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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



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## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Sunday, July 12, 2020**

To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

— Matthew 13:12



# FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us, "To anyone who has, more is given." We can well imagine this phrase with the word "faith" included; to anyone who has faith, more faith is given. We are relying on faith more than ever in these difficult and uncertain times. As we contemplate the state of the world, it would be easy to overlook the hand of God, but we know, by faith, that we are all in God's hand. The more we trust and have faith in God, the more that faith is returned with the peace of Christ that passes all understanding in our hearts.

Another phrase that comes to mind at the moment is, "there is nothing so constant as change". Indeed, we have experienced yet another change in our re-opening efforts here at Carmel Mission this week. Monterey County, in response to growing numbers of Coronavirus cases in our area, has re-imposed some restrictions. As such, we have had to temporarily close the Basilica and much of the Mission grounds to visitors. The Mission store remains open, and we are able to open the Basilica for Masses only at this time. Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue this Saturday, but in a new location, our Central Courtyard. As always, I encourage you to visit the Advisory Page on our website for all the latest information on these changes. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we navigate the ever-changing demands of protecting the health and well-being of our community.

Last week, we live streamed our 11am Mass for the first time. It was wonderful to have over 500 people join us online for this celebration. Our connections as community of faith continue to evolve and develop. Thank for you being part of our family here at Carmel Mission, we are so appreciative of your presence and your support.

Jesus tells his disciples, "blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear." We are indeed blessed, especially in this perilous time, to have the vision of our Savior always before us, and to hear His voice. Jesus reminds us several times in the Gospel that we need to listen. Listen, not only to Him, but to our brothers and sisters as well. Sometimes the greatest gift we can give someone to is take the time to truly listen to them. This week, I invite you to join me in the act of listening. When we make the space within to listen to God and to one another, we equip ourselves to become the listening ears and the helping hands of Christ in our world.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health, continued hope, and open ears and hearts with which to hear God's message of saving love,

Fr. Paul

# REOPENING ADVISORY

Welcome Back to the Carmel Mission!

## The Carmel Mission Store is open to parishioners and visitors



**STOP** Feeling Sick?  
Stay home when you are sick!

If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms please leave the building and contact your health care provider. Then follow-up with your supervisor.

**DO NOT ENTER** if you have:

- FEVER
- COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH

**STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS**  
Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.

6 ft

### MISSION STORE - NOW OPEN

Wednesday - Saturday  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

### Basilica & Museums closed through July 28

For the safety of our staff and visitors we are requiring everyone to wear a facemask at all times and sanitize your hands before entering the store. It is important that social distance is maintained for the duration of your visit.

Please click the button at the bottom of this page to watch our quick video on the Guidelines for visiting the Mission Store.

Under the new guidelines, our Museums and Basilica are temporarily closed during visits. The Mission Store will remain open to visitors, and Mass will still be held inside the Basilica following the safety guidelines (page 4).

For more information please visit our online Advisory page at [carmelmission.org/carmel-mission-reopening-advisory/](https://carmelmission.org/carmel-mission-reopening-advisory/).

Thank you for your understanding.

### The following buildings will remain closed until further notice.

- Blessed Sacament Chapel
- Crespi Parish Hall
- Basilica
- Carmel Mission Museum
- St. Francis of the Redwoods, Big Sur

Please watch our video:  
[Guidelines for Visiting the Mission Store](#)

# REOPENING ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

## MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

### Masses will be held in the Basilica

**Weekends:** Sunday at 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM in the Central Courtyard

### Reopening Requirements and Logistics

Presently, we are limited to utilizing only 25% of our seating capacity and not to exceed more than 100 persons on the property. We will be operating on a first come, first served basis with no access to the property until 30 minutes before Mass.

By necessity, we are required to rely upon a limited number of staff to implement the safety protocols and support for our masses. This will not be an easy task for them, and we ask for your patience and cooperation as we work diligently to welcome you back.

For more information, visit [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org).

Please watch out video:  
[Guidelines for Returning to Mass](#)



### Guidelines for Attending Mass

The safety of our parishioners, staff, and celebrants is critically important as we come together. Per Diocesan guidelines Parishioners who are medically vulnerable or over the age of 65 should remain at home for now.

