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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021

CELEBRATION CONCERT IN THE BASILICA

6:00 p.m. – Wine Reception

7:00 p.m. – Basilica Concert (open seating)

Featuring musical selections showcasing



Monterey String Quartet



Our newly renewed
Casavant Organ



Tenor, Pasquale Esposito

\$50 per person. Tickets available for purchase at carmelmission.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021



**CELEBRATION MASS
IN THE BASILICA**

4:00 p.m. – Mass celebrated by
Bishop Daniel Garcia

**CELEBRATION DINNER IN
THE CENTRAL COURTYARD**

5:30 p.m. – Reception and Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. – Dinner and Program

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 26, 2021**



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Jesus makes a simple but very profound statement in today's Gospel when he tells the disciples, "Whoever is not against us, is for us." (Mark 9:40) The disciples are engaged in the very human practice of taking and assigning sides. It is often our inclination to approach people and situations, especially ones with which we are unfamiliar or uncomfortable, in an adversarial way. Jesus has a different perspective. For Jesus, the person doing mighty deeds in His name is doing His will. The person is no threat to Jesus' authority or supremacy. If he did not believe in Jesus, he would be powerless. Though they do not realize it, he is also no threat to the disciples. Indeed, their own mission and mandate is made easier by another follower of Jesus out doing the work of the Kingdom. Our flawed human nature tends towards jealousy and envy of others, where we want to keep things for ourselves, for our team. Jesus offers the antidote to this mentality when he encourages the disciples to assume the best, not the worst, of another.

Imagine if the world operated as Jesus does. Imagine if nations, factions and individuals worked from the belief that we share a common interest in that which is good. Would we have war and conflict? Would we be so quick to see the ways in which we differ rather than the ways we are the same? Would it be so easy to disregard the need of our fellow humans if we believed they are on "our side?"

This is the world our loving God wants and envisions for us. A world where we can let go of fear and both freely offer and receive genuine hospitality, the cup of water to which Jesus refers in the Gospel. This week I invite you to join me in reflecting on the ways we as individuals, and as a community of faith, can better live out Jesus' call to inclusion and openness.

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

Fr. Paul



August 13, 2021

My brothers and sisters in Christ:

In my video message of February of 2021, I shared with you that the Holy See has made it clear that receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is morally acceptable. Likewise, the Holy See affirmed that all vaccines now available are morally permissible and can be used in good conscience. Pope Francis has highly encouraged the vaccination as an act of safeguarding one's own health as well as that of others – pointing us to the importance of the *common good*, such a key element of Catholic Social Teaching. Indeed, both Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict have received the vaccine as examples for us. The Bishops of California have also encouraged vaccination for the same reasons listed above.

For these reasons, I will not issue, and I have directed our clergy not to issue, any Letters of Religious exemption because it would contradict the clear objective teaching of the Catholic Church and the Holy See on this matter.

I want to take this opportunity to once more, encourage those who have not done so, and have no medical impediments to avoid it, to get vaccinated. Let us continue to pray that the Lord accompany us during these times of additional risk, help us to make the most responsible decisions in our conscience, and to pray as well, for greater unity in our Church and in society.

Wishing blessings for you and your families,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey

New Mass Schedule!

We are excited to bring back our Saturday Vigil Mass and Daily Masses.

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica

Sunday Masses

9:00 am - Indoor Mass with outdoor overflow in the Central Courtyard.

11:00 am - Outdoor Mass in the Central Courtyard (No Basilica seating).

Daily Masses — Wednesday & Friday

12:00 pm - Indoor Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mass Parking

Our Office lot opens 30 minutes prior to each Mass. Overflow parking is available in our Front Lot and out Murphy Lot.

We ask that everyone promptly returns to their vehicles at the end of Mass so that we may accommodate for the following Mass or activity.

Accessible Parking

We have a limited number of ADA spots. If you or anyone in your party has accessibility needs, please be sure to arrive early so that you may find a spot in our Office lot.

In the event that Office lot is full and you would like to drop off your party, please speak with our staff directing traffic; you will be allowed in to drop off your party.





