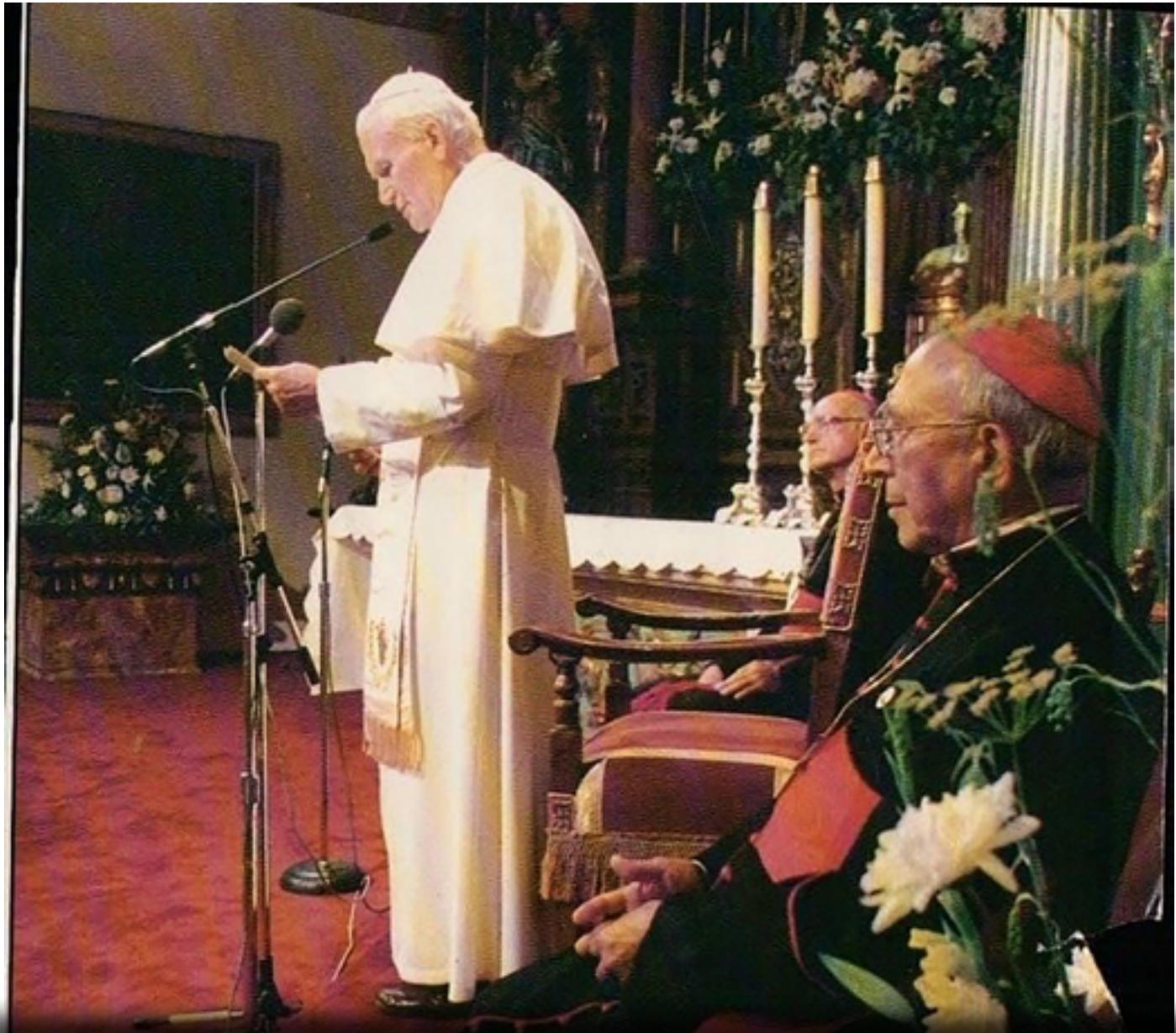




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## **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 27, 2020**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

