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CARMEL MISSION  
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Please check inside for an exciting and important update  
on our Heavenly Sounds Campaign.  
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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, September 20, 2020**

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Reflecting on the Gospel for this weekend, I am reminded of a line from a hymn we have fairly recently added to our repertoire at Carmel Mission, O How Blessed. "The first shall be last, the last shall be first, for such is the wisdom of God." Certainly, it is not in line with human ideas of fairness that the first should be last, but we know, and this week Isaiah reminds us, that our ways are not God's ways and God's ways are not ours. Whenever I am confronted with the wisdom of God which seems to contradict my own wisdom I return to my favorite passage from Romans, "God always works for good for those who love God." (Romans 8:28) Knowing that God is always working for our good, we can explore the idea presented by Jesus today, the upending of how we think effort should be rewarded.

Our loving God only wants what is truly best for us, that which will help us grow in His image. God does not mean for our work to be a punishment or an oppression. God also wants to see all provided for, God's generosity ensures that we all share equally in the promise of salvation. God's mercy and compassion are not rewards for our labor but rather an expression of God's infinite love for each and every one of us. So then, why work? Well, in most cases, work and its financial return is a matter of survival, but hopefully it also offers opportunities. Whatever we are called to do in life, our work can offer us the chance to learn and to grow, it will put us in relationship with people outside of our family and friends, and help us contribute to the society and the economy of which we are all a part. Work is service, and all work can be offered as such to God.

It may shock you to know that work in the literal vineyard of the Lord, the Church, can, at times, be as frustrating and confounding as any other profession! In my working life, I have not avoided the struggles that we all face, but I have also been blessed with many opportunities. I encourage you this week to examine your own labors through the lens of a blessing and an opportunity. How do you see God working for good in your work and in your life? Whatever you do in life, I promise, God is there.

We have had the opportunity at Carmel Mission in recent weeks to welcome workers in a very unique profession. Technicians from Casavant Frères in Quebec and their associates from the Bay Area were with us two weeks ago to begin work on the restoration and renovation of our organ. Please see the Heavenly Sounds page in the bulletin for an important update on the campaign and to see some amazing images of the work that has begun. These are exciting developments, and we rely on your continued support to see the project through to its completion.

I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, clear skies and joy in all your labors,

Fr. Paul



**In September 1987, Pope Saint John Paul II visited the Carmel Mission as part of his tour of the United States.**

### Outdoor Sunday Masses and Reconciliation are back.

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

#### Air Quality Update

We monitor the air quality due to the fires and plan to have Masses on Sunday based on the forecast. If the air quality conditions at the Mission are unhealthy, we may have to cancel Mass. Please check our website prior to attending Mass for notifications, should Mass be canceled. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to pray for all affected by the fires.

Join us this Saturday, September 5 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and on Sunday, September 6 for our Outdoor Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the Central Courtyard.

As always, our Sunday streaming Mass will be available on our website early Sunday morning. For those who are sick and cannot attend or prefer to watch from home.

Click the icons below to watch the streaming 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

#### Masses

##### 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

#### 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 Parishioner Parking lot gate.

**Volunteers:** Volunteer monitors and ushers are needed 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.

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



**Weather and Outdoor Conditions:** We are very fortunate to have such a large beautiful outdoor space in our Central Courtyard where we can celebrate Mass comfortably with appropriate social distancing.

In addition to distancing, we require attendees, including children, to stay in their seats and not move about the courtyard for any reason.

We are very concerned about the health of all who attend Mass and we must ensure that everyone maintains appropriate distancing and also hope that everyone can be comfortable in our outdoor setting. The weather can change suddenly, so please dress for variable conditions. We have limited seats in the shade, so please be prepared for the sun by bringing a hat or umbrella.

If at any time you are not comfortable, please get the attention of an Usher, who will assist with relocating you.

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**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 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.

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

### 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.**

## The Carmel Mission Store

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/](http://carmelmission.org/carmel-mission-reopening-advisory/).

Thank you for your understanding.

