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Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 19, 2021



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

The season of Advent is drawing to a close, are you ready? If you are like me, the answer is probably not! Do not worry, there is still plenty of time for us procrastinators to get our holiday shopping done and everything wrapped and under the tree, or so I keep telling myself. Even if your decorating and shopping is a bit behind, I hope that this Advent season has been rich in spiritual preparation for the coming of our Savior. We are preparing to welcome again a familiar cast of characters. Mary and Joseph, tired from their journey to Bethlehem. The frazzled innkeepers with their no vacancy signs. The barn animals who are willing to share their simple home and hearth with the exhausted couple. The shepherds, tending their flocks on the cold hills of Judea. The angels, ready to sing their good news of great joy. The star, preparing to illuminate the heavens with a holy light. The magi, traveling by the light of that star to meet a new guiding light, Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel today Elizabeth says to Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45) The example and inspiration of Mary's faith is always before us in the Advent season. We strive to have her faith, to trust in God's plan, to listen to God's voice, to prioritize God's will. We may often feel more like the man in Mark's Gospel who says Jesus, "I do believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). We want to believe, but our human nature interferes.

Jesus is coming into the world again to help our unbelief by saying, "I Am for you." My hope for us this year is that, as individuals and as a community, our unbelief will be eased a little bit more, and we come ever closer to God's Kingdom of love.

I wish you and your loved ones continued Advent blessings of good health, new hope and joyful anticipation,

Fr. Paul

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.

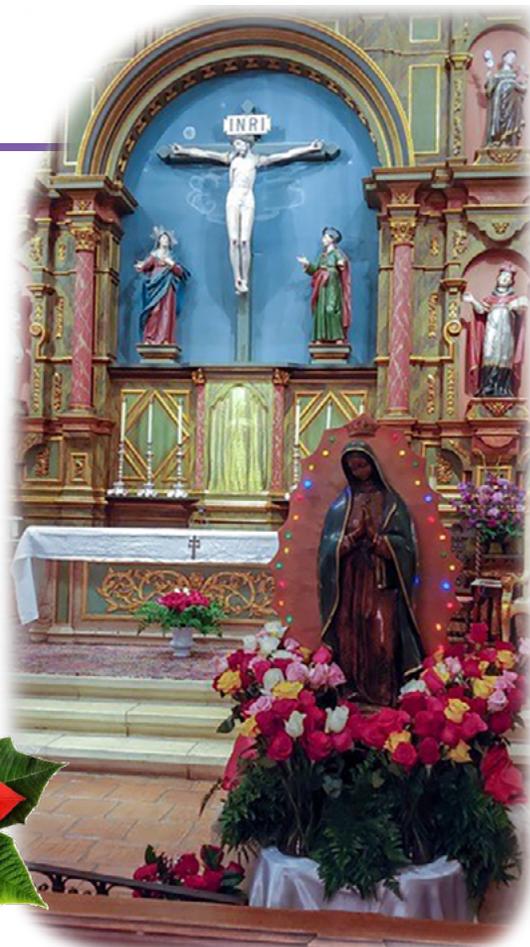
Amen.

Advent and Christmas Flowers

Flowers are an important part of our Advent
and Christmas celebrations.

This year we are hoping, with your support,
to have beautiful arrangements of roses to
celebrate both Our Lady of the Immaculate
Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and,
of course, the iconic Christmas poinsettias.
If you would like to support Immaculate
Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, or
the Christmas Poinsettias with a minimum
donation of \$90 please contact Laura at
liturgy@carmelmission.org to arrange your
donation and your intention. Your intentions
will be included in the bulletin for the weeks
before and after the feast days.

Thank you for your generosity.





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LITURGY

Today's Readings: Sunday, December 19

First Reading He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; (Mi 5:1-4a)

Psalm Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.)

Second Reading He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Heb 10:5-10)

Gospel Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,.. said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. (Lk 1:39-45)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

IS 7:10-14
PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6
LK 1:26-38

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

SG 2:8-14
PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
LK 1:39-45

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

1 SM 1:24-28
1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD
LK 1:46-56

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24
PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14
LK 1:57-66

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29
LK 1:67-79

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

IS 62:11-12
PS 97:1, 6, 11-12.
TI 3:4-7
LK 2:15-20

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14
PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
COL 3:12-21
LK 2:41-52

