



250th Anniversary
CARMEL MISSION
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The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 9, 2022



FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we hear the Evangelist Luke's account of the moment when Jesus comes to the River Jordan and is baptized by His cousin, John. I often ask in my homily at Baptisms a question that is not answered completely by the Scripture, why did Jesus choose to be baptized? For us, Baptism is the first step in our relationship with God. Baptism opens the door to salvation and encourages us to walk through it. Baptism claims us as God's own forever and invites us to live out our identity as a loved child of God. For Jesus all of this was already true and more. Jesus chose to be baptized to show us how crucial Baptism is to our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Baptism was to become a bedrock of the Christian faith. By participating in it at the outset of His public ministry Jesus highlighted its transformative power.

For many of us, Baptism was a choice our parents made for us, and we do not remember the moment of our Baptism. Almost certainly it was not as dramatic as Jesus's in the River Jordan! However, the words of our Heavenly Father to us were the same, "You are my beloved child." Isn't that what we all long to here? I see you, I love you, I value you, you are mine. We are blessed to have a God who says this to us, not just once, at the moment of our Baptism, but over and over again throughout our journey of faith. It may be hard to hear it because the noise of life is always competing to drown out the loving words of God. In Luke's account it was not the moment of submersion in the water that brought the appearance of the Trinity, it was the time immediately after when Jesus was praying. Again, Jesus sets us the perfect example, the way to hear the Father's voice, the way to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, is simply to pray.

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

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.

The Christmas Poinsettias

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: Sunday, January 9

First Reading a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. (Is 42:1-4, 6-7)

Psalms The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10)

Second Reading In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. (Acts 10:34-38)

Gospel "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 10

1 SM 1:1-8
PS 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19
MK 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 11

1 SM 1:9-20
1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD
MK 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 12

1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20
PS 40:2 AND 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10
MK 1:29-39

Thursday, January 13

1 SM 4:1-11
PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
MK 1:40-45

Friday, January 14

1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A
PS 89:16-17, 18-19
MK 2:1-12

Saturday, January 15

1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
MK 2:13-17

Sunday, January 16

IS 62:1-5
PS 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 COR 12:4-11
JN 2:1-11

Scripture Message

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, but in Luke's Gospel the Evangelist chooses to focus on what precedes and immediately follows the actual event. People are coming to John the Baptist, thinking and likely hoping that he is the promised Messiah. He disabuses them of this notion straight away and promises Baptism to come by fire and the Holy Spirit. He was likely thinking in a more apocalyptic sense, but Luke was writing from a post-Pentecostal perspective having experienced transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire. (Acts 2:1-4) Luke skips over the actual Baptism and moves ahead to immediately after, when Jesus, having joined with others at the River Jordan in Baptism, is praying, a common occurrence in Luke's Gospel at important moments in Jesus' life. Jesus' prayer opens the connection to Heaven with the arrival of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice, claiming and acclaiming Him as His beloved Son, a rare scriptural appearance by The Holy Trinity. The Baptism of the Lord begs the question, why did Jesus choose to be baptized by John? Jesus chooses to participate in an act which will become a cornerstone of the Christian faith in part to help encourage us to explore the depths of what our Baptism means to us, promises us and demands of us.



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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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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 12/26/2021:

Electronic Donations: \$10,638.05

Mail Donations: \$19,071.00

Christmas Collection: \$11,683.00

Sunday Masses – Collection: \$ 2,854.00

Total Donations: \$44,246.05



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MASS SCHEDULES

Masses and Reconciliation

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica

Sunday Masses

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

11:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica with Choir and outdoor seating, weather permitting.

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

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

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.



Carmel Mission Bible Study

The Bible Study is on leave for the Holidays.

We will start again on Wednesday, January 12, at 10:30 am. We will begin by meeting on ZOOM, with the hope that we can resume live classes at Carmel Mission in the Spring.

We will start a study of the Letter to the Hebrews on that date. Please come and join us as we explore this beautiful and uplifting look at Our God's giving us a High Priest before His throne to intercede for us, Jesus.



For info and to sign up for the ZOOM invitation, call or text Dick Gorman at 595-6363. Call or email Dick Gorman.