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## 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.***

# LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Marianne Hoffman by Paul Hoffman.

## Today's Readings: Sunday, Septmeber 20

**First Reading** Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. (IS 55:6-9)

**Psalm** The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18)

**Second Reading** Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. (PHIL1:20C-24, 27A)

**Gospel** The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. (MT 20:1-16A)

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, September 21

EPH 4:1-7, 11-13  
PS 19:2-3, 4-5  
MT 9:9-13

### Tuesday, September 22

PRV 21:1-6, 10-13  
PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44  
LK 8:19-21

### Wednesday, September 23

PRV 30:5-9  
PS 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163  
LK 9:1-6

### Thursday, September 24

ECCL 1:2-11  
PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17BC  
LK 9:7-9

### Friday, September 25

ECCL 3:1-11  
PS 144:1B AND 2ABC, 3-4  
LK 9:18-22

### Saturday, September 26

ECCL 11:9-12:8  
PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17  
LK 9:43B-45

### Sunday, September 27

EZ 18:25-28  
PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.  
PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5  
MT 21:28-32

## Scripture Message

"Thus the last shall be first, and the first shall be last." This sounds like better news for those who came late to the party than those who arrived promptly. As we begin to explore this idea and the parable Jesus tells us to help us to understand it, we have the reminder from Isaiah, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways says the Lord." Our first error would be to try and apply human ideas of fairness to God's decisions. What then is at the heart of Jesus' parable about the landowner and the laborers? God's boundless generosity, which does not qualify recipients on anything other than need. All the laborers need a wage that can support them and their family just as we are all in need of the full measure of God's mercy, compassion and acceptance, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith. If we take Jesus' parable one step further, and imagine that our loving God is the landowner, and we the laborers working in the vineyard of the Lord, we are all assured of the same reward, eternal life with Him. Those who have had the privilege to know and serve God their entire lives will receive the same reward as those who come to this understanding much later and have much less time to serve. But in the vineyard of the Lord, the service itself is a reward. We need never be envious that our God is so loving, so generous, and so good. To serve Him, to work in His vineyard, is an opportunity to know Him more deeply, to share Him with those we love, and to grow in our faith. The work is, in and of itself, a blessing. When a new laborer joins us, even at the end of the day, it is only and always a cause for rejoicing.

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## 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 9/06/2020:

### Electronic Donations

**Weekday:** \$3,370.56  
**Weekend:** \$ 835.00

**Mail Donations:** \$3,955  
**Sunday — Masses:** \$4,175

**Total Donations: \$12,235.56**



# AMA 2020 UPDATE

## The Heavenly Sounds Campaign Continues

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

My name is Paul Hoffman and I am a fellow parishioner and member of the Finance Council here at Carmel Mission Basilica.

I hope this message finds you all healthy and safe.

I am writing you to update you on the status of our Heavenly Sounds Campaign. After 34 years and over 10,000 performances our beautiful Casavant organ is in need of serious repair as is the sound system both inside and outside the Basilica. For that reason, we created the Heavenly Sounds Campaign back in February to raise \$150,000.

In March, before the Corona Virus shut down, we were well on our way toward achieving that goal, as your generosity donated over \$113,000. Based on that, we made the decision that with the closure of the Basilica, it is a perfect time to get started on this project. So, we engaged the makers of our organ, Casavant Frères, in Quebec, Canada to repair the internal mechanics of the organ.



Since we have been celebrating mass in the courtyard, we also took the opportunity to upgrade our sound system, which many of you have already experienced. This will help us make much better use of the courtyard for many functions, in addition to masses in the future.

We have streamed Mass each weekend throughout this pandemic. We hope to continue to live-stream Mass each weekend into the future to serve those who may not be able to join us in person. We hope to equip the Basilica with video cameras through our campaign to continue this vital way of keeping our community together.

We've gone ahead and taken these actions NOW – even before we've hit our goal, for two reasons:

1. Because it was the right time with the Basilica closed and
2. Because of our confidence in your continued generosity over the past years.