CARMEL MISSION 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Celebration Concert

Saturday, October 9, at 7:00 PM

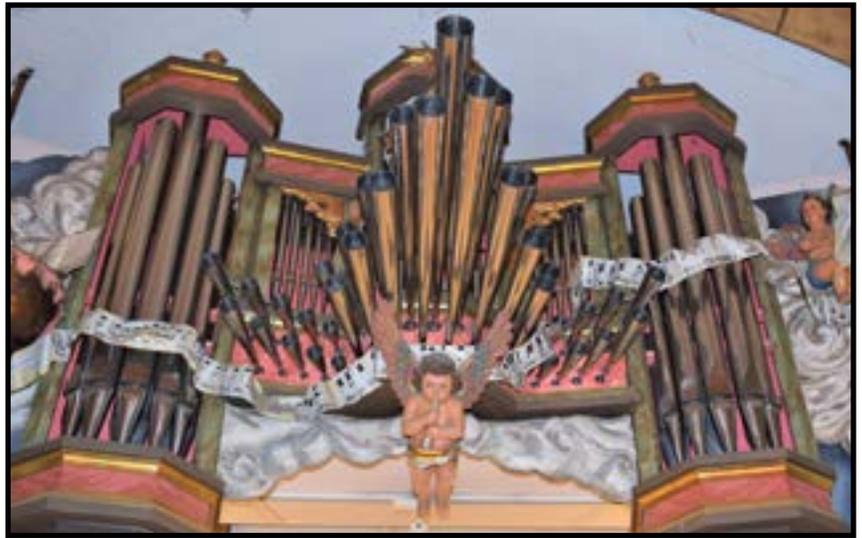
The concert will feature a musical selection showcasing:

The newly restored Casavant Organ

Tenor Pasquale Esposito

Monterey Strings Quartet

Carmel Mission Musicians



Saturday, October 9, 2021

6:00 PM – Wine Reception

7:00 PM – Basilica Concert (open seating)

Concert Tickets

\$50 per person

Tickets available on our website, CarmelMission.org



Celebration Mass

Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 PM

4:00 PM — Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel Garcia in the Basilica.

All are welcome, no ticket required for Mass.

Celebration Dinner In the Central Courtyard

Fundraiser tickets required.

5:30 pm – Reception and Silent Auction

6:30 pm – Dinner and Program



Invitations have been sent out by mail.
The electronic invitation are now available on our website.

The October 9 and 10 activities kick off our 250th Anniversary Celebration, which will continue through this year and next, as we welcome our community back into the full resumption of activities.

Questions?

Please contact us at (831) 508-8810 or at 250@carmelmission.org with any questions or to inquire about an RSVP.

Please visit our [website](#) where you will find up-to-date information on upcoming events for our 250th Anniversary Celebration. Updates will be posted as soon as they become available.



LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in thanksgiving for Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo on Priesthood Sunday by a grateful community.

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



As we have been live streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds, 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. 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 live streamed Mass as well as our outdoor Mass 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, September 26

First Reading The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses...and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. (Nm 11:25-29)

Psalms The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14)

Second Reading Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away,..and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; (Jas 5:1-6)

Gospel For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, will surely not lose his reward. (Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

Readings for the Week

Monday, September 27

ZEC 8:1-8
PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23
LK 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28

ZEC 8:20-23
PS 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7
LK 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

NEH 8:1-4A, 5-6, 7B-12
PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11
LK 10:1-12

Friday, October 1

BAR 1:15-22
PS 79:1B-2, 3-5, 8, 9
LK 10:13-16

Saturday, October 2

BAR 4:5-12, 27-29
PS 69:33-35, 36-37
MT 18:1-5, 10

Sunday, October 3

GN 2:18-24
PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
HEB 2:9-11
MK 10:2-16

