he has taught them with the whole world. In the last verse of the Gospel, Matthew's narrative is brought full circle. In the first chapter an angel appears to Joseph in a dream and tells him that the child Mary is carrying is the one foretold by the prophets; "Emmanuel, God with us". (Matthew 1:23) Jesus affirms that he is indeed God with us when he says, "I am with you always, even until the end of the world." The Risen Lord is not bound by time and space. He can be with all His disciples, everywhere and in every age. After Jesus ascends into the clouds, two men in white garments appear and ask the disciples why they are looking at the sky. Implicit in what they say is that Jesus has gone as He said He would, and He will return as He promised. In the meanwhile it is time to get to the work we are commissioned to do in His name. How do you act on your own commissioning as a disciple of Jesus Christ? How do you proclaim the Good News?

### *Electronic Giving Makes Perfect Sense in These Times*

Thank you to so many of you who have adopted electronic giving.

### Quick and Easy - Setup Support Available

- Signing up and making single or scheduled contributions is easy – just click the donate button on [our website](#) and sign up today. We will have someone available during business hours to provide any required assistance.

### Electronic Giving Saves Money and Time

- Envelope mailings are costly for parishioners and the parish
- Check processing and money handling are time consuming
- Our method of collections are to change as we will have collection boxes to replace pew collections when we come back together
- Accurate contribution tracking is available at all times



### Report for week ending on May 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **Electronic Donations:**

Weekday: \$6,620.11

Weekend: \$2,500.00

**Mail Donations:** \$6,597.00

**Knights of Columbus Foundations:** \$6,075.00

**Total Collections: \$21, 792.11**



# Annual Ministry Appeal 2020 Heavenly Sounds

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



For more information, visit our AMA page at [carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/](http://carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/)

# CARMEL MISSION MUSEUM STORE

## Our Online Store is Open

Starting May 18, we are returning to fulfill your orders through our website, email, and phone calls.

We are delighted to assist you remotely. Please contact us to learn about what items are available. We are in process of putting all of our inventory on our website at [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org). Please take a look at our website and contact us with any questions.

Also, we are reaching out to many of our vendors to add their products to our online store.

We hope to provide you with best gift for your friends and loved ones during these difficult times.

We are looking forward and planning for when you may visit us again. Please check our website for news on our reopening of the property.

Sign up for our weekly promotions and to receive news of our reopening.

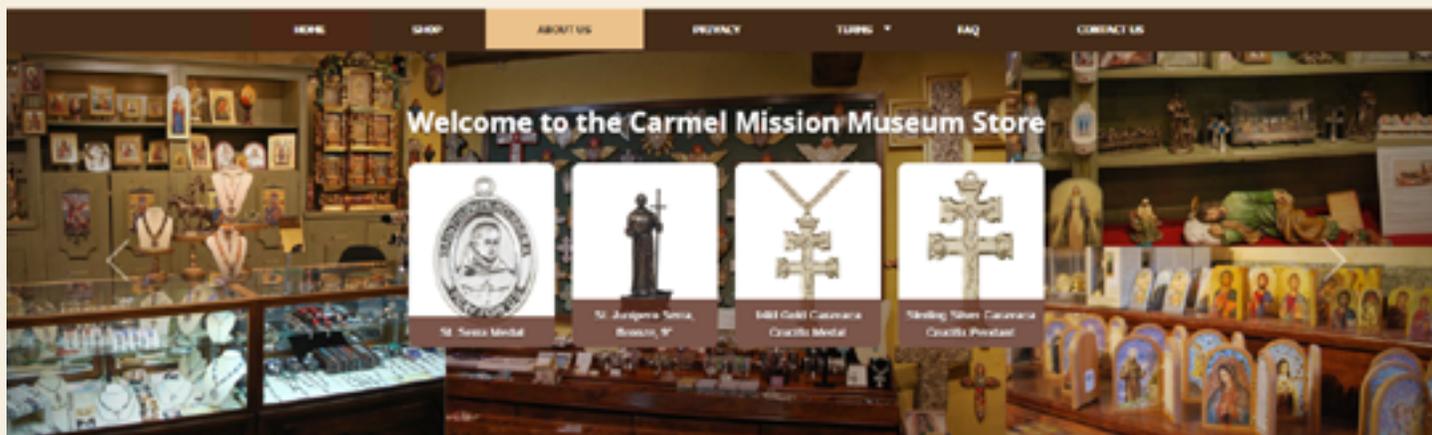


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The Museum Store not only provides religious items and artifacts but also an environment of welcome to all who visit Carmel Mission.

