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FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Jesus has strong words in today's Gospel about what will be required of His disciples. Long before He Himself dies on the cross, He tells His followers that they too must pick up their crosses, symbols of agony, oppression and humiliation, to truly follow Him. This can hardly seem like good news.

In truth, our crosses do rarely seem like good news. They are arduous, and painful, and we might think a merciful God would spare His beloved sons and daughters such fates. But I would like to suggest another interpretation. God never offers a cross we cannot carry, or rather, that He cannot help us carry, if we let Him. In *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer compared "costly grace" and "cheap grace." The latter is grace without the cross, and so without Jesus. As leader of the German Confessing Church, which professed Jesus in opposition to the Nazis, Bonhoeffer "hated" (to use the word in today's gospel) his own life to the extent of being executed on April 9, 1945, only a few weeks before World War II ended in Europe. In comparing these two "graces," Bonhoeffer writes of "the person who hears the call to discipleship and wants to follow but feels obliged to insist on his own terms to the level of human understanding. The disciple places himself at the Master's disposal, but at the same time retains the right to dictate his own terms. But then discipleship is no longer discipleship, but a program of our own to be arranged to suit ourselves, and to be judged in accordance with the standards of rational ethic."

We are not in control of the crosses that life presents. And we are not even necessarily in control of our own ability to carry them. But we are able to go to God, the God of whom the psalmist sings, our refuge and our strength, and ask for His help in taking up our cross. God will never abandon us, or deny us the help we need. After all, Jesus carried His cross for all of us, and stands ready to shoulder our burdens beside us, always.

I wish you and you loved ones blessings of good health and great hope. Please continue to pray, with me, for peace in our world,

Fr. Paul



LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Mary Steele
by Cindy Steele.

Today's Readings

Reading I And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:13-18b)

Psalm In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17)

Reading II Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, (Phmn 9-10, 12-17)

Gospel "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:25-33)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

1 COR 2:1-5

PS 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102

MK 6:17-29

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

1 COR 2:10B-16

PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14

LK 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

1 COR 3:1-9

PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21

LK 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1 COR 3:18-23

PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

LK 5:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1 COR 4:1-5

PS 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40

LK 5:33-39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER

1 COR 4:6B-15

PS 145:17-18, 19-20, 21

LK 6:1-5

Scripture Message

In this week's gospel, Jesus continues to lay out the reality of what it means to follow him. When a disciple makes the decision to give up the pursuits of this world to center life and love on Christ, that can be very scary, especially for family members who have expectations and assumptions based on their own experiences. Jesus outlines three conditions that disciples must be clear about. The first is to prefer intimacy with Jesus to all other intimacies; the second is to accept the cross—not only that of the ordinary, painful suffering that is part of being human, but also of the persecution, ridicule, and conflict that may come with discipleship; and the third is to surrender possessions and possessiveness. To impress on his hearers the importance of these demands, Jesus tells two parables about two possible fools: one at work, the other at war. The first foolish man is a landowner who decides to build a tower, probably a watch-tower, on his property. He is a captive of his wild, momentary enthusiasms. He wants a tower! But he has no finances to raise anything on the foundations except the ridicule of the onlookers who scoff at his lack of foresight and planning. The other man is a king who engages in the serious business of war. He would be a fool not to weigh the possibilities of succeeding with a smaller army than his opponent and try to negotiate for peace rather than engage in war. In each of these situations, Jesus makes the point that massive projects take intentional foresight. If we are to align our lives with the work of Christ, we have to take stock of what it will affect in our life and, to that end, who might be hurt by our decision. Just because someone chooses to follow the gospel doesn't mean that everyone will understand it. Other Christians may not understand it. In that same vein, we have to be aware of how following Christ will alter our own desires and comfort. Jesus doesn't want us to bite off more than we can chew, or expect too much of ourselves without proper preparation. The book of Wisdom gets to the heart of the matter outlined in the gospel: "For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans." Wisdom is telling us the same thing that Jesus does: it will be difficult to follow God, not just because of the actions one makes when one is oriented toward Christ, but because of the planning and foresight. Following the Lord isn't something that just happens. It takes intention.



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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Altar Flowers Opportunity



As we have been live streaming the Mass and providing other videos of the Mission and its grounds, we have received so much positive feedback from our community on the features of the flowers in our beautiful Mission gardens. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty of God, in whose image we are made. When we enjoy beautiful flowers, plants and trees we are celebrating the God's gift of the natural world.

We are so happy to continue the beauty of altar flowers at our Masses each week. We invite you to consider sponsoring a bouquet for \$90 in memory or honor of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or in thanksgiving to God.

The altar flowers will be a part of our live streamed Mass as well as our outdoor Mass each Sunday and your dedication will be included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at liturgy@carmelmission.org for more information and to schedule your gift.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to ensure that these symbols of beauty and life are part of our weekly celebrations.