Scripture Message

In the Gospel today Jesus has to again broaden the mindsets of His disciples on what it means to be His follower. Last week the Twelve were squabbling amongst themselves as to who was at the top of a hierarchy that was completely of their own making. Today, they want to exclude from the ranks of believers anyone who is not in their own insular group. The person casting out demons was doing so in Jesus' name, which certainly testifies to faith in Jesus. The disciples want to squash this not because the person is not following Jesus, but because he is not following the Twelve! Jesus has to explain that anyone acting in His name, performing mighty deeds, is indeed His follower, no less than those in His physical proximity. It is another blow to the disciples' egos, but an important step on their way to understanding the true nature of their discipleship. In the first reading Moses faces a similar challenge from Joshua. Joshua is jealous for Moses' standing as a great prophet, failing to see that it is the spirit which gave others the ability to prophesy, just as it had Moses. Moses has no such problem, with great wisdom he wishes at everyone was a prophet. By our Baptism we are all equally priest, prophet and king. How do you exercise your calling? And how do you recognize it in others?

FORECOURT RENOVATION

The restoration and seismic retrofit of the Sir Harry Downie Museum and the Basilica Forecourt started on April 5 and is off to a great start. The construction is expected to continue through the fall when we look forward to celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Mission. Access to the property from the Basilica entrance gates through to the Crespi lot will be off limits until the completion of construction.



The project calls for a completely new courtyard surface and walkways, which will be regraded and expanded to allow for improved ADA accessibility. The Downie building's interior will be renovated to allow more exhibition space along with the creation of 2 ADA compliant restrooms. The fountain will be restored as the centerpiece of refreshed garden beds.



We are grateful to the Carmel Mission Foundation and their ongoing commitment to raise the funds to restore and preserve our beautiful Carmel Mission property.



We look forward to providing pictorial updates on this project in future editions of the bulletin.



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 weeks ending on 9/12/2021:

Electronic Donations: \$ 4,054.45

Mail Donations: \$ 2,258.63

Saturday & Sunday Masses — Collection: \$ 5,955.00

Total Donations: \$12,268.08



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STEWARDSHIP (CONTINUED)

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support Carmel Mission Basilica



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THROUGH EGIVING***

By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate to one of our special project funds.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Get started today!

Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution:

www.carmelmission.org/

RECOVERY AND RENEWAL CAMPAIGN



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR GOAL OF
\$250,000 IN RECORD TIME**

Outdoor exhibits welcoming visitors



Outdoor Mass in the Central Courtyard

\$50,000 \$100,000 \$150,000 \$200,000 \$250,000

Currently at \$308,313!!

Diocese Goal
\$52,000

Parish Goal
\$250,000



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are safe and well, as we embark on our faith journey through this special year of 2021, during which we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our beautiful Mission by Saint Junípero Serra.

This is a year of RECOVERY and RENEWAL, a time to celebrate our past achievements and to plan for our future. While it is obviously true that conditions and restrictions of 2020 impacted our parish, both materially and spiritually, we have not been idle. We have used the time wisely to explore new and innovative ways to keep our community together and to plan for our future.

Who could have predicted how important the timing of our 2020 AMA Heavenly Sounds Campaign would be? The console of our beautiful Casavant organ has been restored and updated by its original makers and is awaiting re-installation. We have invested in a superb outdoor sound system for our masses in our Central Courtyard. We have been broadcasting mass on our website and our YouTube channel, which has enabled us to gather as a virtual community, and which is of particular benefit to those parishioners who are unable to attend mass in person.

It is time to launch our 2021 AMA (Annual Ministry Appeal). Our diocese has chosen the theme "Building a Family of Faith". I enclose an AMA information leaflet which indicates the range of ministries that you support by participating in the campaign. The first \$52,000 raised goes back to the diocese, and any sum we raise over that sum, comes back to our parish for RECOVERY and RENEWAL during our 250th Anniversary year. At Carmel Mission, we have set a total goal of \$250,000. We will use the additional \$198,000 to increase our efforts at building up our virtual family of faith. We plan to enhance our filming and digital communication capabilities through the investment in state of the art equipment and upgrades to our wireless infrastructure.

