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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, July 26, 2020

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field...”

— *Matthew 13:44*



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

We hear in the second reading one of my favorite lines from Sacred Scripture, the one which I chose for my ordination card, "All things work for good for those who love God." It may admittedly be difficult to see and feel the hand of God, working for good in our current perilous times, but our faith assures us that He is there. Indeed, we can see our loving God working for good in the members of our community who continue to worship together, to pray together, and to lift each other up.

It feels like we have been through all possible permutations of lockdown scenarios, though saying that may just be tempting fate to offer us a few more. When we first went under the Shelter in Place order in March, we pivoted quickly to develop our community online and continue to celebrate the Mass together virtually when we could not be together in person. As restrictions lifted somewhat and we were able to gather in the Basilica for Mass, albeit in a new fashion, we continued to offer the Mass online via a live-stream for those who are not able or did not feel ready to attend Mass in person. Last week, new restrictions took the Sunday Mass outdoors into our Courtyard, but as we learned on Sunday, technical difficulties prohibit the high-quality streaming Mass we wish to continue to offer for those who are joining us online. As such, we are returning to the streaming Mass model we developed during Shelter in Place, and this Mass will be available online via our website, carmelmission.org, early on Sunday morning. We will also continue to offer Mass outdoors in the Courtyard at 8:30am and 11am on Sunday. In these ways we hope to serve the needs of our diverse community and hope that you will be able to join us to worship each Sunday, either online or in person.

Our Parish Office remains closed at this time, but when we are able to re-open again to welcome you, it will be in a new location. It is no longer located in the rectory, but has moved to the school office building. All deliveries are being directed to this new location, and when the office is able to re-open again safely, we hope you will come and visit us there.

As the world navigates the Coronavirus crises, each turn in the road offers new challenges that must be negotiated and overcome. Here at Carmel Mission it is your support what allows us to continue to do so, serving our community and keeping our vital, essential ministries of service alive and in action.

In the first reading we hear the story of King Solomon, who asked God for an understanding heart, and whose wisdom and leadership became a thing of legend. Solomon was driven by a desire to serve God's people. I know that this same desire for service drives our community of Carmel Mission, and so our request to God this week is like Solomon's, "Grant your servant an understanding heart."

I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, renewed hope and great peace,

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:

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Central Courtyard

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. We are very fortunate that our courtyard will allow us to continue to celebrate the Mass together at this time.

Please visit our [Advisory Page](#) on our 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.

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

REOPENING ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

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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.

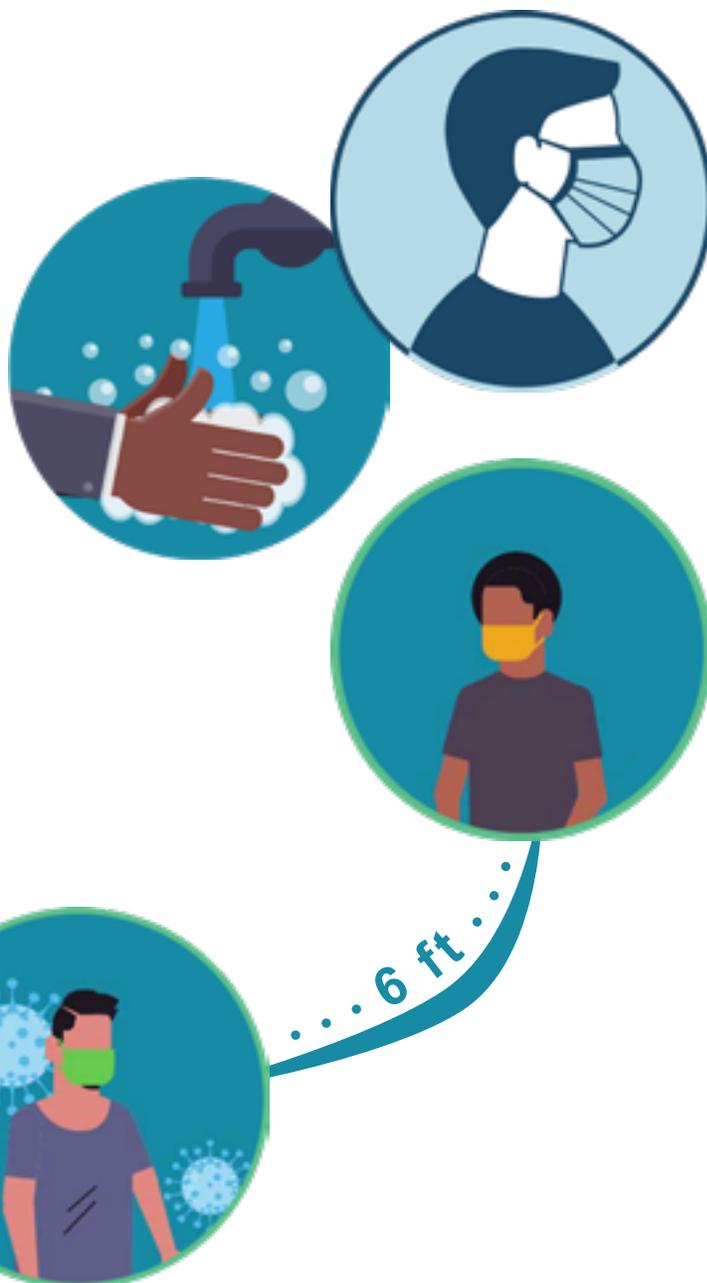
For the safety of our staff and visitors we are requiring everyone to wear a facemask at all times and sanitize your hands before entering the store. It is important that social distance is maintained for the duration of your visit. Please click the button at the bottom of this page to watch our quick 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 "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." (1 KGS 3:5, 7-12)

