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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 16, 2020

All who keep the sabbath without profaning it and hold fast to my covenant,
Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of
prayer; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

— *Isaiah 56:6-7*



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the first reading from the Book of Isaiah we hear a beautiful description of what God envisions God's church to be. All who join themselves to the Lord are welcome, they will be made joyful in God's house of prayer, and God's house will be a house of prayer for all peoples. Sounds pretty perfect, right? Indeed, this is the image of our Church that God has, and that we try to make a reality. Unfortunately, we know that the Church, and sometimes we ourselves, fall short of this ideal.

Last week I talked about fear, and how fear can divide and imperil us. This image of the Church from Isaiah is an antidote to that fear. To be the Church that God imagines is profoundly simple but requires us to remove all preconceptions about our brothers and sisters. If they are joining us for worship, they are joining themselves to the Lord, and God is happy that they are here, and so are we. This is how we become "a house of prayer for all peoples."

Our house of prayer has taken on some different forms in the past months thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, our own homes became houses of prayer as we joined together online for the streaming Mass. For many, this remains the way in which we worship together, a way we had not imagined less than six months ago! Now we are also able to celebrate the Mass outdoors in our courtyard, and with record attendance at last Sunday's masses, we demonstrate we are continuing to serve God's people as a house of prayer such as Isaiah describes. I thank you all for what you do to make this possible.

In his homily last week, Fr. Rodrigo talked about the short simple prayers we can offer when other words fail us. One such prayer is that of the Canaanite woman in the Gospel this weekend, "Lord, help me." I invite you to join me in making this our prayer for the week; *Lord, help us to open our hearts and minds to continue to serve you and your people. Help us to make Carmel Mission a house of prayer for all peoples, and a place where your people come in joy and hope. Amen.*

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

Fr. Paul

REOPENING ADVISORY

Welcome Back to the Carmel Mission!

New Guidelines Video for Our Outdoor Masses



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



In response to moving our weekly masses outdoors to the Central Courtyard, our Communications Team have put together and released a new informative video about the Guidelines for Mass Outdoors.

Click the image above to watch the video. All this information is also available on our website's advisory page.

We ask that everyone take a few minutes to watch our short Guidelines video especially if you plan to attend one of our Sunday Masses.

The following buildings will remain closed until further notice.

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

[Click here to go our Online Advisory Page](#)

REOPENING ADVISORY (CONTINUED)

MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Masses in Central Courtyard

Sunday Mass:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday (Daily) Mass: *Suspended until further notice.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM 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.

Please watch our video:
[Guidelines for Mass Outdoors](#)



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.

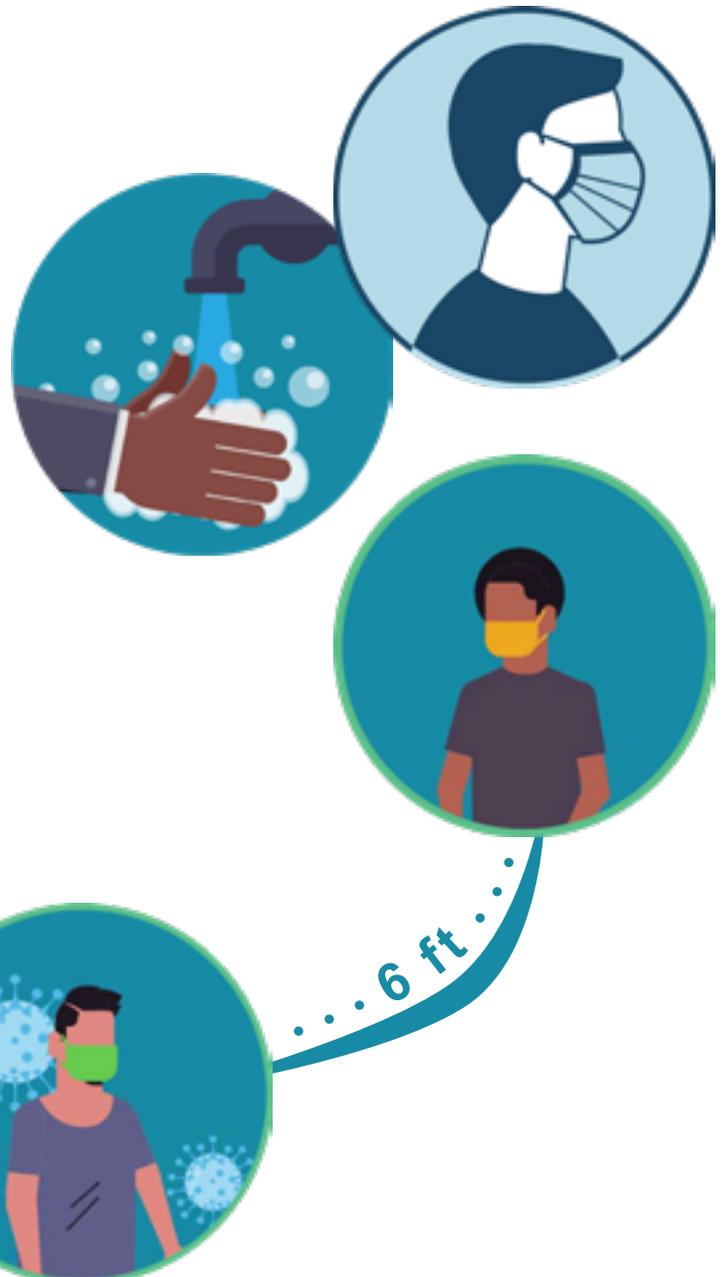
For the safety of our staff and visitors we are requiring everyone to wear a face mask at all times and sanitize your hands before entering the store. It is important that social distance is maintained for the duration of your visit. Please click the button at the bottom of this page to watch our quick 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 ...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
(*IS 56:1, 6-7*)