With the addition of our new Central Courtyard Restrooms, currently under construction, and the renovation of the Downie Museum and Basilica Forecourt, planned for this Spring, we will also invest in improving safety and access to our beautiful Mission. We will also expand our Museum exhibition space, in order to attract and welcome more visitors and pilgrims, whose support we greatly appreciate and rely on. We will share our progress towards achieving our goals on a dedicated page on our website and our weekly bulletin. In each of the past three years, your generosity has enabled us to achieve our AMA goals: Upgrade of Crespi Parish Hall, Renew Our Pews, and Heavenly Sounds. We could not have done this without you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

During this 250th Anniversary year, I know that I can count on your selfless stewardship and your generous support of our beautiful Carmel Mission.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health and great happiness. In the great love of Jesus Christ,

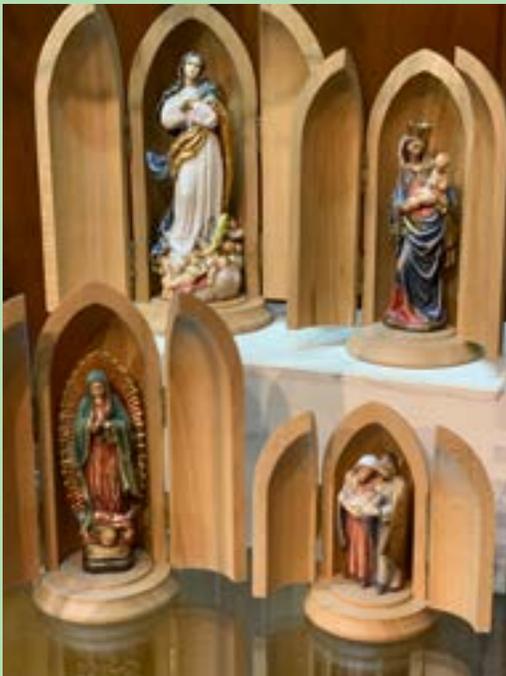
Fr. Paul P. Murphy
Pastor at Carmel Mission

p.s. Let's achieve our \$250,000 goal in our 250th year

*Just arrived from Italy
Fall and Winter collection of hand carved statues from PEMA!*



The PEMA company is a world-leading workshop in the wood carving arts. Each design is unique with natural and likeable expressions. Selected mountain wood is carved by hand by skilled sculptors. Each piece is then hand painted and decorated by qualified woman painters. We have statues in a range of sizes including miniature 3" figurines in handsome presentation gift boxes.





We are seeking a personable, outgoing customer service associate to offer our guests an exceptional experience when visiting the historic Carmel Mission. In this role you will be assisting the guests in the Mission Store, grounds, and museum and providing customer service during weddings, concerts and other on-site events.

Role and Responsibilities

- Welcome and greet all visitors.
- Assist and resolve visitors' questions, inquiries, and concerns.
- Maintain a current knowledge of all products in the store.
- Maintain merchandise — including stocking, merchandising, and cleaning.
- Operate and balance cash register.
- Answer telephone
- Attend all training to grow knowledge of the history of the Mission.

Qualification

- Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.
- Fluent in English, bilingual is a plus.
- Computer skills and talent for technology
- Enjoy learning.
- Perform well with a team.
- Professional appearance and attitude
- Comfortable standing or walking for long periods of time, light lifting and occasional use of a ladder.

Preferred Skills

- Retail
- Hospitality
- Tourism experience

Please submit resume to store@carmelmission.org

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:

Matthew Escovar,
Rosellen Sana,
Anne Emmerich,
Joan Kenny
Tobi Lunt
Sean Kenny
Nancy Buchanan,
Mary Cea,
Larry Fry,
Richard Cruickshank,
Charles Cardoza,
Mercedes Ferrante,

Frank Machalla,
Brandon Paulikas,
Julieta Evangelista,
Dan Ukestad,
Nancy D'Angelo,
Ruth Flynn,
Missy Student,
Lois Jones,
Marjorie Coleman



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](#)



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PARISH PRAYERS

Recently Deceased in our Parish

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



Jeanne Trudeau,
Wayne Kelly,
Mary Lou Berry,
Marie Linke,
Kathleen Conley,
Madeline Kepp,
Richard Doerr,
Marilynn Ackerman O'Neill,
Beaujean Scanlon,
Jacqueline Melcher,
Regenia Gomez,
Gwen Foster,
Betty Kadoorie,
King Williams,
Jack Brophy,
Marie Beattie,
Ramiro Santibañez Sr.,
Elizabeth Moley,
Antonia Ayala,
Gloria Valentino,

