



**Carmel Mission
Basilica**

FOUNDED 1771

Welcome to Carmel Mission Basilica
A Place of Worship, Education, History & Art

**Shrine of Saint
Junipero Serra**



CARMEL MISSION BASILICA

MAP & GUIDE

Experience one of California's most
important historic sites featuring:

St. Junipero Serra and the Mission Basilica Shrine
The final resting place of saint Junipero Serra,
Founding Father of California

The Caravaca Cross
The personal reliquary cross of Saint Junipero Serra,
and one of the most important artifacts of California
and Colonial Missionary History.

Our Lady of Bethlehem Statue
The oldest European styled statue of Our Lady
brought to Carmel by Saint Junipero Serra.

The First Library of California
A treasure trove collection of colonial era books
brought to Carmel by the Franciscan Missionaries.

Founded 1771 by St. Junipero Serra

Carmel Mission Basilica
3080 Rio Road, Carmel California
831-624-1271

I'm delighted that you have chosen to visit this
very special place. You follow in a long line of
saints, popes, kings and queens, presidents
and prime ministers, who have graced us by
their presence.

One of those distinguished pilgrims, St. Pope
John Paul II, commented during his visit here
in 1987:

“This serene and
beautiful place is
truly the historical
and spiritual heart
of California.”

Each person who visits with us is warmly
welcomed and offered the opportunity to
grow in their knowledge of California and
their knowledge of how much God loves
them.

There is so much to do here during your visit,
including walking in the footsteps of our
beloved founder and first pastor, St. Junipero
Serra known as “the Apostle of California.”
There are several museums, a wonderful
collection of art and religious artifacts,
beautiful fountains and courtyards, all
deserving some of your time. No visit here
would be complete without admiring the
unique collection of religious and Mission-
related gifts in our Museum Store.

I pray that you will truly enjoy your visit with
us and that you take with you some of the love
that sustains the “heart of California.”

May you move (in the words of St. Junipero),
“Always Forward, Never Back”, with renewed
hope in your heart, and great love in your life.

Fr. Paul P. Murphy
Pastor at Carmel Mission

Visitation Guidelines and Policies

The Carmel Mission is a vibrant and active parish
community. We welcome visitors and pilgrims
from all around the world, who come to explore
the history of the Mission and experience it fully
in today's setting. We ask that all visitors respect
our beautiful prayerful environment. Kindly
know that access to the basilica and parts of our
grounds may be limited due to services, events or
restoration activity.

If you wish to reserve a tour or visit as part of a
pilgrimage, kindly contact us in advance of your
visit to ensure you receive written confirmation
of your visit. Please go to our website to plan
your visit www.carmelmission.org.

Tours	tours@carmelmission.org
Pilgrimages	pilgrimages@carmelmission.org
Weddings	weddings@carmelmission.org
Events	events@carmelmission.org

Photography & Drone Policy

Photography and Videography of any kind,
whether for personal use (i.e. family portraits,
holiday portraits, wedding/engagement photos,
quinceañera, company team photos, maternity
photos, graduation photos, etc) or commercial
use requires a reservation. If you are interested in
using the Mission grounds and gardens as a
backdrop, a reservation must be booked two
business days in advance. To ensure a positive
and safe experience, the Mission prohibits the
use of drones over its private property. All
visitors to the Mission are advised that their
photo may be taken by staff for promotional
purposes as part of the effort to raise awareness
of the Mission. Names are not provided.
Attendance at the Mission implies consent.

Accessibility

Wheelchairs: Wheel chairs are available upon
request at the Museum Store

Restrooms: Are available for admitted visitors and
those attending service.

Service Animals: Qualified service animals, such as
a guide dog, are welcome at the Mission. No other
pets allowed.

Emergency Information:

For emergencies, dial 9-1-1. Our address is 3080
Rio Road in Carmel, CA 93923. Please notify
Mission staff of any incident, accidents, or
emergency as soon as possible.