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PARISH PRAYERS

Sick in the Parish

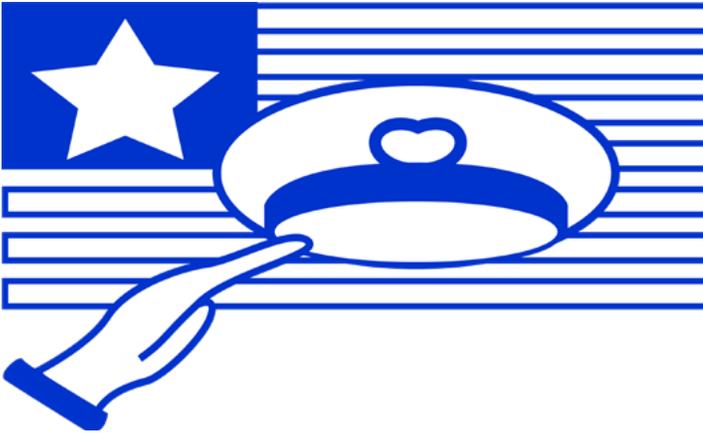
All the sick are prayed for during a general intercession at every mass. At this time we pray especially for:



Kathy Anderson,
Paul Borromeo,
Jana Schmidt,
Matthew Escovar,
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



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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Recently Deceased in our Parish

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

... 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.

Christine Durney Armanasco,

Anne Deffley,

William Little,

Eleanor Fremgen,

Albert Grosnick,

Diane Bozzo,

John Joseph Gelke,

Julian Lopez,

Barbara Mills,

Lois Jones,

Jeanne Burns-Smith

Astrea Hidalgo Rodriguez,

Luis Antonio Ponce,

Margaret Sturges,

Robert E. Boeddiker,

Elynor Rawitzer,

Emerita Pabonan,

Very Reverend Mark Stetz, V.F.,

Sylvia Conn,

Dorothy Fritsch Harmeyer,

William Kraft,

Vincent Moley,

Linda Shepard,

Ed Mosner,

David Higgins Snr.,

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



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SAFE AND SOUND — AMA 2022

Thank you for supporting our Safe and Sound Campaign.

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Diocesan Goal: \$55,700



We have met our 2022 AMA goal in record time!

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

My heart is full of joy as we celebrate the birthday of our Church this Pentecost weekend. You have added to that joy because of your amazing generosity. These words of gratitude are inadequate to express my appreciation of your selfless stewardship here at our beautiful Carmel Mission. WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL OF \$250,000.00 for our 2022 AMA Campaign, Safe and Sound. You truly are amazing!

Who would have believed that we would be winding down our campaign at the end of May? The Safe and Sound theme obviously resonated with you and you responded so generously. We live in uncertain times, never knowing what is waiting for us around the next corner. Our aim here at Carmel Mission is welcome all who come our way as our sisters and brothers in Christ.

We are welcoming back our many ministries in a safe and secure manner. We are enhancing the outdoor lighting, our security and our signage. We will be adding ramps and rails around our property to make it easier for us to get around. We will be keeping you posted as we continue to work on making your place of worship as safe and sound as possible.

May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit be yours in abundance this Pentecost and always. With great gratitude and many blessings,

Fr. Paul



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Report for the weeks ending on 08/21/2022:

Electronic Donations:	\$ 6,977.60
Mail Donations:	\$ 1,663.00
Collection — Weekend Masses:	\$ 5,322.00
Second Collection — Maintenance:	\$ 2,842.00
8/15 — Assumption of Mary:	\$ 301.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$17,105.60

Mass Schedule

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 - Outdoor Mass in the Central Courtyard, weather permitting.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 - 10:00 am - Indoor in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Mass Entrances

9:00 am Indoor Mass

Those attending Sunday Mass at 9:00 am will continue to enter Mass via the Parish Gate and Visitor's Gate into the Basilica and Forecourt. As shown by the yellow arrows.

11:00 am Outdoor Mass

Those attending our outdoor Sunday Mass at 11:00 am will be entering through the Carrige Gate and Parish Gate into the Central Courtyard. As shown by the green arrows.

We will have an attendant at each entrance.

Please note that the courtyards are an extension of our 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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We're Excited to Announce the Return of Faith Formation!

