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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 19, 2020

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants... and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

— Matthew 13:31-32



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

I wrote in my weekly letter last week that, "nothing is as constant as change." How true that is in these uncertain and unpredictable times. As you are likely aware, we are adapting again this week to new guidelines and restrictions in Monterey County that affect the celebration of Mass.

On Monday, Governor Newsom ordered all houses of worship to suspend indoor services in the 30 counties currently experiencing spikes in COVID-19 cases, including our own county of Monterey. Outdoor services, where feasible, are still allowed. Following Diocesan guidance, we will be celebrating the Mass outdoors in our Central Courtyard beginning this Sunday, July 19, at 8:30 AM and 11 AM. The 11 AM Mass will continue to be livestreamed on our website, carmelmisison.org, for those who cannot join us in person. Bishop Garcia's dispensation from attending Sunday Mass remains in place.

The Basilica and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are closed until further notice, and there will be no Daily Mass at this time. We will continue to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Central Courtyard on Saturday from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, and the Mission Store remains open to welcome our visitors and parishioners. We will be expanding our Daily Prayer Message schedule to Monday - Friday beginning Monday, July 20, so please do join us online each morning to reflect and pray together.

I cannot thank you enough for your support and flexibility as we navigate these difficult and ever-changing times. The health and safety of our parishioners, staff and visitors remains our first and guiding priority. We are very fortunate that our courtyard will allow us to continue to celebrate the Mass together at this time. We are blessed that not only do we have adequate outdoor space to allow us to continue to celebrate Mass, but that it is a truly beautiful setting, made even more enjoyable by our recent re-paving and other improvements.

I invite you to visit our [Advisory Page](#) on the website, where you will find all the latest information on these and all current conditions at the Mission. It is updated daily and will be the best source of up to date information.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed. The tiny seed that grows to a large, strong bush that provides homes for all the birds. In these challenging times, we all must foster the mustard seed of our own faith, encouraging its growth. Our world needs great strong mustard bushes that can spread their branches and provide shelter for many. With your support, Carmel Mission can continue to be such a mustard bush in our community.

I continue to wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health,
renewed hope, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
Fr. Paul

REOPENING ADVISORY

Welcome Back to the Carmel Mission!

The Celebration of Sunday Mass: New Times, New Place



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

All Masses will be held outdoors in the Central Courtyard

Sunday Mass:

8:30 AM
11:00 AM

Weekday (Daily) Mass:

Suspended until further notice.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday:

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Central Courtyard

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The following buildings will remain closed until further notice.

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

MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

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Weekday (Daily) Mass: Suspended until further notice.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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.

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 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. 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.

REOPENING ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

THE CARMEL MISSION STORE

MISSION STORE - NOW OPEN

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

Sunday 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Basilica & Museums closed until further notice.

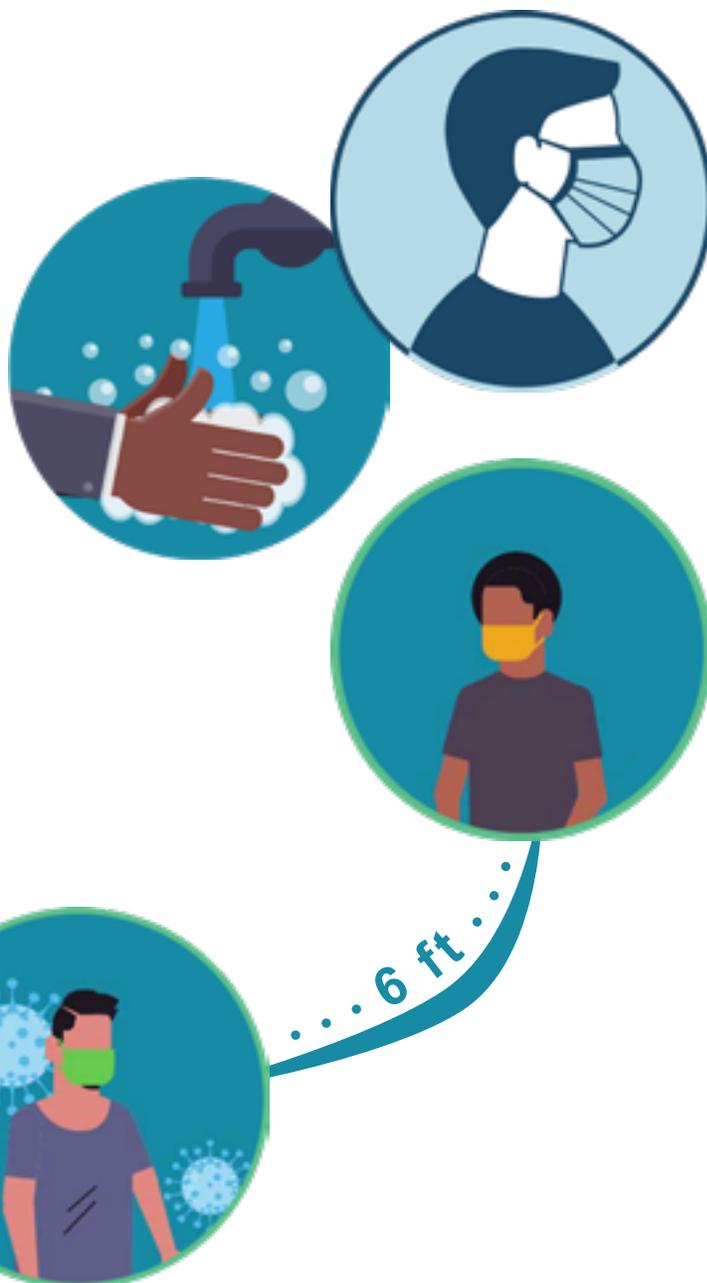
For the safety of our staff and visitors we are requiring everyone to wear a facemask at all times and sanitize your hands before entering the store. It is important that social distance is maintained for the duration of your visit. Please click the button at the bottom of this page to watch our quick 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 remains open to welcome our visitors and parishioners.

