The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
— Mt 3:13-17
**Mass & Communion**

**Basilica**

**Saturday Vigil Mass**
- 5:30 PM

**Sunday Mass**
- 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 AM, (12:45 PM, and 5:30 PM)

**Holy Days:**
- 8:15 AM, 12 NOON and (5:30 PM)

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Daily Morning Mass**
- Monday — Friday (7:00 AM)

**Noon Mass**
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Noon Communion Services**
- Tuesday, Thursday

**Saturday Morning Mass**
- 8:30 AM

**Saturday Reconciliation**
- 9:30 AM — 10:30 AM

**St. Francis of the Redwoods**
- Big Sur, CA

**Bilingual Mass** (Español/English):
- 1st and 3rd Saturday (5:00 PM)

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**Today’s Reading**

**First Reading** ...
- ... until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. *(Is 42:1-4, 6-7)*

**Psalm**
- The Lord will bless his people with peace *(Ps 29:1-4, 9-10)*

**Second Reading**
- Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. *(Acts 10:34-38)*

**Gospel**
- "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *(Mt 3:13-17)*

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Today we end the Christmas season with a profound moment in Jesus’ adult life. He goes to the river Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist. John, knowing Jesus to be the Messiah, it taken aback, insisting that “I need to be baptized by you.” But Jesus prevails on him, despite his sinless nature, he takes the step of being baptized by water, and is visited by God in the form of a dove and a voice from Heaven declaring Jesus God’s beloved son. In our own baptism, we too become a child of God, and are as deeply loved. As we continue to learn about and practice our faith, we can fully realize the power of our baptismal promise. The promise we make to God, and the promise God makes to us, the promise of salvation, of a place in God’s Kingdom, and of a role in making God’s Kingdom come. Jesus was already priest, prophet and king, in the waters of Baptism, he was revealed and affirmed as such to John and the gathered crowd by the voice of the Father. Our identity is also revealed in a less dramatic way by the witness of our baptismal promise. When we claim our identity as priest, prophet and king, we embrace the responsibility to participate actively in the Kingdom of God, not only in the next life, but in the world today. Do you hear God’s voice in your heart, declaring you to be his beloved son or daughter? As your renew your baptismal promises today, renew also your commitment to this identity and all that it requires and inspires; and listen to God speak to you, claiming you as God’s own.

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**
- 1 Sm1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20.

**Tuesday:**
- 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-6, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28.

**Wednesday:**
- 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39.

**Thursday:**
- 1 Sm4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45.

**Friday:**
- 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12.

**Saturday:**
- 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17.

**Sunday:**
- Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34.

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**Music Corner**

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## Parish Calendar

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**Want to know more about upcoming events?**

You can add the Parish Calendar to your smartphone.
Do you want to make a difference in our community?
Do you want to grow your understanding of the Mass?
We are seeking applicants who are motivated and spiritual individuals
to be Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers,
Sacristans, Acolytes, and Altar Servers.
Join in a team of caring and friendly people and at the same time
serve the community and the Lord.

You will have the opportunity to learn more about your faith and
enrich your experience of Mass. Application process includes
fingerprinting and an online safe environment training program as well
as an in-person training for the specific ministry.

liturgy@carmelmission.org

**IMPORTANT MEETING DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:**

**Sunday, January 12** — First class for Confirmation students 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, in Crespi Hall.

**Tuesday, January 14** — All First Communion Parents from JSS and Faith Formation need to attend this Parent Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Crespi Hall.

*All First Reconciliation and First Communion details will be discussed and clarified.*

**Bible Study**

**Wednesday, January 15th**
10:30 AM in Crespi Hall

Our study of St. Paul’s letter to the Romans is the basis for much of our Catholic Faith.

We are exploring this fascinating writing which gives the basis for much of our Catholic Faith. Now is a good time and not too late in the course to join us. All of our recent Popes have urged parish Bible Study throughout the Church.