Psalms O God, let all the nation praise you! (*PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*)

Second Reading God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (*ROM 11:13-15, 29-32*)

Gospel "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. (*MT 15:21-28*)

Readings for the Week

Monday, August 17

EZ 24:15-23
DT 32:18-19, 20, 21
MT 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18

EZ 28:1-10
DT 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30,
35CD-36AB
MT 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19

EZ 34:1-11
PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
MT 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20

EZ 36:23-28
PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
MT 22:1-14

Friday, August 21

EZ 37:1-14
PS 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
MT 22:34-40

Saturday, August 22

EZ 43:1-7AB
PS 85:9AB & 10, 11-12, 13-14
MT 23:1-12

Sunday, August 23

IS 22:19-23
PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
ROM 11:33-36
MT 16:13-20

Scripture Message

In the Gospel today we see Jesus initially resist the pleas of the Canaanite woman. In Jesus' time, the Canaanites were virtual outcasts. They had been displaced by the Israelites and even for a time enslaved by them. They were given no standing in society. Jesus even insults the woman, comparing her to a dog. The Canaanite woman is not deterred, she knows Jesus can save her daughter and she persists, turning His insult around, and ultimately so impressing Him with her faith that He grants her request. It is a little shocking to see Jesus initially react with such callous indifference and intolerance. Jesus' claim, that he came only for the lost sheep of Israel shows how His own understanding of His work and mission evolves over time, evidence of His human nature. After the Resurrection He tells the disciples to "go and teach all nations." (Matt 28:19) Jesus' mission expands to include all people, not just the chosen people of Israel. This encounter is also an example of persistence. The Canaanite woman knows what she needs, she knows Jesus can provide it, and she is not going to leave without His help. She is not angered at insult, but she does not retreat either. Life sometimes requires this kind of persistence and this kind of faith. We cannot give up on God if we do not receive an immediate answer to prayer, we must return again and again, knowing only He can help us, and showing our faith by placing our trust in Him. How do you persist with 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 8/2/2020:

Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$6,779.56

Weekend: \$ 820.00

Mail Donations: \$4,819.00

Sunday — Masses: \$ 1,741.00

Total Donations: \$14,159.56



Annual Ministry Appeal 2020

Heavenly Sounds

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

At this time of uncertainty and suffering I am happy to be able to report some very good news in regard to our Heavenly Sounds campaign.

As many of you are aware the focus of our AMA fundraising campaign this year is to provide much needed upgrades and repairs to our beautiful Casavant organ and to improve and enhance our sound systems both in the Basilica and in our Courtyards.

Just as the campaign was beginning to gain momentum, our nation was struck with the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to grip us today. Thanks to your enormous generosity we are able, even in these difficult times, to make forward progress in the Heavenly Sounds campaign.