James McKillop,
Geraldine Murphy,
Phil Gambucci,
Jane Lowrey Weisser,
Claude Keyzers,
Vivian Sweeney,
Carlos Pineda,
Lillian Lampi,
Josph Kepp,
José Eliseo Cabrera,
Dr. Knox Mellon,
Ronald J. Antuzzi,
John Flynn,
Dr. Richard Pirotte,
Sandra Ramirez,
Joshua King,
Phyllis Loyko,
Edmundo Lundgren,
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

... 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Join us in the Central Courtyard at 2pm for a Blessing of the Animals.



COME HEAR HOW SERRA CLUB of the MONTEREY PENINSULA

PROMOTES AND AFFIRMS VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Next meeting: October 4, 2021, 6:00pm at St. Angela Merici Hall.

Our guest speaker will be Seminarian John Viet Tran.

RSVP to Mary O'Connell at 510-552-8028 or 831-333-0827 or mboc2222@sbcglobal.net



DOCENT CORNER:

Saint Junípero Serra- The Path to Canonization

On September 23, 2015, in Washington D.C., Pope Francis I presided over the canonization of "the Apostle of California", 231 years after his death. Saint Junípero became the first Roman Catholic Saint to be canonized on U. S. soil. This month we commemorate the event by looking at the process, testimony, saintly relics, and the canonization ceremony of St. Junipero Serra.

Reflecting Brilliance - The Reliquary of California's First Saint

The word "relic" comes from the Latin *relinquo*, literally meaning "leave", or "abandon." It is the etymology of the word "relinquish", however the English word, a verb, connotes the action, "to give". Doctor of the Church St. John of Damascus (676- 749), taught that relics of the saints are gifts from God to the Church, given to the faithful as means of sanctification. Thus, those who venerate relics honor God. St John Damascene was considered the last of the Greek Fathers, and his teachings were foundational to the early Church.

Another Doctor of the Church, Dominican philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) taught a similar belief on relics. In his *Summa Theologiae*, he points out the factual experience of anyone who feels affection for a deceased person showing respect to that person's body and clothing. Aquinas said that saints, like the living faithful, are members of the same Mystical Body and intercede on their behalf in heaven. Therefore, the bodies of the saints deserve special honor. Finally, he distinguished the hierarchical relationship between the worship, or *latria*, that is given to God alone and honor, or *doulia*, that is given to the saints and relics.

The veneration of sacred relics has a long history in the Church. It is commonly held that the first account of such veneration stretches back to the martyrdom of St. Polycarp at Smyrna around the year 155 A.D. The Fathers of the Church adopted the practice of reverence paid to sacred relics as early as the fourth and fifth centuries. By the 1100s, relics were being venerated in churches and shrines which attracted numerous pilgrims.

In 1987, one year before Serra's beatification, his remains were exhumed to reconfirm that the site was indeed accurate, a step in the process of canonization known as canonical recognition. Leading the group lobbying for beatification at the time was Vice Postulator Fr. Noel Francis Moholy, OFM, who devoted four decades to eventually seeing the Padre canonized. After the exhumation, Fr. Moholy left Carmel for the Vatican with the results, as well as several bone fragments, on Serra's behalf.

On September 23, 2015, Saint Junípero's Mass of Canonization was held outside of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.. Pope Francis I celebrated the Mass at an altar constructed on the steps of the national shrine's east portico. Nearly 30,000 worshipers gathered on the lawn in front of the adjacent campus of The Catholic University of America. A special object that graced the altar for the celebration was the new saint's reliquary cross. It was carried in procession by Andrew Galvan, a longtime proponent of canonization, Docent at Old Mission Dolores, and Ohlone Indian whose ancestors became Christians at the mission in San Francisco.