Psalms Lord, I love your commands (PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130)

Second Reading ... all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (ROM 8:28-30)

Gospel "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46)

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 27

JER 13:1-11
DT 32:18-19, 20, 21
MT 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28

JER 14:17-22
PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13
MT 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29

JER 15:10, 16-21
PS 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
JN 11:19-27

Thursday, July 30

JER 18:1-6
PS 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB
MT 13:47-53

Friday, July 31

JER 26:1-9
PS 69:5, 8-10, 14
MT 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1

JER 26:11-16, 24
PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
MT 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2

IS 55:1-3
PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
ROM 8:35, 37-39
MT 14:13-21

Scripture Message

St. Paul reminds us today that, "all things work for good for those who love God." That is certainly true for the people in the first two of Jesus' parables. The field worker who finds the treasure and joyfully does all he can to possess it, and the merchant who finds the perfect pearl and gladly sells all he has to purchase it. The Kingdom of God, once found, is beyond price, and anyone who finds it is not only willing to sacrifice all to attain it, but does so joyfully. It is interesting to note that the two individuals in this parable come upon the treasure in markedly different ways. The merchant is a purveyor of pearls, always on the hunt to the perfect one. The field worker has no idea that the treasure is there, but when he discovers it, stumbles upon it really, his joy is so overwhelming, he quickly does all he can to be sure he never loses it again. There is no one path or one way in which we can find the Kingdom of God. King Solomon, in the first reading, manifests the truth that all things work for good for those who love God. Because he requests the wisdom, the understanding heart, to serve God's people best, God grants his request. King Solomon's request comes from love, the love of God's people and the desire to lead them justly; thus it is granted to his and his people's benefit. God is always working in the world, finding those who seek Him, and waiting for those who will stumble upon Him. God hears every request made from love, and works in our hearts and in our lives to grant those requests, not always in the way as we would wish or anticipate, but as God knows we need. How did you discover the Kingdom of God? How do you continue foster the love of God's commands in your heart?

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 7/19/2020:

Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$5,060.11
Weekend: \$ 690.00

Mail Donations: \$6,300.00
Sunday — Masses: \$1,213.00

Total Donations: \$13,263.11



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/

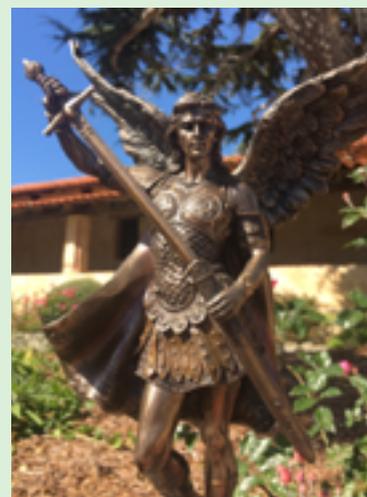
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



Saint Michael the Archangel is God's most trusted angel, a heavenly messenger who carries out His every command. Michael means one who is like God. Saint Michael is a fierce and powerful warrior, protector, and guardian.

Saint Michael is the guardian of Israel and the protector of the Church. When the angel Lucifer—Satan— and his other bad angels started a war in heaven, Michael and his good angels fought them and drove them out of heaven.