For more information please visit our online Advisory page at carmelmission.org/carmel-mission-reopening-advisory/.

Thank you for your understanding.

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



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.***

Today's Readings

First Reading And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.. (WIS 12:13, 16-19)

Psalm Lord, you are good and forgiving. (PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16)

Second Reading The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; (ROM 8:26-27)

Gospel It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. (MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30)

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 20

MI 6:1-4, 6-8
PS 50:5-6, 8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23
MT 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21

MI 7:14-15, 18-20
PS 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
MT 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22

SGS 3:1-4B
PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
JN 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23

JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
PS JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
MT 13:10-17

Friday, July 24

JER 3:14-17
JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13
MT 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25

2 COR 4:7-15
PS 126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6
MT 20:20-28

Sunday, July 26

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12
PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
ROM 8:28-30
MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46

Scripture Message

In the Gospel today, Jesus is again teaching the people with parables. The first two, the wheat and the weeds and the mustard seed embrace what Pope Francis calls "the logic of the unpredictability of God." We would expect that the farmer would uproot the weeds, what gardener doesn't enjoy some weeding? We would not imagine that the largest bush, providing shelter and perches for all the birds, would grow from the tiniest seed. We are reminded that God's ways are not our ways. We cannot always rely on our own ways of thinking to lead us to the actions God would have us take. The farmer allows the wheat and the weeds to grow up together. He does not fear that the weeds will choke out or poison the wheat, he is confident that he can sort it out at harvest time. So too, with God and the Church. God is perfectly aware of the weeds growing among the wheat, He does not need us to remind Him or take up the task of uprooting the weeds ourselves. We need only attend to growing ourselves in anticipation of the harvest when God will do any necessary weeding. This is easier said than done, allowing God to work in God's time and in God's ways requires patience and faith. But when we truly give over to God what is God's prerogative alone, we find that we are freer to attend to our own growth, to nurture the seed of our faith to grow into a large and helpful bush. How are you growing the mustard seed of your faith?

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 7/12/2020:

Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$5,239.56

Weekend: \$ 800.00

Mail Donations: \$5,070.00

Sunday — Masses: \$1,951.00

Total Donations: \$13,060.56



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/

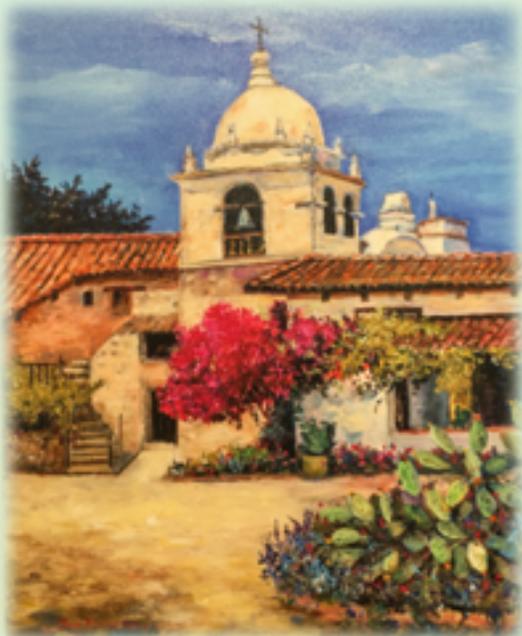
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California Missions by Local Artist, Mary Allen

Local artist and Carmel Mission Basilica parishioner, Mary Allen, is an oil and water color painter. Her range of subjects vary from fields of agriculture to the beautiful old California Missions. Come by the Museum Store to see her original paintings now for sale. Her art is also available in giclée, box notes and greeting cards.