We are still \$37,000 short of our goal. I am asking each of you to help us make up this shortfall so we will have the funds necessary to complete this project and enjoy the heavenly sounds from our Basilica and grounds for years to come.

May I count on YOUR support? If so, please visit our website and click the DONATE button now or send in your check to our parish office at 3080 Rio Road, Carmel by the Sea, 93923.

Thank you as always for your support and generosity,

Paul Hoffman



For more information, visit our AMA page at [carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/](http://carmelmission.org/2020-annual-ministry-appeal/)



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*Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*  
Patron of All who Suffer ~ Feast Day: September 23



Saint Pio hand carved and hand painted, wooden statue from Italy.

Francesco Forgione was born in Pietrelcina, Italy in 1887, and became a Capuchin priest—Padre Pio—in 1910. He suffered much, accepting it with praise and thanks to God, trusting that He could use it for the good of others. On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. God blessed Padre Pio with other mystical gifts as well, enabling him to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him during his long hours hearing confessions.

Through his intercession, thousands received healing from tuberculosis, cancer, blindness, and more. Padre Pio deeply loved Mary, Saint Michael, and his guardian angel, and was greatly devoted to the souls in Purgatory. Padre Pio died in 1968, and in 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized him as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina!

***Saint Pio, pray for us!***



Saint Pio Holy card, Holy water



Saint Pio Medal coin and devotional Oil



Saint Pio, Resin Statues



# 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.



## 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,	Brandon Paulikas,
Mary Cea,	Julieta Evangelista,
Larry Fry,	Dan Ukestad,
Knox Mellon,	Nancy D'Angelo,
Richard Cruickshank,	Ruth Flynn,
John Flynn,	Phyllis Loyko,
Charles Cardoza,	Missy Student,
Gwen Foster,	Lois Jones,
Vivian Sweeney,	Marjorie Coleman,
Mercedes Ferrante,	Jim Gill,
Frank Machalla,	Barry Long
King Williams,	



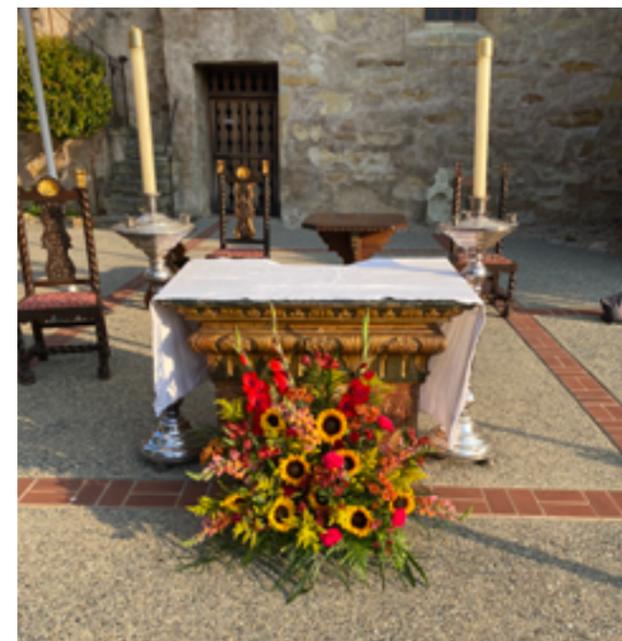
## Recently Deceased in our Parish

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

Bruna Odello,	Jovita Martin Cabrera,
Maria Leonor Horta,	Jeanne Johnson,
Ed Soberanes,	Judy Mollner,
Dr. Janusz Belza,	Ernie Bizzazero,
Paul Marto,	Bob Condry,
Sally Fitzpatrick,	Mary Dills,
Kathleen Conley,	Elinor Laiolo,
Nicacia Lares Ramos,	Dr. Maria Gurney
Carla Coniglio,	
Thomas McCullough,	
John Calcagno,	

... 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.