— Psalms 25:6



## FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER



# 33 YEARS SINCE ST. JOHN PAUL II VISITED THE MISSION

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the current time of uncertainty, unease, and fear that we are experiencing, in a world gripped with pandemic and a nation grappling with the profound issues of racial inequality, I find myself turning, as Jesus Himself did, to the psalms. In the psalms we find the depth of human emotion and the breadth of human experience. This week our psalm refrain is "Remember your mercies, O Lord." Last week at Mass I preached about the infinite mercy of God. Just as the psalmist is begging God to turn a merciful eye to him, it is also a reminder to us to remember God's mercies in our own lives and seek to share that with others.

The parable of the two sons in today's Gospel reminds us that we are defined more by our actions than by our words. In this difficult time, we have witnessed so many actions, from the simple but profound actions of our essential workers, continuing to go to work each day to provide for their community, to the heroic efforts of our firefighters and first responders during the recent fires to save lives and properties. We have an opportunity this weekend to take action ourselves to offer comfort, hope and support to those who have lost so much in the face of recent natural disasters around our nation.

Bishop Danny has asked all parishes in our Diocese of Monterey to take up a special second collection to support the USCCB Disaster Relief Fund. This fund, administered by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, aids the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services in areas of our country suffering the effects of natural disasters, helping with the immediate humanitarian needs as well as long term recovery efforts. I ask you to consider what you can contribute to this vital work.

On September 17, 1987 St. Pope John Paul II visited Carmel Mission and said of our home, "this serene and beautiful place is truly the historical and spiritual heart of California." This rings just as true today, even or perhaps especially, as we navigate our current challenges. Our courtyard where we celebrate the Mass is a sacred space. Your homes when you participate in the streaming Mass are sacred spaces. Pope John Paul II in his address from that same courtyard celebrated the life and the witness of our own St. Junipero Serra. St. Junipero's life of service, of mission and of love are an inspiration to me in my life as priest, and as your pastor. This week we celebrated the fifth anniversary of his canonization on Wednesday, and I was struck that St. Junipero's example of hope and courage is still being lived out today in our community, in your faith, your service, and your stewardship. Thank you.

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

Fr. Paul



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



# THE CANNONIZATION OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA



On September 23, 2015 Pope Francis canonized Saint Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.



## CARMEL MISSION ADVISORY

Information About the Mission's Reopening

### Outdoor Sunday Masses and Reconciliation are back.

**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.

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**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

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](#)

# MISSION ADVISORY

## Mass & Reconciliation in Central Courtyard

### 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.

**Air Quality:** 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.

**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).

## 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.**

### **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.

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





# LITURGY

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
CARMEL MISSION  
BASILICA

## 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 Lucille Herman by Carlotta Mellon.

## Today's Readings: Sunday, Septmeber 27

**First Reading** Since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. (*EZ 18:25-28*)

**Psalm** Remember your mercies, O Lord. (*PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*)

**Second Reading** Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (*PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5*)

**Gospel** When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him... Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him. (*MT 21:28-32*)

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, September 28

JB 1:6-22  
PS 17:1BCD, 2-3, 6-7  
LK 9:46-50

### Tuesday, September 29

DN 7:9-10, 13-14  
PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5  
JN 1:47-51

### Wednesday, September 30

JB 9:1-12, 14-16  
PS 88:10BC-11, 12-13, 14-15  
LK 9:57-62

### Thursday, October 1

JB 19:21-27  
PS 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14  
LK 10:1-12

### Friday, October 2

JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5  
PS 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14AB  
MT 18:1-5, 10

### Saturday, October 3

JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17  
PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130  
LK 10:17-24

### Sunday, October 4

IS 5:1-7  
PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
PHIL 4:6-9  
MT 21:33-43

