



Carmel Mission Basilica
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 17, 2021



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

The Gospel today reminds us of a crucial aspect of being a follower of Jesus Christ - bearing witness to Him in the world. John the Baptist's witness, proclaiming Jesus as the Lamb of God, causes Andrew to be drawn to Jesus. After a single afternoon with Jesus, Andrew bears witness to his brother Simon, who as a result also becomes a disciple. The Scripture gives many other examples of how the witness of the disciples, of St. Paul, and of others drew people to Christ. This has been a bedrock of our Catholic faith through the ages, and is part of our own Baptismal call.

Here at Carmel Mission, we are fortunate to have the great example of our founder and first pastor, St. Junipero Serra. St. Junipero's spirit of evangelization is an guiding light to me as we seek to extend God's invitation to the world. In this time when we cannot gather in the usual ways, we have been able to focus on our burgeoning virtual community. I am inspired by those who join us online from near and far, who are drawn to this holy place, and are eager to pray and worship with us. It is my sincere hope that this continues well into the future.

To be an evangelist is to share God's invitation of love, of fulfillment, and of peace with all we meet. As human beings we are drawn to beauty, to serenity, and to joy. When we express our faith in such terms people are naturally attracted and want to learn more. What about being a follower of Jesus Christ makes you joyful? What brings you peace? Simply living our lives in an intentionally faith-filled way extends an invitation to those we encounter on life's journey. Thank you for continuing to share your faith, and for being part our Carmel Mission community.

I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, deep peace, and great joy,

Fr. Paul

[Click here to see our Newsletter Section](#)



LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of
Knox Mellon by Carlotta Mellon.

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.



Altar Flowers Opportunity Returns Sunday, January 17



As we have been streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds over this past nine 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 continue the beauty of

altar flowers at our Masses each week in the New Year. We invite you to consider sponsoring a bouquet for \$90 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.

Today's Readings: Sunday, January 17

First Reading Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.
(1 SM 3:3B-10, 19)

Psalm Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10)

Second Reading Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20)

Gospel He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (JN 1:35-42)

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 18

HEB 5:1-10
PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4
MK 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19

HEB 6:10-20
PS 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 AND 10C
MK 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20

HEB 7:1-3, 15-17
PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4
MK 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21

HEB 7:25—8:6
PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 17
MK 3:7-12

Friday, January 22

HEB 8:6-13
PS 85:8 AND 10, 11-12, 13-14
MK 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23

HEB 9:2-3, 11-14
PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
MK 3:20-21

Sunday, January 24

JON 3:1-5, 10
PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 COR 7:29-31
MK 1:14-20

Scripture Message

In the Gospel today we see a pattern which has repeated itself throughout the history of our faith and is happening still today. Through the witness of one, in this case John the Baptist, others, in this case John's own disciples, are introduced to Jesus. After spending time with Jesus, they embrace Him as the Messiah and become His followers. When John proclaims Jesus to be the Lamb of God, an image rich in symbolism for the people of the time, two of John's followers are intrigued enough to seek Jesus out, to ask to spend time with Him. After spending the afternoon with Jesus, one of them, Andrew, becomes the one who bears witness to his brother Simon, who also becomes a follower of Jesus as a result. Bearing witness to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus. As disciples we are called to bear witness, through our own faith-filled lives, and through the invitation of evangelization. This can feel daunting and uncomfortable. It may help to remember that our witness is truly a simple invitation. We invite others to get to know Jesus. It is Jesus Himself who will move their hearts, in the manner and the time He knows is best. We need only speak the truth as we know, and extend the invitation. Who bore witness to Christ for you? How do you try to bear witness to Him in the world?

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 the week ending on 1/3/21:

Electronic Donations: \$ 7,224.60

Mail Donations: \$15,486.25

New Year's Day: \$ 1,191.00

Sunday Masses: \$ 3,397.00

Total Donations: \$27,298.85

2020 Contribution Statements

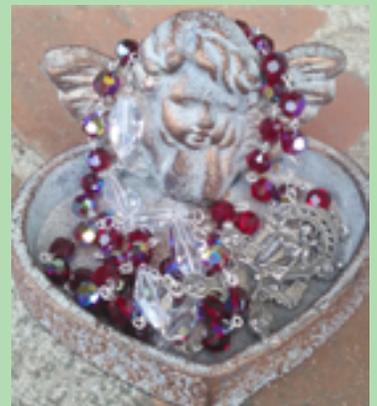
2020 contribution statements will be mailed by Friday, January 29, 2021.

All AMA donors will receive statements directly from the Diocese of Monterey. Contributions made directly to the Mission for the Heavenly Sounds Campaign will be reflected on a statement from the Carmel Mission.

Please contact Nasy Oum at bookkeeper@carmelmission.org or 831-624-1271 x220 with any questions regarding your contribution statement.

Thank you for your generous support.