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.

## Daily Prayers

### Monday, May 18: To Live in the Mercy of God — Deniese Levertov

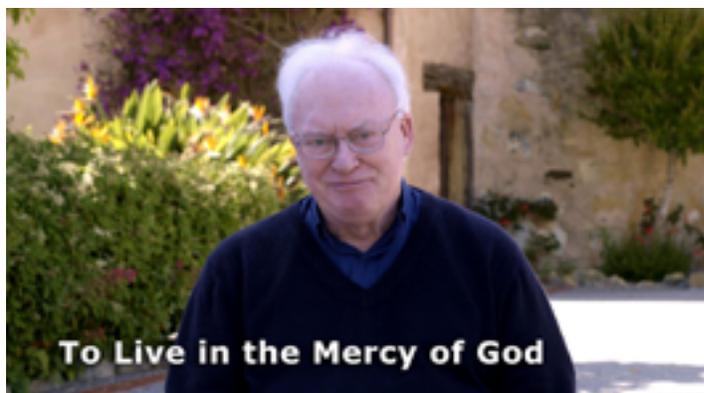
To lie back under the tallest  
oldest trees. How far the stems  
rise, rise  
before ribs of shelter  
open!

To live in the mercy of God. The complete  
sentence too adequate, has no give.  
Awe, not comfort. Stone, elbows of  
stony wood beneath lenient  
moss bed.

And awe suddenly  
passing beyond itself. Becomes  
a form of comfort.  
Becomes the steady  
air you glide on, arms  
stretched like the wings of flying foxes.  
To hear the multiple silence  
of trees, the rainy  
forest depths of their listening.

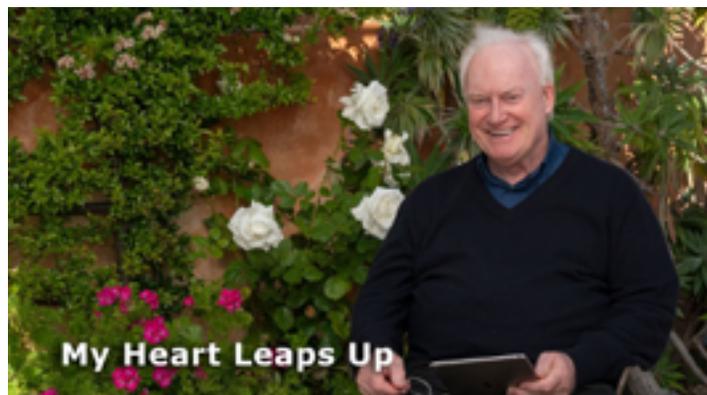
To float, upheld,  
as salt water  
would hold you,  
once you dared.

To live in the mercy of God.  
To feel vibrate the enraptured  
waterfall flinging itself  
unabating down and down  
to clenched fists of rock.  
Swiftness of plunge,  
hour after year after century,  
O or Ah  
uninterrupted, voice  
many-stranded.  
To breathe  
spray. The smoke of it.  
Arcs  
of steel-white foam, glissades  
of fugitive jade barely perceptible. Such passion—  
rage or joy?  
Thus, not mild, not temperate,  
God's love for the world. Vast  
flood of mercy  
flung on resistance.



## Tuesday, May 19: My Heart Leaps Up by Williams Wordsworth

My heart leaps up when I behold  
A rainbow in the sky:  
So was it when my life began;  
So is it now I am a man;  
So be it when I shall grow old,  
Or let me die!  
The Child is father of the Man;  
And I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by natural piety.



