



Carmel Mission Basilica
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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 4, 2020

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

— *MT 21:33-43*

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

As I was reading from Sacred Scripture in preparation for the weekend I came to the first line from the passage from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6) I thought to myself with some chagrin, easier said than done! Prayer, thanksgiving, making requests known to God, all doable, but to have no anxiety? It seems an awesome task given the current climate. But this is what St. Paul hoped for the people of Philippi, and what our loving God desires for all of us. God wants us to come, lay our burdens and our anxiety down, and find rest in Him. Still, easier said than done.

We can easily see external sources of anxiety. We are living through a global pandemic, natural disasters and the effects of climate change threaten our lives and our planet's future, there is political and social unrest, and that is just on the national stage. We also have the anxiety that comes from being human and being in relationships with our families, our co-workers, our neighbors and friends. What antidote could St. Paul, or our loving God, possibly offer to counter the anxiety induced by all these factors? St. Paul tells us it is "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." When we possess this peace, we can acknowledge and understand our justifiable anxiety, and then overcome it through the great gift of faith.

Faith does not promise that we will not face adversity, and certainly, it feels like we are facing an unprecedented amount at the present moment. We can be encouraged and comforted with the knowledge that nothing is unprecedented for God. God has more love, more compassion, more mercy and more peace than any of us will ever need in our lifetime. God has accompanied us through every stressful and anxiety-ridden moment, hoping we will turn to Him to receive His great peace. Even when we run away from God, God follows after us, wanting to welcome us back. We need only take a single step and God will immediately fill any distance. That is why we need have no anxiety at all. Despite the chaos of the world, our God is always with us and will never abandon us.

As followers of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, we strive to be His eyes and hands and voice in this world, providing our brothers and sisters with the support we know He offers each of us. This week, I encourage you to join me in reaching out to perhaps just one anxious person in your life. Try to be Christ's listening ear, compassionate voice and loving heart for that person. Rather than feeding their anxiety with your own, offer the consolation of the profound peace of God that passes all understanding. It may surprise you that in quieting their anxiety, you find your own relieved as well.

I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, new hope and deep peace,

Fr. Paul

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](#)

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

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 remains a preferred option, but also feel free to bring your weekly offering to Sunday Mass.

For more information, visit carmelmission.org.

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. Access to the Sanctuary and Sacristy remains restricted to Staff only.

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



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

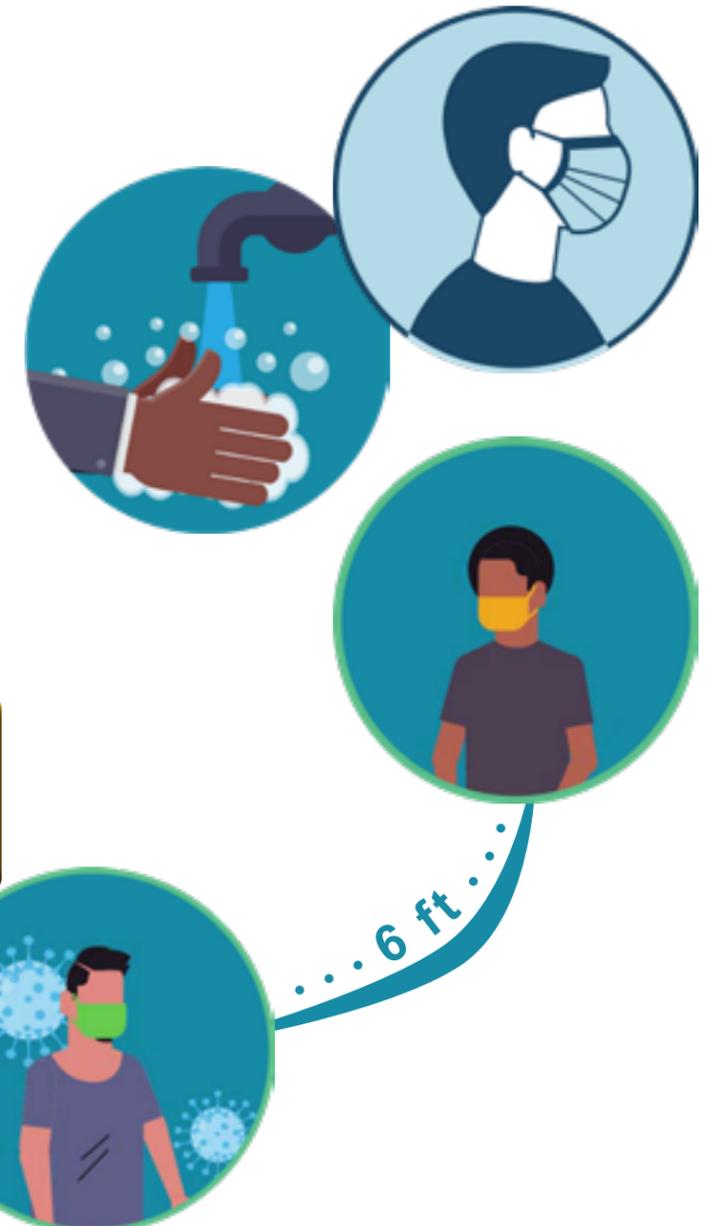
For the safety of our staff and visitors we are requiring everyone to wear a face mask at all times and sanitize your hands before entering the store. It is important that social distance is maintained for the duration of your visit. Please click the button at the bottom of this page to watch our quick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