“FIND YOUR HEART AT THE CARMEL MISSION MUSEUM STORE”





Sick in the Parish

All the sick are prayed for during a general intercession at every mass. At this time we pray especially for:

Anne Emmerich,	Mercedes Ferrante,
Joan Kenny	Frank Machalla,
Tobi Lunt	King Williams,
Sean Kenny	Brandon Paulikas,
Chuck Wilmot,	Julieta Evangelista,
Nancy Buchanan,	Dan Ukestad,
Mary Cea,	Nancy D'Angelo,
Larry Fry,	Ruth Flynn,
Richard Cruickshank,	Missy Student,
Charles Cardoza,	Lois Jones,
Gwen Foster,	Marjorie Coleman
Vivian Sweeney,	

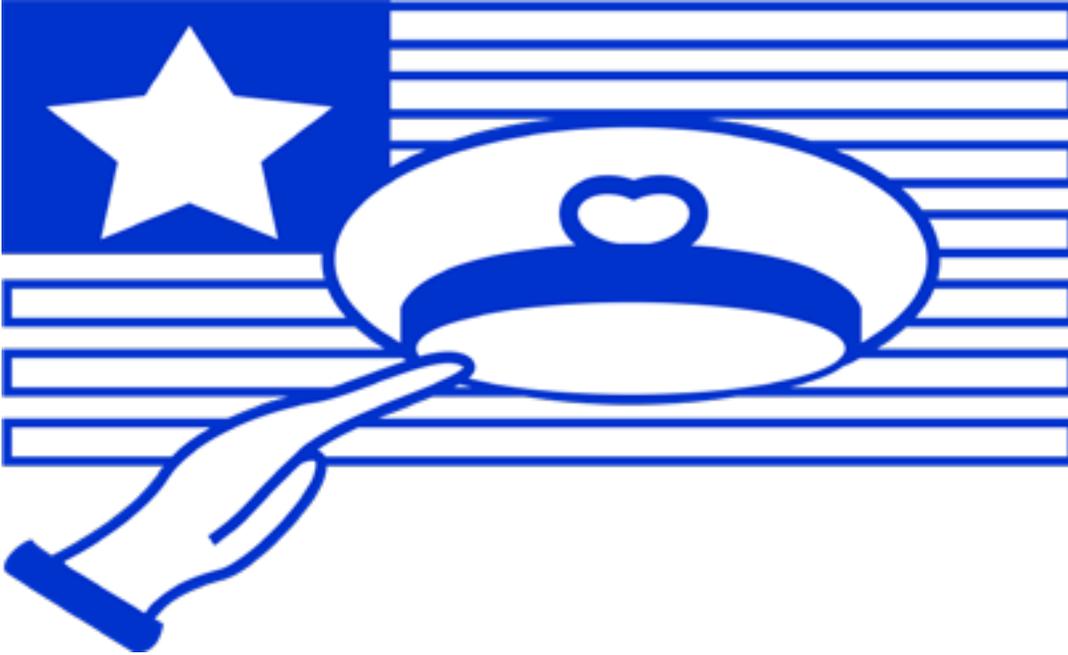


Recently Deceased in our Parish

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

José Eliseo Cabrera,	Dr. Janusz Belza,
Dr. Knox Mellon,	Paul Marto,
Ronald J. Antuzzi,	Sally Fitzpatrick,
John Flynn,	Kathleen Conley,
Dr. Richard Pirotte,	Nicacia Lares Ramos,
Sandra Ramirez,	Carla Coniglio,
Joshua King,	Thomas McCullough,
Phyllis Loyko,	John Calcagno,
Edmundo Lundgren,	Jovita Martin Cabrera,
Bruna Odello,	Jeanne Johnson,
Maria Leonor Horta,	Judy Mollner,
Ed Soberanes,	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](#)

Breaking Bread 2020

We have a limited number of Breaking Bread books available to our community for individual purchase. While we cannot use communal books for worship at this time, you are very welcome to bring your own copy to our Outdoor Masses, or use it while viewing the streaming Mass from home.

Books can be purchased, while supplies last, by emailing Laura at liturgy@carmelmission.org. These books include the Daily Mass Propers as well as the Order of Mass, Weekly Readings and Hymns. Books can be mailed to you (at an additional cost) or you can pick up previously reserved orders on Sunday if you attend the Outdoor Mass.

Each Breaking Bread book is \$15, a significant discount from ordering individually from the OCP website.