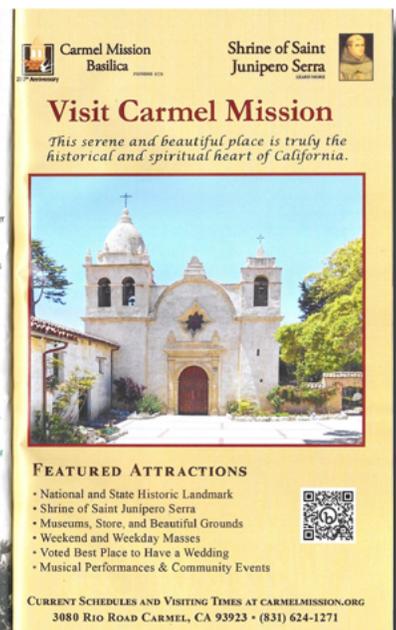
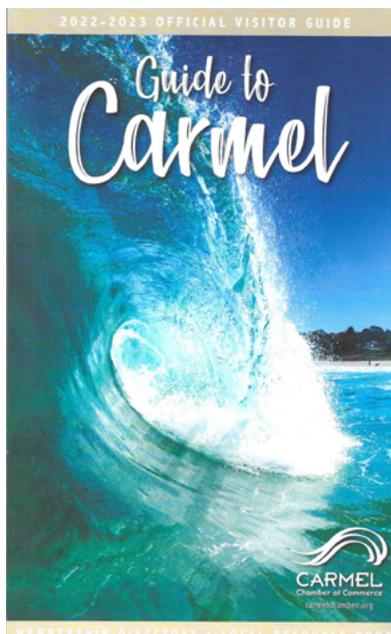
Have you registered your child yet?

Our First Communion and Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, September 4th.



Our classes meet twice per month on Sundays. Please contact Cynthia Ciardella at FaithFormation@carmelmission.org or call (831) 624-1271 ext 303 for more information.

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Carmel Mission Bible Study



Bible study meets every Wednesday in Crespi Hall at 10:30 am

Bible Study has resumed and you are invited. All recent Popes, and the whole Church urges us to learn more about our Faith by reading and learning the truths that God has revealed to us in Holy Scripture. This is your chance to do that. We meet starting Wednesday, June 15 and each following Wednesday morning at Crespi Hall at 10:30 AM.

Please join us.

Contact Dick Gorman, at 595-6363 or, dickgorman@att.net for more information



Carmel Mission Book Club

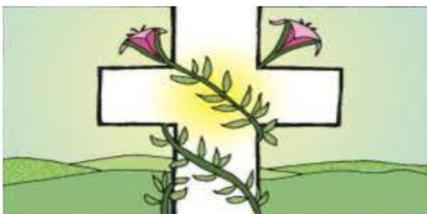
Book Club meets every Friday in Crespi Hall at 1:30 pm

On August 5th, our book club will begin reading **Manifesting God by Fr. Thomas Keating**. This book explores the principles of contemplative prayer — finding the silent space of retreat into our “inner room” as told by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

Meetings are held in Crespi Hall on Friday afternoons at 1:30 with a ZOOM link option for anyone wishing to attend remotely. Please email christina.renna@gmail.com for information.

Books are available at the meeting, and everyone is welcome to attend at any time!

Homebound Ministry



Dear Parishioners of Carmel Mission,

If you or someone you know cannot get to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact our Homebound Ministry Coordinator, Joan Brophy Thomas at (831) 624 3074.

Please stay safe and sound, Blessings,

Fr. Paul

Our Ministry Directory and web pages are under development. Please click on the ministry names in red below to contact our ministries.

The **Altar Society** provides care and upkeep for the altar linens and supports additional needs of the altar.

The **Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry** provides caring consolation and spiritual support to parish families who are grieving the death of a loved one.

The **Bible Study** holds weekly meetings to study and discuss various books of the Bible.

The **Book Club** holds weekly meetings to read and discuss selected books.

The **Carmel Mission Docent Ministry** provides historical stewardship for the Mission and its art and artifacts. The Docents provide a welcoming presence and historical information to our many visitors.

Eucharistic Adoration is a special devotion whereby worshipers dedicate their time to be present with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to honor, adore and pray to Him.

The **Faith Formation Ministry** provides religious education for the faithful of all ages.

The **False Farmworkers Program Ministry** procures and distributes food and clothing to farmworkers and their families, who are in need.

The **Homebound Eucharistic Ministry** practices the Corporal works of mercy. Members visit and comfort the sick and the elderly, and bring Communion to those who have difficulty attending Mass.

The **Women's & Men's I-HELP** (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program) activities at Carmel Mission are one of the many Monterey Peninsula churches, faith communities, or service organizations that provide overnight accommodation, a nutritious hot meal, and a caring community to homeless men and women one evening a month.

The **Knights of Columbus** were founded in 1882 on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Carmel Mission, Council 4593, Knights of Columbus, provides hospitality and fundraising support to our parish community.

The **Liturgical Ministry** supports all aspects of our parish liturgy.

The **Carmel Mission Basilica Schola Cantorum** is a traditional choral ensemble which assists with the music leadership every week at our 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The repertoire of the group is drawn from the works of both contemporary and traditional Catholic composers.