The Carmel Mission Foundation, whose purpose is to raise funding for the preservation and restoration of our beautiful Mission, has had oversight of our Organ Restoration Fund. The donations to this fund (totaling over \$50,000) have been handed over to our parish and will be used exclusively for the restoration of our Casavant organ. I wish to thank all who have contributed to this worthy cause over the years.

The current conditions have warranted the enhancements to our outdoor sound capability in ways we could not have imagined when the campaign began. We plan to purchase a portable sound system, which will allow a sustainable way forward to holding Mass in the Central Courtyard, and also be very useful for delivering sound wherever it is needed in either Courtyard when we return to our usual events and especially as we look forward to special events in celebration of the 250th anniversary of our founding in 2021.

The campaign continues and still needs your support. While we have been able to make progress on some of our goals, we continue to hope to be able to accomplish all we envisioned with our Heavenly Sounds campaign, including installed video cameras for the continued live streaming of Masses as well as to improve the quality of the sound in the Basilica and complete the first phase of the organ restoration project. All this will only be possible with your generous support.

Please stay tuned for future updates, and thank you for prayerfully considering a donation to our Heavenly Sounds campaign.

We all look forward to raising our voices in praise of our God again soon and enjoying the beautiful music in our Basilica.

Blessings of good health and renewed hope,
Fr. Paul



For more information, visit our AMA page at carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/



10" Our Lady of Fatima hand painted cold cast bronze statue

"Miracle of the Sun"

The Story

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared 6 times to 3 shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed.

The Miracle

The date was October 13, 1917, in Fatima. On that date, 70,000 people came to see the phenomenon. The miracle occurred with the sun. All could stare perfectly at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. While all were watching the sun, it rotated, got large and small, got close to the people, and got far away from them. The sun "danced". Every single person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance, even non-believers who immediately dropped onto their knees and begged forgiveness.



10" Our Lady of Fatima hand painted statue



8"- 12" Fatima Statues



15" Our Lady of Fatima panel



8" Fatima with children statue

EDWARD L. SOBERANES

November 13, 1935 - August 2, 2020



It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that our beloved "organist emeritus" Ed Soberanes has gone home to God.

Ed's whole life was truly one of service, service to God, service to music, to our community and to his brothers and sisters.

From 1974-2011 Ed served our community of Carmel Mission as organist for untold numbers of Masses, weddings and funerals. He was part of the team which

As great as was Ed's love of music, his love of God and his Catholic faith was even greater. Living through a time of great change in the Church, Ed never stopped learning about his faith and striving to understand how best he could serve God and his brothers and sisters. We remember him as a humble and devoted servant of God, who cared deeply for this community, and we look forward to the day when we can celebrate his life and his contributions together.

both envisioned and realized the dream of the beautiful Casavant organ we have today. He played for 37 Christmases and 37 Holy Weeks. One of the great highlights of his career in his own words was playing the organ for the visit of Pope St. John Paul II in 1987.

Ed's connection to the Carmel Mission extends even further than his service as organist. He was baptized and confirmed here, his parents were married here, and his great-great-great grandfather worked here for St. Junipero! The Mission was truly a home for him.

To be a musician is a great discipline. We commit to a life of practice for we must work daily to maintain the level of skill required. Ed never shied away from this discipline, embracing it as a cornerstone of his life, and sharing it with the many students he taught with patience, compassion, and humor.

In the Gospel of John, Thomas asks Jesus, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5) I had the great privilege to know Ed my entire life, and I can say with complete certainty that he knew where he was going in life, he faithfully followed the way of truth that is Jesus Christ, and now, he is home.



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

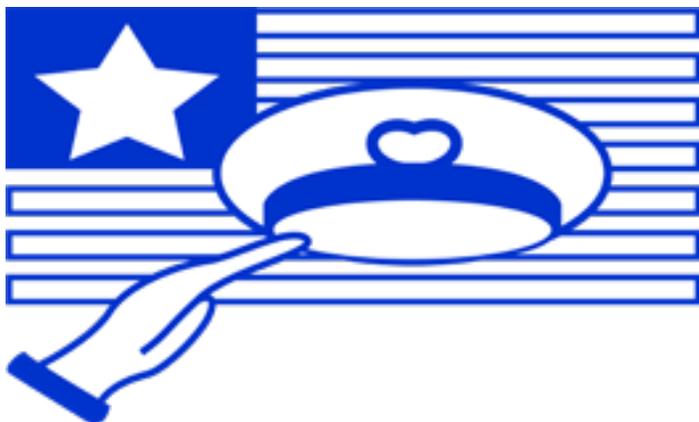


Recently Deceased in our Parish

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.

