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MISSION AT THE MISSION

The Unconditional Love of God

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Topics:

Monday: The Personal Love of God

Tuesday: The Merciful Love of God

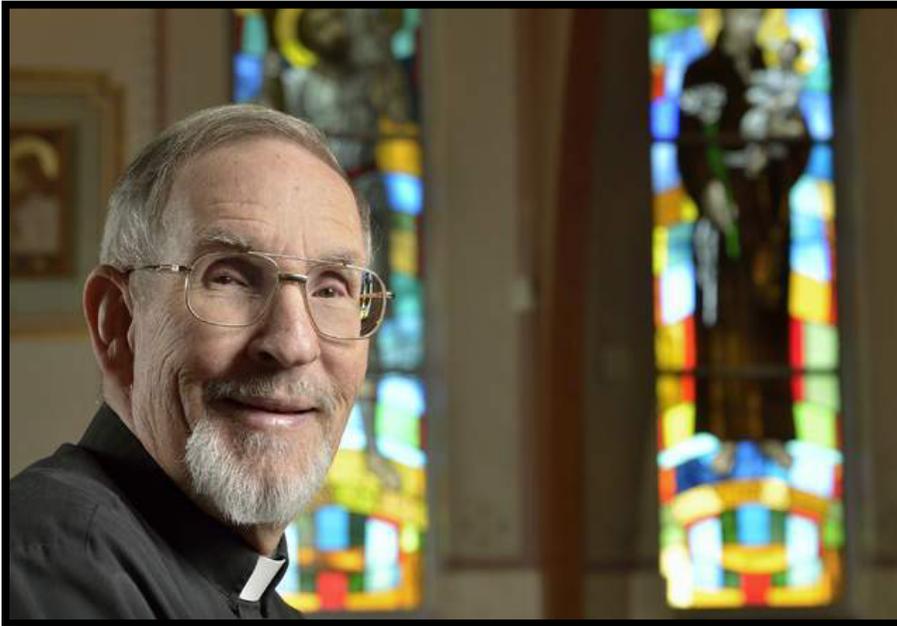
Wednesday: Junipero Serra and The
People He Served in the "New World"

Thursday: Loving My 'Neighbor' as
I Love Myself

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 14, 2021

“THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD”

Fr. Max Oliva, S.J.



The greatest virtue is love. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:16). We are able to love others because of God’s unconditional love for us. Love is what motivates and enables people to do extraordinary things.

Love of God and love of God’s people is what motivated Junipero Serra to leave his island home of Mallorca and journey to a land far away. He was passionately convinced that the Son of God offered a better day to everyone on this earth and wished to share this Good News with others.

On our parish retreat, we will have the opportunity to reflect on how we have to come to know and to believe in the love God has for us and how this love has motivated us to be instruments of love to others.

Father Max Oliva is a Jesuit priest of the West Province. He resides in Spokane, Washington on the campus of Gonzaga University. He has given many parish retreats in both the U.S. and Canada. He is the author of seven books on faith and ethics. Father Max will be available by appointment for private visits during the retreat.

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1:00pm — Presentation by Fr. Max



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

This weekend marks the beginning of our parish retreat, Mission at the Mission. Many of you may remember Fr. Max Oliva from his visit with us earlier this year, and I am delighted to welcome him back to the Mission for this important time of community growth. Each weekday presentation will focus on a different aspect of God's unconditional love; His personal love, His merciful love, the inspirational nature of His love in the person of our own St. Junipero, and the love of our neighbors as ourselves as an expression of God's love. As we continue to emerge from the effects of the pandemic and to celebrate and reflect on the milestone of our 250th anniversary, it is an ideal time to come together as a community to pray, to learn, and to rededicate ourselves to sharing the Good News of God's love with the world.

To whet your appetite, I am sharing an excerpt from Fr. Max's weekend homily as a preview of what we have to look forward to at our Mission. I hope I will see you there.

Until then, I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, new hope and God's immense love,

Fr. Paul

EXCERPT FROM THE HOMILY, NOVEMBER 13 and 14, 2021 BY MAX OLIVA, S.J.

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the church traditionally has directed our attention to the end of history: personal and collective. Today's readings encourage us not to be afraid but to put our faith and trust in the love and mercy of God. In the Gospel, Jesus points to the ultimate triumph of good over evil. We are all destined to meet God at some time. It is important to be as prepared as possible.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel gave us something profound to reflect on in light of the readings.