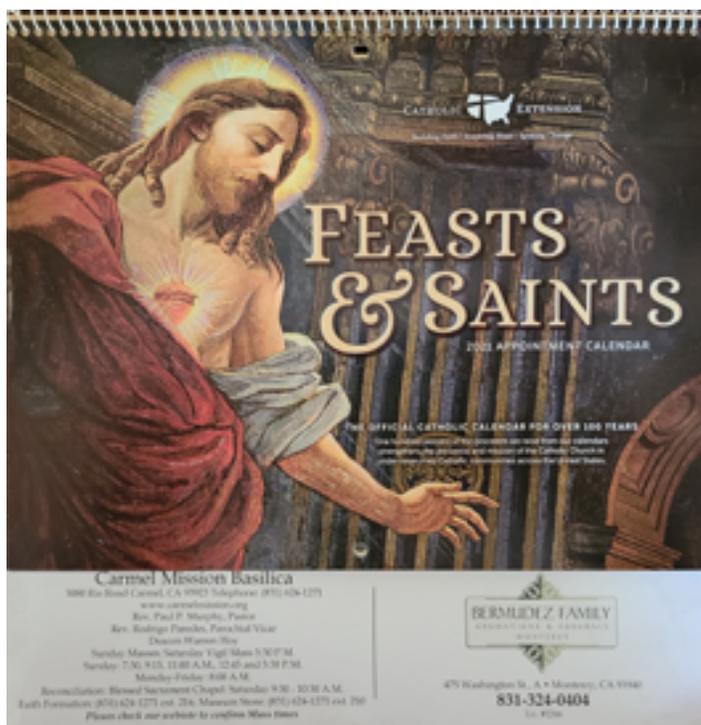
AmazonSmile

Carmel Mission is now registered with AmazonSmile and ready to receive donations!

AmazonSmile is the easiest, most direct method, and free of cost way to support our Mission.

By clicking on the AmazonSmile tab on the top left corner of the Amazon webpage, supporters will be taken to a unique page on smile.amazon.com that is automatically linked to the Carmel Mission. Simply enter your email address and password to enroll.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases made by supporters to the Carmel Mission.



The 2021 Calendars have arrived!

We will be distributing the calendars at our Sunday Masses on January 3.

Calendars will be available at our Mission Store upon request during the following hours of operation:

Tuesday — Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

(Covid-19 safety requirements are in effect at our Mission Store)



250th Anniversary
CARMEL MISSION
BASILICA

CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY



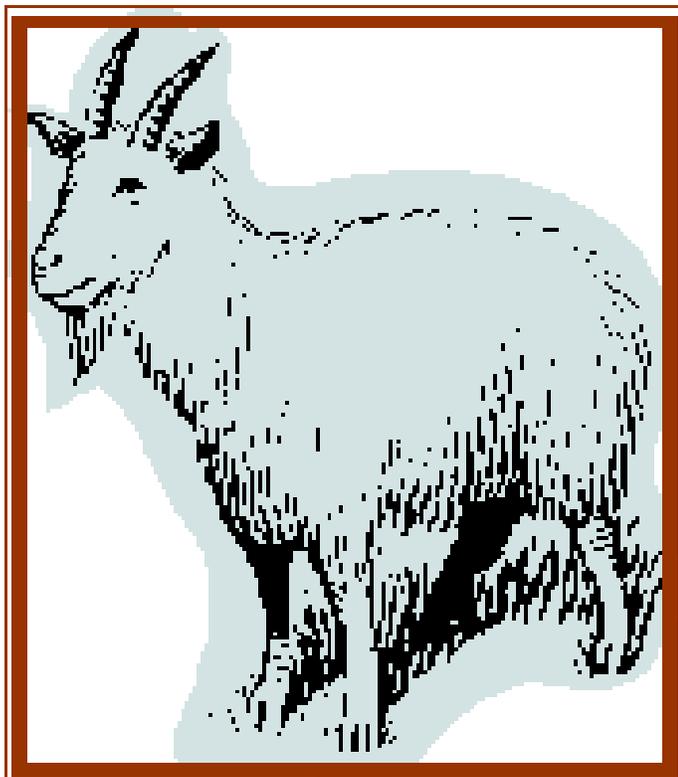
DOCENT CORNER

The Covid Pandemic Special Edition

Ghost and Goats

There have been numerous tales of ghost, pirates and witches on the Monterey Peninsula and the Carmel Mission was no exception. When the Mission bells rang mysteriously in the middle of the night, some thought it was the work of ghosts. Harry Downie was asked by a reporter from the local paper if it was true that ghosts had invaded the mission belfry and rang the bells?

“They were goats—not ghosts!”, said Harry Downie.



1974

“At the time, Muriel Vanderbilt Phelps was raising race horses out in Carmel valley on the Fertig property which she owned. She also rented some Mission Ranch acreage and kept her goats there. Her trainers practiced roping goats in order to exercise the horses.”

“We had a barbed-wire fence between the ranch and the mission but those goats got through the fence and up into the bell tower one night. While trying to make a meal off the bell ropes, they aroused sleeping residents at the mission by ringing the bells.”

Thus Harry Downie dispelled another old wives tale about the Carmel Mission.