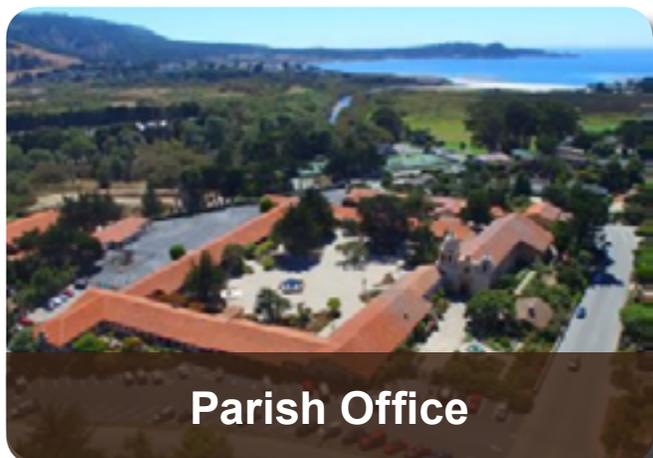
**Send Your
Prayer Request**



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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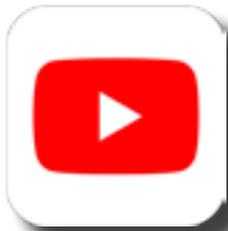
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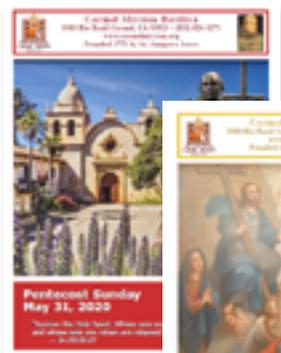
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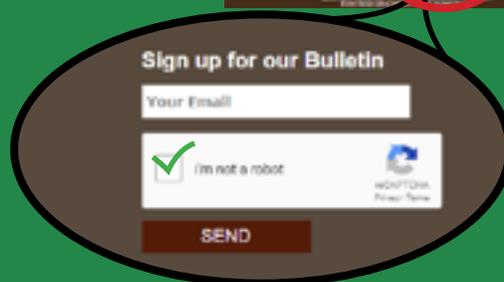
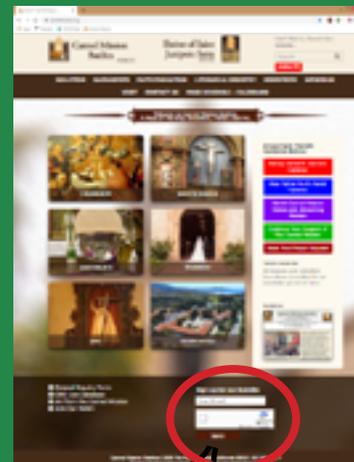
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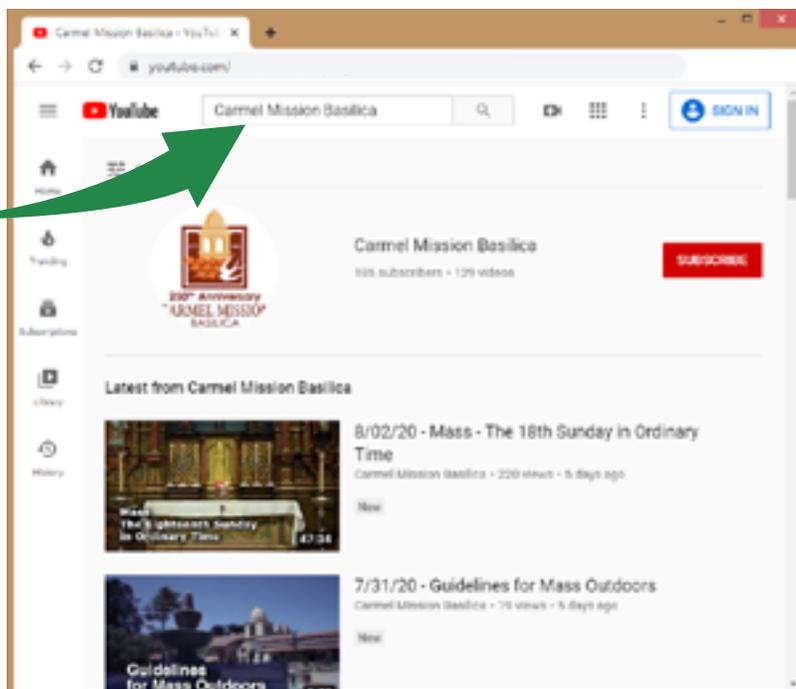