## Wednesday, May 20: Lectio Divina

John 15:12-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

## Thursday, May 21: Washing the Elephant by Barbara Ros

Isn't it always the heart that wants to wash  
the elephant, begging the body to do it  
with soap and water, a ladder, hands,  
in tree-shade big enough for the vast savannahs  
of your sadness, the strangler fig of your guilt,  
the cratered full moon's light fueling  
the windy spooling memory of elephant?



What if Father Quinn had said, "Of course you'll recognize  
your parents in heaven," instead of  
"Being one with God will make your mother and father  
pointless." That was back when I was young enough  
to love them absolutely though still fear for their place  
in heaven, imagining their souls like sponges full  
of something resembling street water after rain.

Still my mother sent me every Saturday to confess, to wring the sins out of my small baffled soul,  
and I made up lies about lying, disobeying, chewing gum in church, to offer them as carefully as  
I handed over the knotted handkerchief of coins to the grocer when my mother sent me for a  
loaf of Wonder, Land O'Lakes, and two Camels.

If guilt is the damage of childhood, then eros is the fall of adolescence.  
Of the fall begins there, and never ends, desire after desire parading  
through a lifetime like the Ringling Brothers elephants  
made to walk through the Queens-Midtown Tunnel  
and down 34th Street to the Garden.  
So much of our desire like their bulky, shadowy walking  
after midnight, exiled from the wild and destined  
for a circus with its tawdry gaudiness, its unspoken pathos.

It takes more than half a century to figure out who they were,  
the few real loves-of-your-life and how much of the rest—  
the mad breaking-heart stickiness—falls away, slowly,  
unnoticed, the way you lose your taste for things  
like Popsicles unthinkingly.  
And though dailiness may have no place  
for the ones that have etched themselves in the laugh lines  
and frown lines on the face that's harder and harder  
to claim as your own, often one love-of-your-life  
will appear in a dream, arriving  
with the weight and certitude of an elephant,  
and it's always the heart that wants to go out and wash  
the huge mysteriousness of what they meant, those memories  
that have only memories to feed them, and only you to keep them clean.

## Friday, May 22: Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.



## Saturday, May 23: St Junipero's Prayer of Praise

You are God: we praise you;  
 You are God: we acclaim you;  
 You are the eternal Father:  
 All creation worships you.  
 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
 Father, of majesty unbounded,  
 Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
 And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
 You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
 The eternal Son of the Father.  
 When you became man to set us free  
 You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.  
 You overcame the sting of death,  
 And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
 We believe that you will come, and be our judge.  
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
 Bought with the price of your own blood,  
 And bring us with your saints  
 To glory everlasting.  
 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.  
 Govern and uphold them now and always.  
 Day by day we bless you.  
 We praise your name forever.  
 Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.  
 Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
 Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
 For we put our trust in you.  
 In you, Lord, is our hope:  
 And we shall never hope in vain.

# LITURGY - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

“Liturgy is life for the entire people of the Church.”

– Pope Francis, August 24, 2017



St. Junipero Serra Celebrating Mass on 3 June 1770

Since its inception, the liturgy has been the lifeblood of the Church for in the liturgy we enter into Christ’s own prayer to the Father. As we faced the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the restrictions that were necessary to safeguard public health, we knew that the people of God, our community of Carmel Mission, needed the consolation and connection of the liturgy in their isolation. We have worked to bring the liturgy online through our streaming Masses, and have been overwhelmed by the positive response and support we have received. Though we cannot be together in person we remain united when we pray together.

In just nine weeks, our community has come together online via our website, [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org), creating a virtual community that prays together and cares for each other, staying connected to our God, our Church and to one another.

While the Mass is the highlight of our liturgical week, there are so many dynamic and creative ways we can pray together throughout the week. Our Daily Prayer Messages explore the ways we can pray, talk to God, and listen for His voice in our hearts. Our first streaming Taize Prayer Service was a consolation to

many, and I am happy to report we will be streaming a second such service next week. This opportunity to spend a quiet hour with our God is welcome in the face of the news barrage we encounter each day.

