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# *Merry Christmas*



**The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Saturday, December 25, 2021**



# FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

The moment has finally arrived. After an Advent of preparation and anticipation, we welcome our Savior once again into the world this Christmas. However many Christmases you have already experienced, this is a fresh opportunity to embrace the wonder, joy and mystery of the Incarnation.

In the Gospel for Christmas Eve we hear from Luke, the physician, the precise scholar for whom accuracy and detail were of primary importance. Luke first gives us historical and political perspective. This was the year of the first enrollment decreed by Caesar Augustus. Joseph and his pregnant wife Mary must travel to Bethlehem because of his family lineage. A lineage which will connect his soon to be born child to the foundations of Israel, to Abraham, the father of the nation and to David, Israel's eminent king. Mary's labor is upon her, and there is nowhere for them to shelter except a stable. The very human child is wrapped in swaddling clothes, and, lacking a crib, is laid in the animals' manger.

In the Gospel for Christmas Day, the Evangelist John, the mystic, also tells us an origin story. He takes us to the very beginning of existence. Before anything else existed, there was the Word. The Word was both with God and was God. Everything that was created, that has occurred, that has life today is the result of God's Word.

Two stories, very different and yet also the same. It is the duality of the Word, which existed before existence, and the baby Jesus, born in a stable in Bethlehem two thousand and twenty-two years ago that is the heart of our mysterious and magnificent faith. It is how all things came to be, and it is how we know each Christmas the Good News we are called to share with our fragile, wounded, and beautiful world. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will never overcome it. Merry Christmas!

I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and peace and joy in the New Year,

Fr. Paul

## Act of Spiritual Communion

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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.

## The Christmas Poinsettias

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### **The Christmas Poinsettias are given**

In memory of Dorothy McGrath, Jim and  
Miriam McLindon, Richard Rod and Dorothy  
Hingston, Frank and Marie Kaly and Bill  
McGrath by Paul and Kate McGrath

In memory of Emma and Joseph Simons by  
Linda M. Simons

With gratitude for Christmas blessings by  
Lane Loyko, Robert and Ann Nelson, Mrs.  
Thaddeus Krecki, Frank Chiorazzi, Sylvia L.  
Stewart and Russell Jandrisevits.





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# READINGS

## Today's Readings: Saturday, December 25

**First Reading** See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: your savior comes!  
(Is 62:11-12)

**Psalms** A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us. (Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12.)

**Second Reading** When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared,  
He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, (Ti 3:4-7)

**Gospel** Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had  
heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. (Lk 2:15-20)

## Readings for the Week

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 JN 1:1-4  
PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
JN 20:1A AND 2-8

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1 JN 1:5—2:2  
PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8  
MT 2:13-18

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1 JN 2:3-11  
PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6  
LK 2:22-35

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 JN 2:12-17  
PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10  
LK 2:36-40

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 JN 2:18-21  
PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
JN 1:1-18

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

NM 6:22-27  
PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
GAL 4:4-7  
LK 2:16-21

## Scripture Message

In the Christmas Gospels we have a broad range of narratives surrounding the birth of the Savior. In the Gospel for the Vigil Mass we hear the genealogy of Jesus. The evangelist Matthew begins his Gospel by tracing Jesus' family lineage to Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, and David, Israel's eminent King. Matthew makes clear that family and lineage is important, but also not perfect. The inclusion of Rahab, a Canaanite woman who hid Israeli spies in her home, signals that the Gospel promise will extend beyond the Jewish people to embrace all nations. At the Mass in the night we hear from the evangelist Luke who tells the Christmas story. Jesus, born in a humble barn with only the faithful Joseph to attend the laboring Mary. God, wanting to spread the Good News of His Son's birth sends a peaceful army of angels, the Twitter and Facebook of their time, to get the word out. The shepherds, likely initially skeptical of the apparition of the angels, decide to check it out and thus become the first witnesses and the first worshippers of the newborn King. Lastly, at the Mass for Christmas Day, the evangelist John takes us back to the very beginning, a different kind of genealogy. Before the creation of the world, before existence, there was God. Jesus, the Word, was with God and was God. All things are made possible by this duality. This pre-creation narrative mirrors what we hear in Genesis, "In the beginning." Just as in the creation story, everything begins with light. The true light, that enlightens everyone, has come into the world. Merry Christmas!



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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.



## 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/](http://www.carmelmission.org/)

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

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**Electronic Donations: \$ 6,370.52**

**Mail Donations: \$22,319.00**

**Saturday & Sunday Masses — Collection: \$ 6,879.00**

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**Total Donations: \$35,568.52**

## 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 Entrance through our Basilica Forecourt

Starting Friday, December 24, we plan to allow Mass attendees to enter Mass via the new Visitor Gates and into the beautifully restored Forecourt. This entrance will be in addition to the primary Mass entrance through the Parish Lot and Central Courtyard.

We will have an attendant at each entrance.

Please note that the Forecourt serves as an outdoor extension of our Mass. Entering the Forecourt is entering Mass. We ask that everyone be aware and respect the prayerful environment of this setting.