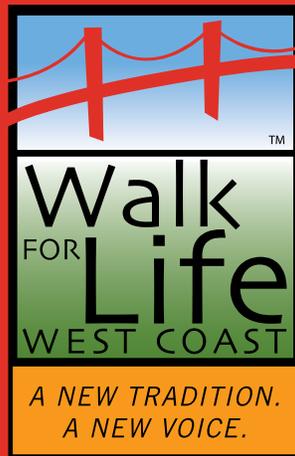
This information appeared in the Monterey Herald circa 1974.

17TH ANNUAL

Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion.®

WALK for LIFE

WEST COAST



Saturday, January 23, 2021

Prayer Rally: 12:30PM | Walk: 1:30PM

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA | SAN FRANCISCO

The 2021 Walk for Life West Coast is happening in San Francisco! Join us to let our voices be heard in prayer and unity as we peacefully walk with a message of love for women and the unborn! Sign up and see other participation opportunities on our website.

The Walk will be different this year since event permits are cancelled in San Francisco due to Covid-19. There will be no center stage, Info Faire tents, portable restrooms, nor a large sound system. This will be a smaller, public, peaceful protest at Civic Center Plaza followed by a Walk on Market Street.

For the latest status, go to: WalkforLifeWC.com. Cancellation is a possibility up to the day of the Walk. BART stations are at both locations. Street parking and public parking lots are nearby. Please follow local health guidelines. SFPD will be present for safety.

**Go to WalkforLifeWC.com
for updates and most current information.**



Sign up for email UPDATES on website:
info@WalkforLifeWC.com

WalkforLifeWC.com

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 be 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.



Carmel Mission Bible Study

The Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 10:30 AM via ZOOM

As you may know, we have a very active Bible Study group each Wednesday morning here at Carmel Mission. Dick Gorman leads the group. He has been teaching Catholic Bible Study classes for about 20 years.

The group is just starting a study of John's Gospel on January 6, so this would be a great time for you to join the class and see if this is for you. Each Holy Father back at least to Pope Pius XII has urged Catholic Bible study for the faithful.

Father Rodrigo and I urge you to look and see if this is for you. Class starts at 10:30 each Wednesday on ZOOM and lasts about an hour. There is no cost, and the only homework is to read the one chapter for the upcoming class so that you are familiar with it.

For any information, email Dick Gorman at dickgorman@att.net. He will email you a ZOOM invite by which to sign in.

Or call him at 595-6363

Carmel Mission Book Club

We meet via ZOOM on Mondays at 1:30pm.

On Monday, January 4th, book club will begin reading JERUSALEM: THE BIOGRAPHY by Simon Montefiore accompanied each week by tiny sections of THE IGNATIAN ADVENTURE (Experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in Daily Life) by Kevin O'Brien, SJ.

Please feel free to join us at any time.

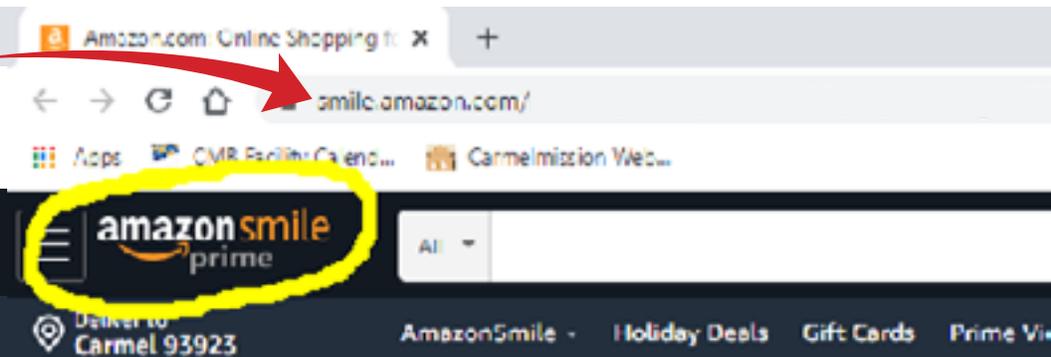
For information, please email Charlie Sciambi at csciambi@gmail.com.



Bookmark the Link to AmazonSmile

Put a smile on your face and help the Carmel Mission when you shop on AmazonSmile!

Remember, only purchases made on (smile.amazon.com) will result in donations.



How to Use AmazonSmile

Here are the steps you can take to ensure donations are made to the Carmel Mission via your Amazon purchase:

Step One

Type in the word 'smile.' before amazon.com, (smile.amazon.com), you will be brought to the Amazon site, but on the fundraising side. The site is almost the same except for the "smile."

The first time you go to the 'smile.' side, you will be asked to choose the charitable organization that you want to support. Search for Carmel Mission and select the Mission as your choice.