We have also welcomed your prayer requests via the PRAYER REQUEST button on our website. These prayer requests come directly to me and to Fr. Rodrigo and we are honored to take your intentions with us in our daily prayers and private masses. This is a wonderful way to stay connected with each of you and we look forward to receiving your requests.

We look forward to the time when we can welcome God’s people back to worship at your beautiful Basilica. While this date remains unknown, plans are underway to develop the safest possible practices that will allow us to come together as a community again. When we are able to open again, we will continue to maintain our virtual community as well. The return to normalcy will be a long road, and our streaming Masses and morning prayer messages will continue to be a vital part of our community for the foreseeable future.

Whether in person or online, each of you is a spiritual stone. As St. Peter says we come to Him, the one that the builders rejected who has become the cornerstone, to be made into a spiritual house acceptable to God. Our spiritual house needs each of you, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in these uncertain times.

# REPORT FROM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Albert J. Nicora, Chairperson

For a number of years our Carmel Mission Parish has been financially supporting Junipero Serra School during what was expected to be a period of below normal enrollment. Staff restructuring and other expense saving measures were implemented to cover anticipated deficits caused by the drop in the number of students attending the school.

Two years ago it was necessary to utilize borrowing to meet the school payroll expenses. At the same time, tuition was increased and major improvements to the school were made, pursuant to an independent study by Catholic School Management Consultants.

While the deficits continued, some positive improvements in the financial health of the school were identified. This led to the adoption of a five year strategic plan leading to a fully sustainable viable school. For the plan to work the positive trends had to continue.

The financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have had devastating effects on our Parish and our School. At the same moment when tuition revenue dropped significantly, all other revenue at the Mission, including plate collection, store revenue, weddings and visitor donations, dropped to zero. The massive reduction of revenue required immediate actions to reduce the deficits.

Our Parish Finance Council, after considering all options, reluctantly recommended the closure of the school. Any additional debt burden could not be prudently and responsibly maintained. An independent Diocesan Task Force made the same recommendation to the Bishop.

We are asking each parishioner to now consider making an extra gift to the parish if possible. In future weeks we will need to plan to repay the debt incurred with the closing of the school. Any gift now will help the parish maintain all services and ministries here at the Mission.

We will be able to provide more detailed reports in the coming weeks. At this moment, we do not know the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and when we will be able to open our beautiful Mission grounds. We do not know how soon visitors will return when we are legally able to open.

Your gift now, when normal revenues are virtually non-existent, will make a profound impact on the viability of the Mission and our communal ability to serve our community. If you are able, please go to our website and click on the DONATE button now when our needs are great. Thank you for your consideration.

# JUNIPERO SERRA SCHOOL CLOSURE

Kimberly Cheng, Diocese of Monterey Superintendent of Schools

It is with true sadness that we will be closing Junipero Serra School at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. While this decision is difficult, it is final and comes after much discussion, analysis and deliberation.

## Background

A school assessment was commissioned by the Diocese last fall, 2018. Catholic School Management engaged the community in a series of focus group interviews, hearing directly from families about what was needed to help grow the school. A parent meeting was held in February of 2019 to share the findings. Catholic School Management reported areas for growth in creating an up-to-date mission to be competitive, in improving financial management and in focusing on advancement. This was an important way for the school, parish and Diocese to engage directly with the community and indicate the struggles that JSS has experienced. We hired an incredible principal who started in on the recommendations right away. This past spring 2020, during the state of the school address, it was shared that enrollment needed to grow.