Scripture Message

The first reading from the Book of Micah paints the picture of a powerful leader. A ruler will stand firm and shepherd his flock with strength. It is a formidable image, but the passage ends by saying, "he shall be peace." This great, majestic ruler is not only bringing peace, he IS peace on earth. Micah also says that Bethlehem is too small to be considered among the clans of Judea, but that the great ruler will be born there. In a familiar theme, God raises up the lowly to greatness, and presents in unlikely places, to unlikely people and in inscrutable ways. In the Gospel, Elizabeth immediately recognizes that her Messiah, Peace personified, is being carried in the womb of her cousin Mary. Her exuberance cannot be contained, nor that of her own unborn child, John the Baptist, who leaps in her womb. She acknowledges that it was Mary's great leap of faith that has made this possible. Relationship is at the core of today's gospel passage. Mary and Elizabeth's relationship with one another and with God, and relationship of the unborn Jesus with His unborn successor, John, who will prepare the way for Him. Again, God is at work in an unlikely setting, in bodies of two otherwise unremarkable Jewish women a great prophet and the salvation of the world are being born. In the case of Mary, she is the new ark of the new covenant, and John the Baptist joyfully dances before her as David did before the ark of the covenant when it was being brought to Jerusalem. (2 Sam 6:14-15). As we approach the Christmas miracle, how are you opening your heart to find God in unexpected places?



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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:

Emy Pabonan,
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,
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:



Stacie Tarsitano,
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.



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STEWARDSHIP

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



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/

Report for the weeks ending on 12/05/2021:

Electronic Donations: \$ 6,432.66

Mail Donations: \$ 8,532.00

Saturday & Sunday Masses — Collection: \$ 6,720.00

Total Donations: \$21,684.66

Read the next page for our Christmas Schedule

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 - Indoor Mass in the Basilica with Choir.

Noon Masses — Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

There will be no Daily Mass on Friday, December 24 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 25 and January 1.

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 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.





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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 19 – 3:00 PM in the Basilica

Christmas Eve — December 24

Masses

Friday, December 24 – 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM

Carols

Friday, December 24 – 8:30 PM

Christmas Day — December 25

Masses

Saturday, December 25 – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

St. Francis of the Redwoods

1:30 PM Bilingual Mass

New Year's Day

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Mass

Saturday, January 1 – 12:00 PM



*Come and Celebrate Christmas
at the heart of California*

MASSES:

CHRISTMAS EVE 4 PM (FAMILY MASS)

9 PM (CHOIR)

CAROLS BEGIN 8:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 9 AND 11 AM

ALL MASSES IN THE CARMEL MISSION BASILICA

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
CARMELMISSION.ORG

Falge Farmworker Christmas Activities We need your help!

During the Christmas season, the Falge Farmworkers Ministry provides large grocery bags filled with many staple pantry items for each farmworker family as well as a gift card for each child to help celebrate the joy of Christmas.

We invite you to visit our display tables in the Courtyard before or after Mass if you would like to donate towards these purchases.



There is a Christmas Giving Tree located in the vestibule of the Basilica.

Take an Ornament: Each ornament represents a child, or a family supported by our Ministry. You will find a QR code on the back for our webpage with a donate button. You are welcome to take the ornament and place it on your tree as a reminder to pray for our farmworkers.

Online Giving: there is a QR code on the back of the ornament.

Donations are welcome at our table located in the Mission Courtyard before and after Mass.



The Falge Farmworker Ministry is a year-round program. We deliver food and essentials to the camps monthly. If you are Interested in volunteering, contact Grant Hunt at gmhunt914@gmail.com or 510-719-8794.

We would like to express sincere gratitude to the Carmel Mission Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution of winter coats and blankets that we distributed.



Pictured above is of one of the children receiving a stuffed animal at Christmas.

Please continue supporting this Ministry by giving as much or even a little more than last year.

Here is how to donate

Credit card:

Please visit CarmelMission.org/Falge-Farmworker-Ministry/
This will direct you to the online payment page.