Step Two

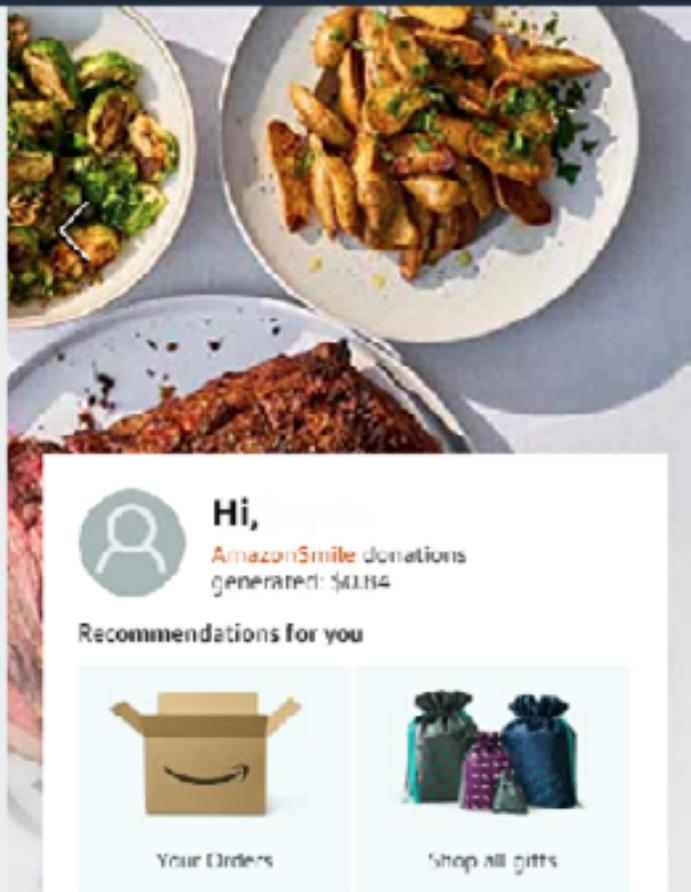
Bookmark the link to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) so that you can support the Carmel Mission every time you shop on Amazon.

Step Three

Shop online at AmazonSmile like you normally do!

Step Four

Share this link (smile.amazon.com) with family and friends.



CARMEL MISSION ADVISORY

Information About the Mission's Reopening

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.

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Welcome to Carmel Mission Basilica.

When you enter our courtyard you will be stepping into a sacred space where people have gathered to worship our loving Creator for hundreds of years. We are blessed to be able to continue this tradition during the COVID-19 pandemic by offering the Sacraments in an outdoor setting.

While we are fortunate to have such a beautiful and historic outdoor setting, being outside presents challenges that are largely beyond our control. Heat, smoke and poor air quality, and rain all require us to adjust in various ways, and in extreme situations may force us to cancel our celebrations on short notice. We encourage you to please visit our website for the most current advisories pertaining to our outdoor liturgies. We ask for your patience and consideration as we work to seat you safely in the most comfortable manner given the conditions.

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: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 10:00 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. 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.

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.

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:
[Guidelines for Visiting
the Mission Store](#)



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Carmel Mission Newsletter – December 23, 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to adapt virtually every aspect of how we interact and serve our community. We have compiled a newsletter to illustrate some of the challenges we have faced during this time and to highlight several positive developments. We are preparing for the day when we welcome everyone back safely.

Masses – Indoor, Outdoor and Videos

Since March, we have adapted to the varying Covid-19 restrictions, which initially permitted and then restricted indoor Masses. We have continued to film and broadcast via YouTube while holding two outdoor Masses each Sunday and on Holy Days since June in our beautiful Central Courtyard. Credit is due to the resilience of our parishioners, who have come out in the varying conditions of extreme heat, smoke, cold and recent wet weather.



Our community celebrating Mass and first communicants

Worshipping in our beautiful Central Courtyard



A crisp Sunday morning during this advent season

Videos and Carmel Mission YouTube Channel

In addition to filming Mass, we have reached out to our community via our YouTube channel with prayer messages from Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo, two Taizé services and a Lessons and Carols video.



Screenshots from Advent Prayer Message - December 23

Weddings, Baptisms and First Communion

We have been able to offer couples who had to reschedule from the Spring or had a Fall wedding planned the option to be married outdoors in our Central Courtyard.

We also resumed Baptisms in October, again outdoors in the Courtyard. We have been fortunate to welcome several new members to our community of faith in the past few months, and anticipate more Baptisms in January and beyond.

This past weekend, we offered First Communion to those children for whom the Sacrament had to be postponed back in May.

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge those members of our community who have passed away in this time since COVID has prevented Funeral Masses. We look forward to celebrating their lives and commending them to God in the New Year when restrictions are lifted.

Heavenly Sounds

Our Heavenly Sounds Campaign has been very successful to date. Our Casavant Organ is in the process of being restored and we anticipate its return and installation in the first part of the New Year. When it has been installed, we will be celebrating with a virtual concert to share with all of you and hopefully bring our campaign to successful conclusion.