**Parking:** Parking for Sunday Masses will be available in the school lot. Access to the Mission will only be available through the JSS lot gate.

Parking for Daily Masses will be in the front parking lot. Access to the Mission will be through the front gates.

**Singing:** All singing and chanting is prohibited in houses of worship at this time.

**Financial stewardship:** We will be taking up a collection at the 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sundays. Electronic giving through [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org) remains a preferred option, but also feel free to bring your weekly offering to Sunday Mass.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to help as monitors and ushers for our Sunday Masses. If you wish to volunteer please email Laura at [liturgy@carmelmission.org](mailto:liturgy@carmelmission.org). Access to the Sanctuary and Sacristy remains restricted to Staff only.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are not available at this time.

For more information, visit [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org).

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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** ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. (*Is 55:10-11*)

**Psalms** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (*Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14*)

**Second Reading** For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; (*Rom 8:18-23*)

**Gospel** "... But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it,..." (*Mt 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9*)

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, July 13

IS 1:10-17  
PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 & 23  
MT 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday, July 14

IS 7:1-9  
PS 48:2-3A, 3B-4, 5-6, 7-8  
MT 11:20-24

### Wednesday, July 15

IS 10:5-7, 13B-16  
PS 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15  
MT 11:25-27

### Thursday, July 16

IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19  
PS 102:13-14AB & 15, 16-18, 19-21  
MT 11:28-30

### Friday, July 17

IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8  
IS 38:10, 11, 12ABCD, 16  
MT 12:1-8

### Saturday, July 18

MI 2:1-5  
PS 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14  
MT 12:14-21

### Sunday, July 19

WIS 12:13, 16-19  
PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
ROM 8:26-27  
MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30

## Scripture Message

In the Gospel today Jesus teaches the crowd using the parable of the seed and the sower. The sower tosses the seed out to an indeterminate fate, depending on where it lands, it may be eaten or fail to thrive. The seed that lands on good fertile soil will grow and thrive, and help to support other lives with its bounty. Jesus goes on to explain the parable, that the seed is the word of God. The different scenarios is how that word is received into our hearts. We can be fertile soil by hearing the word and striving to understand, and allowing that understanding to shape our lives. Jesus says, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." The word of God is for all who have ears, but it is our responsibility to truly listen. Jesus also tells his disciples, "Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear." To see and to hear God is a great privilege. We are called to invite others to listen as well, to prepare the fertile soil that will receive the word and grow and thrive. In all of life's relationships, listening is a crucial skill. In our well-meaning hope to help our brothers and sisters, we may overlook the important step of taking time to listen to them. To see them and to hear them. To hear and to try to understand where they are and where they are coming from. So too, in our life of prayer, in our exuberance to talk to our loving God, we may forget to also listen for His voice. Jesus reminds us today that being able hear the "word of the Kingdom," and receive it into our own hearts is an important part of being the seeing eyes, the hearing ears and the loving hands of Christ in our world.

### *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 weeks ending on 7/05/2020:

#### Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$7,404.56

Weekend: \$ 945.00

Mail Donations: \$2,821.00

Sunday — Masses: \$2,050.00

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**Total Donations: \$13,220.56**



# 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.

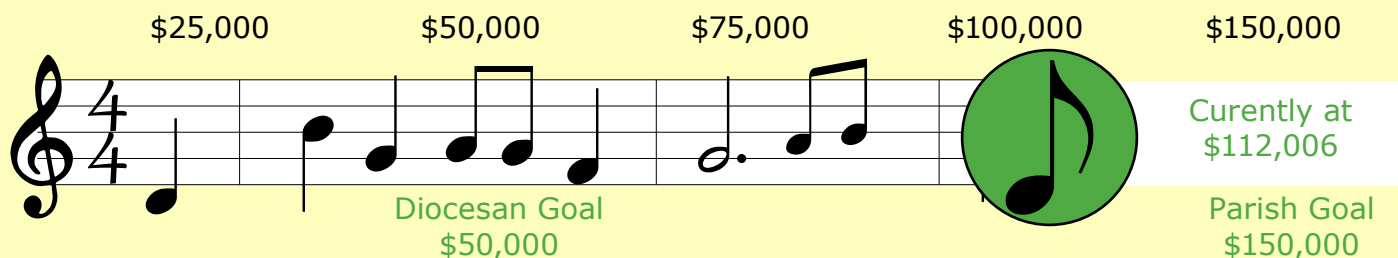
This year our parish campaign is called: Heavenly Sounds, and has as its objective, the enhancement of the sound in our Basilica.