### Accessibility

There are 9 designated accessible parking spots near the entrance of the Basilica Forecourt. If you require any assistance, please let the attendant know. It is best to arrive early to allow us to accommodate accessibility needs.







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# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

## Christmas

### Christmas Eve — December 24

**Masses:** 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM

**Carols:** 8:30 PM

#### **St. Francis of the Redwoods**

6:00 PM Bilingual Mass

### Christmas Day — December 25

**Masses:** 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](http://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/](http://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**



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# CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

## Carmel Mission Bible Study

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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](mailto:dickgorman@att.net)



## Carmel Mission Book Club

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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](mailto:christina.renna@gmail.com)

## *Winter Sale & Clearance Event*



*Don't miss the great deals on Christmas items,  
jewelry, statues, books and more.*

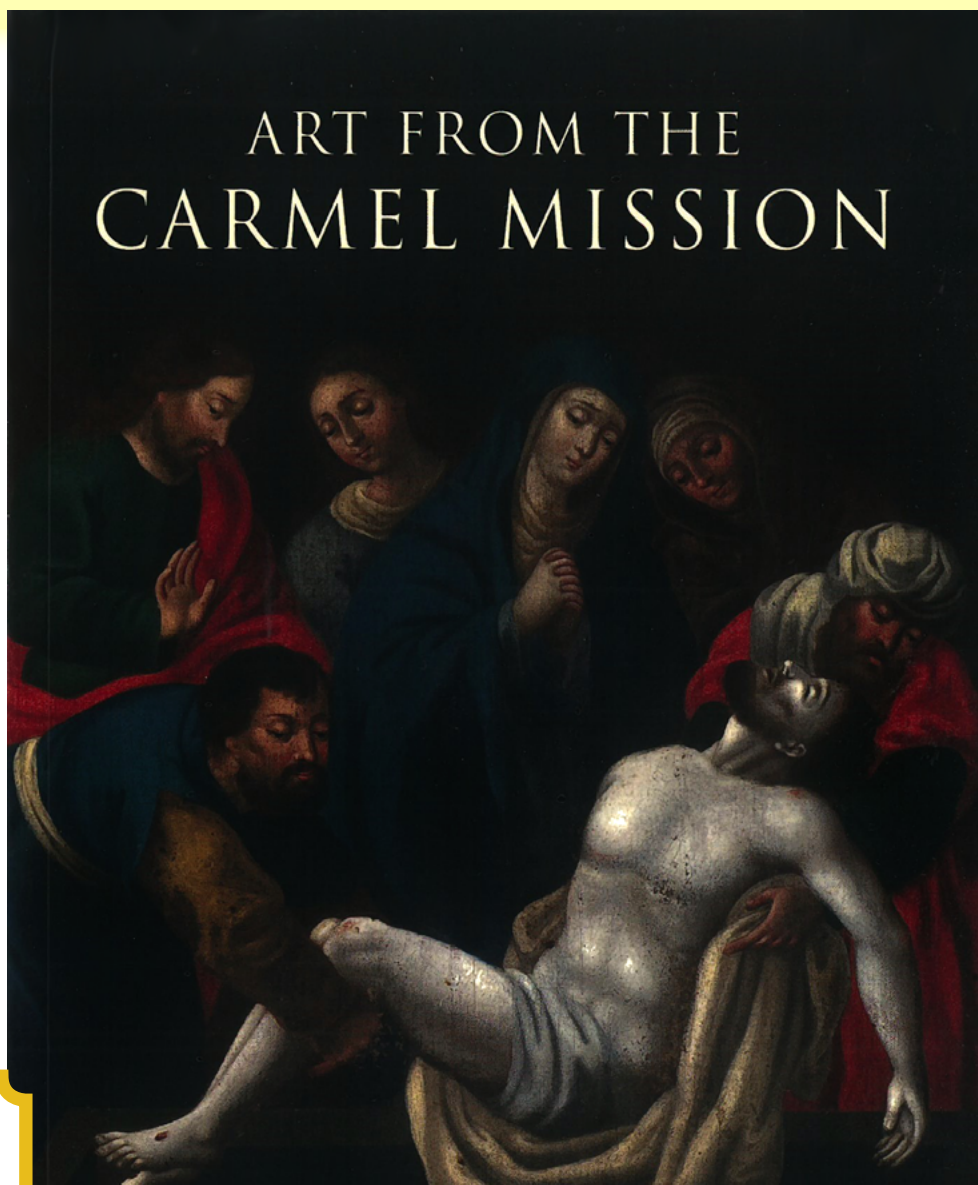
*Shop early for the best selection!*

*The Museum Store Staff wishes everyone  
a Blessed New Year!*

*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





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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](mailto:store@carmelmission.org)



## La Noche Buena – Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Masses at the new modern era Carmel Mission Parish bore some of the characteristic charms and curiosities often experienced in first time event planning. New Curator Harry Downie arrived at a time of transition for the old Mission. He had to improvise arrangements and accommodations for the celebration, thus some were typically ad hoc.