We have purchased a terrific sound system to support our outdoor Masses and activities. We are developing our capabilities to produce our own videos and have enhanced our wireless internet capacity in the Basilica and adjacent outdoor areas.



A view of our outdoor Mass sound production from the wings

Our Virtual Parish Community



Website as viewed on a handheld

The Carmel Mission Website www.carmelmission.org has been streamlined to feature the frequently changing conditions, which continue to impact us during the pandemic. Our website is the place to get the most current information on our activities.



Carmel Mission website as viewed on a computer

Fr. Paul's Weekly Email and Electronic Bulletin

Fr. Paul's weekly email, along with our electronic bulletin, has helped us stay in touch with our community. Our eBulletin has expanded beyond 12 print pages to over 20 electronic pages.

YouTube Channel - Subscribers

We have received so many positive reinforcing messages regarding our video offerings on YouTube. They have helped us feel connected to you. If you have not subscribed to our YouTube channel, it is quite easy. Subscribing will allow you to receive a notification whenever we post a new video!

Mission Store & Visitors



An outdoor Kiosk welcomes visitors to the Mission

Though the Basilica and our Museums are closed, visitors continue to come to the Mission. Our Mission Store is open 5 days a week (Wednesday – Sunday) and visitors are able to walk the grounds. Please support our Store this holiday season!



Outdoor Exhibits

Since our indoor Museums have been closed under the current restrictions, we have created an outdoor photo exhibit of many unique artifacts from within our Museums to give visitors a sense for what is inside. Thanks are in order to Jewel Gentry and Huu Nguyen for their excellent collaboration to create this expanding exhibit.



New Parish Office Location

The parish office has relocated from the Rectory residence into the former school administrative office. Throughout the pandemic, Diocesan parish offices have remained closed and we have been operating with only essential staff. We have developed many virtual services to support the needs of our parish.



The parish office entrance and parking lot provides a secure single point of entry

Our Expanding Virtual Services

- **Prayer Requests** – confidential prayer requests can be sent to Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo by clicking on the Prayer Request button on the website. They love to stay connected with you and take your needs and intentions to God in their daily prayers and Masses.
- **Mass Intentions** - Mass Intentions can be scheduled by emailing massintentions@carmelmission.org.
- **New Phone System** – Voice messages are transcribed into text and distributed via email, which has helped us respond more quickly to requests under the current conditions.
- **Tech Assistance** – If you require any technical assistance with viewing videos, subscribing to our YouTube channel or downloading the bulletin, please email tech@carmelmission.org.

Improved Signage & Security



During this time, safe and clear access to the property has been critical to ensure that we are adhering to Monterey County and Diocesan safety mandates. Our path of travel and access points have changed to accommodate social distancing. We are required to take temperatures of Mass attendees. Having a single point of entry has allowed us to welcome each and every person attending Mass and to enhance the safety and security of our environment.

New signage on Central Courtyard



New signage on Rio Road



New signage on Driveway



New signage on Basilica gate entrances – Heralding the Mission's 250th Anniversary 1771-2021

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 Junipero 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



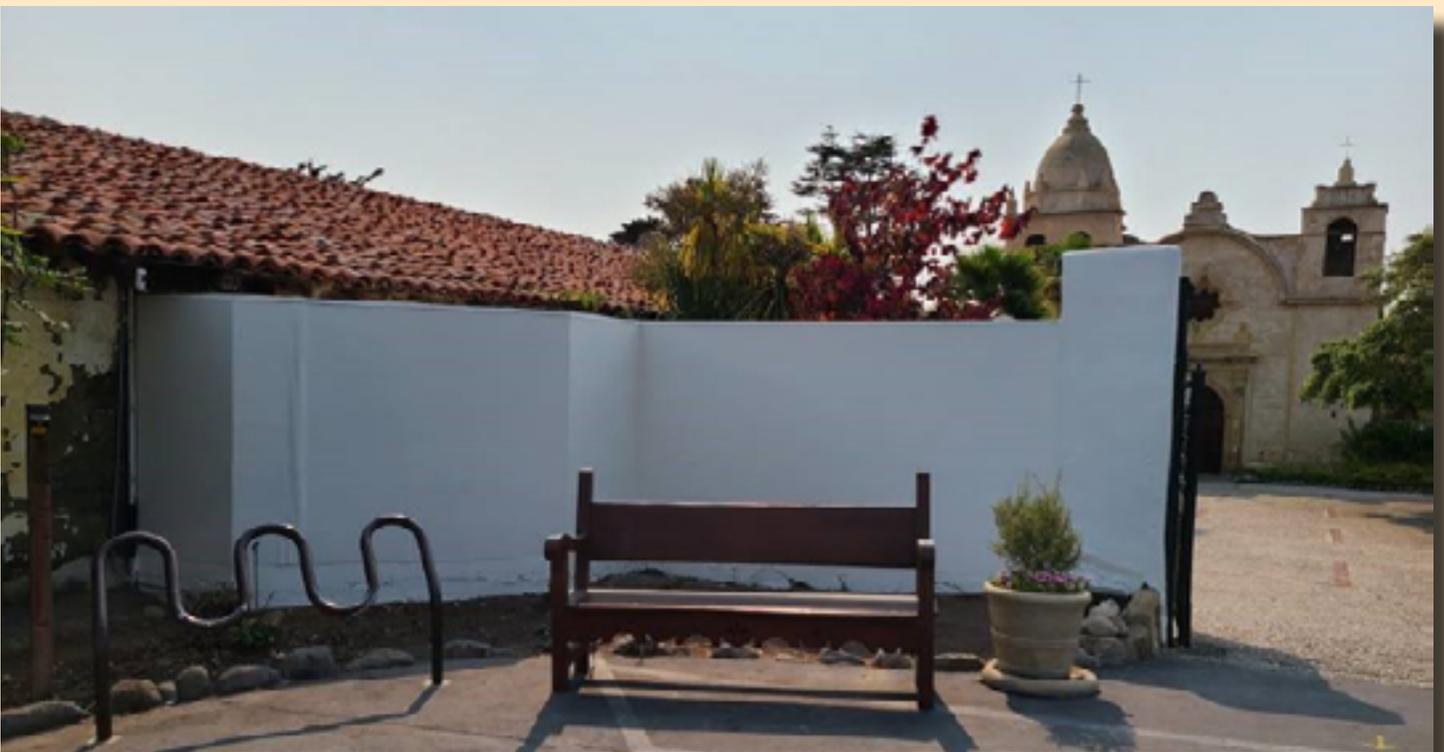
Carmel Mission captured over the years from a similar vantage point.

