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Sunday, September 11, 2022**

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FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the Gospel today Jesus's parables give us insight into the nature of our loving God. One aspect of God's nature is the relentless manner in which He loves humanity. Human nature being as it is, it would be understandable for God to throw up His hands sometimes and leave us to our folly. Jesus asks the rhetorical question, "Who among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" If we are to answer that question, we might look at Jesus in astonishment and say, "No one would ever do that. That makes no sense." But God's love is rather irrational, because it is merciful.

The parable of the Prodigal Son captures the parental nature of God's relationship with His children. God gives to us generously, including the freedom to make mistakes, to turn away from Him. But God never gives up on us, even when we stray. God is always ready for us to make the slightest turn back towards Him, to then come running to greet us, welcome us home, and shower us with His abundant love. This love is not something we earn, it is a free gift to the world, born out of the very essence of who God is.

God's nature is reflected, however imperfectly, in our human relationships. One such is the bond we share with our parents. I hope that, like me, you are or were fortunate enough to have close, wonderful relationships with your parents, whether they are still with us on earth or have gone home to heaven. When we consider a parent's love for a child we see a glimpse of how God loves - completely, irrationally, relentlessly. Biologically, this love is initially needed for the continuation of the species, but hopefully it grows into so much more, and becomes a window into the beautiful, intimate relationship God invites us to share with Him.

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

Fr. Paul



LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Marianne Hoffman by Paul Hoffman.

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

This week's Gospel has three parables, all built around the theme of celebrating a sinner who turns back to God. In the first story, when a shepherd loses a sheep, he drops everything to retrieve it. When a woman misplaces a coin, she cleans the whole house in search of it. And when a wealthy father sees his wayward son walking home, he throws a blowout party. The joy and relief in the return of what has been lost is so overwhelming that the celebration is extended to include all. All of these stories are told in response to the Pharisees. The religious leaders are critical of a man who associates with those deemed harmful, those who exist outside the scope of appropriate society. Throughout his ministry, Jesus models accompaniment. He accompanies sinners, walking with them and eating with them, dignifying them with his presence. The four readings today, from Moses, the psalmist, Luke, and Paul, give us a coherent snapshot of salvation history. The story of Moses and the golden calf demonstrates how the Israelites' understanding of God is a Lord who expresses wrath and is dependent upon a transactional form of faith. Moses begs God to spare the Israelites and give them an opportunity to repent. The psalmist puts faith in the Lord to "clean" his heart, putting the agency of transformation on God. But then we encounter Jesus, who demonstrates the way to move people away from sin is not with ultimatums and punishment but with accompaniment, and then we have Paul, who is grateful for receiving such patience. Paul tells us, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant." We see the development of the human relationship with God, from the Torah to the early church. It is also provides insight into who God, a Father whose love is so vast and merciful that He is willing to seek the lost constantly, time and time again, always rejoicing at their homecoming, and never discouraged by their waywardness.



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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:

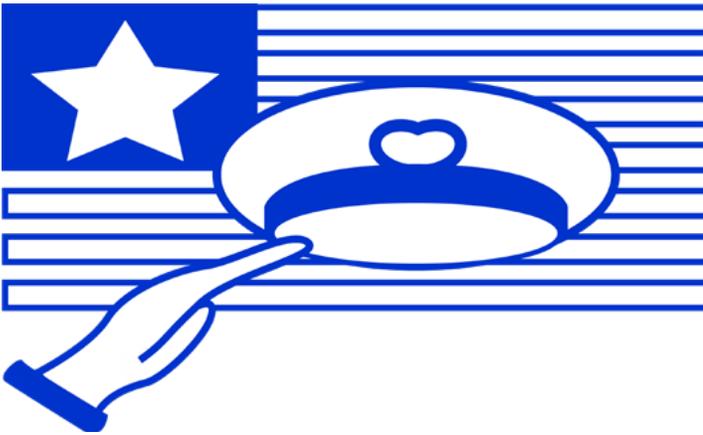


Paul Borromeo,
Jana Schmidt,
Matthew Escovar,
Anne Emmerich,
Joan Kenny,
Tobi Lunt,
Sean Kenny,
Nancy Buchanan,

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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PARISH PRAYERS



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.