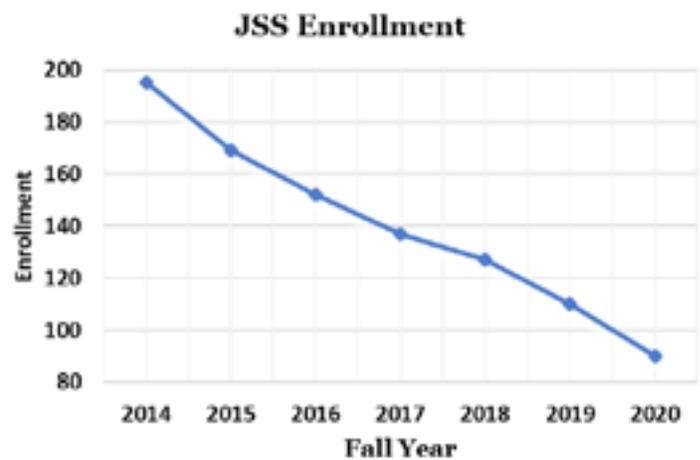
## Task Force

A task force was organized in January 2020 and consisted of the Pastor, the Principal, the School Board Chairperson, the Parish Business Manager, the Parish Finance Council representative, the Superintendent of Schools and the Diocesan Chief Financial Officer. Both the Finance Council representative and the Diocesan Chief Financial Officer are alumni parents. The task force was representative of the community and was comprised of people who care greatly for the school. The group was facilitated by our consultant from Catholic School Management who performed our assessment last year.

The task force was formed to identify opportunities for the school to grow. It analyzed financial and enrollment data, and it was convened to support the pastor and principal in their efforts to lead JSS. The task force was not convened to close the school, but circumstances changed, so the conversations had to change.

## Enrollment

The school has struggled with declining enrollment. Due to this decline in enrollment, the parish has had to subsidize the school because of the school's budget deficit. The subsidy has been pretty substantial.



Year	Enrollment
14-15	195
15-16	169
16-17	152
17-18	137
18-19	132
19-20	110
20-21	90

## Current Circumstance

When the COVID-19 crisis hit, it drastically decreased enrollment projections and eliminated the parish and diocese's ability to provide a subsidy. Projected enrollment for next year, we are looking at a likely scenario of being under 100 students.

While a multi-year plan to financial viability had been set in motion, the economic and financial toll of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an unsustainable current and

projected budget deficit. Alternative models and school configurations were considered, yet it was determined that the uncertainty of the current time combined with the negative impact on projected enrollment and resource development initiatives has resulted in the inability to continue to appropriately provide for the delivery of the quality of Catholic education and experience for which the school is known and valued. This necessitated a recommendation to close the school by the task force to Bishop Garcia, and he conceded that it is time to close after much more deliberation and discernment.

## Long-Term Viability

The continued support for Catholic education is applauded and very much valued. Unfortunately, the decision to close the school is final despite our very best efforts. It isn't a simple matter of raising funds to stay open next year. Additionally, there is the accumulated deficit due to the decline in enrollment, the current deficit, the projected deficit for the next year, and the projected deficits for the following years, and that is assuming that the school will be self-sufficient after three years. The bigger issue is the market landscape of education in Carmel, the demographics of the area and the uncertainty of the COVID-19 crisis makes a parochial school in Carmel unsustainable. This isn't what the community wants to hear, but unfortunately it is the reality of the situation.

## Commendations

We would like to commend the leadership of Principal Steve Henderson and the commitment and dedication of our faculty and staff. In the short time that Mr. Henderson has been our principal, he has transformed our community for the better, which makes the closure that much harder. We have been blessed his innovative ideas, thoughtful approach and commitment to faith. Additionally, our faculty and staff has shown tremendous love and care for our students. Several of our faculty and staff have dedicated decades of their ministry to nurturing the hearts of Junipero Serra School students. This school closure in no way reflects on Mr. Henderson's leadership or on the efforts of our faculty and staff. Join us in expressing profound gratitude to them for their ministry.

## Next Steps

Over the course of Junipero Serra School's history, this school has positively impacted the lives of countless students and families. We know that parting ways with this treasured school is very hard. Our most immediate concern is that you, our students and our faculty and staff will be supported for what comes next. The Bishop has expressly charged the Superintendent of Schools with working with others from the diocesan offices to support families in making as seamless a transition as possible.

The school's distance learning program will continue as planned and the last day of school will be on Friday, May 29. Report cards will be completed and sent by Friday, June 5. Mr. Henderson and our teachers will work on finalizing plans to close out the year and celebrate our graduating 8th graders, while still following the advice of our public health and local and state officials.