Repair and Construction Projects

Through the generous assistance of the Carmel Mission Foundation, we have temporarily replaced a portion of the adobe wall next to the Basilica entrance gates, which was in danger of collapsing.



The front wall collapse appeared imminent, deep root structure revealed in the adobe brick



A solid temporary wall in place

Central Courtyard Restrooms - Construction Has Begun

The Carmel Mission Foundation raised the funds to complete the construction of the Central Courtyard restrooms. Work began earlier this month. The restrooms will be identical to those near the Munras Courtyard and will allow us to provide the facilities for courtyard visitors and during events. We are also presently in the planning stages of the project to restore the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt in the Spring of 2021.



Tucked in the SW corner of the Central Courtyard, new restrooms are under construction.

Junipero Serra School – Future Opportunities

In May, Bishop Daniel Garcia announced the difficult decision regarding the closure of our Junipero Serra School. Bishop Danny wrote,

"Catholic Education is very important to me and the surrounding community, but as in many other places throughout the country, the viability of Catholic schools has become increasingly challenged in today's world. A great amount of parish and diocesan support has been invested in the school over the last several years due to an ongoing decline in student enrollment. The level of investment that is needed to go forward has proven to be unsustainable. Financial sustainability is always critical, and the devastating financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic being experienced throughout our diocese could never have been imagined. This economic and financial toll has resulted in a current and projected budget deficit that is not recoverable."

"In keeping with this call to the future, my commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese of Monterey remains firm. I look forward to continued investigation, analysis, and planning as to how we can respond and adapt to the current crisis and create a future of hope. We must ensure that the availability of the benefits of a Catholic education on the Peninsula, and throughout the Diocese of Monterey will continue."

JSS has had a significant financial impact on the parish. We are happy to announce that we have leased the Murphy and Mac Mahon buildings to the Stevenson School for the 2021 spring semester. Utilizing the property is positive for all parties.

Below is a communication to Parents of the Stevenson School from Kevin Hicks, Stevenson School President

"It's my great pleasure to announce that we have signed a lease this week with the Diocese of Monterey to use the former Junipero Serra School campus—once we are able to resume in-person instruction—to provide maximum physical distancing for our lower and middle division students. As of this writing, we expect that middle division students and teachers will relocate to this facility upon our return to campus instruction. We're grateful to Father Paul Murphy and Justin Burke at the Carmel Mission, as well as Bishop Garcia and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Monterey, for their partnership and support in crafting the agreement that will allow us to make effective use of this marvelously convenient campus and its many amenities."

I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and blessings of good health and great happiness in the New Year.