When Harry took up residence in the Carmel Mission guest rectory in 1931, he used oil lamps for illumination and the Jo Mora designed fireplace for heat. Masses in the Mission were illuminated by candlelight. Shortly after that electricity was being installed in Carmel-by-the-Sea and power lines were extended down San Carlos Street to Rio Road in front of the Mission.

Although new light fixtures were installed in the Church, for the earliest celebrations of Christmas Eve, La Noche Buena, the decision was made to continue holding Midnight Mass by candlelight. Certainly, it enhanced the beauty of the newly restored art and architecture, but it also underscored the theology of the birth of Christ, the Light of the World.

Although electricity was now installed heating the large Mission required a process of trial-and-error, testing different techniques over a period which would eventually span ten years. So, in his characteristic style of adaptive reuse, Harry repurposed the original large metal cooking pots from the Convento kitchen which had been used to cook atole and posole during the Franciscan Era. He filled the large pots with charcoal and firewood, distributed them throughout the church and they were kept burning throughout the celebration.

Harry described a “very good choir”, accompanied by multiple violins. The Mass quickly became so popular throughout the Monterey Peninsula it was determined that tickets would have to be issued. Parishioners were the first to be entitled to receive these, guaranteeing them a seat. The large overflow crowd stood for the service.

For a traditional Christmas Vigil procession to begin the liturgy Harry built a crib and placed it in front of the altar. Taking one of the statues of the Christ Child which he had in storage, he wrapped it and handed it to the celebrant at the back of the Church. He then climbed the circular stone stairway to the choir loft and rang the bells to announce the Mass was about to begin. Once the procession reached the crib in the front, the Priest placed the child in it, blessed it, and began the Midnight Mass liturgy for La Noche Buena.

### Source:

Harry Downie, Memories 3; Recorded Interview 1973-1974

December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the Season of Advent and draw ever closer to our celebration of Christmas, I wanted to send you a report on the state of our wonderful parish.

Our Advent theme, I Am For You, reminds us that our loving God is always on our side, despite any difficulties that we may have to encounter.

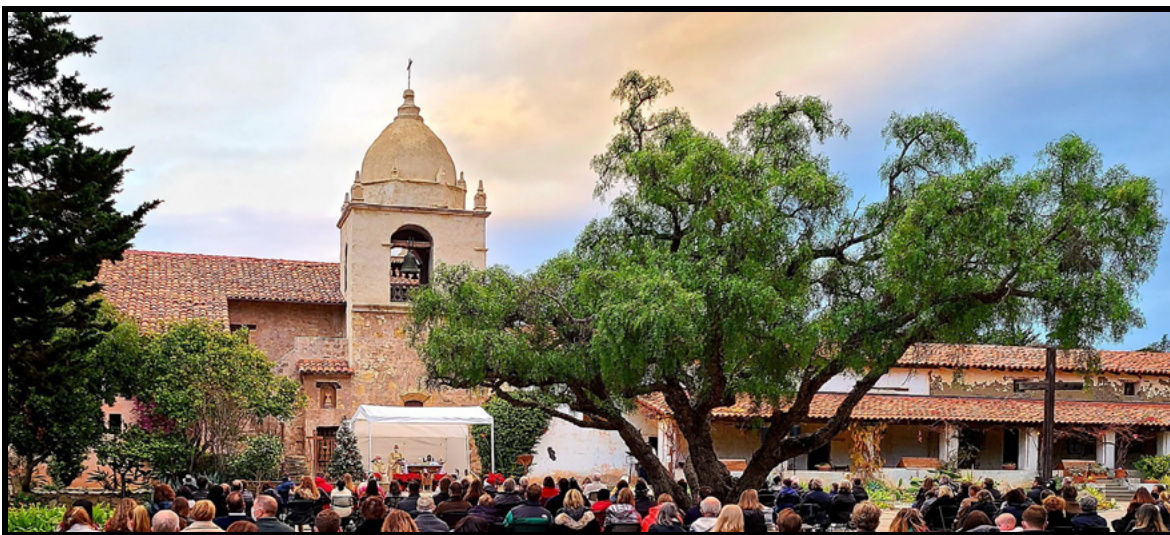
Just as God is for us, I am exceptionally conscious of the fact that You Are For Your Parish, your beloved Mission. You show that in so many ways. You selflessly give of your time, your talents, and your treasure. Your constant generosity never ceases to amaze me.

So, at this time of year, I have requested that our Parish Finance Council provide you with a report of where we stand. I thank our Council on your behalf.

They look after your interests so very well.

My special thanks to Al Nicora, our Council Chair, for putting the following report together.

During the Covid pandemic, our parish has faced extraordinary challenges and dealt with constantly changing conditions. Our primary goal has been to ensure your safety and well-being. I believe that we have used our time wisely and well in order to achieve that goal. We Are For You!



I count myself very fortunate as your Pastor, that I have an excellent team working with me and going to extraordinary lengths to ensure that our Mission parish is the best that it can be.



We are implementing plans to improve the visitor experience here at our Mission. The beautiful new Basilica Forecourt and retrofitted Downie Museum are obvious examples, and I sincerely thank our Carmel Mission Foundation for raising the necessary funding to carry out these improvements for us.



Your generosity is evident in your support of our weekly collections at our masses and your mailed in donations.