Because he is the protector and defender of God's people as well as the angel who brings souls to judgement, Saint Michael the Archangel is recognized today as the patron of police officers, Armed Forces, and all those who keep us safe.



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

Monday, July 20:

Pope Francis on the Mustard Seed
Angelus Address June 17, 2018

The action of grace is the like the growth of seeds planted in a garden. Indeed, God often works in ways that are both unknown and surprising, but which always bring fruit, and because of this it is important to always trust and never lose faith.

If one looks back at history, it can seem like the world is going in an opposite direction to the design of the heavenly Father, who wants justice, brotherhood and peace for all of his children. We Catholics, are invited to live these periods as seasons of trial, hope and of vigilant waiting for the harvest.

Both in the past and today, the Kingdom of God grows in the world in a mysterious and surprising way, awakening the hidden power of the small seed and its victorious vitality.

Inside the wounds of personal and social events which at times seem to mark the shipwreck of hope, we must remain confident and in the subdued but powerful action of God. Because of this, when moments of darkness and difficulty come along, we must not break down, but remain anchored to the fidelity of God and to his presence, which always saves...Remember this: God always saves, he's the savior.

In the parable of the mustard seed we see how the small seed grows to become one of the biggest plants in the garden, which is an unpredictable, surprising growth.

It's not easy for us to enter into this logic of the unpredictability of God and to accept it in our



lives. The Lord encourages each of us to have an attitude of faith which overcomes our own projects, our calculations, our provisions.

Every community must pay special attention to the small and the great opportunities for goodness that the Lord offers to us, allowing us to be involved in his dynamics of love, of welcome, and of mercy toward all.

The authenticity of the Church's mission, is not measured by success or the gratification of results, but by going forward with the courage of trust and the humility of abandonment to God.

It's the knowledge of being small and weak instruments, which in the hands of God and with his grace can fulfill great works, advancing his Kingdom, which is justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Tuesday, July 21:

Putting in the Seed by Robert Frost

You come to fetch me from my work to-night
When supper's on the table, and we'll see
If I can leave off burying the white
Soft petals fallen from the apple tree.
(Soft petals, yes, but not so barren quite,
Mingled with these, smooth bean and wrinkled pea;)
And go along with you ere you lose sight
Of what you came for and become like me,
Slave to a springtime passion for the earth.
How Love burns through the Putting in the Seed
On through the watching for that early birth
When, just as the soil tarnishes with weed,
The sturdy seedling with arched body comes
Shouldering its way and shedding the earth crumbs.



Wednesday, July 22:

What I have learned so Far – by Mary Oliver

Meditation is old and honorable, so why should I
not sit, every morning of my life, on the hillside,
looking into the shining world? Because, properly
attended to, delight, as well as havoc, is suggestion.
Can one be passionate about the just, the
ideal, the sublime, and the holy, and yet commit
to no labor in its cause? I don't think so.

All summations have a beginning, all effect has a
story, all kindness begins with the sown seed.
Thought buds toward radiance. The gospel of
light is the crossroads of —indolence, or action.

Be ignited, or be gone.



Thursday, July 23: Lectio Divina

The Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31 – 32

He proposed another parable to them.

“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.

It becomes a large bush,

and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’”



Friday, July 24:



The Seed-Shop by Muriel Stewart

Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie,
Faded as crumbled stone or shifting sand,
Forlorn as ashes, shriveled, scentless, dry -
Meadows and gardens running through my hand.

In this brown husk a dale of hawthorn dreams;
A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust
That will drink deeply of a century’s streams;
These lilies shall make summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple house of death,
Sealed in their shells, a million roses leap;
Here I can blow a garden with my breath,
And in my hand a forest lies asleep.

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

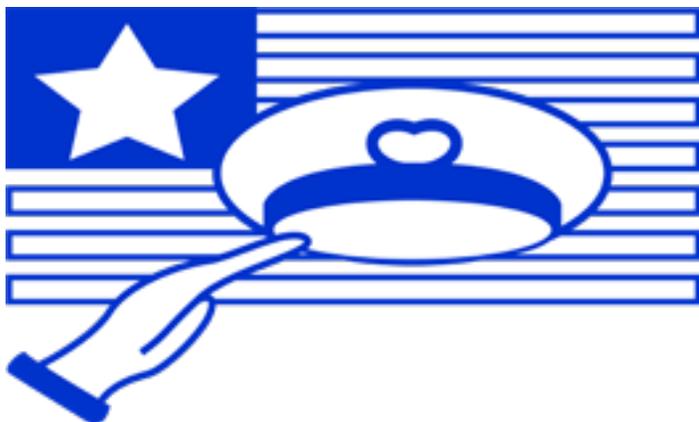


Recently Deceased in our Parish

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.

