Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

“I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out to find pasture.”
— Jn 10:1-10
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.
Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and all of us as the flock safely resting in his bountiful pastures is a beloved one in our Christian tradition. In the Gospel today, Jesus warns that robbers and thieves may breach the sheepfold and threaten the safety of the sheep. The sheep remain safe if they run from a stranger’s voice, towards the voice of the Shepherd who will protect them. Jesus’ promise as the Good Shepherd is to call us each to safety in Him, if only we listen to His voice.

This week our Bishop, Danny Garcia, issued a letter to the faithful in the Diocese of Monterey. I encourage you all to read it, it is available on our website, carmelmission.org. In it he enumerates several considerations as we envision a return to worship together in the coming months. We cannot yet guess at a definite date when we will be able to resume public celebration of the Mass but the one thing we can be certain of is that things will not be immediately returning to normal. We continue to explore our options and prepare as much as we can for the welcome day when we can gather together again as a parish family.

Your support is crucial to all of our efforts; both growing and engaging our virtual community online, and preparing for when we may re-open. Your generous financial stewardship is essential to keep our staff and our ministries functioning, especially in this time when other revenue is non-existent. I thank you so much for your continued support. We continue to welcome your thoughts and ideas on other possible ways you may wish to contribute to your community at this time and thank those who are already reached out with ideas. Your creativity and flexibility are, and will continue to be, important as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Today we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a time when we pray especially that men and women being called to the priesthood and consecrated life may listen to their Shepherd’s voice and bravely answer that call. Next month I will celebrate the 42nd anniversary of my own ordination. Shepherding this community has been the greatest joy and honor of my priestly life, no less so in these difficult times. I am inspired by the faith and care I witness and experience from each of you and the strength and compassion that is being shown during the challenging time of this pandemic,. Please pray for me, Fr. Rodrigo, Bishop Danny and all clergy that we may continue to be good shepherds to our flocks.

I wish you and your loved ones the gentle care and comforting voice of the Good Shepherd,

Fr. Paul
First Reading For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call. (Acts 2:14A, 36-41)

Psalm The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6)

Second Reading By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Pt 2:20B-25)

Gospel I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved,... (Jn 10:1-10)

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 4
Acts 11:1-8
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5
Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6
Acts 12:24—13:5A
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7
Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27
Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8
Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9. 1--11AB
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9
Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10
Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

In Jesus’ time, the metaphor of the shepherd and the sheep would have been one to which people could easily relate. Shepherds tending and grazing their flocks would have been a common site, and the relationship of people to their domesticated livestock would have been one that most people experienced first-hand. Today these relationships can seem more abstract to those who do not have regular interaction with livestock. The sheep are precious to their owners, they provide warmth with their wool, sustenance with their milk and meat, and a livelihood to those who tend them. Domesticated sheep are also very vulnerable, they rely on the shepherd for protection, for food and water sources and for shelter. Those of us with a pet know that animals do learn their own names, and the sound of their person’s voice. Just so with the sheep, even when they cannot see the shepherd, they can hear him and will follow the sound of his voice. Jesus warns in the Gospel that the sheepfold, the place of safety, can be trespassed by thieves who would climb over the walls. But the sheep are still safe, because they will not follow a stranger’s voice, they will run from that voice towards the voice of the shepherd, calling them to safety in him. The sheepfold is not the guarantor of safety, it is the shepherd. As we relate this to our relationship with our loving God; God does not guarantee that we will not encounter hardships or even dangers, but God does promise to call us to safety in Him, if only we listen to His voice. How and when do you hear the voice of your Shepherd? How might you listen for His voice more, blocking out other voices that may be drawing away for His safe sheepfold?
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.

Daily Prayers

Tuesday, April 28 — The Journey by Mary Oliver

One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began, though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advice—though the whole house began to tremble and you felt the old tug at your ankles. “Mend my life!” each voice cried. But you didn’t stop. You knew what you had to do, though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very foundations, though their melancholy was terrible.

It was already late enough, and a wild night, and the road full of fallen branches and stones. But little by little, as you left their voices behind, the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds, and there was a new voice which you slowly recognized as your own, that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world, determined to do the only thing you could do—determined to save the only life you could save.

Wednesday, April 29 — My Nature is Fire by St. Catherine of Siena

In your nature, eternal God,
I shall come to know my nature.
And what is my nature, boundless love?
It is fire, because you are nothing but a fire of love.
And you have given humankind a share in this nature, for by the fire of love you created us.
And so with all other people and every created thing; you made them out of love.
O ungrateful people!
What nature has your God given you?
His very own nature!
Are you not ashamed to cut yourself off from such a noble thing through the guilt of deadly sin?
O eternal Trinity, my sweet love!
You, light, give us light.
You, wisdom, give us wisdom.
You, supreme strength, strengthen us.
Today, eternal God, let our cloud be dissipated so that we may perfectly know and follow your Truth in truth, with a free and simple heart.
God, come to our assistance!
Lord, make haste to help us!
Amen.
**Daily Prayers (continued)**

**Thursday, April 30 — John 16:32-33**
Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.

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**Friday, May 1 — Prayer to St. Joseph by Paul John XXIII**
O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons and daughters, especially entrusted to you.

You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.

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**Saturday, May 2 — The Guest House by Jellaludin Rumi**
This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor. Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they are a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture, still, treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight. The dark thought, the shame, the malice. meet them at the door laughing and invite them in. Be grateful for whatever comes. because each has been sent as a guide from beyond.
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.

Recently Deceased in our Parish
Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, especially:

Thomas McCullough, John Calcagno, Jovita Martin Cabrera, Jeanne Johnson, Judy Mollner, Ernie Bizzazerio, 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.

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

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**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Sunday May 3, 2020

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

In our Diocese of Monterey, and indeed throughout the United States, the Serra Club is working to promote vocations, as well as to support people pursuing ordination to the priesthood or consecrated life. You can follow the local chapter on Instagram at @SerraMonterey to join them in praying for vocations.

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**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.

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 carmelnighbors.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@carmelnighbors.org

Call: (831) 216-6266
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

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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, please visit our AMA page at carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/
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If you would like to receive weekly news and updates from the Carmel Mission Basilica, sign up to our bulletin distribution list. We send weekly emails which contain:

- Our Pastor’s letter to you
- Our complete online calendar
- A digital version of our weekly bulletin and...
- News and updates of the Carmel Mission

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To find our Channel navigate to youtube.com and search for Carmel Mission Basilica Channel in the search bar at the top.

Click on the Carmel Mission Basilica channel to find all our videos.

If you would like to be notified when we post new videos, be sure to click the red Subscribe button.
Carmel Mission Basilica Website

To add our website to your smartphone home screen, open your web browser and navigate to carmelmission.org and follow the instructions needed for your device.

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