Our Annual Ministries Appeal was spectacularly successful, raising over \$300,000.00, and thereby allowing us to continue to improve our means of communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ.

During our 250th Anniversary Year, we have been celebrating in different ways the foundation of our parish by Saint Junípero. We will continue to do so in the year that lies ahead.



I want to thank, on your behalf, our Bishop, Daniel Garcia, for his valuable assistance in restructuring our debt obligations.

As we seek to safeguard and secure the future of our beloved Carmel Mission for generations to come, I am establishing the Carmel Mission Legacy Society, so that those of you who wish to support the future of our Mission by mention in your will or estate planning may do so. Please contact me personally or email me at [montereypriest@gmail.com](mailto:montereypriest@gmail.com).

I remain extremely optimistic about our future, and I readily and willingly adopt the motto of our founder, Saint Junípero, ALWAYS FORWARD!

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being a friend of Carmel Mission.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, happy, and holy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year,

Fr. Paul  
Pastor at Carmel Mission

## FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

As members of the Parish Finance Council, we are uniquely positioned to see the extraordinary efforts of our priests, Fr. Paul and Fr. Rodrigo, who in trying times, continued their pastoral duties for all their parishioners. Perhaps we take that too much for granted. Those pastoral efforts are greatly appreciated and needed for all of us who are blessed to be in this community.

But in times of financial and COVID stress, Fr. Paul, in particular, is called to the daunting task of managing the finances and maintaining the services to our community.

These burdens are heavy in normal times. The burdens during this past year were beyond anyone's imagination. Fr. Paul worked tirelessly to restructure debt, provide access and services to the fullest extent allowable and transitioned our parish to a place we can be confident will not only survive, but prosper. His efforts ensure our contributions to the community through the sacraments and the ministries will survive and grow.

Please take a moment to express your thanks to our priests. They deserve it.

Here is a synopsis of the year's financial report:

Collections were down	15%
Income from services were down	25%
Gifts & donations were up	35%
Facility rental was up	100%
Salaries/wages were down	6%
Total expenses were down	7%

### AMA CAMPAIGN

I do not think anyone could have imagined the need or the benefit provided by the contributors to our AMA campaign. This fundraising effort, led by chairman, Paul Hoffman, generated historic contributions in our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The unknown challenges we faced made each dollar contributed important to the survival of the parish during the shutdown and funded the changes necessary to restart the services to our community. When we were prohibited from gathering inside our sacred Basilica, the funds you raised allowed us to obtain the sound system and other equipment necessary to broadcast masses to those at home and conduct masses and weddings outdoors. While the clergy and staff made the extraordinary effort to make everything work, the services would not have been possible without the generous participation and contributions of all our parishioners in support of our only fundraiser. Many thank for all your contributions.

### STAFF EFFORTS

No annual report would be complete without acknowledging the extra efforts of our wonderful staff. Although reduced in number due to financial constraints the shutdowns caused, the staff graciously addressed ever changing conditions over the past year. Our General Manager, Justin Burke, shepherded the staff through these challenges and staff members continually stepped up. They provided a safe environment for all although plans for a Mass or a Wedding were forced to be modified only hours earlier. Please extend an extra thank you to every staff member you see. Without them we would not have enjoyed the rapid return of the services we all missed.

## DEBT CONSOLIDATION AND RESTRUCTURING

The Parish Finance Council and all parishioners are most grateful to Bishop Danny and the Diocese of Monterey for their assistance in restructuring our debt obligations. The expenses related to the school operations and renovation, together with the elimination of all visitor admissions, had placed us in a precarious financial position. The Diocese helped the Mission restructure its debt in a manner that not only averted a potential crisis but will allow us to continue and grow the sacramental services that are so valuable to our community and visitors.

## FORECOURT RENOVATION – CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION

I hope you have all taken the time to visit and walk through the wonderful Basilica Forecourt and Downie Museum restoration. Once again, we are grateful for the extraordinary efforts of the Carmel Mission Foundation, their Executive Director, Stephanie Zelei, and their Board of Directors

## PARISH MINISTRIES – RETURN TO SERVICE

Throughout the pandemic we have been fortunate to have the continued support of our many wonderful ministries. They, along with our staff, have had adapt to the changing conditions imposed by the pandemic, not just once or twice, but often.

Our liturgical ministers were, and continue to be, on the front lines as we were able to return to Mass in person with a variety of permutations. We were outdoors, indoors with distancing, indoors without distancing and a hybrid of indoors with the option of outdoor overflow, as we currently have. In addition, health and safety protocols must be understood and communicated with our parishioners and our many weekly visitors. We are grateful for their flexibility and commitment to service.

Our Choir was able to return to active participation at our Masses in June, and we are very excited for the return of Lessons and Carols this Christmas season.

Our Bereavement ministry has been able to return to their important work of supporting families in their time of greatest need. We have been conducting Funerals and Memorial Masses for those who passed away during the lockdown time of the pandemic as well as the recently deceased in our community.

Our Knights of Columbus made a triumphant return to their pancake breakfasts in November, and we look forward to more events with them in the New Year.