Carmel Mission Book Club

New Meeting Time

Book Club Zoom meetings are moving to Fridays at 1:30 pm

On January 14th , we will begin reading the new edition of Art From the Carmel Mission by Gail Sheridan and Mary Pat McCormick. Please join us as we enjoy Catholic fellowship and learn more about the many wondrous treasures of our Mission church. Books can be purchased through the Carmel Mission Museum Store. All are welcome to attend at any time!

Please email christina.renna@gmail.com for more information and a ZOOM link.

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!*



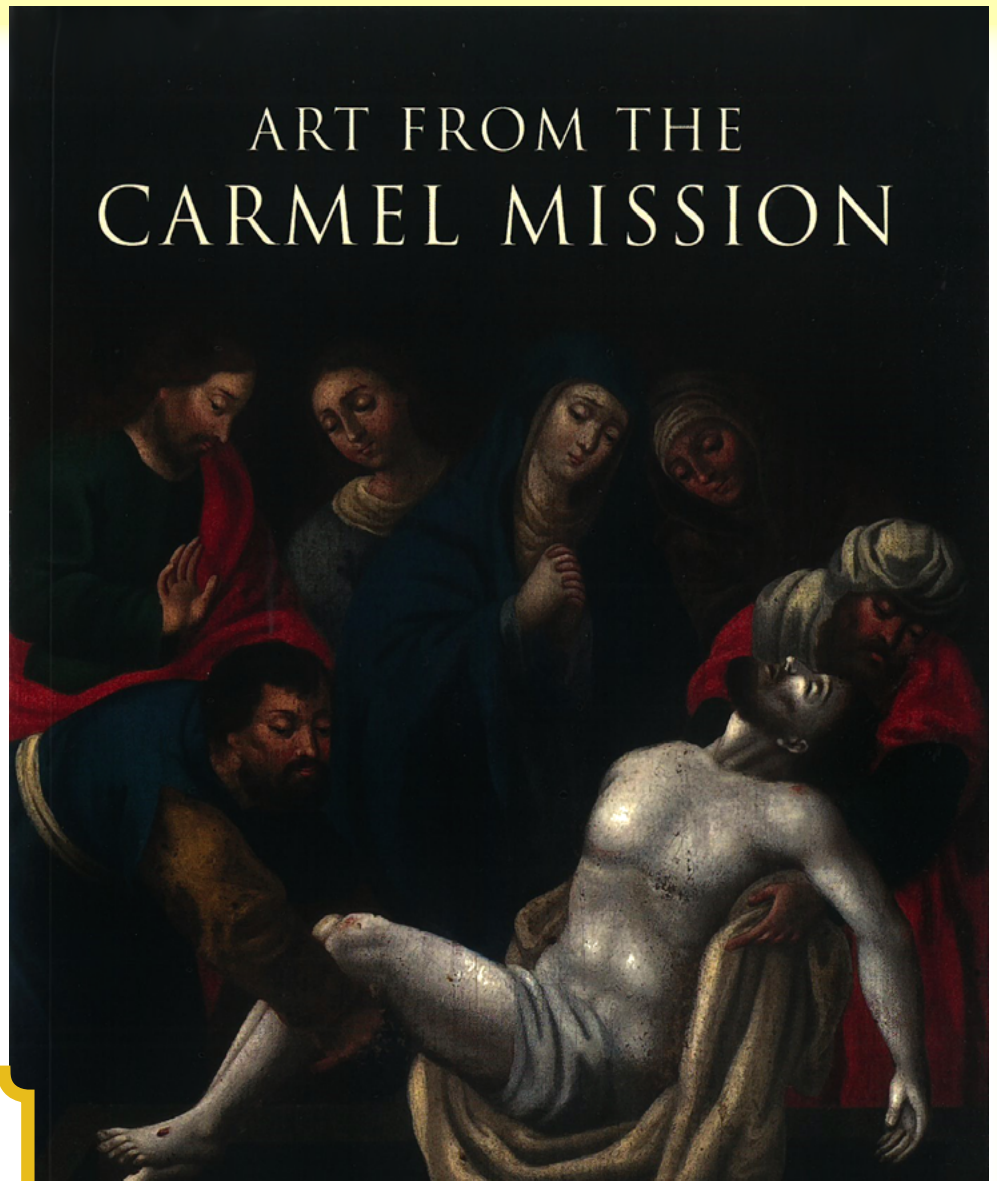
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Wed-Thurs 10 am-4 pm • Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm • Sun 11:30am-5 pm
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*Purchase your copy of
Art From the Carmel Mission*

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.