## Scripture Message

Actions speak louder than words. This common phrase can be used to sum up the message of Jesus' parable of the two sons that we hear in the Gospel today. Neither son is perfect, but the son who takes the right action even though he does not say the right thing is further down the path of righteousness. Jesus turns this back on the chief priests and the elders who are testing Him when He tells them that tax collectors and prostitutes, the worst of the worst in their estimation, are closer to Heaven than they are because the tax collectors and prostitutes have acknowledged and embraced Jesus as the Son of God. It is the stubborn pride of the chief priests that blinds them to the truth of Jesus' identity. It is a sad fact of the human condition that we do not always follow with our actions what we say with our words. This can stem from stubborn myopic pride, as it did for the chief priests, but it can also be a product of the best intentions. We want to be merciful, to be compassionate, to care for one another. We are not blind to who Jesus is and what He asks us to do, we want to do His will. But life intervenes, we are too busy, we promise more than we are capable of delivering. In His mercy, God sees and forgives, but in this parable Jesus encourages us to be realistic with what we can and cannot do, what we can and cannot give, and to make it a priority to follow through on what we say with action. "Let your no mean no and your yes mean yes." (Matt 5:37). This simple action can improve our relationships with others and may bring the peace in our own hearts that makes more room for God and God's will in our lives.



# 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/)



# STEWARDSHIP

Electronic Giving — The Future is Now

## *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



# CARMEL MISSION STORE

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*Saint Francis of Assisi  
Patron of Animals and Ecology ~ Feast Day: October 4*

Saint Francis, perhaps the best-loved of all saints, was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. Young Francis enjoyed a life of luxury and fine clothes. One day, Jesus spoke to Francis from the crucifix in the little chapel of San Damiano: "Go, rebuild My house." Francis gave away his riches to the poor and lived for Jesus. He went about as a barefoot beggar, telling people that God loved each of them so much that He sent His only Son to die to save them. Francis also loved all of God's animals as his brothers and sisters. Others joined Francis in his care for the sick and lepers, and in 1224, Francis received from God the stigmata—the visible wounds of the Crucifixion. Francis died at Assisi in 1226, and two years later, was canonized a saint.

**Saint Francis, pray for us!**



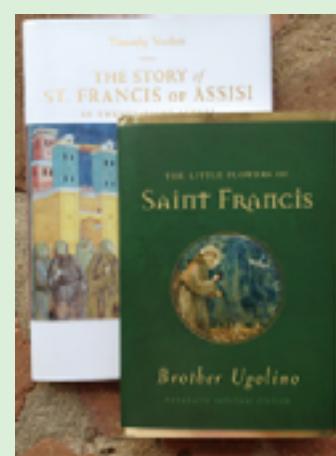
### Report for weeks ending on 9/13/2020:

#### Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$4,969.56  
Weekend: \$ 455.56

Mail Donations: \$3,732  
Sunday — Masses: \$2,665

Total Donations: \$11,822.12



The Museum Store carries a Large Collection of Saint Francis items including statues, books, jewelry and even pet medals.



# PLANNING FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CARMEL MISSION

1771 — 2021



The planning for the 250th Anniversary of our Mission's founding, a significant event for our community and the history of California, has begun.



Come today as a pilgrim to this Mission of San Carlos, which so powerfully evokes the heroic spirit and heroic deeds of Fray Junípero Serra and which enshrines his mortal remains. **This serene and beautiful place is truly the historical and spiritual heart of California.** All the missions of El Camino Real bear witness to the challenges and heroism of an earlier time, but not a time forgotten or without significance for the California of today and the Church of today.

— ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS, ST. JOHN PAUL II  
Basilica of the Mission of San Carlos in Carmel  
Thursday, September 17, 1987

We look forward to presenting a year long celebration of liturgical, cultural and musical events.  
Learn more at [CarmelMission.org](http://CarmelMission.org)



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



# PARISH PRAYERS



## 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,  
Marjorie Coleman,  
Jim Gill,  
Barry Long



## Recently Deceased in our Parish

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

Bruna Odello,  
Maria Leonor Horta,  
Ed Soberanes,  
Dr. Janusz Belza,  
Paul Marto,  
Sally Fitzpatrick,  
Kathleen Conley,  
Nicacia Lares Ramos,  
Carla Coniglio,  
Thomas McCullough,  
John Calcagno,