Docents are returning to kiosk this month and we are looking forward to their great contribution to our visitor experience.

As our ministries have been able to return to service, there has been one crucial structural change which is enabling us to serve the Mission, the ministries, and the broader community better than ever. All ministries now work closely and report to a specific Mission employee, who helps to coordinate their efforts against the backdrop of the many activities we support at the Mission daily. We look forward to continued collaboration and growth together.

This holiday season our Falge Farmworker Ministry takes center stage as our community joins to make the holiday a little brighter for our wonderful farmworkers who work so hard to put nourishing food on our tables. The farmworkers were hit particularly hard by the pandemic as they do not have the resources to stay home, protect themselves by social distancing or easy access to medical care.

While COVID precautions have changed the form of the assistance and gifts this ministry provides, they have never been more important. Every contribution will help to bring some joy to these members of our greater community.

## COVID PROTOCOLS

We appreciate the continued cooperation and patience of our parishioners with the ever-changing recommendations from Monterey County. We are a special community that welcomes visitors to our sacred grounds from all over the world. We have been fortunate to provide the option of indoor and outdoor seating at our Masses.

We will continue to work diligently to ensure that Carmel Mission is a safe environment for all.

## 250<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION

We have already had memorable celebrations commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Junipero's founding of our Mission.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> a celebration concert was held in the Mission Basilica. The event began with music from Monterey Strings Quartet. Featured singers, Tenor Pasquale Esposito and our own Laura Schwingel, brought the house down with their exquisite renditions of favorite songs. This is just one example of what will be more wonderful musical events at the Mission.

This event was followed the next afternoon by a Mass celebrated by Bishop Danny Garcia commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Saint Junipero's contributions to our community and California. This was followed by a candlelight dinner and wine auction in the Central Courtyard. Everyone enjoyed a gourmet four course dinner served and enjoyed under the stars while bidding on unique bottles of wine. Representative Jimmy Panetta, Carmel Mayor, Dave Potter and Father Paul all provided memorable insights about the Mission and the role it has played in the development of our community.

More events in celebration of this anniversary year are being planned. Do not miss out on any of these special events!

## NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES

We are all aware of the unfortunate but numerous acts of vandalism on Missions in California. Statues of Saint Junipero, bells and Mission walls have been damaged throughout the state. In order to provide a safer environment for all who visit our sacred grounds we will always have a Mission staff member on site for all activities. We also will limit access points to our facilities, so all who enter will be more easily monitored.

## LEGACY SOCIETY

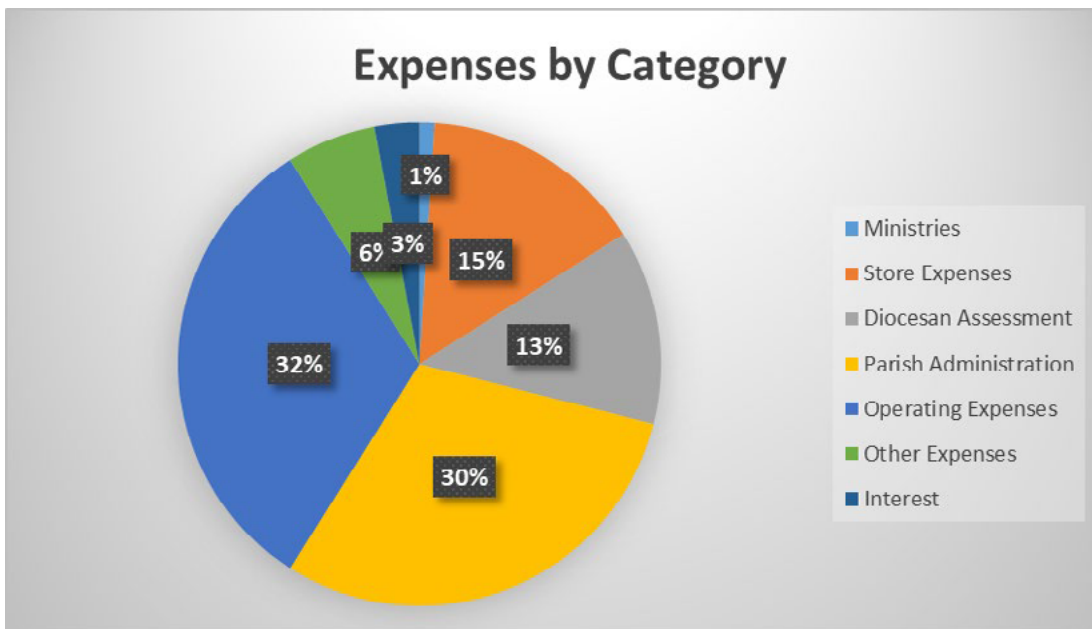
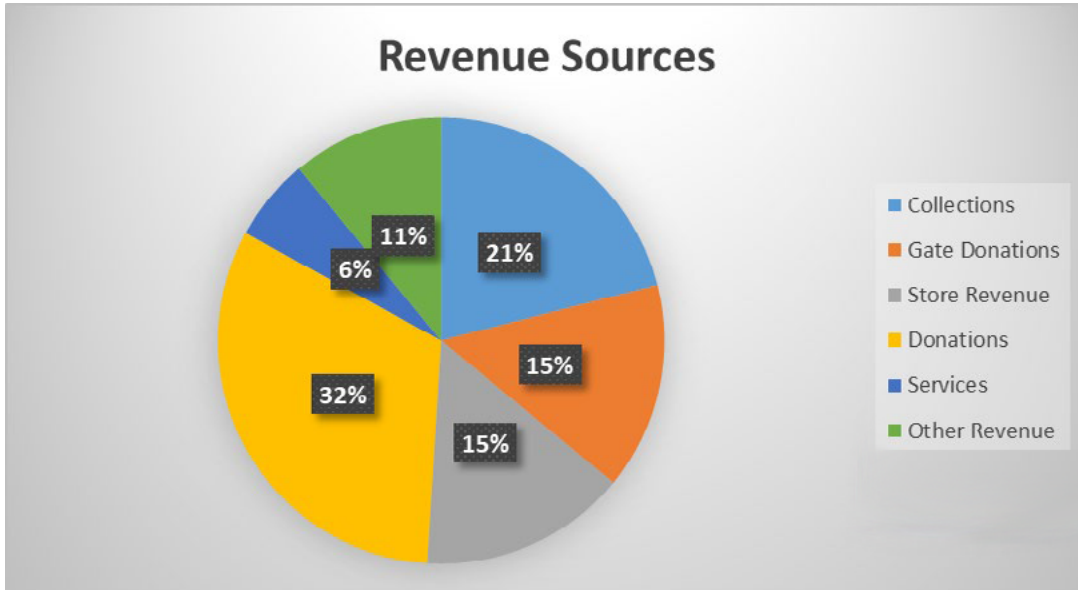
Throughout the history of our Mission some of the most important gifts have been the result of Parishioners remembering the Mission in their trusts and wills. In just a short while, we will be offering a Charter Membership in our Legacy Society. If you have named the Carmel Mission in your will or trust, please let us know so we can ensure that you will be included as a charter member. If you are interested in including the Mission in your estate plan, please contact Fr. Paul.