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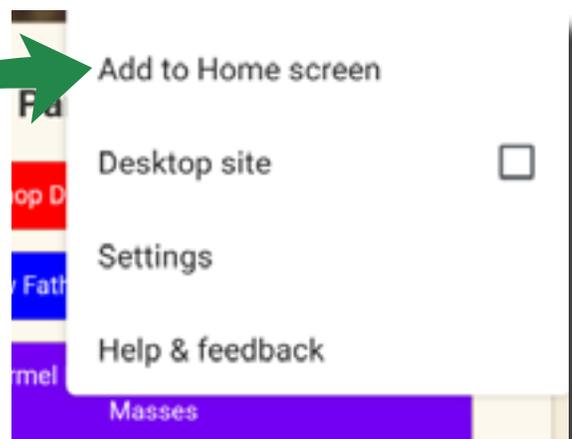
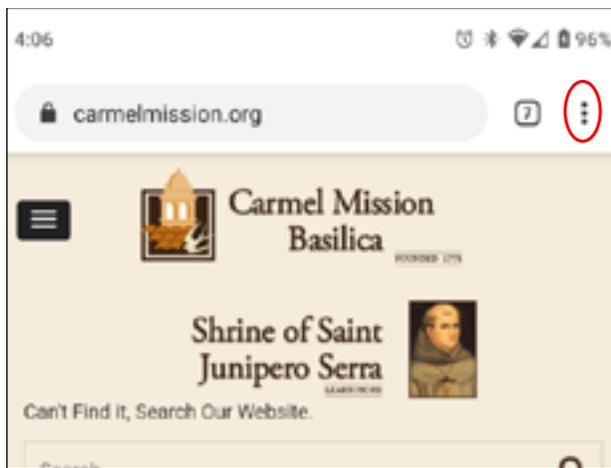


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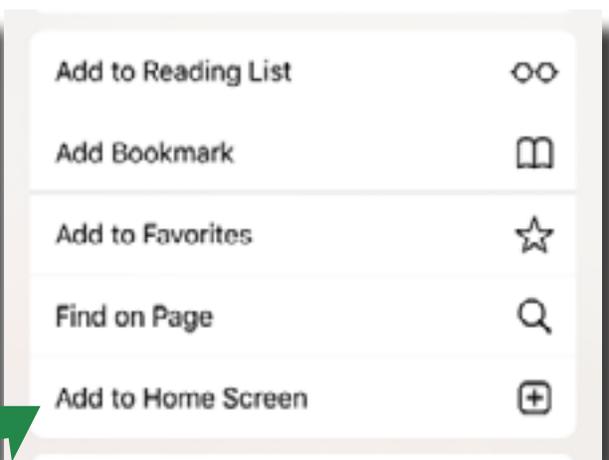
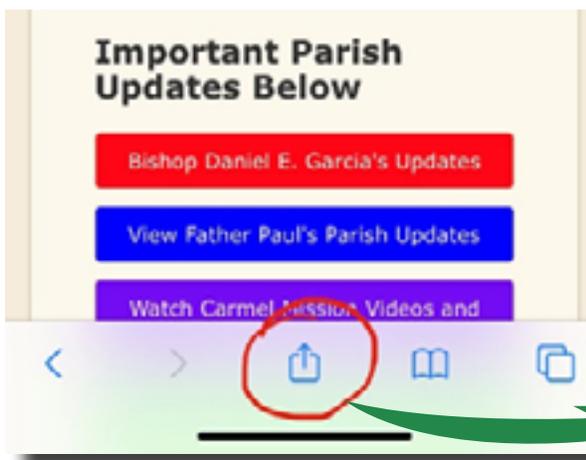


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