Check: Please make your check payable to Carmel Mission and be sure to note Farmworker Ministry on the memo line. Then either drop it in the offering basket at Mass, or give it to one of our volunteers at the booth or mail it to:

**Carmel Mission, 3080 Rio Road,
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923**

Carmel Mission Bible Study

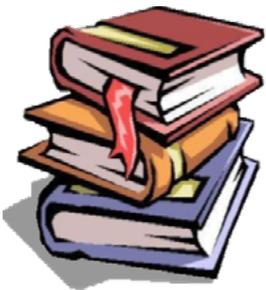
The Bible Study meets every Wednesday
at 10:30 AM via ZOOM

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

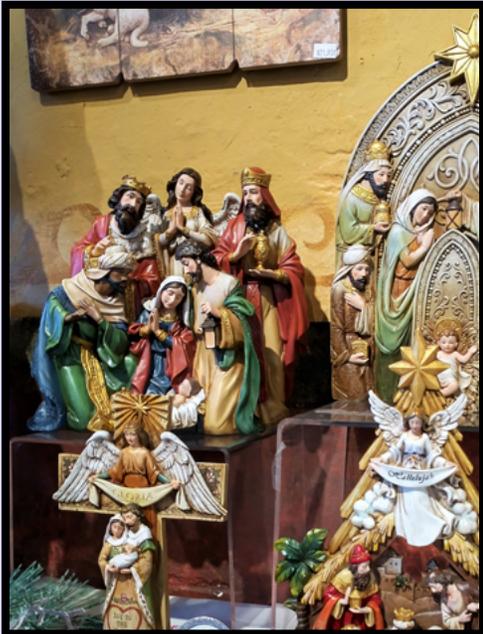
The Book Club meets every Monday
at 1:30 PM via ZOOM

On November 29th, Book Club began reading two short books, **Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen** (a book of daily reflections) and **The Mystery of the Incarnation by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn**. Books are available through the Book Club or e-readers may be used. All are welcome to join at any time.

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

Shop Local!

Find your perfect Christmas gift at the Carmel Mission Store.





CARMEL MISSION STORE

Wed-Thurs 10 am-4 pm • Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm • Sun 11:30am-5 pm
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Bring home the perfect Christmas gift!

*Purchase your copy of
Art From the Carmel Mission*

Our Mission is home to a vast collection of beautiful art from centuries past, and in their book, Gail Sheridan and Mary Pat McCormick gives us background knowledge on various pieces and the artists that created them. The Art From the Carmel Mission was originally written and published by members of our Docent Ministry, Gail and Mary Pat in 2011. Since then, they have made addition to the book including the canonization of Saint Junípero Serra in September 2015.

\$25 +tax

ART FROM THE CARMEL MISSION





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CARMEL MISSION STORE

Employment Opportunity - Customer Service Associate



Employment Opportunity

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



Los Pastores - The Nativity Play

Christmas celebrations in Alta California Missions began at Advent, coinciding with the celebration of the winter solstice by local indigenous peoples. The Padres used the alignment of the new liturgical year with the seasonal observation to lay a bridge to the Catholic calendar. Nearly immediately rituals and cultures began to be reshaped, each impacting the other. As throughout Mexico, hybridization of Catholic liturgical traditions and seasonal extra-liturgical regional rituals began to be celebrated in the Missions. Performances of these annual celebrations contained layers of meaning and shared cultural practices.

Christmas Eve was commemorated with the traditional Spanish Catholic liturgies of sung Matins and a vigil, followed a special Mass sung on Christmas Day. But it was during the season of Advent until Christmas, and the Christmas Octave period before Epiphany, when extra-liturgical celebrations from Europe and Mexico were practiced and adapted by the new community. Variations and additional rituals such as performances, unique food preparations, dancing, storytelling, and song were practiced. In some cases, stories used for religious instruction passed hands from Friars to the community and became adopted and adapted as festive events. One such celebration had its roots in medieval France, was practiced in the Iberian Peninsula, acculturated by Mexican Indians, readapted by Spanish citizens in Mexico, and brought to Carmel and Monterey. We have records of some of these moments in time.

Los Pastores was a Spanish Biblical drama re-enacting the nativity narrative as told in the Gospel of Luke, where angels implore the shepherds to follow the star to Bethlehem and find the Christ Child. The story as performed in Spain involved shepherds played by actual pastores who tended sheep like those in the Bible story. There was a mischief maker from the netherworld, and a nefarious ruler. Lucifer and Herod were portrayed as devil figures in Spain. Mexican Indians portrayed them as threatening enemy warriors. Michael the Archangel led the shepherds while fiercely fending off the enemies. Playful language and funny situations would befall the actors and the narrative was acted out in song and dance. Mexicans incorporated a family fiesta to celebrate the successful completion of the shepherds' quest. As it had been in Mexico, the play was reinterpreted with indigenous people in Alta California. As sheep were not a key part of mission economy, shepherds were interpreted as hunters tending bonfires or participating in nocturnal dances. The good over evil moral mirrored the familiar notion of purification, and eventually flowers and songs were adopted as symbols to ward off evil.