Fr. Paul



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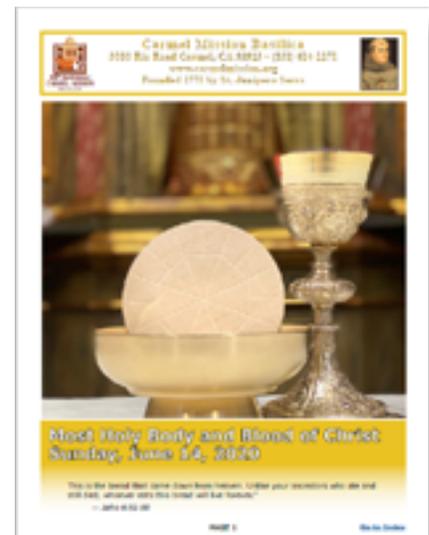
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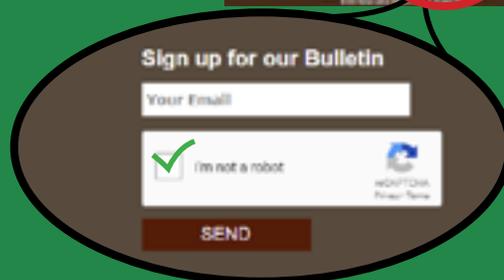
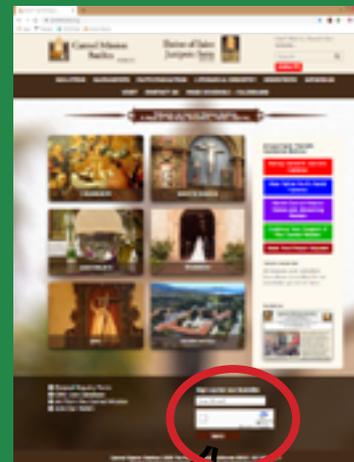
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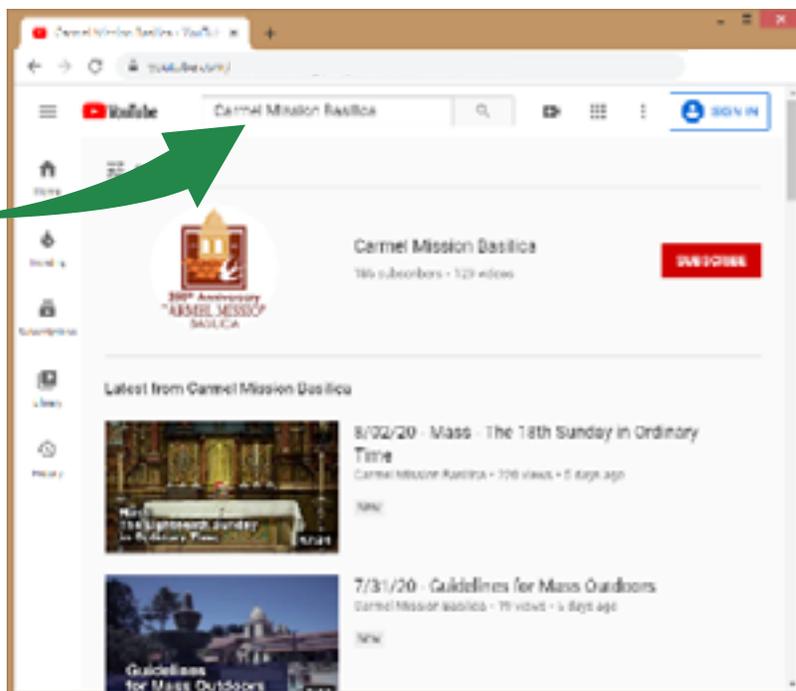


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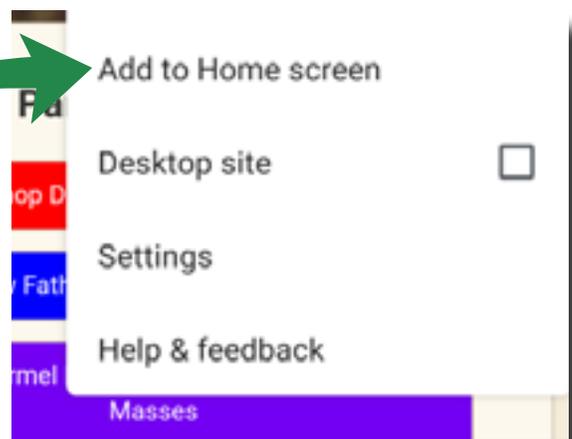
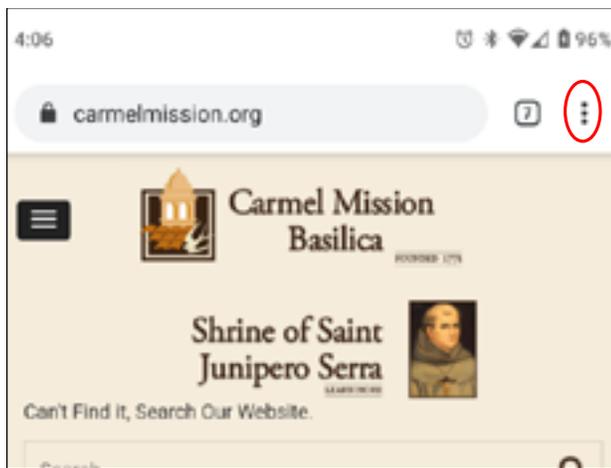


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