## Altar Flowers Opportunity



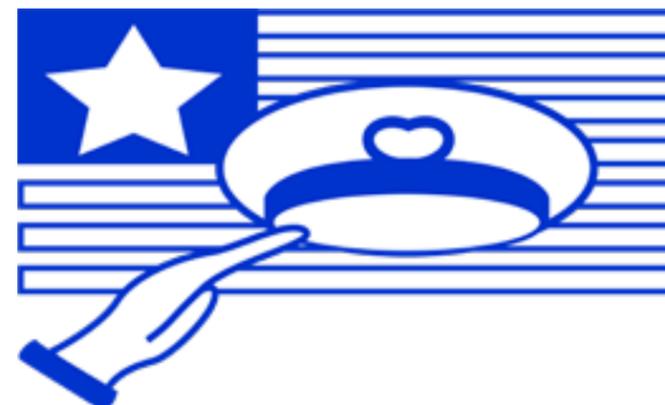
As we have been streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds over this past six months, we have received so much positive feedback from our community on the features of the flowers in our beautiful Mission gardens. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty of God, in whose image we are made. When we enjoy beautiful flowers, plants and trees we are celebrating the God's gift of the natural world.

We are so happy to reintroduce the beauty of altar flowers to our Masses each week. We invite you to consider sponsoring a bouquet for \$65 in memory or honor of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or in thanksgiving to God.

The altar flowers will be a part of our streaming Mass as well as our outdoor Masses each Sunday and your dedication will be included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at [liturgy@carmelmission.org](mailto:liturgy@carmelmission.org) for more information and to schedule your gift.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to ensure that these symbols of beauty and life are part of our weekly celebrations.



## 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](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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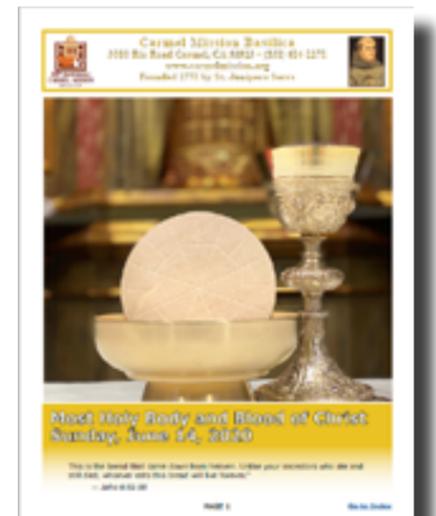
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## Need Technical Help?

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The Carmel Mission sends out a weekly email with:

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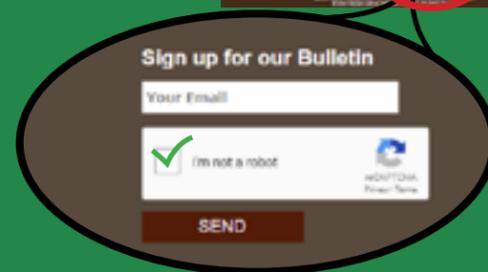
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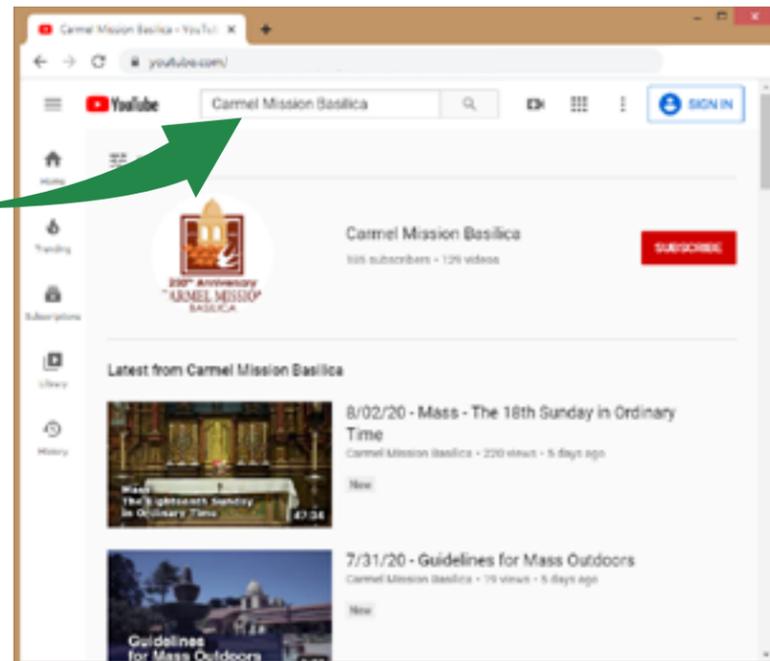