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 14: Digging – A Poem By Seamus Heaney

Digging

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.

Under my window, a clean rasping sound
When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
My father, digging. I look down

Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
Bends low, comes up twenty years away
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
Where he was digging.

The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep
To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.

By God, the old man could handle a spade.
Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
To drink it, then fell to right away
Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
Over his shoulder, going down and down
For the good turf. Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.



Thursday, July 16: Lectio Divina The Seed and the Sower

Matthew 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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



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

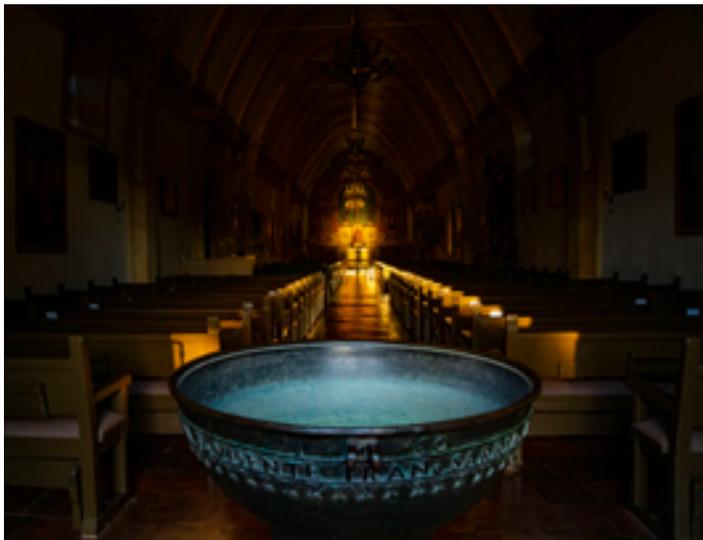
CALIFORNIA'S SANCTUARY OF LIGHT

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

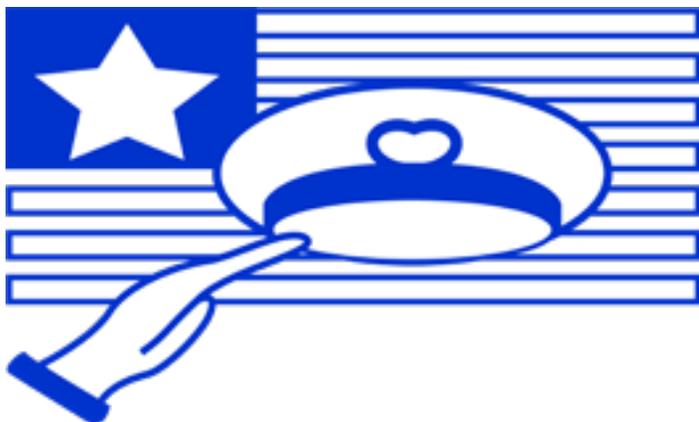


Recently Deceased in our Parish

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

Dr. Janusz Belza,	Thomas McCullough,	Bob Condry,
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,	

... 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.



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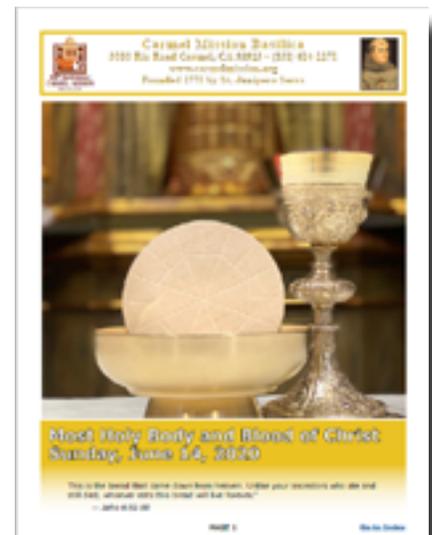
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CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT.

