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Lauren Monroe - In Conversation

Sunday, August 23, at 4pm in the Basilica

featuring special guest - drummer Rick Allen.

No ticket required

$10 suggested donation.

Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 16, 2022

Fr. Paul's Weekly Letter

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

It is easy to admire the widow in the Gospel today. She fearlessly and persistently pursues justice when all sides seem against her. She is petitioning a corrupt judge….Now that is a novel and interesting concept. Obviously, it could never happen in our day that we would have a corrupt judge. Oh sorry, I just caught my tongue in my cheek! Moving right along…. In the Gospel this judge fears neither God nor man by his own admission, is likely bribed by her opponent, and influenced by societal norms which did not favor women speaking out for themselves. Despite these hurdles, her very persistence and insistence wins her a just judgement. In this parable Jesus shows us the power of persistent prayer that does not grow weary or indifferent. But I think sometimes it is not only God with whom we need to be persistent, it is with ourselves.

Whether we look out in the wider world, onto the narrower world of our personal experience, or into our own hearts, we are likely to find some suffering, some "dis-ease "as I mentioned in my homily last week. It can feel overwhelming that, despite our prayers, our efforts, and our belief in God's mercy, suffering continues in so many forms. Here is the opportunity to be persistent with ourselves, to not give up on our God and our faith, but rather to redouble our efforts to be consistent and relentless in our prayer.

Prayer is a crucial part of growing in relationship with our loving God. God does not need us to tell Him what we need, what we want, what we hope for, or what we fear. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and knows our needs better than we could ever possibly express them. We share our needs, our hopes, and our fears to grow in transparency with God. Part of any relationship is practicing authenticity, allowing ourselves to simply be as we are with another person. In prayer we present ourselves authentically to God, and open our hearts to His love, His mercy, and His answers to our wants and needs.

Lastly, it is important to remember that prayer need not only be words addressed to our God. When our thoughts and our actions are focused on justice, peace, unity, and care for one another then these too are a form of communication with God. In this way we can begin to achieve what Jesus asks of us, to pray without ceasing.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health, great hope, and loving persistence,

Fr. Paul

LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Knox Mellon by Carlotta Mellon.

Today's Readings

Reading I As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:8-13)

Psalm Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

Reading II Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, (2 Tm 3:14-4:2)

Gospel I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:1-8)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
EPH 2:1-10
PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5
LK 12:13-21

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
2 TM 4:10-17B
PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
LK 10:1-9

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
EPH 3:2-12
IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6
LK 12:39-48

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
EPH 3:14-21
PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
LK 12:49-53

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
EPH 4:1-6
PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6
LK 12:54-59

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
EPH 4:7-16
PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5
LK 13:1-9

Scripture Message

As Jesus travels with his disciples to Jerusalem, today's gospel describes how he tells stories that smash some stereotypes. We meet an insistent widow and an unjust judge whom she gets the better of. The parable is prefaced with Jesus's comment about the need to pray always and not lose heart, but it is a parable that not only illustrates the importance of persistent prayer but also concerns the persistent pursuit of justice. The world of the parable is a difficult world, especially for a woman who is widowed and apparently without any sons or male relatives, since she represents herself before the judge. It is a world of injustice, suspected bribery, contemptuous judiciary, struggling and marginalized women. Yet if we look beyond the cultural context, we can recognize similarities in the way human beings relate to one another today. The judge of the parable is everything he is *not* supposed to be according to Sirach 35:14- 19, which is a portrait of a just judge who is especially attentive to the supplications of widows and orphans. The widow of this parable, however, does not dissolve into tears at her unjust treatment. She comes in from the margins of society loudly demanding justice of the judge who fears neither God nor anyone else. He is apparently shameless in a culture where honor and shame largely defined one's social response and reputation. There is also a lurking suspicion that the widow's opponent may have bribed favor from the judge. In the end, the judge gives in to the woman, admitting that what she asks are her just rights and she "keeps bothering me." The widow reveals the power of weakness, as Jesus himself will soon do in His passion, death, and resurrection. The judge is described as dishonest and contemptuous in order to put him in sharp contrast with God and to establish the argumentative technique of "from the lesser to the greater." If even a judge like this one gave in to the widow because of self-interest and suspect motives, how much more, suggests Jesus, will our compassionate God do justice for those who persist in their prayer and their faith.