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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

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Join Monterey Peninsula for Life Group

- 6:00 Bus Departs San Carlos Cathedral, SATURDAY, Jan 22
- 9:30 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Cordileone
- 11:00 Info Faire Civic Center Plaza
- 12:30 Official Start of Rally, Civic Center Plaza
- 1:30 Walk for Life 2 miles down Market Street
- 3:30 Return to Bus
- 6:30 Arrive San Carlos Cathedral (approximate time)

COST: \$45 per person

Contact David Brownfield 831-521-6102 / dbrownfield12@gmail.com



Register and info:

415/658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

WalkforLifeWC.com



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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/

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.

[Click here to read the full letter](#)

NEW BULLETIN FORMAT

Published: December 25, 2021

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

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In memory of Dorothy McGrath, Jim and Neenan Robinson, Richard Fox and Dorothy Wigginton, 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 Loyce, Robert and Ann Nelson, Pfrs. Theobald Knott, Frans Christen, Frs. L. Stewart and Russell Jandrnevits.



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The Liturgy Section holds all information handed 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 intention at every Mass. All the times and the requests for:

Srvy Robinson, Maribelle Hernandez, Rosalyn Serna, Anna Dismantieri, Joan Karty, Telle Lurt, Neena Karty, Nancy Buchanan, Mary Oak, Larry Pfr, Richard Cuckelberg,

Charles Cardak, Maribelle Hernandez, Frans Michalko, Elizabeth Paulsen, Julia Dismantieri, Nancy D'Angelo, Ruth Pfr, Nancy Buchanan, Lutz Serna, Maryann Coleman

Please Pray For Our Military

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

Prayer Requests and Special Intentions

Send Your Prayer Request!

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

Electronic Giving Saves Money and Time

- Enhance making us ready for parishes and the parish.
- Check processing and receive having no time consuming.
- Our method of collection are to charge us and use collection boxes to receive your collections when we come back together.
- Accurate contribution tracking is available at all times.

By giving electronically, you can:

- Give securely, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate to one of our special projects.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.
- Get instant online confirmation of your donation 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: \$ 4,879.00
Total Donations: \$35,568.52

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MASS SCHEDULES

Read the next page for our Christmas Schedule

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

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

Noon Masses — Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
There will be no Mass on Thursdays. Communion at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm
There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 26 or January 1.

Mass Parking
Our parish has 300 spaces prior to each Mass. Our overflow parking is available at our Carmel Plaza and our overflow lot.

Accessible Parking
We have a limited number of ADA spots. If you are unable to enter our church, please call the office at 408-248-1212 to see if you are eligible for our parish's accessible parking. Please call the office at 408-248-1212 to see if you are eligible for our parish's accessible parking. Please call the office at 408-248-1212 to see if you are eligible for our parish's accessible parking.



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Flage Farmworker Christmas Activities

We need your help!

During the Christmas season, the Flage 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 of your ornament with a donate button. You are welcome to take the ornament and place it on our 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 of any size located in the Mission Courtyard before and after Mass.

The Flage Farmworker Ministry is a year-round program. We deliver food and essentials to the camp monthly. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Grace Hunt at gracehunt@carmission.org or 408-248-8794.

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 distribute.

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/flage 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, 3880 8th Street, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93923

DONATE

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Our Community Section delivers news and updates on activities and Mission events; Ministry meetings; the Docent Corner; and the Mission Store advertisement.

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 20th. You are invited and this is a great opportunity to read of Commencing the Book of the Lord for you. Genesis is the young father of God to which the Hebrew Bible has divided our world, and so we will explore how these men were and how they began the year of civilization that follows in these books.