"In every person's life there are moments when there is a lifting of the veil at the horizon of the known, opening a sight of the eternal. We do not leave the shore of the known in search of adventure or suspense or because of the failure of reason to answer our questions. We sail because our mind is like a fantastic seashell, and when applying our ear to its lips we hear a perpetual murmur from the waves beyond the shore."

FORECOURT RENOVATION

Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,

Just over one week ago, the last remaining section of the construction fencing, which had been in place for many months, was taken down and brought to another site.

Lo and behold, an amazingly beautiful vista was revealed - our restored Basilica Forecourt and Downie Museum.

I invite you to spend some time there, when you get a chance. A favorite vantage point of mine, which offers an expansive view, is the new seating area that we have provided over near the wall at the corner of Lasuen and Rio roads. I have the advantage of being able to spend some time there in the evening, when no one else is there to disturb the serene peace that prevails.

The Downie Museum is unrecognizable, compared to its former shell. We have taken out the problematic restrooms and enabled people to move freely between the front and the rear sections of the building. Two new ADA restrooms have been added to the building.

As you enter the Downie Museum, you cannot help but notice, and hopefully admire, the beautiful stonework of the fireplace, which had been painted over many times. We had the chimney cleaned also, just in case the heating fails!

None of this work would have happened were it not for the financial support that we received from the Carmel Mission Foundation. I thank Stephanie Zelei and her Board of Directors for all the painstaking work that they put into this very worthwhile and successful project.

In order to welcome more visitors, pilgrims and parishioners to our restored Forecourt, we have added an extra gated entrance at the side of our Museum Store.

We continue to move "Always forward..." , with great hope in our hearts and an undiminished commitment to preserve and enhance our beautiful Carmel Mission for generations to come.

Blessings of peace to you and your loved ones,
Fr. Paul



ATTENTION:

All weekend Masses will be celebrated indoors iwth outside overflow, weather permitting.

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica

Sunday Masses

9:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica with outdoor overflow weather permitting.

11:00 am - Inddor Mass in the Basilica with Choir.

Daily Masses — Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

Mass Parking

Our Parish 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 accomodate 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.



LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given this week in thanksgiving for the blessing of God's unconditional love by the Community of Carmel Mission.

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, November 14

First Reading "But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:1-3)

Psalms You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11)

Second Reading Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin. (Heb 10:11-14, 18)

Gospel ...this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Mk 13:24-32)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
PS 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
LK 18:35-43

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

2 MC 6:18-31
PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
LK 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2 MC 7:1, 20-31
PS 17:1BCD, 5-6, 8B & 15
LK 19:11-28

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1 MC 2:15-29
PS 50:1B-2, 5-6, 14-15
LK 19:41-44

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59
1 CHRONICLES 29:10BCD, 11ABC,
11D-12A, 12BCD
LK 19:45-48

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1 MC 6:1-13
PS 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19
LK 20:27-40