## MASSES ONLINE

We have many parishioners who have not been able to attend our masses in person. Your contributions have allowed us to obtain the equipment necessary to live-stream our 9 a.m. mass every Sunday. It is also available for you to view online at your convenience. We encourage all who cannot physically attend mass to join us via this platform. Many parishioners have expressed their thanks for this opportunity to attend mass in this manner. Many thanks to all who contributed to our AMA campaigns that made this gift to our community possible.

# Carmel Mission

FYE August 2021



### Debt Corner

The parish is current on its pending debt obligations. At the close of the fiscal year, the outstanding debts of the parish were:

1. School Earthquake/Retrofit Loan	\$423,275	
2. School Operational Loan	\$724,974	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,148,249</b>	<b>(vs. \$2,079,972 in 2016)</b>



**250<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary**  
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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/](http://carmelmission.org/bulletins/)**

We have streamlined our electronic bulletin into 3 main sections to make the bulletin easy to navigate. The electronic format allows us to provide many more pages to share and update our readers on events and activities happening at the Mission.

## Liturgy, Community and Archives

### LITURGY

**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.

**The Christmas Poinsettias**

The Christmas Poinsettias are given in memory of Dorothy McGrath, Jim and Helen Robinson, Richard Fox and Dorothy Henson, Frank, and Marie Kelly and Bill McGrath by Paul and Kate McGrath.

In memory of Emma and Joseph Simons by Linda M. Simons

With gratitude for Christmas blessings by Lane Lovo, Robert and Ann Nelson, Phyllis, Thelma Knott, Frank Chiorboli, Olive L. Stewart and Russell Jandrivetti.



### The Liturgy Section holds all information handled by our Liturgical Ministry including Flower Intentions, Parish Prayers, Stewardship, and our Mass Schedules.

#### PARISH PRAYERS

**Sick in the Parish**

All the prayers for during a general intercession at every Mass. All the times and the requests for:

- Sirya Robinson, Charles Cardillo,
- Madeline Hernandez, Madeline Hernandez,
- Rosalee Serna, Franks Richards,
- Anna DiMartino, Brandon Paulino,
- Joan Karty, Julia DiGiorgio,
- Titie Lurt, Nancy DiGiorgio,
- Reese Karty, Nancy DiGiorgio,
- Nancy Buchanan, Mike Serna,
- Harry Oak, Luke Serna,
- Larry Pitt, Marjorie Coleman,
- Richard Cuckelberg,

**Please Pray For Our Military**

We are the only to keep them safe from harm and pray for their families with the Lord for them.

**Prayer Requests and Special Intentions**

Send Your Prayer Request!

#### STEWARDSHIP

**Electronic Giving Makes Perfect Sense in These Times**

Thank you to so many of you who have adopted electronic giving.

**Electronic Giving Saves Money and Time**

- Eliminate mailing and postage for envelopes and the parish.
- Check processing and money handling are time consuming.
- Our method of collection was to charge us and we had some collection boxes to replace some collections when we come back together.
- Accurate contribution tracking is available at all times.