Los Pastores (continued)

As the Mission and Presidio Chapel population grew in Carmel and Monterey Los Pastores was reenacted annually at Christmastime. A member of the Soberanes family who grew up in his family's Monterey adobe gave an account from the mid-1800s. He recalled the play was performed for 15 days before Christmas by costumed shepherds, an angel, Satan, Herod, and the Holy Family.

In 1914 Fr. Ramón Mestres organized a revival of the Spanish Biblical play. He translated the script to English and cast it with members of The Junipero Serra Club. It was performed in "Mission Hall" in Monterey on Sunday afternoons. The Blessed Mother was performed by Munras descendant and Carmel Mission Benefactor Maria Antonia Field. The rest of the cast was made up of Carmel Mission and Presidio Chapel families. A review published in the Monterey Cypress stated, "The music alone was a rare treat, as it was rendered by an orchestra".

In 1959 the Christmas Play was performed once again at the chapel in Fort Ord. Liturgical artifacts originally belonging to Father Serra were used as "props" for the gifts from the Magi, which apparently increased the status of the event. Parishioners loaned their furs, jewels, and other costume items to the production. The cast now included members of the Knights of the Altar and Catholic Youth Organization Council, along with members of Carmel and Monterey Parishes. The choir sang in the original Spanish and attendees followed with translated text. 738 individuals were listed in the credits of "helpers", including Carmel Mission Curator Harry Downie and Benefactor La Doña Maria Antonia Field.

Sources:

Peninsula Diaries, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1958, 1960, Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, Monterey History and Art Association.

CARMEL MISSION MUSIC

Fr. Paul Murphy invites you to join Carmel Mission Choir and Lectors in An Advent Celebration of

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Hear the Christmas story told by the sacred scriptures, from the story of Adam and Eve, to the promise and foretelling of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, interspersed with anthems by our Carmel Mission Schola Cantorum and traditional Christmas Carols.

**No Tickets Required
Goodwill Offering at the Door**

Please email liturgy@carmelmission.org with any questions.



The Mission welcomes the annual return of several performing groups to the Basilica.

Tickets may be purchased directly through the performing group's websites listed below.

For the safety of the performers and fellow audience members, all attendees must show proof of Covid vaccination at the door and are required to wear masks throughout the concert.

Cantiamo! Cabrillo

Friday, December 10 at 8:00 pm



I Cantori di Carmel

Kronungs Messe: Back - Poulen Reger

Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 pm
Sunday, Decemebr 12 at 8:00 pm



Chanticleer

A Chanticleer Christmas

Thursday, December 23 at 6:00 pm
Thursday, December 23 at 8:30 pm

More information and tickets at
Chanticleer.org





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Carmel Mission Article Archive

The following pages features articles that were published in our previous bulletins.

All our past bulletin are available on our website at carmelmission.org/bulletins/



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



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.

FORECOURT RENOVATION

Published: October 24, 2021

Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,

Just over one week ago [from October 24th, 2021], 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





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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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

How to sign up to our weekly email

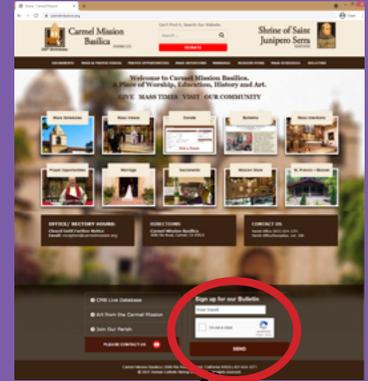
If you would like to receive weekly news and updates from the Carmel Mission Basilica, sign up to our bulletin distribution list.

We send weekly emails which contain:

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

How to Join?