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

DN 7:13-14
PS 93:1, 1-2, 5
RV 1:5-8
JN 18:33B-37

Scripture Message

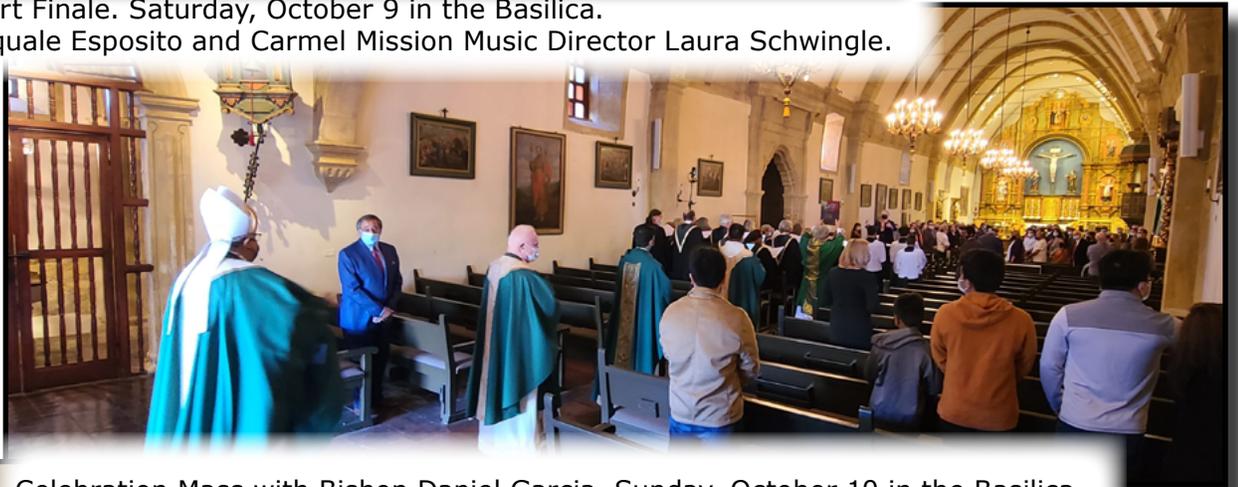
For the contemporary audience of Mark's Gospel, the Apocalyptic scene Jesus describes would have seemed very real and very imminent. In the generations immediately following the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, it was widely believed that His return and the subsequent end time was likely to happen in their lifetimes. As time has passed and this has yet to happen it is, for many of us, less of a likely reality, or at least less of a focal point in our modern world. But Jesus' words ring true, only the Father knows when that day will come, could be tomorrow, could be a million years from now, so best to prepare as though it were tomorrow and not be caught unaware. Indeed, whenever the end of the world is to come, we know equally for certain that our own life will end, probably not at a time of our knowing, and possibly with little or no warning. Another reason to take the steps now to be ready for Heaven. While the contemplation of our own death, and the end of the world as we know it can seem daunting or even frightening, it is important to remember that we are made for Heaven, to be like and to be with God. No better reason than to live for God now, today and every day, until that time comes. Our preparation for Heaven is not wasted on earth, it is the work of God's Kingdom incumbent on us as followers of Jesus. How are you preparing for Heaven?

250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you for joining us last weekend in the beginning of our Anniversary Celebration



Celebration Concert Finale. Saturday, October 9 in the Basilica.
Special guest Pasquale Esposito and Carmel Mission Music Director Laura Schwingle.



Celebration Mass with Bishop Daniel Garcia. Sunday, October 10 in the Basilica.



Fr. Paul at the podium during our Celebration Dinner in the Central Courtyard.

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 10/31/2021:

Electronic Donations: \$ 3,486.27

Mail Donations: \$ 2,800.86

Saturday & Sunday Masses — Collection: \$ 5,754.00

Total Donations: \$12,041.13



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STEWARDSHIP (CONTINUED)

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New Arrivals! Tiles and Statues



Tiles and statues
for the home and
garden. Come by
and see our new
artisanal products.





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CARMEL MISSION MUSEUM STORE

Customer Service Associate



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:

**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:



Daniel Castilleja Garcia, Jr.,
Mary S. McLane
Paul Filipe,
Jim Griffin,
Michael Flynn,
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,
Jospeh 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 2021

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 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.

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



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

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

Today, Pope Francis launched the “Laudato Si Action Platform Plan.”

The Laudato Si’ Action Platform is a unique collaboration between the Vatican, an international coalition of Catholic organizations, and “all men and women of good will.” (LS 3) Taking a truly ground-up approach, it is rooted in the strengths and realities of communities around the world, empowering all to take “decisive action, here and now” as we journey towards a better future together. (LS 161)

Action is urgently needed. Our Creator called the human family to be the steward of creation, but we have neglected that call. Our hotter, dirtier, deader planet is driving up the risk of suffering. The most vulnerable suffer above all.

At this kairos moment, we are responding to the call for healing in our relationships with God, our neighbors, and the Earth itself. Through the Laudato Si’ Action Platform, we are walking the “path to renewal” together (LS 202). Please visit <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>



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DOCENT CORNER:

Larry Joseph Larson, PFC, USMC



Larry Joseph Larson PFC, U. S. Marine Corps,
(1946-1967)

Several plaques throughout the Carmel Mission Campus commemorate 20th century individuals who contributed to or served the Parish in significant ways. They include a retired pastor, a curator and a local hero. As we approach the Birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps and

Veterans Day, we pay tribute to a young man, a son of the Parish, who gave his life for our country and is memorialized in Larson Field.