Thank you for your understanding.

Please watch our video:
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WE MISS YOU FIESTA, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

Thank you to the Carmel Community, the Fiesta staff and vendors, and all the generous supporters who have made this annual event enjoyable. We missed Fiesta this year but the Carmel Mission looks forward to the next time we can all enjoy each other's company with delicious food and inflatable bounce houses.



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: Sunday, October 4

First Reading Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (IS 5:1-7)

Psalm The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20)

Second Reading Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (PHIL 4:6-9)

Gospel Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (MT 21:33-43)

Readings for the Week

Scripture Message

Monday, October 5

GAL 1:6-12
PS 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 AND
10C
LK 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6

GAL 1:13-24
PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB,
14C-15
LK 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7

GAL 2:1-2, 7-14
PS 117:1BC, 2
LK 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8

GAL 3:1-5
LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
LK 11:5-13

Friday, October 9

GAL 3:7-14
PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6
LK 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10

GAL 3:22-29
PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
LK 11:27-28

Sunday, October 11

IS 25:6-10A
PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20
MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

Today in the Gospel we hear the second of three parables that Jesus will tell the Chief Priests and the Pharisees in his debate and conversation with them. As the time grows closer to Jesus' arrest and subsequent passion and death, his words for those who will be his accusers, betrayers and tormentors become sharper. Though we do not hear it in this passage, the Chief Priests do indeed recognize themselves in the parable and are enraged, making their first attempt to have Jesus arrested. Sadly, through the course of history this Gospel passage has been misused to vilify the Jewish people and justify Christian persecution of them. Jesus' words could not be farther from this erroneous interpretation. Jesus was a Jew, with a profound knowledge and understanding of Scripture. His criticism was not of the Jewish faith, but of the way in which the Pharisees were practicing it. The same criticism could be applied today to any faith, even our own, when it forgets to model itself on our loving God, who lifts up the poor and lowly and casts the down the mighty. Jesus draws on the imagery from the Book of Isaiah, the "Song of the Vineyard" with which both He and Chief Priests would have been very familiar. While the passage from Isaiah is as harsh as Jesus' parable, with God vowing to allow his vineyard to be "overgrown with thorns and briars," the antidote lies in the psalm, where the psalmist begs God to "take care of this vine and protect what your right hand has planted." The enormous sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and the mercy and unconditional love of our God that we experience in our own lives is all the proof we need that God hears that prayer. How does God care for you? How can you help care for God's vineyard, God's Kingdom, in return?

Looking for angels

Please bring your checkbook

The Carmel Mission's **Falge Farmworker Program** annual appeal for funding, and the year-around delivery of rice and beans to our neighboring Salinas Valley farmworker families, are both looking very different this year.