**By giving electronically, you can:**

- Save envelopes, postage from your computer, use phone or tablet.
- Donate to one of our special projects.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.
- Get online faster! Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution.

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

Electronic Donations: \$ 4,370.52  
Mail Donations: \$22,319.00  
Saturday & Sunday Masses — Collection: \$ 4,875.00  
Total Donations: \$35,564.52

#### MASS SCHEDULES

Read the next page for our Christmas Schedule


**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
7:00 pm - Carmel Place in the Basilica

**Sunday Masses**  
8:00 am - Indoor Place in the Basilica with outdoor overflow weather permitting.  
10:00 am - Indoor Place in the Basilica with Choir.

**Noon Masses — Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
There will be no Noon Masses on Christmas Day!  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm**  
There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Christmas Day or January 1.

**Mass Parking**  
Our parish has 30 minutes prior to each Mass to allow for parking in the overflow lot and our overflow lot.

**Accessible Parking**  
We have a limited number of ADA spots. If you are unable to enter our parish we have accessible ramps, please let us know in advance so we can help you get to our office lot.



### CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

**Falge Farmworker Christmas Activities**

We need your help!

During the Christmas season, the Falge Farmworker 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 take our farmworkers.

**Online Giving** — there is a QR code on the back of the ornament. Donations are welcome of 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 Grace Hunt at [gracehunt@cmmission.org](mailto:gracehunt@cmmission.org) or 310-219-8794.

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.

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

Here is how to donate:

Visit [CarmelMission.org/falge-farmworker-ministry/](http://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, 3580 Rio Road,  
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**DONATE**

### CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

**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 20. You are invited and this is a great opportunity to read the beginning of the Bible of the Lord for you. Genesis is the young father of God to which the Hebrews refer to as the beginning of the world. We will explore how the Bible was written and how the Bible began the year of revelation that is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

We meet, generally by Zoom, each Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm for about an hour. Call or email Dick Green for a Zoom invitation. Call 310-219-8794 or [dgreen@cmmission.org](mailto:dgreen@cmmission.org)

**Carmel Mission Book Club**

The Book Club meets every Monday at 1:30 pm via Zoom.

On November 29th, Book Club began reading the short book, **Advent and Christmas**, by **John Paul II**. The book is a beautiful and inspiring read. The book is available on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/Advent-Christmas-John-Paul-II/dp/0819564000>

For additional information and a Zoom invitation, please email Christine Davis at [christine.davis@cmmission.org](mailto:christine.davis@cmmission.org)

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### CARMEL MISSION STORE

Winter Sale & Clearance Event

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**SALE**

Don't miss the great deals on Christmas items, jewelry, statues, books and more.

Shop early for the best selection!

The Mission Store Staff wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas!

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### DOCENT CORNER

**La Noche Buena — Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Masses at the new mission in Carmel Mission. There have been some of the characteristics of the Christmas Eve Masses at the new mission. The Masses are held in the new mission. The Masses are held in the new mission. The Masses are held in the new mission.

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And finally, our new "Archives" sections will hold a selection of recent articles and updates that had been published in previous bulletins and made available at the end of the bulletin.

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### FORECOURT RENOVATION

Published October 24, 2021

Last week's update (from October 24th, 2021), the last remaining section of the construction project, which had been in place for many months, has been done and brought to another site. It is a beautiful, an amazingly beautiful work was needed: our restored Basilica Forecourt and Sacred Plaza.

I would like to spend some time there, when you get a chance. A favorite vintage post of mine, which shows an overview of the site, is now available. I have the advantage of being able to spend some time there in the evening, when the sun is low and the sky is dark. I have the advantage of being able to spend some time there in the evening, when the sun is low and the sky is dark. I have the advantage of being able to spend some time there in the evening, when the sun is low and the sky is dark.

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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 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



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# TECHNICAL SUPPORT

## How to sign up to our weekly email

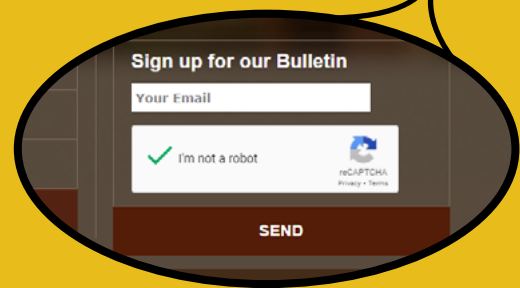
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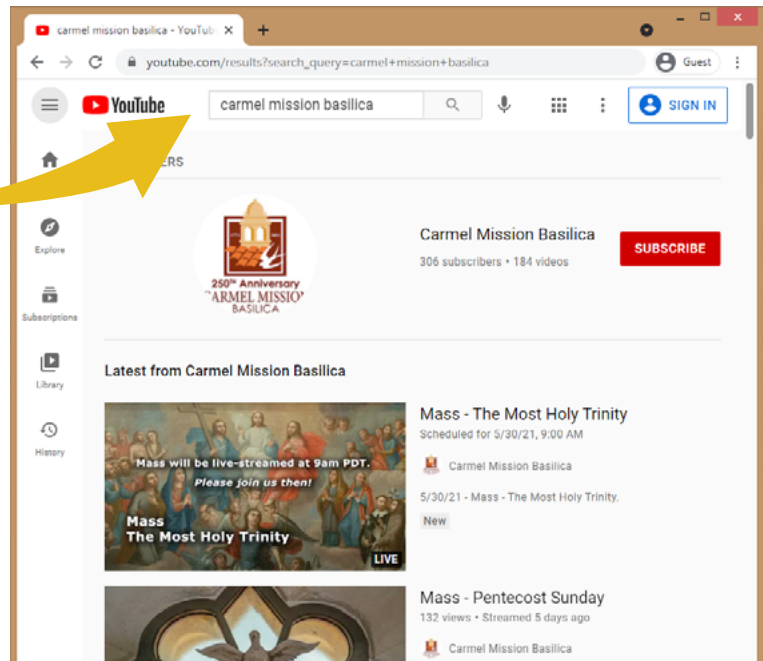