Kathy Anderson,
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 08/28/2022:

Electronic Donations: \$ 3,785.63

Mail Donations: \$ 6,063.00

Collection — Weekend Masses: \$ 6,917.00

I - HELP: \$ 2,500.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$ 19,265.63

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

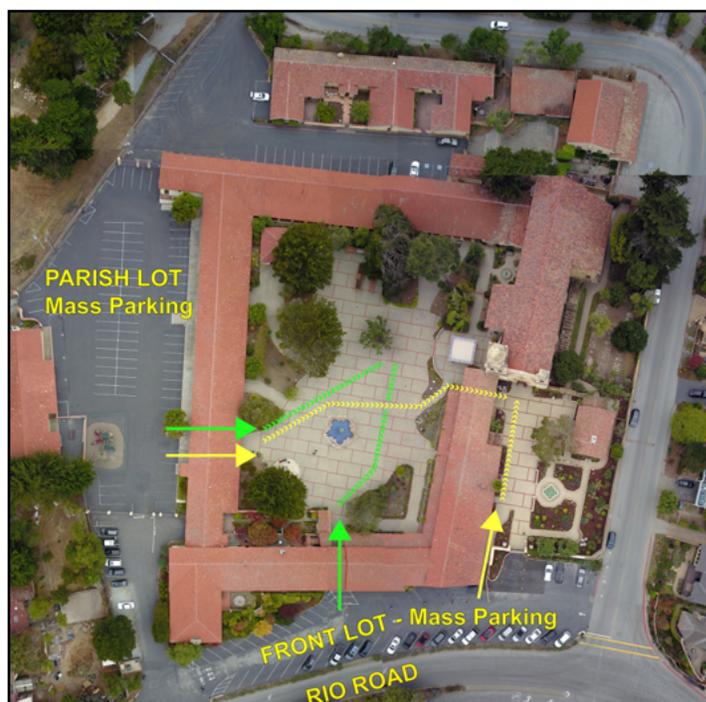
Those attending our outdoor Sunday Mass at 11:00 am will be entering through the Carrige Gate and Parish Gate into the Central Courtyard. As shown by the green arrows.

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.



Taizé Prayer for Peace

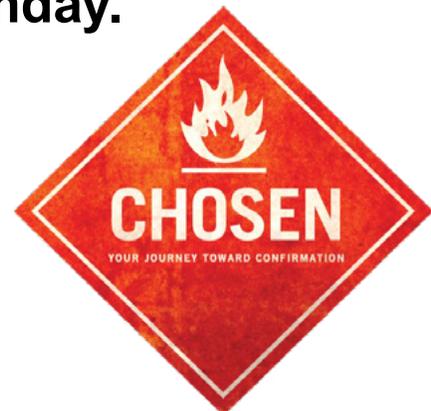


Wednesday, September 21
at 7:00 PM

Join us on the International Day of Peace, September 21, for a Taizé Prayer Service in the Basilica to pray for peace throughout our world, especially in Ukraine.

We're Excited to Announce the Return of Faith Formation!

Our First Communion and Confirmation classes meet every 2nd Sunday.



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

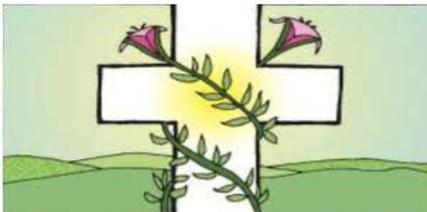
On September 16, book club will begin reading **The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything** by **Reverend James Martin, SJ**.

This book focuses on the Ignatian goal of finding God in all things, and offers spiritual guidance and history to enrich our everyday lives.

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.