Two California liturgical artists were commissioned by the Franciscan Order to create the reliquary. Marirose Jelicich, is a metal and jewelry artist and teaches her craft in Sacramento. Rev. Ronald G. Schmit, pastor of St. Anne's Church in the East Bay, designs altars and liturgical objects featuring wood and metal inlay. Fr. Schmidt draws upon his theological training and infuses his work with layers of religious symbolism.

The artists took their inspiration from St. Junipero's own Caravaca mission cross which was buried with him. Serra's cross contained the relics of Blessed Ramón Lull (1235-1315), a native of the Padre's beloved Mallorca to whom he had a special devotion. Serra taught for 17 years at the University named for Lull in Palma, Mallorca. Franciscan missionaries took crosses with them on their journeys to symbolize bringing the light of God to distant lands.

For Spanish Franciscans, the form of their cross was often a replica of the Cross of Caravaca de la Cruz, a town in southern Spain. The form comes from a pious legend depicting the "miraculous" delivery of a double bar cross by angels in 1231 on the Iberian Peninsula, to Padre Don Ginés Pérez Chirinos de Cuenca, who was asked to demonstrate the Eucharist to the Moorish King Zeyt-Abuzeyt. At the consecration, the King saw a vision of the host transformed into the infant Christ, whereupon he and his family converted to Christianity. It is also believed that the cross contained pieces of the cross of Jesus.

For Serra's canonization reliquary the artists designed and made a sterling silver Caravaca cross with a hand tooled bas-relief of the crucified Christ. The surface is embedded with semi-precious stones of carnelian, mother of pearl, lapis-lazuli, and abalone shell. The colors of the stones symbolize Christ, Mary, and the liturgical seasons. The shell is native to California and was integral to the daily lives and practices of the indigenous people.

Below the form of Jesus is a circular window revealing a bone fragment of Saint. Junípero, one of those which had been carried to Rome from Carmel by Fr. Moholy and was authenticated by the Vatican as a true relic.

On the reverse side of the cross is the image of the Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, a tenet of the Church central to Franciscan theology and Ramón Lull's teachings.

The nimbus framing the cross is composed of two symmetrical semicircular arcs of rays. Each ray in an arc has irregularly edged angles, making the collective effect organic and vibrantly energetic. The thin metal pieces are covered in hand applied 24 karat gold leaf, the brightest and most enduring gilt material available and symbolically appropriate for the "Apostle" of the Golden State.

The rich, specular glow of the materials, and the composition of exuberant forms all combine to symbolize the brilliance of the Word of God, which Serra worked fervently to spread throughout his life as an academic and a missionary. Saint Junípero's new missionary cross, along with the other historic reliquaries at Carmel Mission and his burial site, have become objects of pilgrimage for people worldwide.



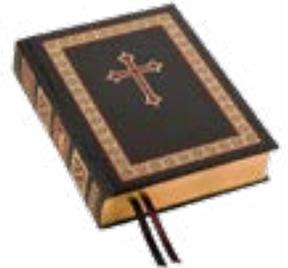
This insight into the Mission history was provided by the Carmel Mission Docent Association.

Carmel Mission Bible Study

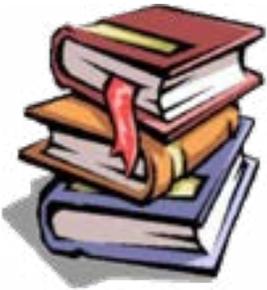
The Bible Study meets every Wednesday
at 10:30 AM via ZOOM

Our Parish Bible study started the Book of Genesis on July 21.

You are invited and this is a good opportunity to see if Contemplating the Word of the Lord is for you. Genesis is the loving letter of God by which He reveals how He created our world, and us. We will explore how Adam went awry and how God began the road to restoration that is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.



We meet, presently by ZOOM, each Wednesday morning at 10:30 for about an hour. Call or email Dick Gorman for a Zoom invitation. 595-6363 or dickgorman@att.net



Carmel Mission Book Club

The Book Club meets every Monday
at 1:30 PM via ZOOM

On September 20th, Book Club began reading Things Worth Dying For: Thoughts on a Life Worth Living by *Archbishop emeritus Charles Chaput*. Reviews call this book an encouragement, a challenge, and a gift. All are welcome to join us at any time.