**For more information contact:**
Dick Gorman at 595-6363

**Book Club**

**Thursday, January 16th**
6 PM in Crespi Hall

We conclude our discussion on *The Power of Now* by Eckhart Tolle

Next week we will begin reviewing our new selection, *Heaven in Stone and Glass: Experiencing the Spirituality of the Great Cathedrals* by Robert Barron

**For more information contact:**
Deacon Bill at (831) 316-9280 or Charlie Sciambi at csciambi@gmail.com
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:

Jan Anzini, Ray Hutton, Art Granat, Sean Royster, George Grasso, Barbara Davi, Mary O’Shea, Filomena Pacheco, Jean Neiman, Dr. Maria Gurney, Karen Lyon, Anita Pender, Luigi Uttaro, Deane H. Hellenback, Don Harris, Rose Green

... 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.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you or someone you know, are unable to get to Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home, For more information please call Joan Brophy Thomas at (831) 624-3074.

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. Please visit our Lord during our daily Blessed Sacrament Adoration, Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.

On First Fridays we have 25 hours of Adoration from 7:30 AM to Saturday 8:30 AM. Many parishioners have signed up to spend an hour with our Lord, but we still need sign-ups for early morning hours. For more information, Call Sandi: (831) 624-9491.

The Serra Club of the Monterey Peninsula,

Leads the Recitation of the Rosary for Vocations every Wednesday at 5:30 PM — 6:30 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Catechesis from the writings of the saints and meditation with the Glorious Mysteries. Please, also bring your personal prayer intentions. For more information, contact us at SerraClubMonterey@gmail.com Or visit us at www.facebook.com/SerraClubMonterey

PRAYER LINE

The Carmel Mission Prayer Line is confidential. Members of our faith community offer prayer daily for your special needs. Leave your message on the prayer line at (831) 624-1271, menu option 5, if you want prayer for a special intention. Only the first name is needed with a short description of the intention need. Your prayer request remains on our list for three months (updates are appreciated). Note: names are not placed in the bulletin “Pray For” list without that individual’s permission.

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: 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.

The Preparation of the Gifts: The Rite of Incensation

Following the Self-Offering of the Priest and Faithful, the Preparation of the Gifts may continue with the Rite of Incensation at Masses of a more solemn nature.

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, “[t]he bread and wine are placed on the altar by the priest to the accompaniment of the prescribed formulas. The priest may incense the gifts placed upon the altar and then incense the cross and the altar itself, so as to signify the Church’s offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. Next, the priest, because of his sacred ministry, and the people, by reason of their baptismal dignity, may be incensed by the deacon or another minister” (n. 75; cf. n. 144).

The ceremonial actions of the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts considered up to this point “are followed most beautifully and symbolically by the incensing, which has been observed in the Roman liturgy in this part of the Mass since the eleventh or twelfth century”. This incensing partly differs from the one that takes place at the very beginning of Mass, “since it has a richer rite and a more significant symbolism” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), p. 534).

“The sacrificial gifts—the bread and the wine mixed with water—are first incensed by swinging the censer three times in the form of a cross and then three times in the form of a circle over the Host and chalice” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), pp. 535-536).

The gifts of bread and wine “are enveloped in a holy atmosphere by the swinging of the censer, containing the fragrant, hallowed incense, in the form of a cross and in the form of a circle. The grains of incense, consumed in the fire and ascending heavenward as an agreeable sacrificial odor, also symbolically express the petition, that the substance of the material elements, by the fire of the Holy [Spirit], be changed into the Divine Victim, under the appearances of bread and wine. The incense, ascending in clouds and descending upon the faithful and spreading round about, indicates that the Eucharistic Sacrifice may be accepted for the salvation of the faithful and of the whole world” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), p. 536).

“Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice!” (Psalm 141:2; RSV-1CE).

“And the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God” (Revelation 8:4; RSV-1CE).

**Is the Lord calling you to serve as a lector?**

Lectors, or liturgical readers, proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture at Mass. A training workshop for both new and current lectors will take place on Thursday, January 23rd from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM here in the Basilica. Please park in the “Bishop’s Lot” and enter the Basilica via the side door by the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

~ Geoffrey Lopes da Silva
Liturgy Coordinator
Liturgy@carmelmission.org
"Ladybird or Lady Beetle, is named in honor of Our Lady."