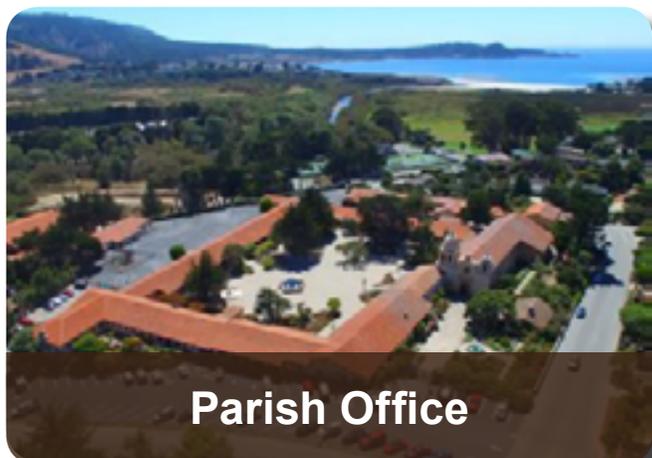
**Send Your
Prayer Request**



CONNECT, 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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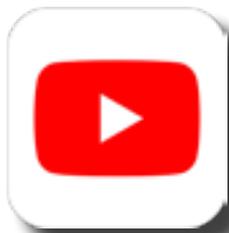
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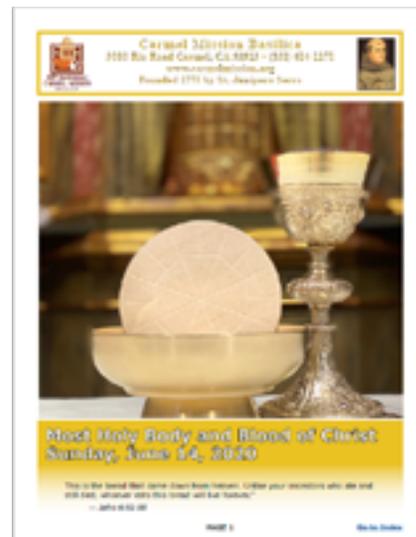
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- Weekly Bulletin
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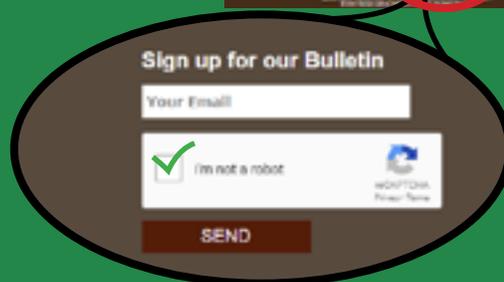
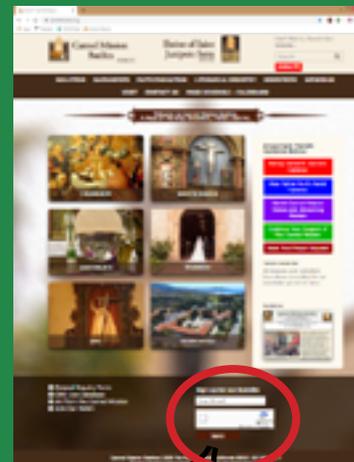
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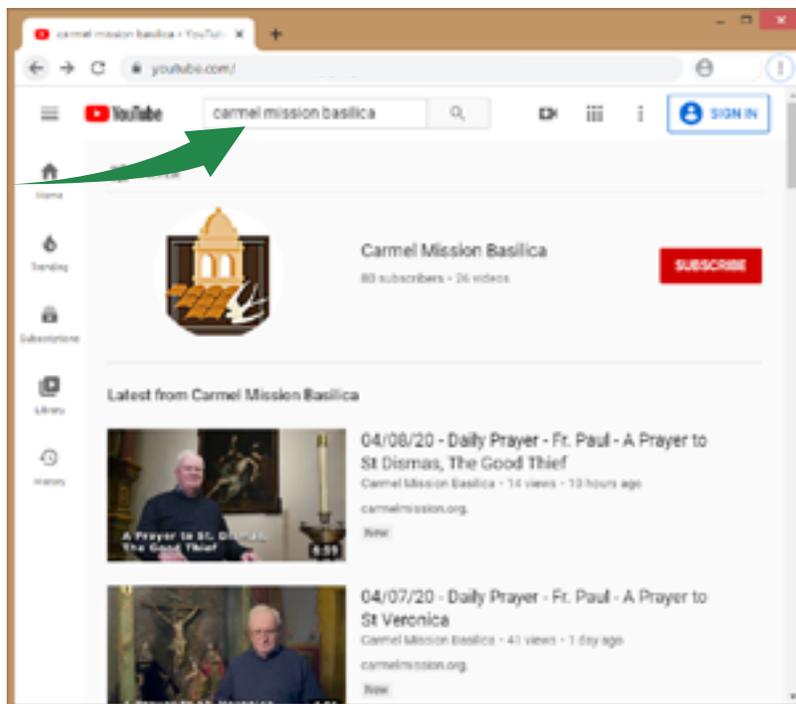