Operating Hours & Mass Schedules

Museum Store & Grounds Hours
Open Monday through Sunday 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Museum Grounds close at 4:45 pm

Contact Us

Museum Store ● store@carmelmission.org
831.624.1271 – ext 210
Parish Office ● reception@carmelmission.org
831.624.1271 – ext 200 Museum Curator ●
curator@carmelmission.org

Mass Schedule/Communion Services

Basilica

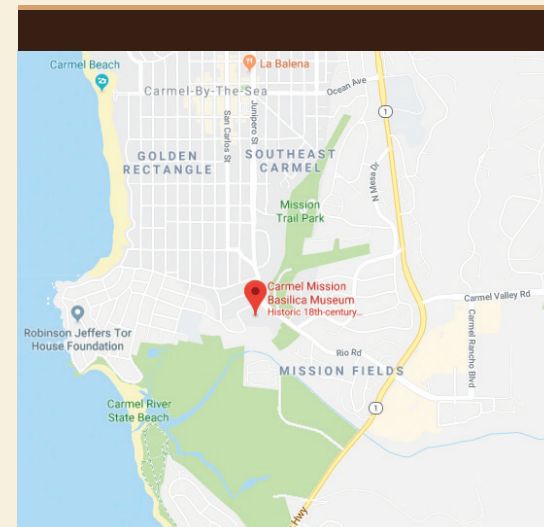
Vigil Mass (Saturday): 5:30 pm.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am., 12:45 and 5:30 pm.
Holy Days: 8:15 am., 12:00 noon, & 5:30 pm.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Daily Morning Mass: (Mon-Fri): 7:00 am.
Noon Mass: (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) 12:00 pm.
Noon Communion Services: (Tues. and Thurs.) 12:00 pm.
Saturday Morning Mass: 8:30 am.
Reconciliation: Saturday: 9:30—10:30 am.

Additional Visitor Information

Parking, calendar, events and our historical information
brochure, may be found on our website:
www.carmelmission.org





- Place of Interest
- Tour Landmark
- Restricted Area
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Wheelchair Accessible



1 Museum Store & Visitor's Entrance
Entrance to the Carmel Mission Museum and Grounds.

2 Convento Museum
Featuring the relic artifacts of Saint Junipero Serra his living quarters along with exhibits displaying historic art, furnishings and the first Library of California.

- Saint Junipero Serra – Cell
- Caravaca Cross
- First Bible of California
- Hartnell Library – First Library of CA
- Liturgical Paintings of Paez

3 Jo Mora Chapel Gallery
Houses the Saint Junipero Serra Memorial Cenotaph, sculpted in 1924 by noted California artist Jo Mora. Featuring some of the earliest liturgical artifacts of colonial California and a rotating exhibits gallery.

- Silver Room
- Cenotaph – Joe Mora

4 Carmel Mission Forecourt
Outdoor Memorials, historic statues and heritage gardens framing the entrance of the Carmel Mission Basilica Church.

5 Harry Downie Museum
Exhibits and displays of the restoration history of the Old Mission.

6 Carmel Mission Basilica
A National Historic Landmark, the Basilica houses an array of Mission era art and artifacts. The Basilica is the final resting place and shrine of Saint Junipero Serra, founding father of California and the Spanish Colonial Missions.

- Saint Junipero Serra – Final Resting Place

7 Our Lady of Bethlehem Chapel
A Basilica Chapel, honoring the Patroness of the Diocese of Monterey. Saint John Paul II prayed in this Chapel during his visit in 1987.

- Our Lady of Bethlehem

8 Mission Cemetery
The final resting place and memorial to members of the Historic Parish community.

- Cemetery

9 Munrás Family Heritage Museum
Displays the Early California artifacts of one of Monterey's prominent families.

10 Mission Quadrangle Courtyard
Within the Quadrangle Courtyard are historic memorials, heritage gardens and the Iconic mission fountain.

- Main Courtyard Fountain
- Courtyard Cross

11 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Built on the foundation stones of the original Mission quadrangle, this chapel is open to the public with mass and communion service offered daily.

- Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Original Sanctuary Lamp

12 Rectory Office

13 Junipero Serra School

14 Crespi Hall
Carmel Mission Basilica Parish Hall.

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