Larry Joseph Larson was born in San Jose, California on December 30, 1946, into a lively Mexican clan. As a young boy he moved with his parents and brother to Mission Fields a few blocks from the Mission which became central to the devout family's lives. His mother Jessie was famous for her enchiladas and for her warm hospitality. Her home was always filled with food, laughter, music and her two sons' friends. Larry attended Junipero Serra School and frequently served as an altar boy, often filling in at the last minute for others. He was particularly devoted to his religion classes and volunteered to lead youth ministry groups. Larry loved to joke, to eat and to help anyone who needed it. He was well known in the Parish, liked by his fellow students, their parents and the priests and nuns who taught him.



Ribbons:

Combat action ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Marine Corps Overseas Deployment ribbon and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Unit Award with palm.

During grammar school Larry told his parents he recognized a calling to become a parish priest. After graduating from 8th grade Larry matriculated to Holy Redeemer Redemptorist Seminary in Oakland where he graduated after 4 years. One of his classmates recalled: "Of all the hundred or so students who were preparing to become Catholic priests, Larry seems to me to be the most likely to accomplish his goal. He was compassionate, kind, and relentless. He put everything he had into everything he did, with pride and purpose, and he did it well."

Larry applied to and was accepted at St. Mary's College in Moraga. Throughout the summer between seminary and college he had been closely following the growing conflict in Vietnam. Larry was very disturbed with the news of young men being killed, many of them leaving behind young children and widows. He told his family he could not bear that he was safe in school while others his age were losing their lives. He said he wanted to take the place of one of those fathers who was in mortal danger. The seminarian and college student would have been eligible for a deferral if drafted. Instead, Larry enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps. He received an extension of his college admission and planned to serve as a Marine for four years before coming home and continuing his path to become a priest. When he announced to his parents that he had taken leave of absence from St. Mary's and enlisted in the Marines, they were stunned.



Medals:

- Purple Heart,
- National Defense Service Medal,
- Vietnam Service Medal with 2 battle stars,
- Vietnam Campaign Medal.



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The Marines offered Larry a position as a chaplain's assistant. He turned it down and asked instead to be on the front lines. Larry was trained as a Marine infantryman. He was deployed to Vietnam in October of 1966. His mother sent weekly boxes of food and goodies. Almost right away, the buoyant and jovial 19-year old's letters home became more serious. Larry spoke of the shocking brutality of the war and of his compassion for the suffering Vietnamese villagers.

On March 18th , 1967, one day before the beginning of Operation Beacon Hill, Larry recorded a tape for his family while he was aboard the USS Ogden. He dropped the tape in the ship's mailbox and climbed into one of the amtracs headed for the beach north of the Cua Viet River. On Good Friday, they were met with hostile fire from North Vietnamese Army soldiers, highly trained and well-equipped professionals. Larry suffered a concussion that day from a mortar attack.

Larry rejoined his Platoon in the field on Easter Sunday morning, March 26, 1967. He was a "point man", the first rifleman in the line of Marines as they advanced toward the Demilitarized Zone. The position was extremely perilous, so the point man was rotated out every 15 minutes. Larry had just assumed the position at the front of the line when they were ambushed. He was the first of 7 Marines to lose their lives. Of the 40 men in the 2nd Platoon who went into the ambush that day, only 12 walked out unharmed. The rest were killed or wounded.

On Tuesday, March 28th , Jessie Larson saw a dark car pull up to the house in Mission Fields. Behind the Marine Casualty Assistance Officer coming up the walk were Bishop Harry Clinch and Pastor Monsignor James Marron. After the Marine officer and the Monsignor left, Bishop Clinch, who had confirmed the young altar boy who had served at so many of his masses, stayed behind to console Larry's parents and to pray with them.

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

Larry Larson was buried with full military honors at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno and was awarded the Purple Heart. Larry was the first in our community of close friends, schoolmates, Parishioners, and Carmel residents to perish in Vietnam. The loss was shocking and brought the distant conflict, which we had prayed for daily in school and mass, into sharp personal and painful focus.