We meet, generally by Zoom, each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for about an hour. Call or email Dick Green for a Zoom invitation. Call 408-248-1212 or dgreen@carmission.org

Carmel Mission Book Club

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

In November 2021, Book Club began reading the short books, **Advent and Christmas**, by **John Paul Stoeberl, Ph.D.** The book is available on Amazon. **Advent and Christmas** is available on Amazon. **Advent and Christmas** is available on Amazon. **Advent and Christmas** is available on Amazon.

For additional information and a Zoom invitation, please email Christine Davis at christine.davis@carmission.org

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CARMEL MISSION STORE

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

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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.

250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
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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 carmission.org/bulletin/

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FORECOURT RENOVATION
Published October 24, 2021

Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,
Just over two weeks ago (from October 24th, 2021), the last remaining section of the construction project, which had been in place for many months, was taken down and brought to another site. It is a beautiful, an amazingly beautiful work was needed: our restored Basilica Forecourt and Sacrament Chapel.

I invite you to spend some time there, when you get a chance. A favorite vantage point of mine, which allows an expansive view of the new mission, is the corner of Carmel and 8th Streets. 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. The view is simply stunning.

The Sacrament Chapel is an extraordinary, compared to its former self. We have seen the architectural, expressive and artistic aspects to new ways of seeing the heart and the center of the building. The new Sacrament Chapel has been built on the site of the former Sacrament Chapel, which had been demolished many times. We see the historical character still, but in a new way.

None of this would have happened were it not for the financial support that we received from the Carmel Mission Foundation, Carmel Mission Plaza, and the Board of Directors for all the construction work that has been done. We are grateful for the support of all who have contributed to the renovation of the Sacrament Chapel.

We continue to move "Forward" with great hope and with many more projects in the future. We are grateful for the support of all who have contributed to the renovation of the Sacrament Chapel. We are grateful for the support of all who have contributed to the renovation of the Sacrament Chapel.

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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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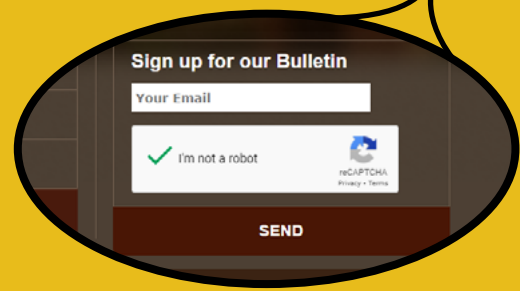
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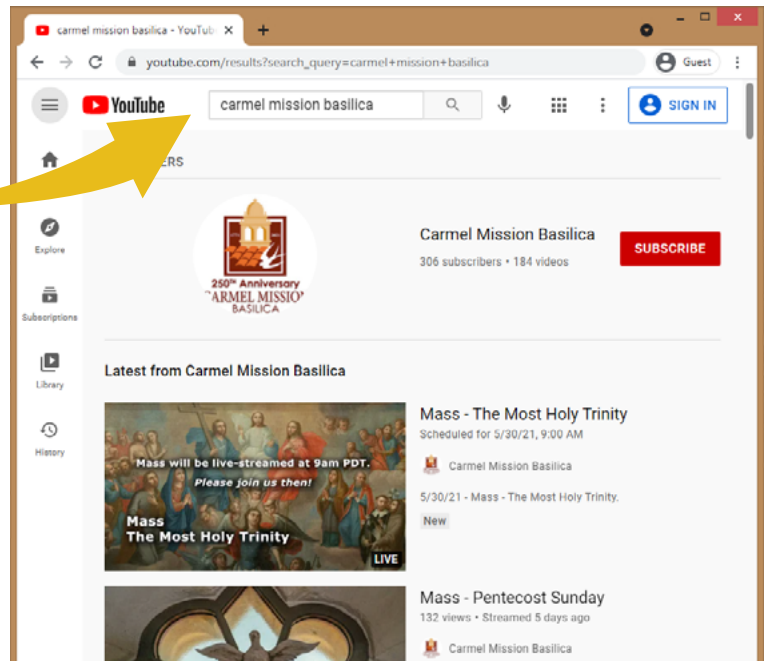