Ensuring the availability of the benefits of a Catholic education on the Peninsula, and throughout the Diocese of Monterey, continues to be a significant priority for Bishop Garcia. We hope that families consider continuing their children's Catholic education at one of our neighboring Catholic schools. In Monterey County, that includes St. Angela's Preschool in Pacific Grove, San Carlos School and Santa Catalina School in Monterey, and Sacred Heart School, Madonna del Sasso School and Palma School in Salinas. The Diocese will provide a \$500 scholarship to each Junipero Serra School student who will continue their Catholic education at another Catholic school in our Diocese. JSS students will have priority admissions. It will be important for families to go through a complete admissions process to be appropriately enrolled.

# PLANNING FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CARMEL MISSION

1771 — 2021



The planning for the 250th Anniversary of our Mission's founding, a significant event for our community and the history of California, has begun.



Come today as a pilgrim to this Mission of San Carlos, which so powerfully evokes the heroic spirit and heroic deeds of Fray Junípero Serra and which enshrines his mortal remains. **This serene and beautiful place is truly the historical and spiritual heart of California.** All the missions of El Camino Real bear witness to the challenges and heroism of an earlier time, but not a time forgotten or without significance for the California of today and the Church of today.

— ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS, ST. JOHN PAUL II  
Basilica of the Mission of San Carlos in Carmel  
Thursday, September 17, 1987

We look forward to presenting a year long celebration of liturgical, cultural and musical events. Learn more at [CarmelMission.org](http://CarmelMission.org)



Carmel Mission captured over the years from a similar vantage point.



## Sick in the Parish

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

Mary Cea, Larry Fry, Knox Mellon, Richard Cruickshank, John Flynn, Charles Cardoza, Gwen Foster, Vivian Sweeney, Mercedes Ferrante, Frank Machalla, King Williams, Brandon Paulikas, Julieta Evangelista, Dan Ukestad, Nancy D'Angelo, Ruth Flynn, Phyllis Loyko, Missy Student, Lois Jones, Ed Soberanes, Marjorie Coleman, Jim Gill, Barry Long



## Recently Deceased in our Parish

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

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... 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.

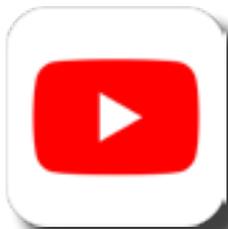
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Our prayer request email is a great way to let us know about your prayer requests, any special intentions you may have, and if you know of anyone in our parish family who is ill we ask that you share that with us so we may pray for them, and reach out to them or their family.

**Send Your Prayer Request**

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We have further expanded our reach on the web for parishioners and visitors to connect with us. Click the links below to go to our different online platforms.



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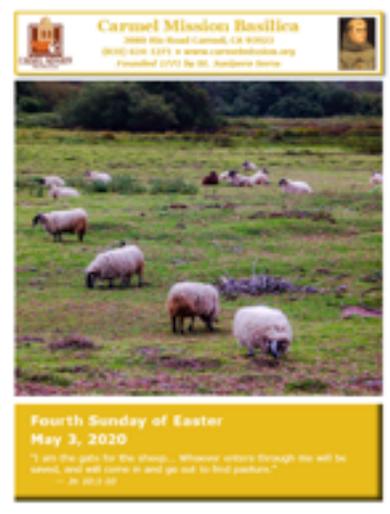
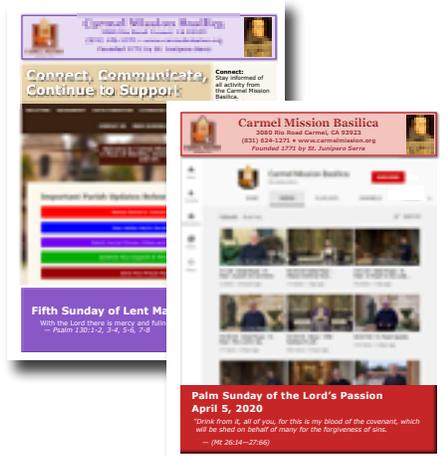
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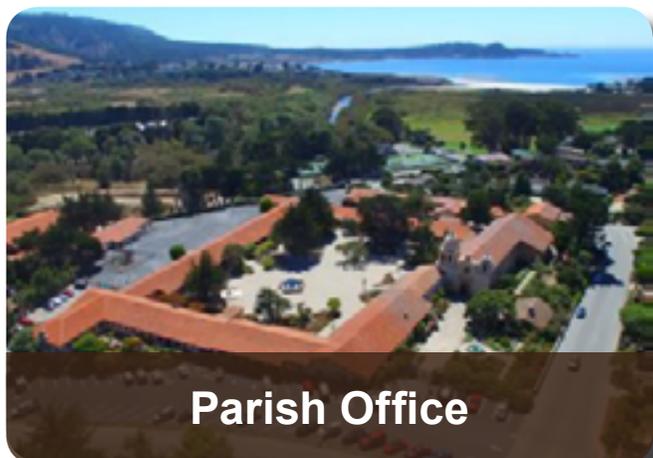