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 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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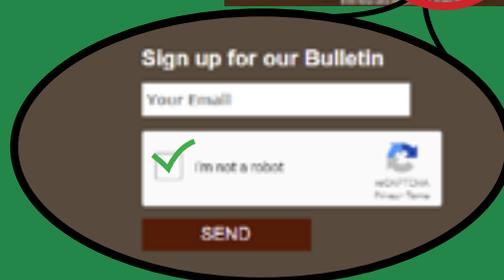
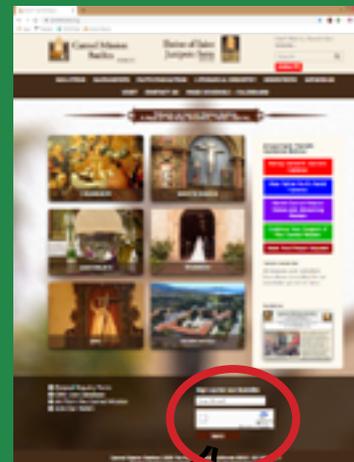
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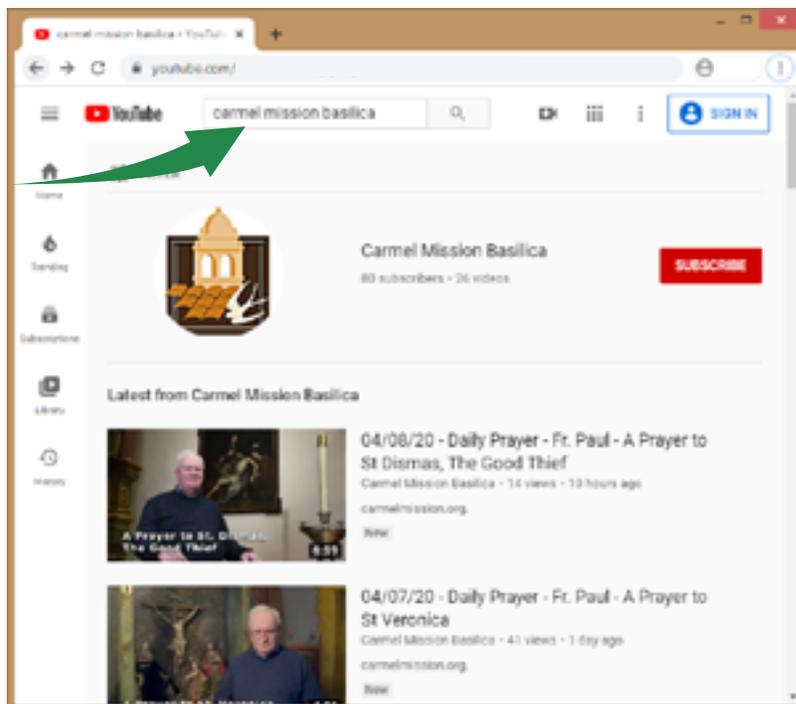


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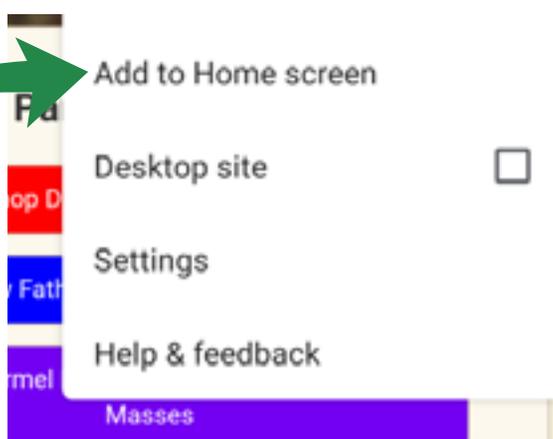


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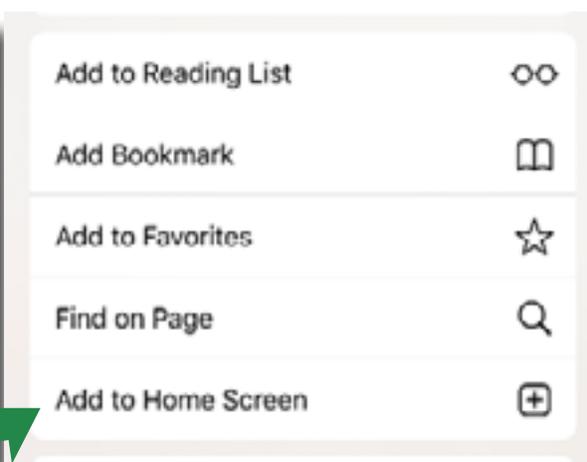
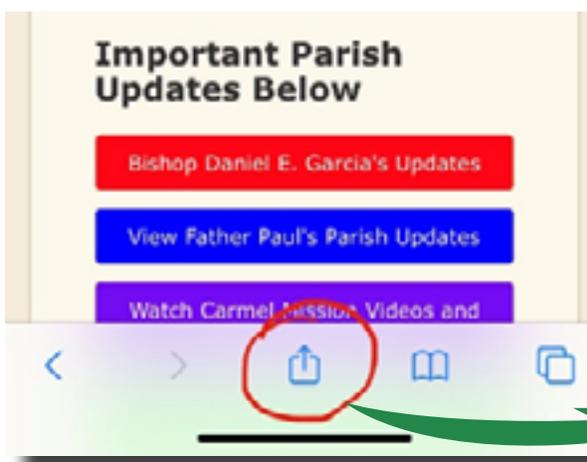


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