"The Ladybug, also known as the Ladybird or Lady Beetle, is named in honor of Our Lady. Long tradition holds that the pattern of seven dark spots symbolizes her Seven Joys and Seven Sorrows. The beetle’s vibrant red shell may be reminiscent of early artwork depicting the Virgin Mary wearing a red cloak. A centuries-old symbol of good fortune, this colorful insect continues to fascinate children around the world in every generation."

"Many years ago, in a poor village in Poland, The people were starving because insects had infested their crops. They prayed to Our Lady for help and she sent ladybugs to eat the insects. The ladybug is also known as Our Lady’s Bug."

16th Annual Walk for Life Saturday, January 25th

Join Monterey Peninsula for Life Group at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco on January 25.

There will be a bus available at San Carlos Cathedral for transportation between Monterey and San Francisco.

Bus Fair: $45 Adults / $20 Students
Contact Marian at (831) 277-3356 or mariandcorrigan@gmail.com

Group Schedule (Jan. 25):

6:00 AM — Bus Departs from San Carlos Cathedral
9:30 AM — Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, S.F.
11:00 AM — Info Faire at Civic Center Plaza
12:30 PM — Official Start of Rally, Civic Center
1:30 PM — Walk for Life (2 miles to Ferry Building)
3:30 PM — Return to Bus
~6:30 PM — Arrive at San Carlos Cathedral
BASILICA RESTORATION UPDATE!

Happy New Year!

As you may know, the Carmel Mission Basilica Parish is completing much-needed masonry repairs and refreshing historic paint designs damages by water Intrusion in the area surrounding the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. With the water intrusion addressed, the cracks in the plaster have been patched and resurfaced. Additionally, the Indigenous styled ceiling chevron pattern has been diligently cleaned and restored. The careful cleaning of candle soot from the walls and ceiling has helped to reveal design details not normally visible.

Our Parish is the steward of two centuries of community memory which represents the cornerstone of California history. Please take a moment to see all the good work that is being accomplished to preserve and protect our history for future generations to enjoy.

If you are interested in learning more about our many preservation projects, and how you may help to protect California’s most historic Catholic landmarks, please contact Jewel Gentry, the California Missions Coordinator of the Diocese of Monterey.

Jewel Gentry
Direct: 831-239-5254
jgentry@dioceseofmonterey.org
Thank You for your Stewardship!

As we begin a New Year and a new decade, on behalf of Fr. Rodrigo and myself, and on behalf of our entire Carmel Mission team, I thank you most sincerely for your great generosity.

Your regular donations ensure that we are able to continue to offer our many and varied ministries to our parishioners and pilgrims. They also allow us to preserve our prestigious and historic past and to plan for a promising and sustainable future.

New Year blessings on you and your loved ones,
Fr. Paul, Pastor at Carmel Mission

December 22nd Collection: $23,598.81
December 24th & 25th Christmas Collection: $26,745.00
December 29th Collection: $20,151.90

Total Collection: $70,495.71
Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. At our liturgies at our Mission, we will commence with the Rite of Sprinkling to remind us of our own Baptism.

Baptism is the first of what we refer to as the three Sacraments of Initiation. The other two are Confirmation and Eucharist.

These three Sacraments bring us deep into the heart of our Catholic faith. Each year we welcome new members into our Mission community. Many of them come from other faith backgrounds and some are embracing faith in God for the first time.

God is calling them by name to become full members of His family.

The main process or path of entry into our Catholic Faith is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.).

During the coming weeks our brothers and sisters who have engaged in this process, will be joining us for the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of our Eucharistic celebration.

We can welcome them and make them feel at home. Above all, we can accompany them on their journey of faith, through our prayers and through the good example of our life.

Let us remember and celebrate our own Baptism into the saving Death and Resurrection of Christ this weekend.

Blessings,

Fr. Paul