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We look forward to speaking with you.

We are planning to reach out and connect with each and everyone in our parish, and will begin calling our parishioners in the coming days. We want to know how you are faring. We also would like to share with you how we have been contending with the circumstances brought upon us by these uncertain times. We want to ensure you know about the steps we have taken to continue our connection with you through our emails, streaming weekend Masses, Daily Prayer Messages and the PRAYER REQUEST button on our website.



We have added a new page on our website named PARISH OFFICE. As we speak with you, we would like to update our parish records. We want to learn what forms of communication are most useful to you. We would also like to hear your suggestions and feedback on how to better serve you and our community.

Though you will be contacting us through our website, we will be here to respond to you in person.

Please go to [www.carmelmission.org](http://www.carmelmission.org) to find the most up-to-date news on Mission activities. We will post information regarding the re-opening of the Mission as soon as we are able to welcome back parishioners and visitors.

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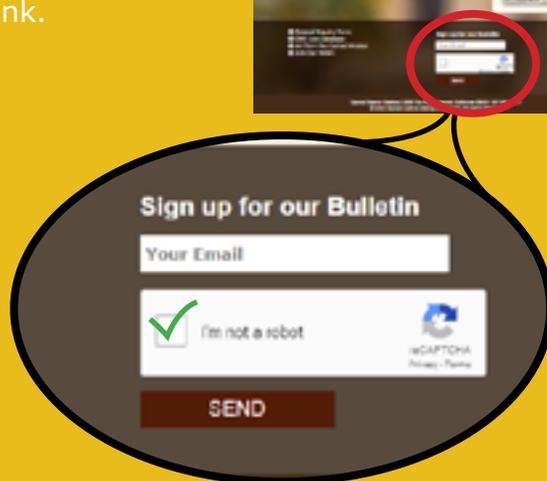
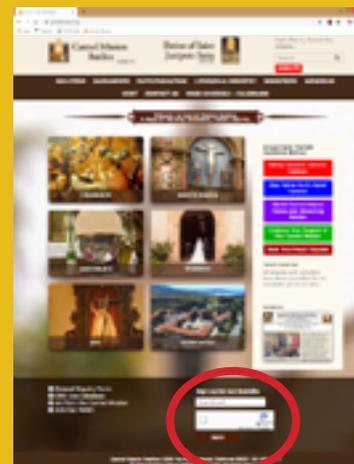
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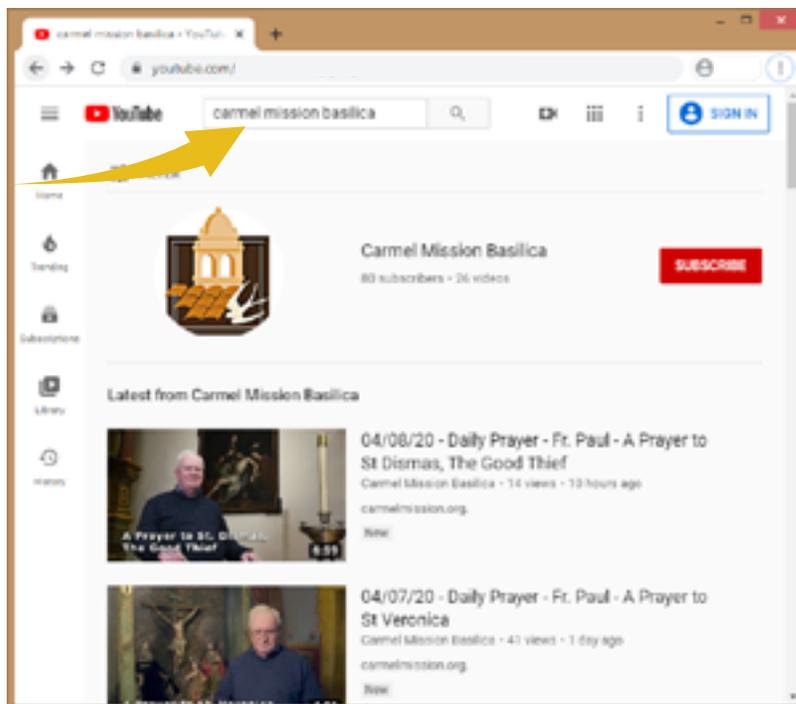