On September 22nd, 1968, the Diocese of Monterey named the Little League baseball field next to where Larry had attended Junipero Serra School and had worshipped in his honor. A plaque was placed on the concession stand. At the dedication, Bishop Clinch and Monsignor Marron both spoke of Larry's deep faith even as a young boy.

A couple of weeks after the funeral, the tape that Larry had made on the Ogden arrived in his parents' mailbox. In it he told his family that he had been considered for meritorious promotion but waived it off as unimportant. "I don't give the sole of my boot for rank – as long as I'm doing my job, that's all that matters. I risk my neck for that, and I think in the end, for others. But as long as I know I'm doing my best for the Marine Corps and for our country, for the love of God, that's all I want." Larry ended the tape with "I love you, do not be sad, for with your song and your smile we have love. Let us thank God for our blessings. Pray to the Lord thy God."

Sources:

Keith Larson and Mona Larson, Interview by D. Nichols, June 27, 2021, Carmel

LtCol John B. Lang, USMC (Ret.), A Final Valiant Act, Casemate, Philadelphia and Oxford, 2020

Debra Nichols Collection

Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund/The Wall of Faces.org

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

Nativity Scripture Presentation.

Dick Gorman, who conducts our parish Bible Study will present a discussion on the Narratives in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew about Our Lord's Nativity at San Carlos Parish Hall, Church Street in Monterey

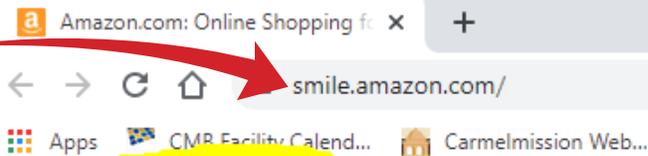
On Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 PM. You are invited. We will explore where most of our Nativity traditions, shepherds, Magi, the star come from.

For more information, call Dick Gorman 595-6363.

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Step One

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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

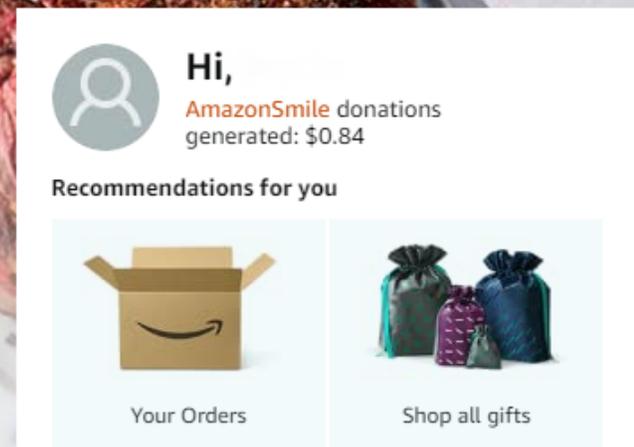
Bookmark the link to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) so that you can support the Carmel Mission every time you shop on Amazon.

Step Three

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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 it's 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



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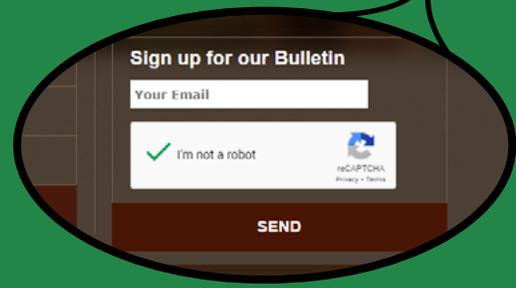
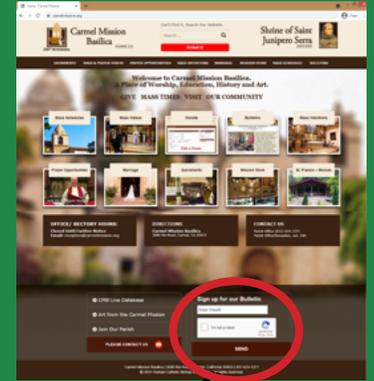
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- Our Pastor's letter to you
- Our complete online calendar
- A digital version of our weekly bulletin and...
- News and updates of the Carmel Mission