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 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.

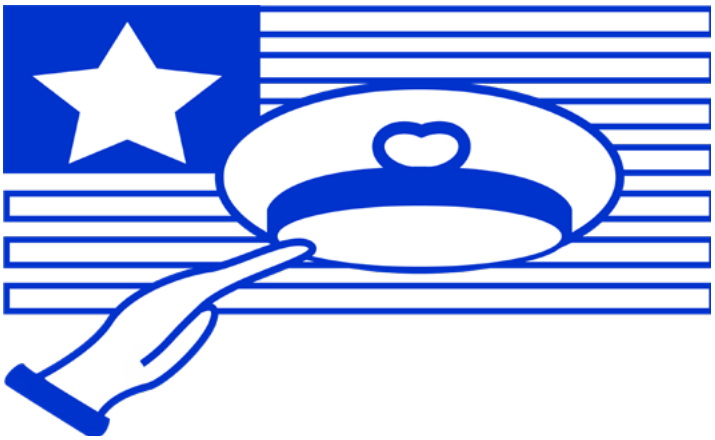
Parish Prayers

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

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.

Lee Cogan,
Thomas Sand,
Beatrice Fleming,
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

Thank you for supporting our Safe and Sound Campaign.

DONATE

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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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.

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- 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/

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Report for the weeks ending on 09/25/2022:

Electronic Donations: $ 4,248.43

Mail Donations: $ 2,006.00

Collection — Weekend Masses: $ 6,675.90

Second Collection — Ugandan Relief: $10,893.60

TOTAL DONATIONS: $23,823.93

This week, our 2nd Collection is for our Maintenance Fund

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.

Our First Communion and Confirmation classes are off to a great start!

Our classes meet twice per month on Sundays.

Please contact Cynthia Ciardella at (831) 624-1271 ext 303 or email FaithFormation@carmelmission.org for more information or to be placed on the waiting list for next year.

Lauren Monroe - In Conversation

Please join us for an afternoon of music and conversation with renowned vocalist, songwriter, musician, and author, Lauren Monroe. She will accompanied by her band with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, drummer Rick Allen on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00 pm. A healing concert not to miss!

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Carmel Mission Bible Study

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

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.

Please join us.

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

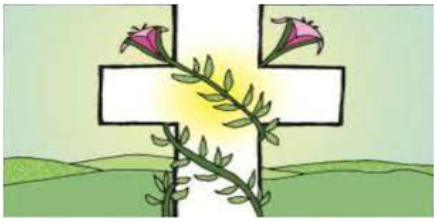
Carmel Mission Book Club

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

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

Please email christina.renna@gmail.com for information or to requests a ZOOM link for anyone wishing to attend remotely.

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

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Ministry Directory

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 **Falge 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.

Saint Francis of Assisi Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology

Saint Francis, perhaps the best-loved of all saints, was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. Young Francis enjoyed a life of luxury and fine clothes. One day, Jesus spoke to Francis from the crucifix in the little chapel of San Damiano: "Go, rebuild My house." Francis gave away his riches to the poor and lived for Jesus. He went about as a barefoot beggar, telling people that God loved each of them so much that He sent His only Son to die to save them. Francis also loved all of God's animals as his brothers and sisters. Others joined Francis in his care for the sick and lepers, and in 1224, Francis received from God the stigmata—the visible wounds of the Crucifixion. Francis died at Assisi in 1226, and two years later, was canonized a saint.

Saint Francis, pray for us!