*Mary,
Mother of God*

"Hail, Holy Queen, Mother
of Mercy; hail our life, our
sweetness and our hope."

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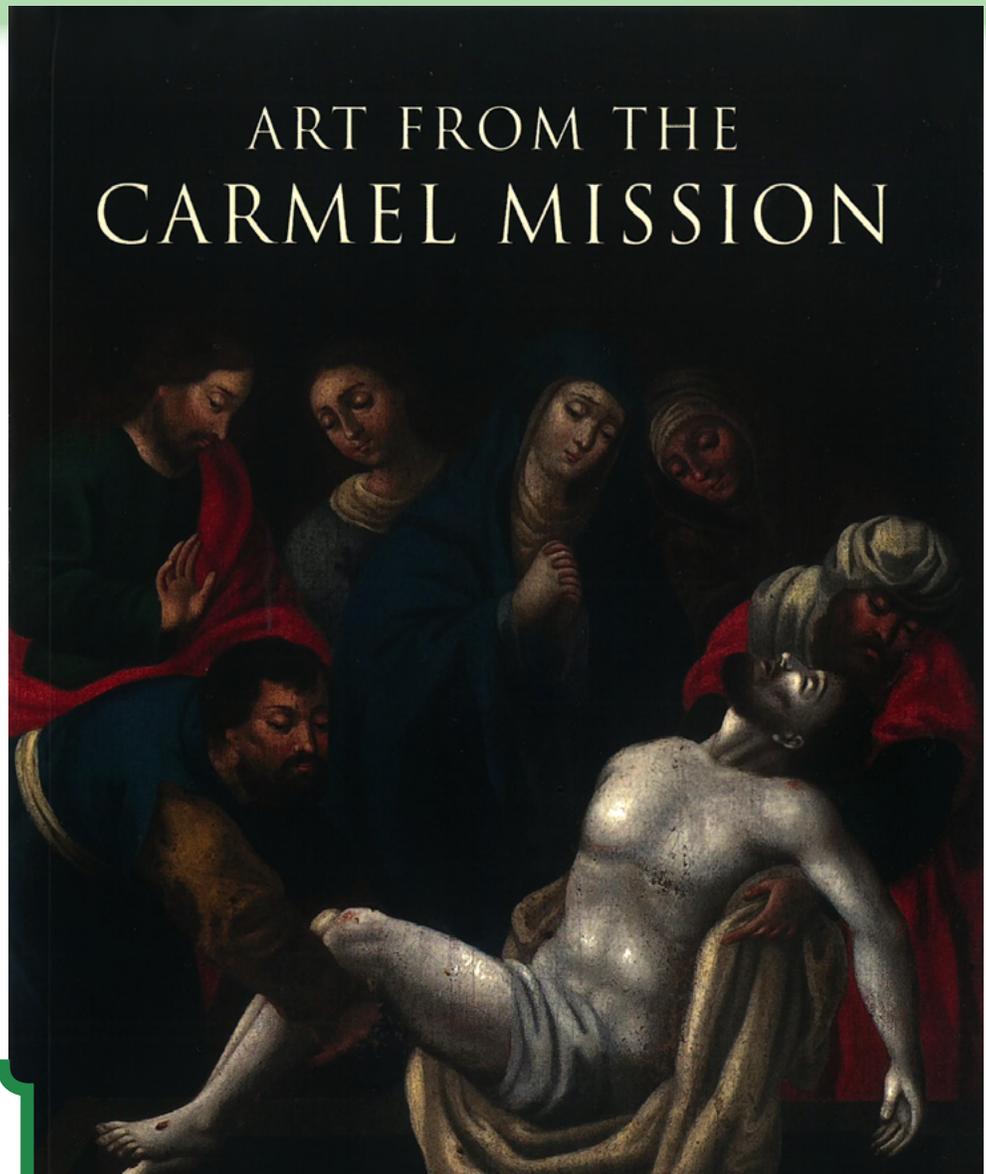
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December 2021

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.

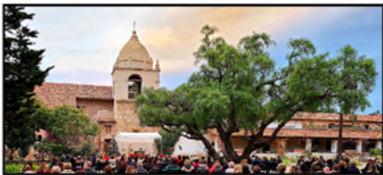
Just as God is for us, I am exceptionally conscious of the fact that You Are For Your Parish, your beloved Mission. You show that in so many ways. You selflessly give of your time, your talents, and your treasure. Your constant generosity never ceases to amaze me.

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.

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- Our complete online calendar
- A digital version of our weekly bulletin and...
- News and updates of the Carmel Mission

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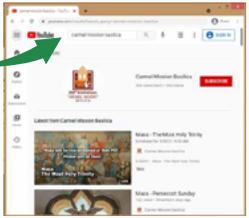



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