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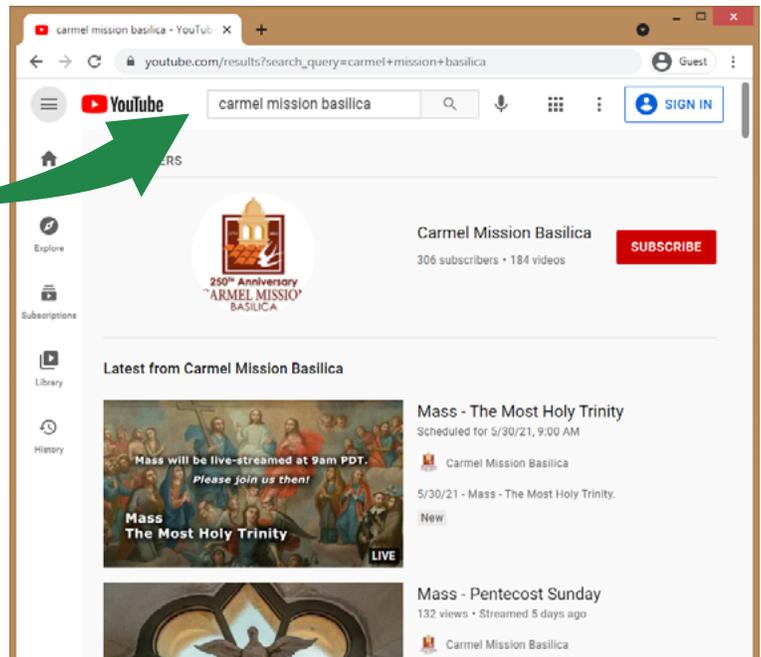


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Click on the Carmel Mission Basilica channel to find all our videos.

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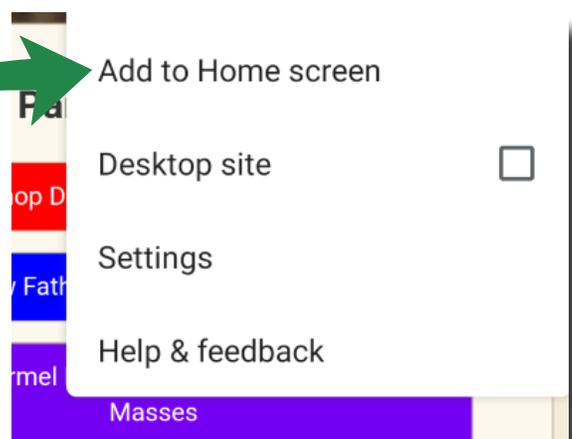
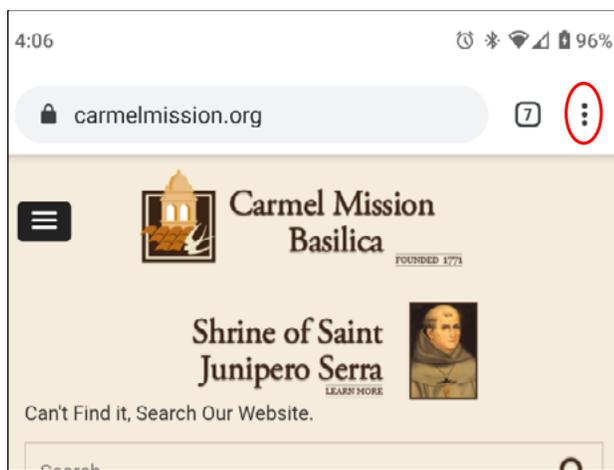


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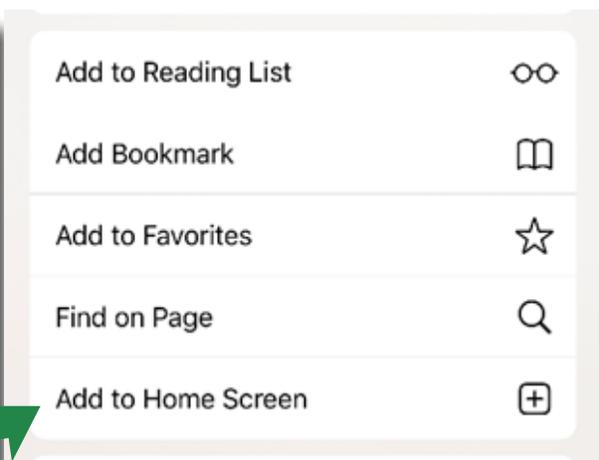


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