Jovita Martin Cabrera,  
Jeanne Johnson,  
Judy Mollner,  
Ernie Bizzazero,  
Bob Condry,  
Mary Dills,  
Elinor Laiolo,  
Dr. Maria Gurney

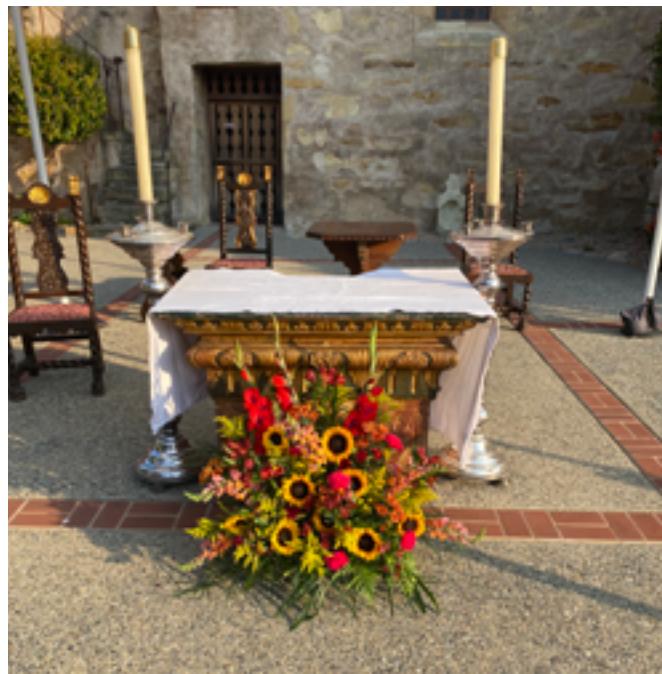
... that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them; and may the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



# PARISH PRAYERS

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
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## Altar Flowers Opportunity



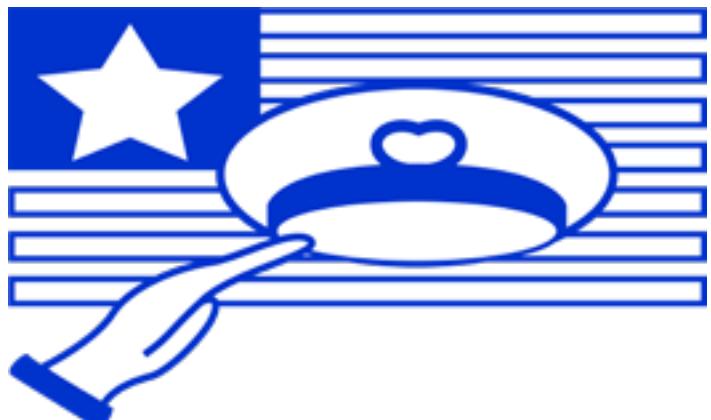
As we have been streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds over this past six months, we have received so much positive feedback from our community on the features of the flowers in our beautiful Mission gardens. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty 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.

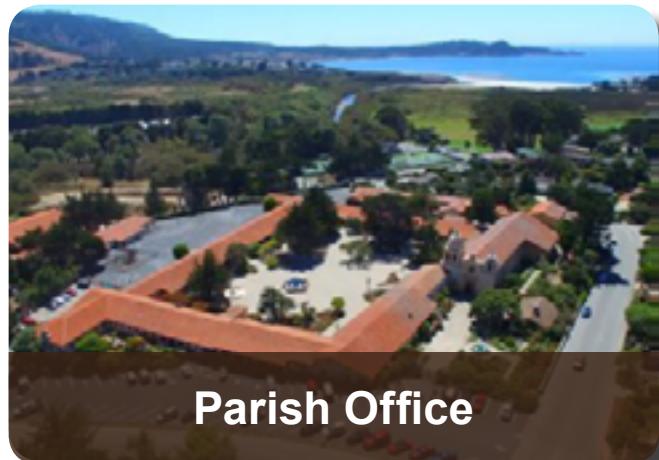
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## CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT.