How to find us on YouTube

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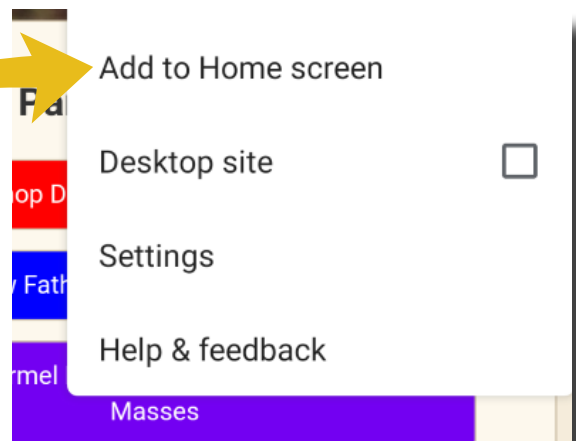
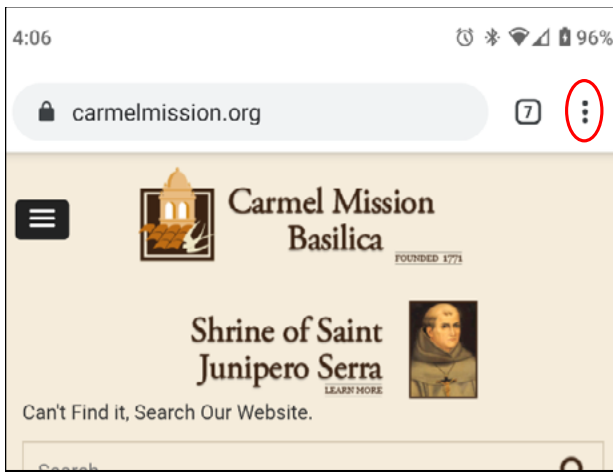
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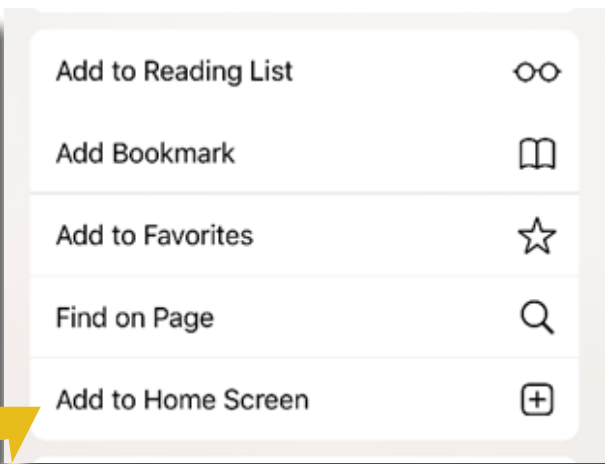
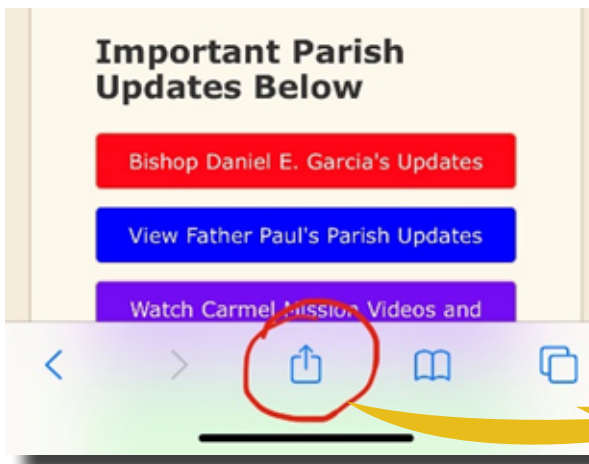


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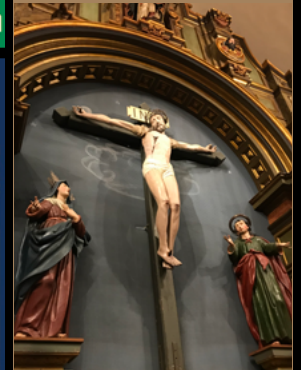
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