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/)



## *Our Lady of Mount Carmel~ Feast Day July 16*



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Hand Painted statue 10"**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel appeared to Saint Simon, a leader of the Carmelites, in 1251 while he knelt in prayer to the Blessed Virgin. She appeared holding the child Jesus in one arm and the brown scapular in the other. She gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire."

Come see the statues and scapulars that we have at the Mission store. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!



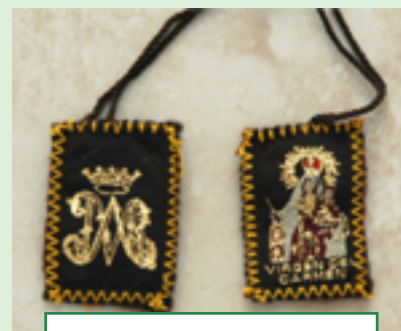
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Hand Carved and Painted  
statue from Italy 8"**



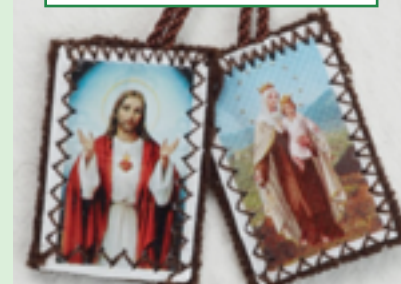
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Sterling Silver Scapular**



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Tapestry**



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Cloth Scapulars**



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, July 7: Wild Geese A Poem by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.  
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.



### Thursday, July 9: Lectio Divina Come and Rest in Me

(Matthew 11:29-30)

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



# 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.

# CALIFORNIA'S SANCTUARY OF LIGHT

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

Between the years of 1793 and 1797, the Old Stone Basilica Church of the Carmel Mission was designed and constructed by Manuel Ruiz and his brother, master mason Santiago Ruiz of San Blas, Mexico. They built our missionary church according to mandated construction practices of the era that were formed to express liturgical meaning throughout the sacred space of the Mission Church.

The iconic Star of Bethlehem window and the façade of the old church reflect this liturgical expression in that they are orientated in such a way that it creates a stunning solar alignment to the Mission Basilica Church every year. In the weeks before and after the period anchored to the summer solstice, a wondrous illumination of the Mission sanctuary can be witnessed. In these many days, weather permitting, the morning sunlight processes over the hills of Jack's Peak and floods the church's window and doorway with concentrated sunlight.

This unique architectural display and use of natural light was a mandated liturgical practice, as seen in the writings of Saint Charles Borromeo's the patron saint of the Carmel Mission. Older Churches throughout the world, here in California and as far away as the Philippines have similar illuminations that can be witnessed differing times of the year depending on the orientation of those churches.



The understanding of how to create this amazing display of light has been practiced since ancient times throughout the world. The Carmel Mission Basilica was constructed to be oriented on a 60-degree azimuth (East North East). This puts the alignment of the church in sync with the sun when it is at its greatest distance north from the celestial equator and marks the longest day of the year in our region of the world. This year the date of the summer solstice is Saturday, June 20.

The Illuminations of the Mission sanctuary create a deeper liturgical meaning when we consider the feast days following the Easter season. This includes the Ascension of Christ, Pentecost, and Corpus Christi. Additionally, we know from tradition and historical writings of the Mission Franciscan Friars, that the statue image of Our Lady of Bethlehem with Christ as a child was originally centered in the sanctuary above the altar and tabernacle — signifying the birth of Christ and Mary's importance to the Faith. Witnessed from this perspective the illumination of Mission sanctuary, through the mediums of art and architecture, perfectly illuminates the life, ministry, resurrection, and salvation offered by the Light of Christ.





## Sick in the Parish

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

Nancy Buchanan, 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:

Paul Marto,	John Calcagno,	Mary Dills,
Sally Fitzpatrick,	Jovita Martin Cabrera,	Elinor Laiolo,
Kathleen Conley,	Jeanne Johnson,	Dr. Maria Gurney,
Nicacia Lares Ramos,	Judy Mollner,	Frank Crivello,
Carla Coniglio,	Ernie Bizzazero,	
Thomas McCullough,	Bob Condry,	

... 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.