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.



Parish Office

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 be 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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# CARMEL MISSION ONLINE

## 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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### Need Technical Help?

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

The Carmel Mission sends out a weekly email with:

- Father Paul's Message
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## How to sign up to our weekly email

If you would like to receive weekly news and updates from the Carmel Mission Basilica, sign up to our bulletin distribution list.

We send weekly emails which contain:

- Our Pastor's letter to you
- Our complete online calendar
- A digital version of our weekly bulletin and...
- News and updates of the Carmel Mission

How to Join?

- Go to [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org), or click the link.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page
- Follow instruction under "Sign up for our Bulletin"
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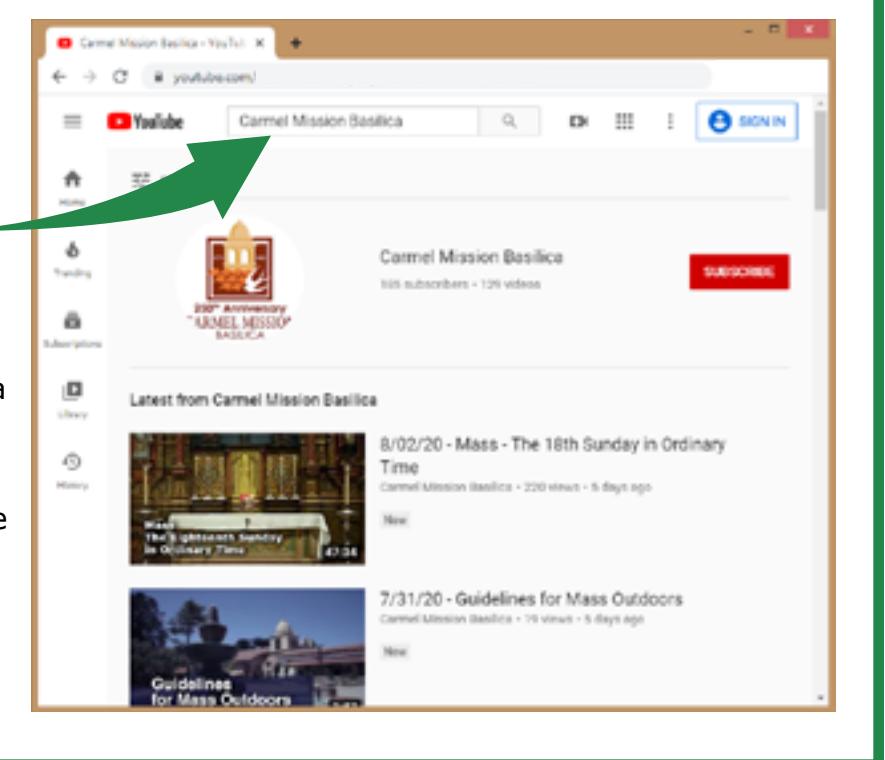


## How to find us on YouTube

To find our Channel navigate to [youtube.com](https://youtube.com) and search for Carmel Mission Basilica Channel in the search bar at the top.

Click on the Carmel Mission Basilica channel to find all our videos.

If you would like to be notified when we post new videos, be sure to click the red Subscribe button.