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

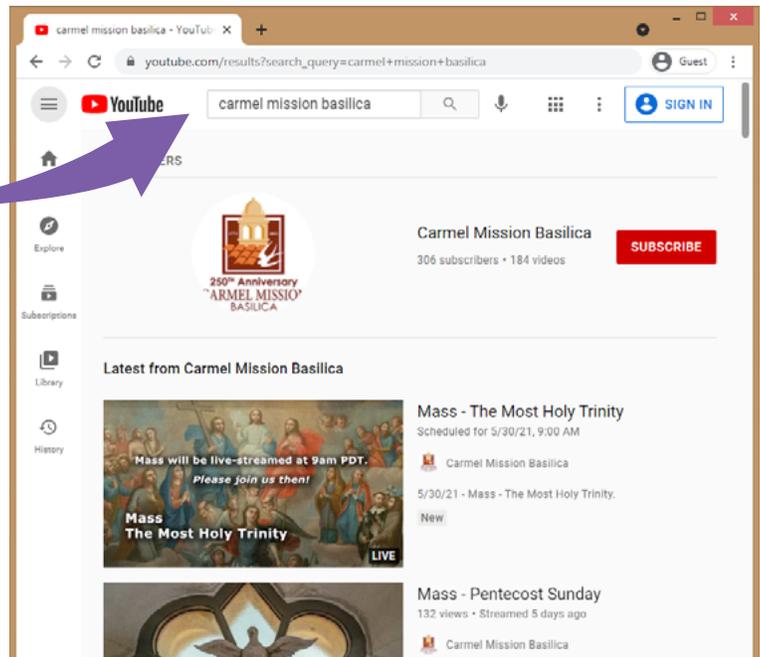


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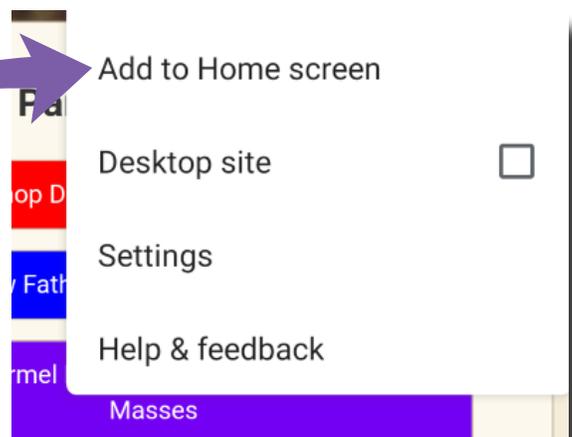
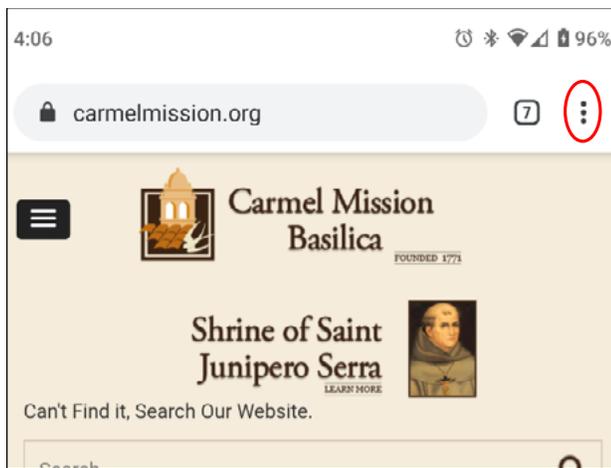


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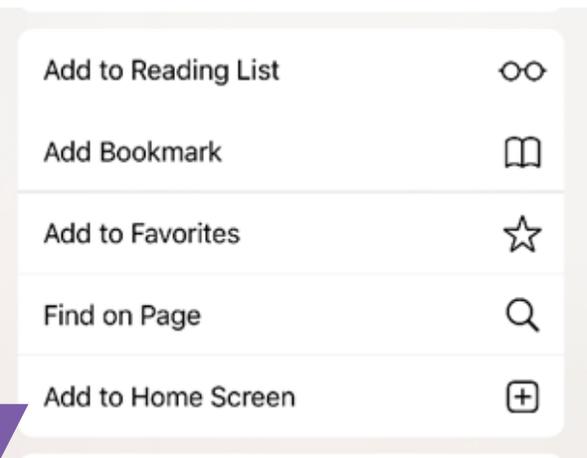
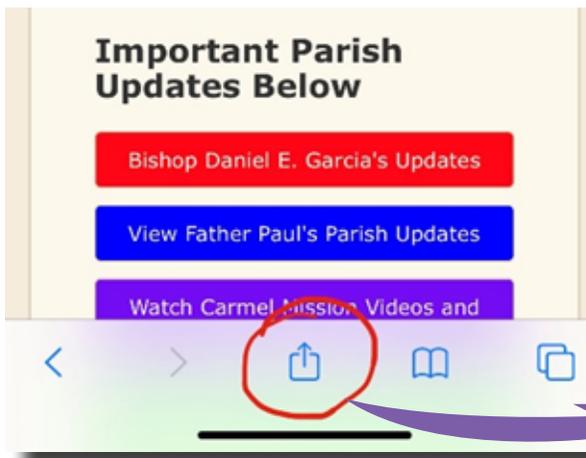


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