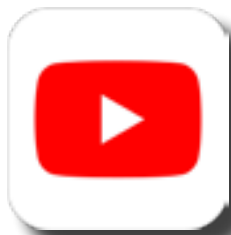
## Prayer Requests and Special Intentions

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**

## Connect With Us

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.



### Join Us On YouTube to Watch:

**Weekly Mass,  
Daily Prayers, and  
Important Updates**

[youtube.com/channel/UC2Pj\\_cHvTv2RaeretSk9Caw](https://youtube.com/channel/UC2Pj_cHvTv2RaeretSk9Caw)

### Need Technical Help?

We are available to assist you with any technical questions. Please emails us at [help@carmelmission.org](mailto:help@carmelmission.org).

## Sign up for our Bulletin and Weekly Email from Fr. Paul

The Carmel Mission sends out a weekly email with:

- Father Paul's Message
- Weekly Streaming Mass
- Weekly Bulletin
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- and More!

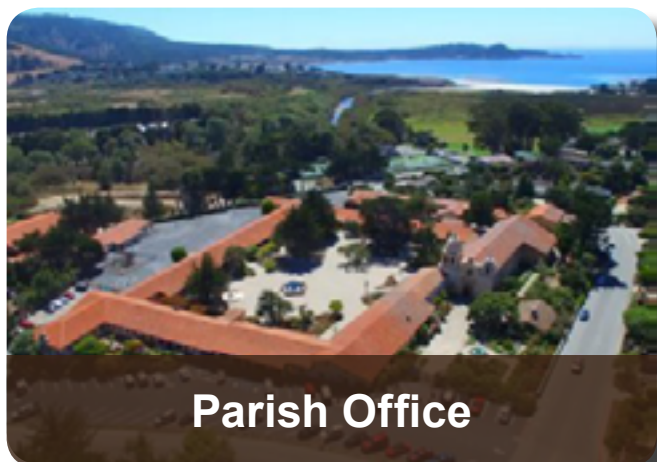




# CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT.

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 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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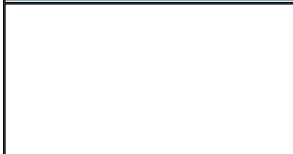
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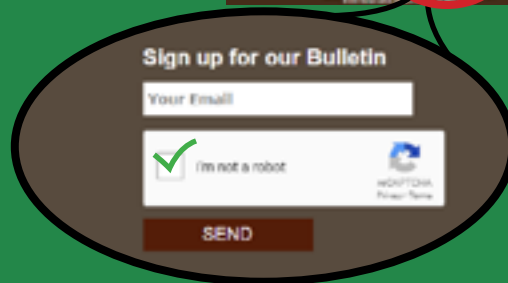
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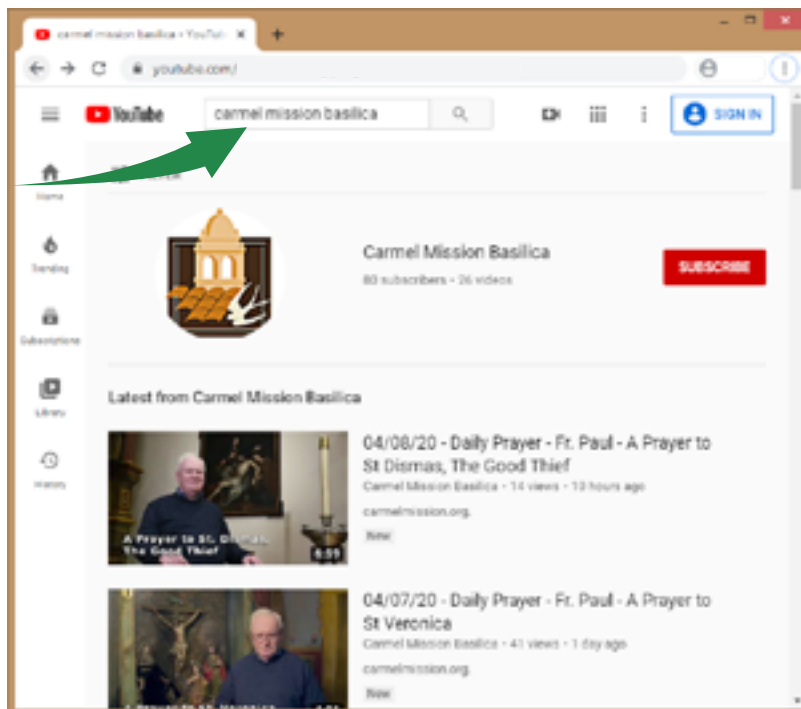