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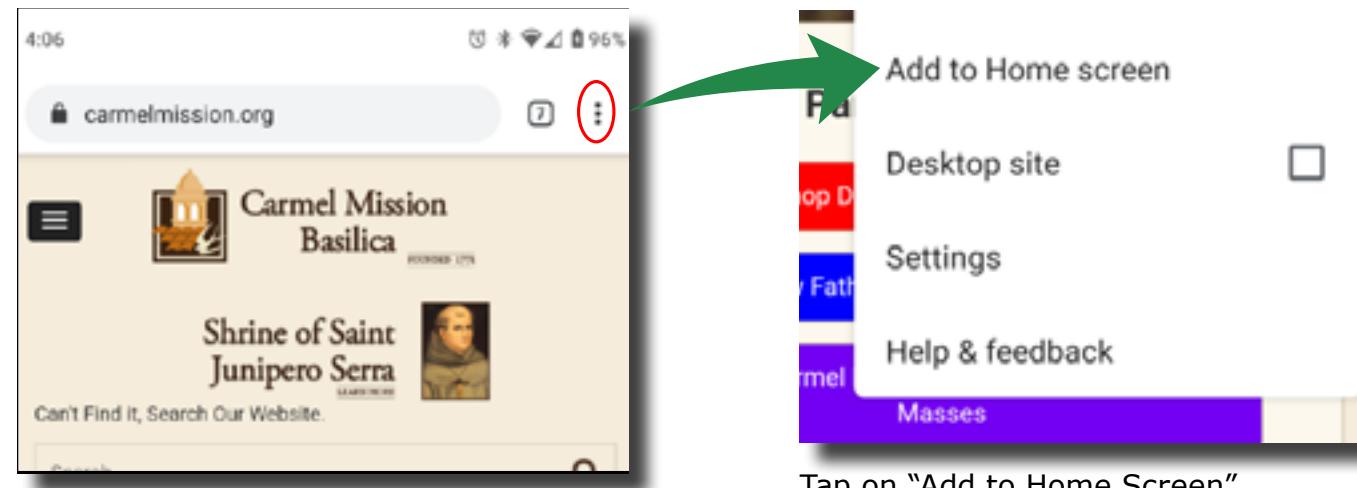
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## How to add the Carmel Mission website to your smartphone's home screen

To add our website to your smartphone home screen, open your web browser and navigate to [carmelmission.org](http://carmelmission.org) and follow the instructions needed for your device.

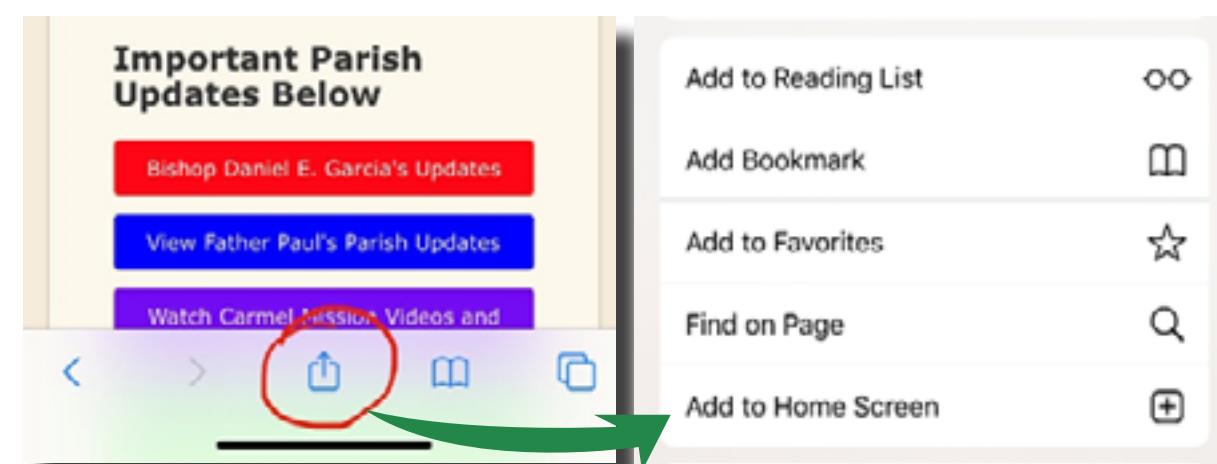
Tap on the Options icon (three dots) at the top right corner of the screen



Tap on "Add to Home Screen"

Tap on the Share button (square with an arrow) at the bottom of the screen

Tap on "Add to Home Screen"



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