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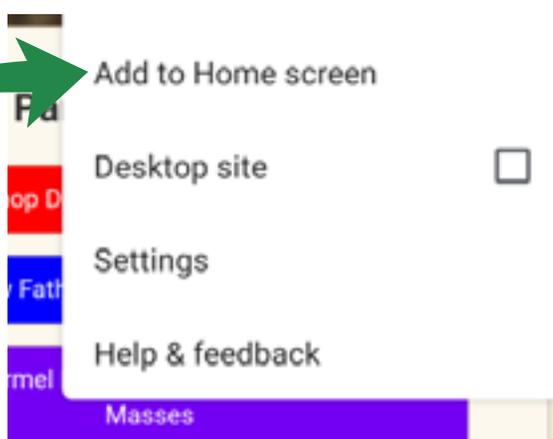
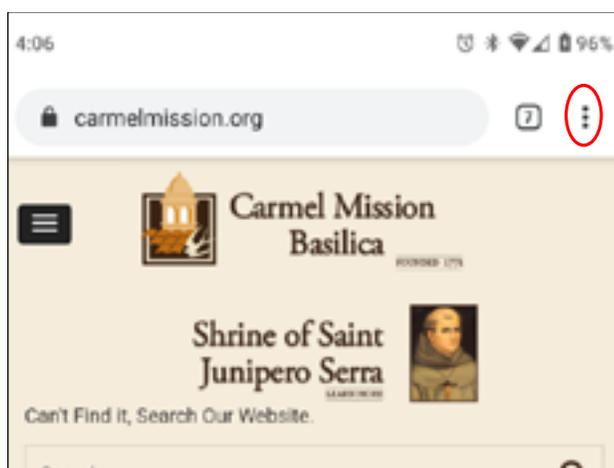


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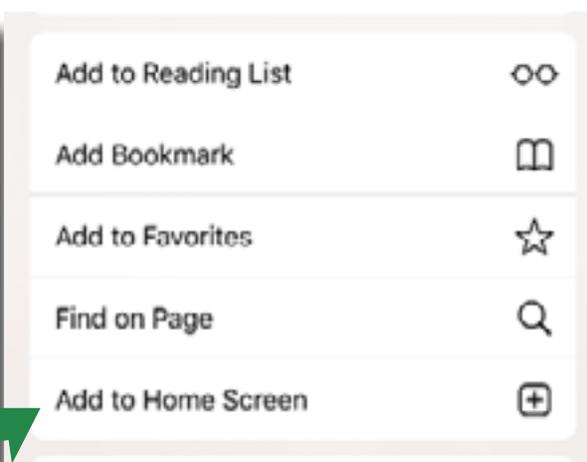
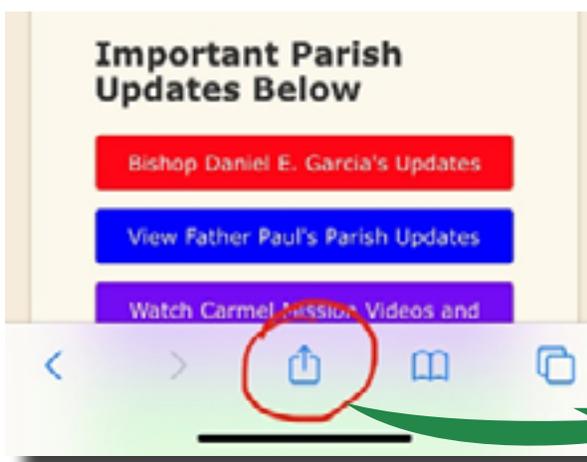


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