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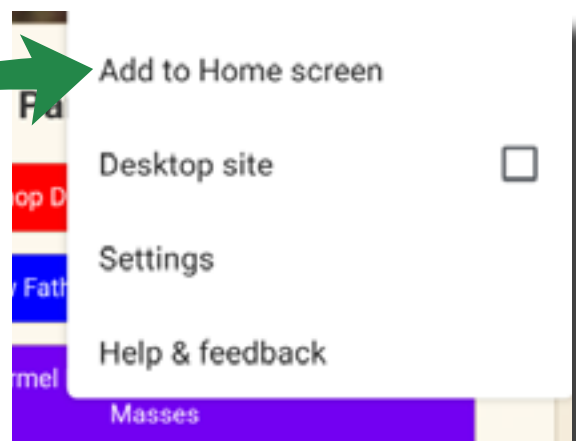
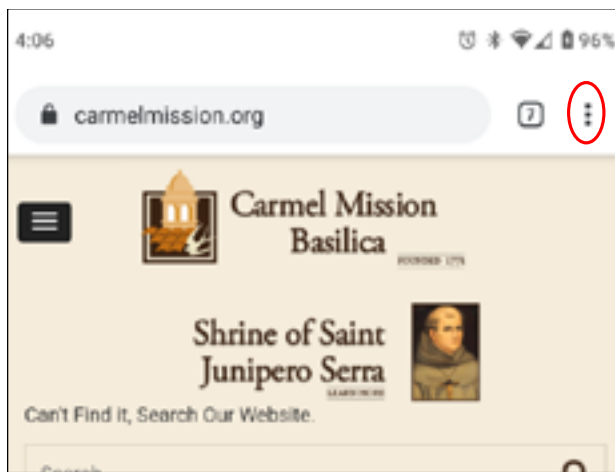


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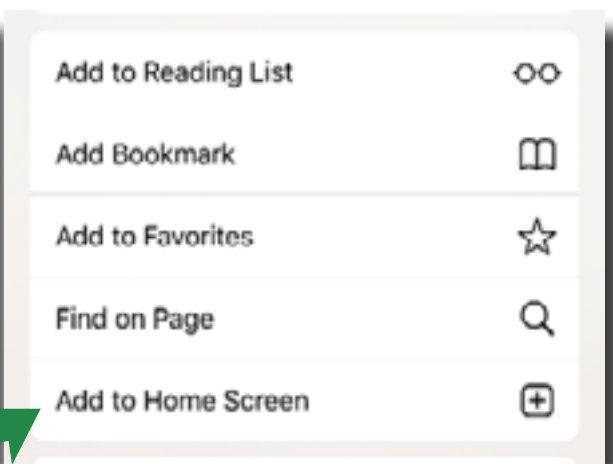
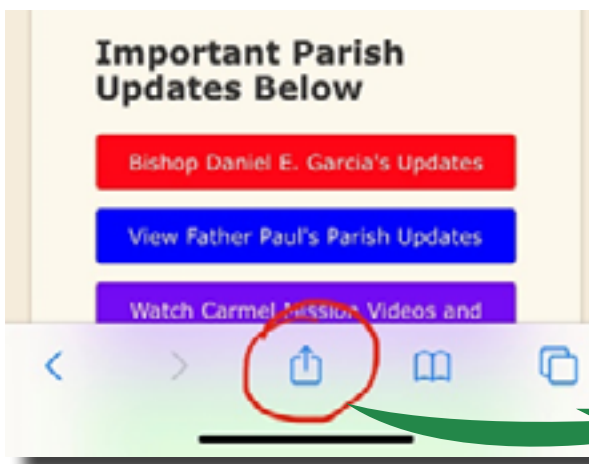


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