Despite the pandemic, and largely due to both dedicated volunteers and the tremendous generosity of Carmel Mission parishioners, the farmworker ministry goes on, answering Jesus' call for us to "feed the hungry" - as it has, since 1989.



As always, we're praying for and relying on your continued generosity.

Next Sunday, October 11th, please plan, once again, to open your hearts, minds, and checkbooks in support of this vital year-around Carmel Mission ministry - that provides basic food assistance to our brothers and sisters who toil in our local south Monterey County fields (now at heightened risk to their health and lives) in order to supply fresh produce for us and for our families.

May the Lord bless and keep us all.



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 9/20/2020:

Electronic Donations

Weekday: \$5,770.11

Weekend: \$1,175.00

Mail Donations: \$3,332

Sunday — Masses: \$3,055

Heavenly Sounds: \$3,063

Total Donations: \$16,395.11



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/



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

1771 — 2021

“Miracle of the Sun”



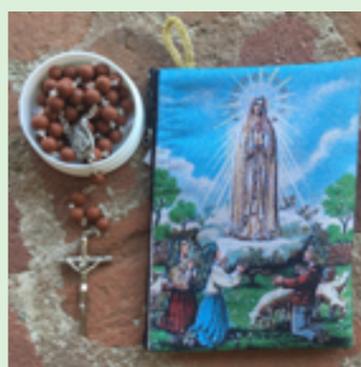
The Story

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 of the Sun

(Portuguese: O Milagre do Sol) was an event that occurred on 13 October 1917, attended by a large crowd who had gathered near Fátima, Portugal in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children that the Virgin Mary, referred to as Our Lady of Fatima, would appear and perform miracles on that date. Newspapers published testimony from reporters and other people who claimed to have witnessed extraordinary solar activity, such as the sun appearing to “dance” or zig-zag in the sky, careen towards the earth, or emit multicolored light and radiant colors. According to these reports, the event lasted approximately ten minutes.



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



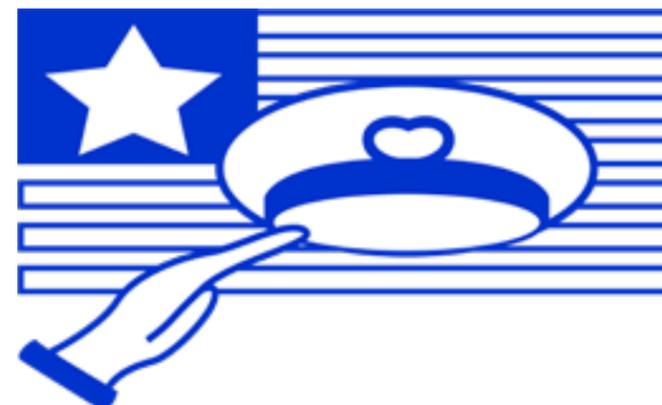
As we have been streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds over this past six months, we have received so much positive feedback from our community on the features of the flowers in our beautiful Mission gardens. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty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

Please contact Laura at 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.

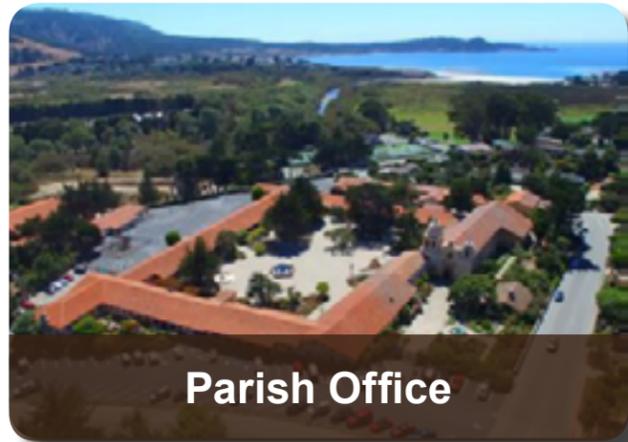
[Send Your Prayer Request](#)



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 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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Weekly Mass, Daily Prayers, and Important Updates

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We are available to assist you with any technical questions. Please emails us at help@carmelmission.org.