For information and a Zoom invitation, please email Christina Renna at christina.renna@gmail.com

Sign up for our Weekly Bulletin Email from Fr. Paul

We send out a weekly email every Sunday morning with the following features:

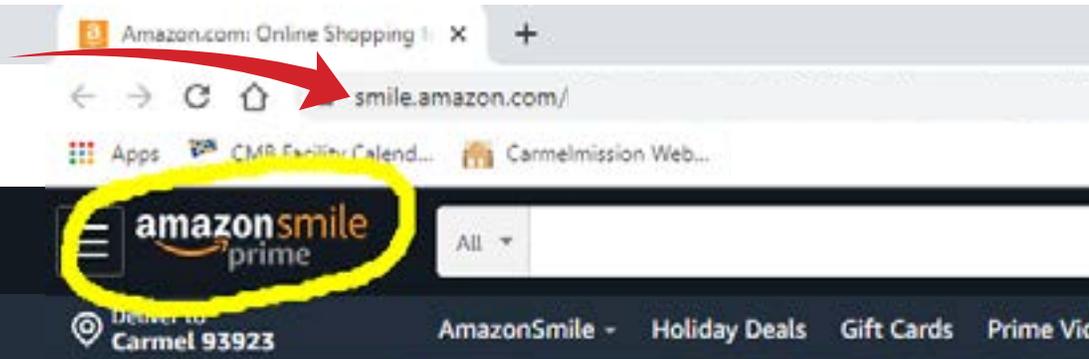
- Father Paul's Weekly Letter
- Our LIVE Streamed Sunday Mass
- Our Weekly Electronic Bulletin
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Step Two

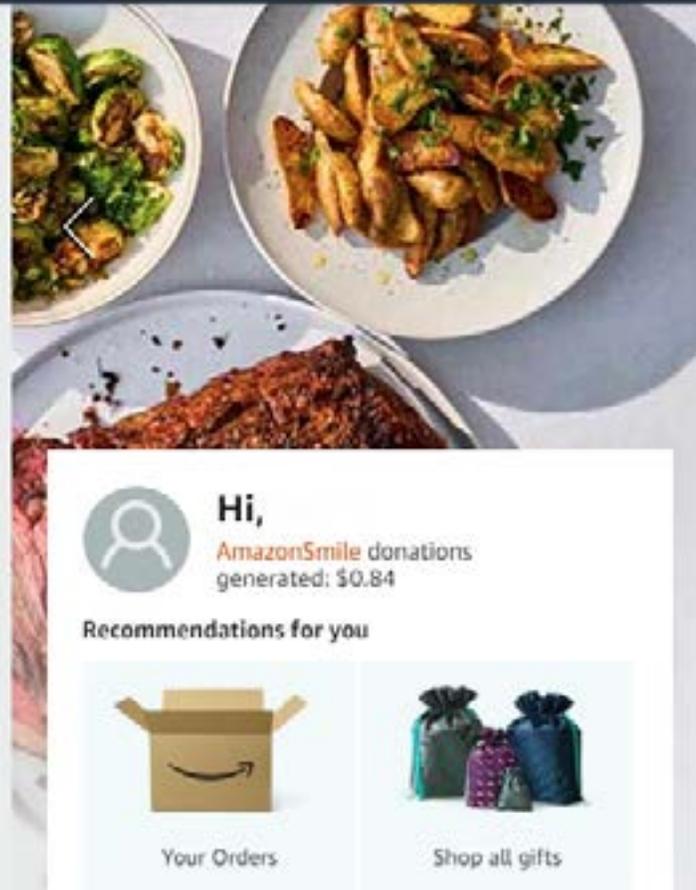
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Step Three

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Step Four

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How to sign up to our weekly email

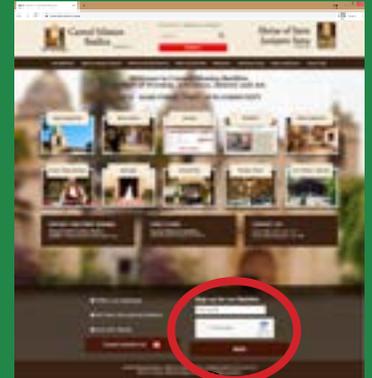
If you would like to receive weekly news and updates from the Carmel Mission Basilica, sign up to our bulletin distribution list.