## How to find us on YouTube

To find our Channel navigate to [youtube.com](http://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.

If you would like to be notified when we post new videos, be sure to click the red Subscribe button.





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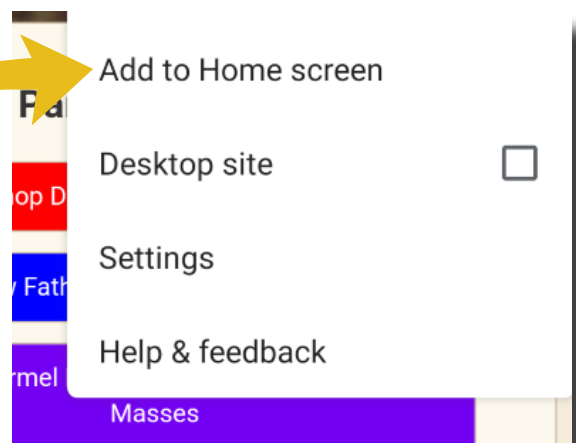
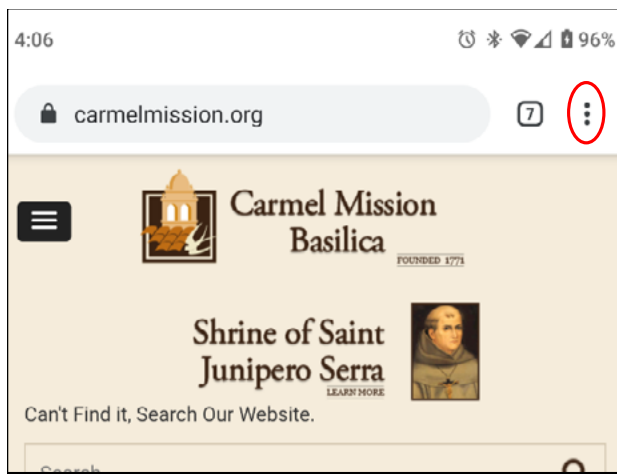
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## How to add the Carmel Mission website to your smartphone's home screen

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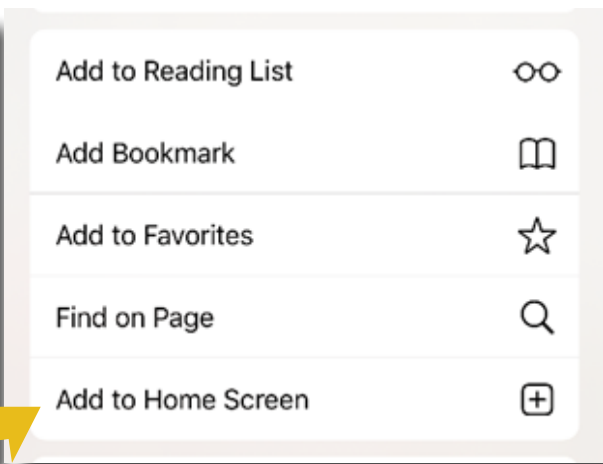
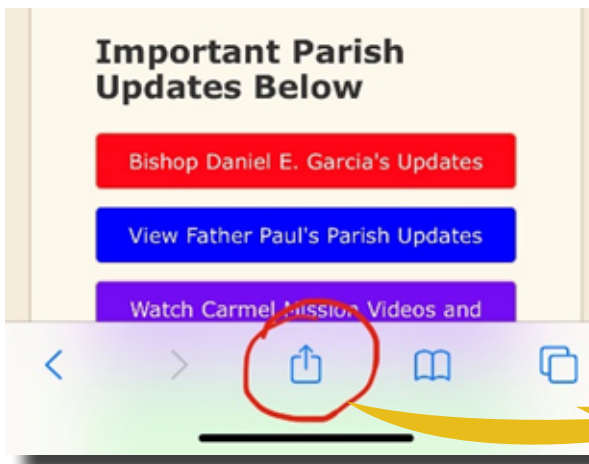


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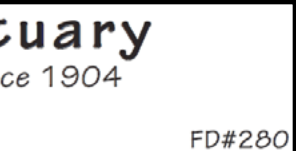
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