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- Weekly Streaming Mass
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- Parish Updates
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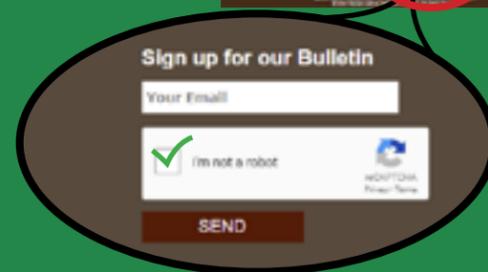
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We send weekly emails which contain:

- Our Pastor's letter to you
- Our complete online calendar
- A digital version of our weekly bulletin and...
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How to Join?

- Go to carmelmission.org, or click the link.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page
- Follow instruction under "Sign up for our Bulletin"
- Click Send

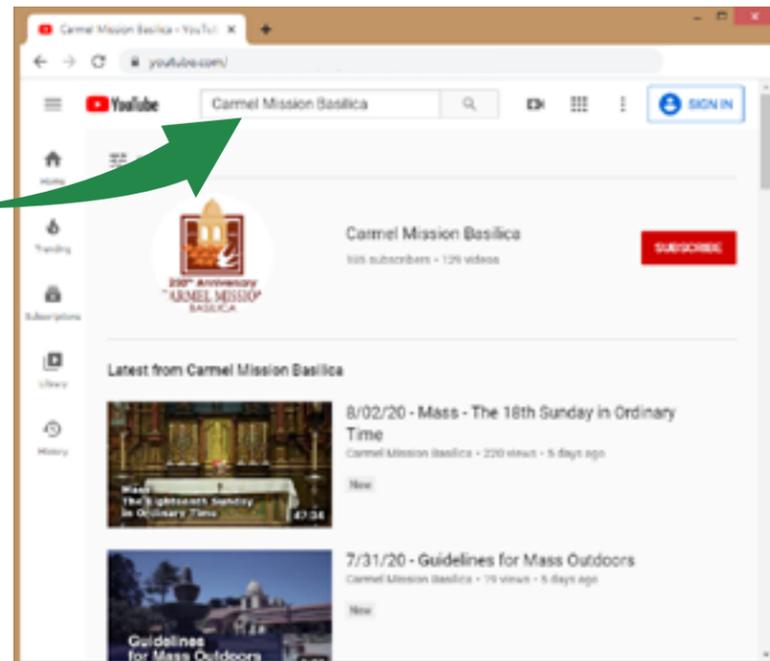


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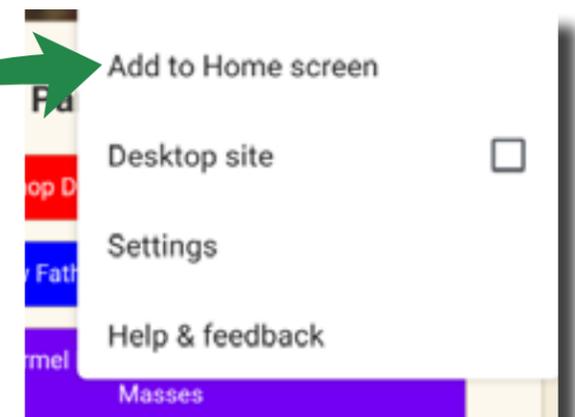
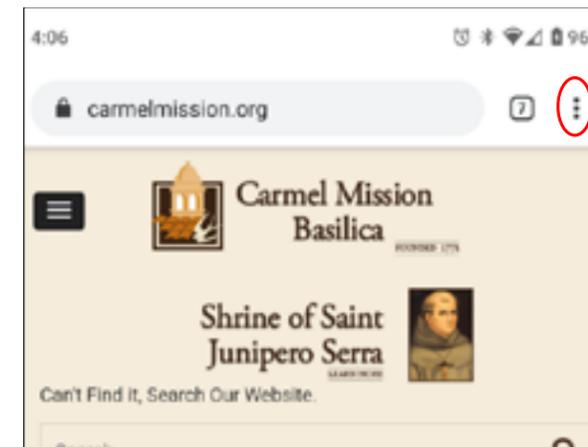
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