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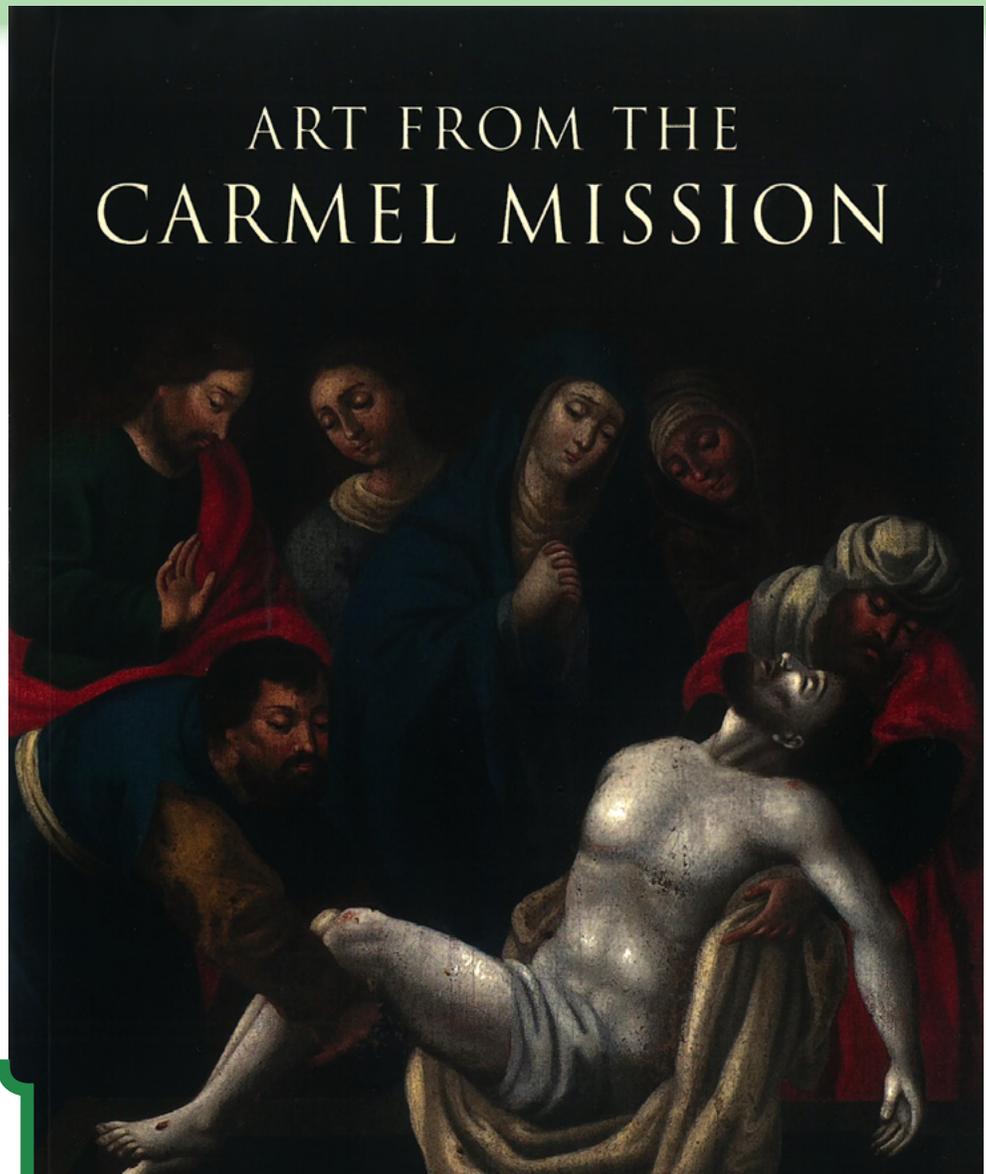
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Employment Opportunity

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- Welcome and greet all visitors.
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- Maintain a current knowledge of all products in the store.
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- 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

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- Hospitality
- Tourism experience

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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.

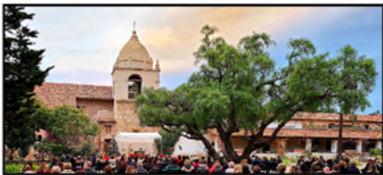
Just as God is for us, I am exceptionally conscious of the fact that You Are For Your Parish, your beloved Mission. You show that in so many ways. You selflessly give of your time, your talents, and your treasure. Your constant generosity never ceases to amaze me.

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

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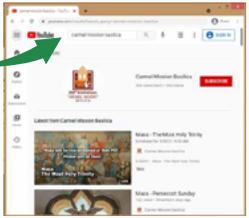



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