We send weekly emails which contain:

- Our Pastor's letter to you
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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"
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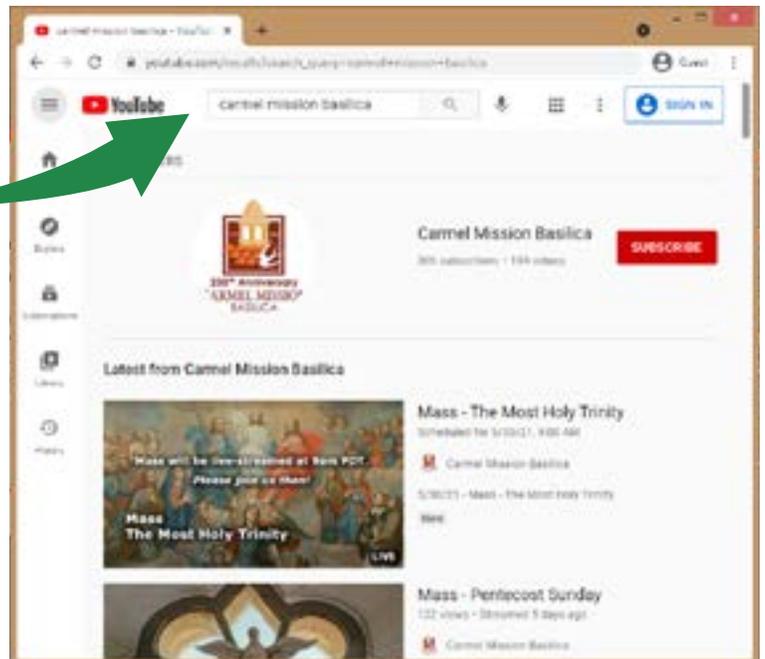


How to find us on YouTube

To find our Channel navigate to 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.

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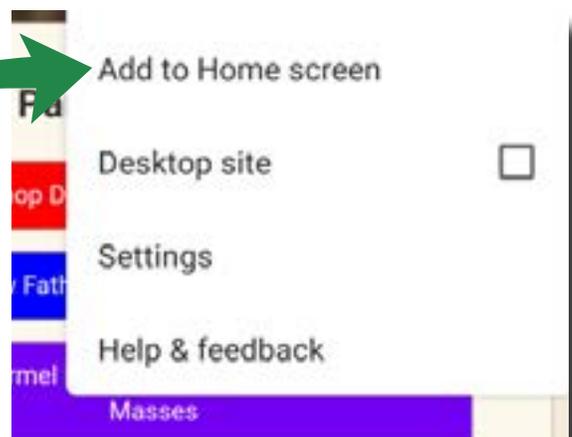


How to add the Carmel Mission website to your smartphone's home screen

To add our website to your smartphone home screen, open your web browser and navigate to carmelmission.org and follow the instructions needed for your device.

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

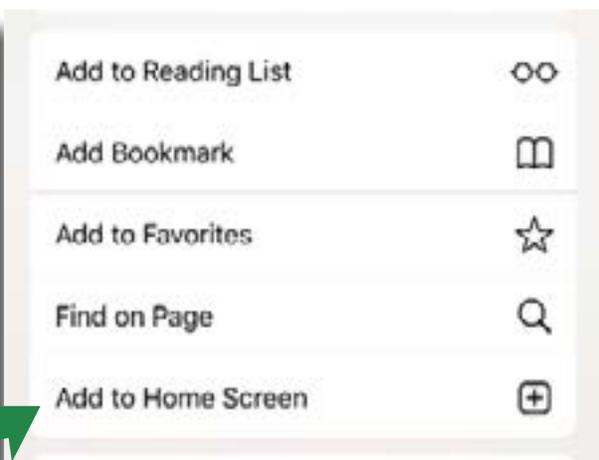


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