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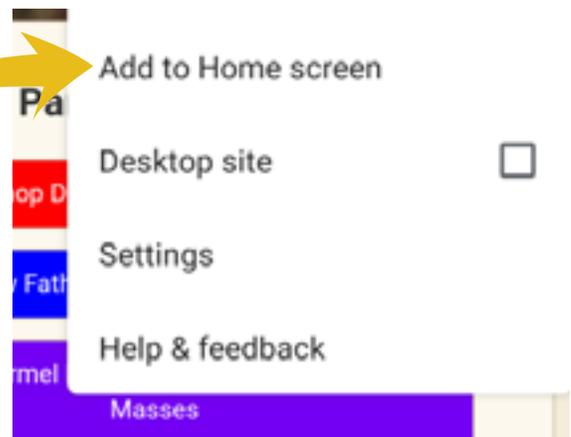
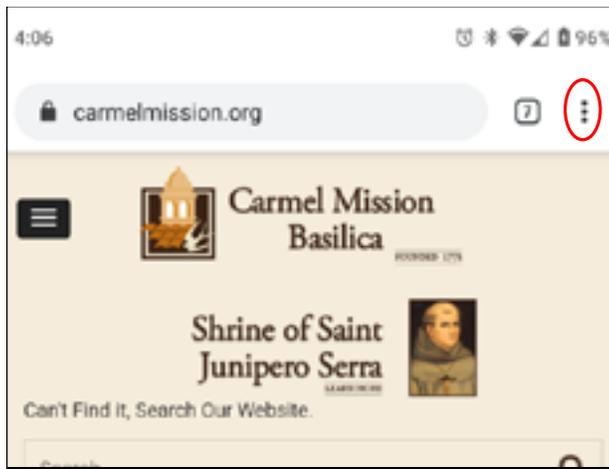
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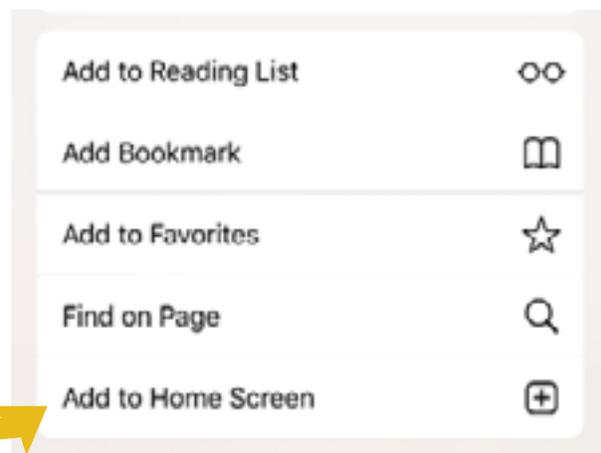


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