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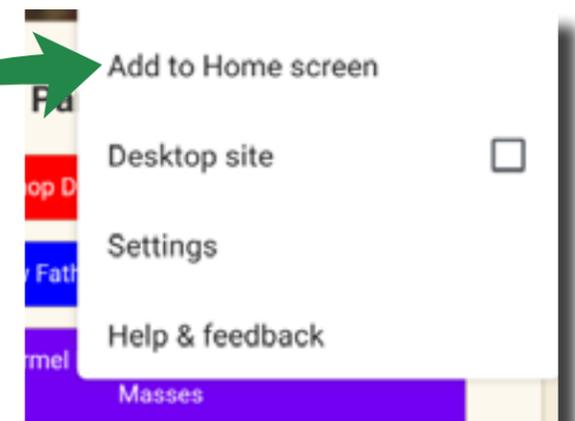
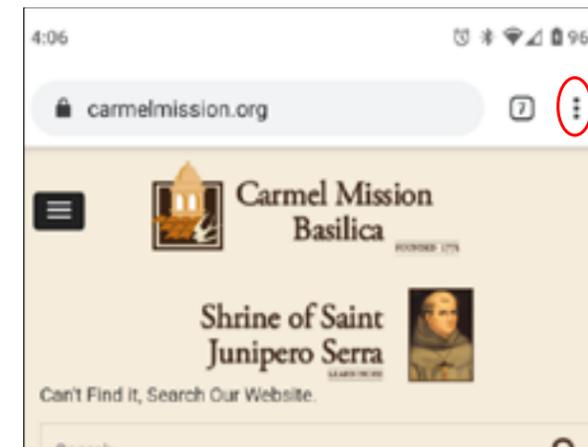
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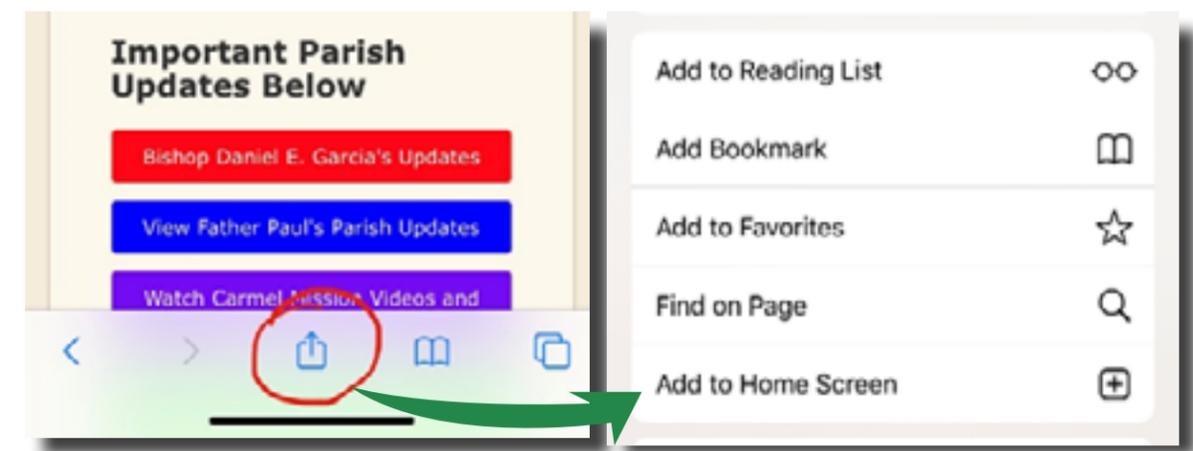
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