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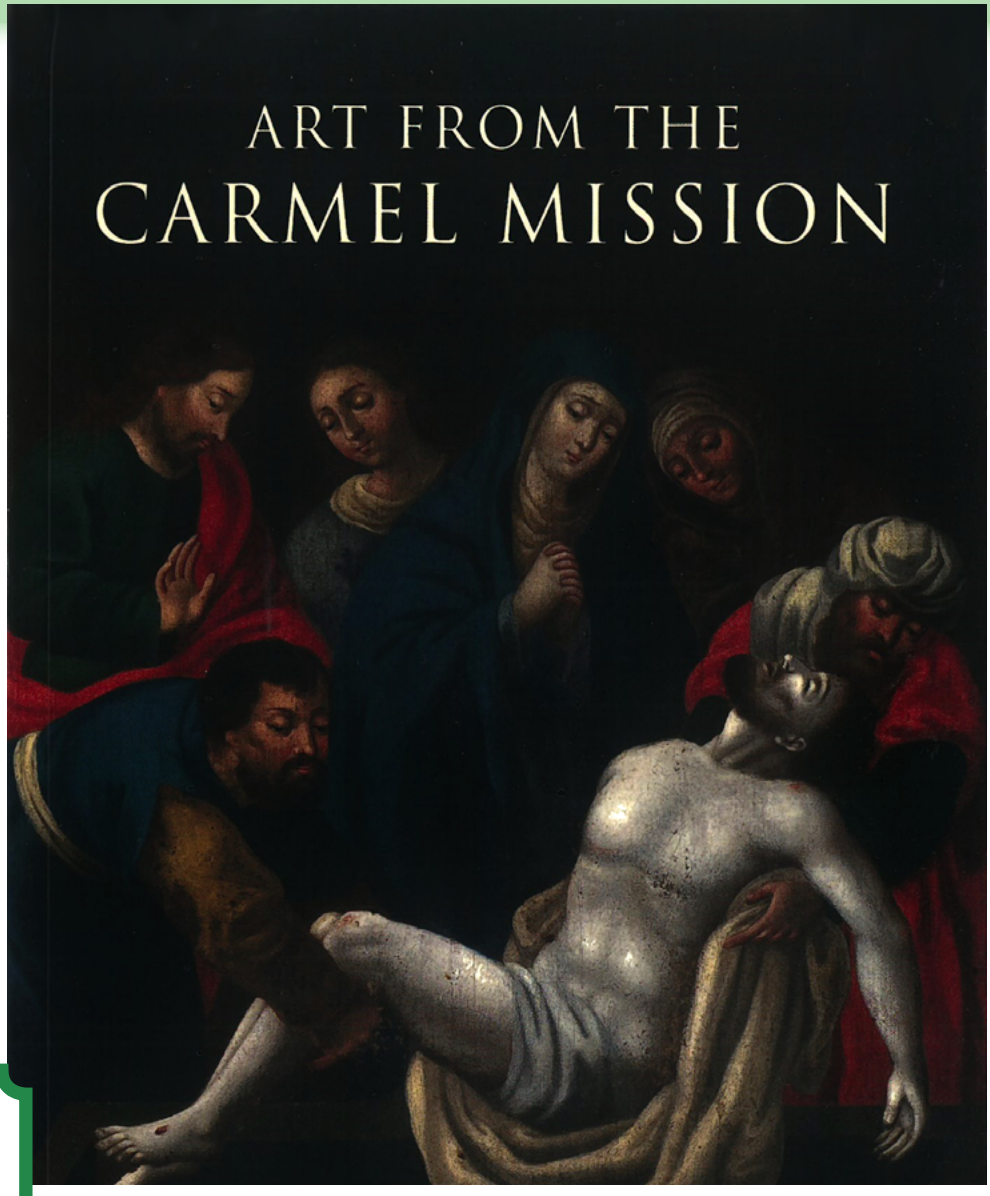
Our Mission is home to a vast collection of beautiful art from centuries past, and in their book, Gail Sheridan and Mary Pat McCormick gives us background knowledge on various pieces and the artists that created them. The Art From the Carmel Mission was originally written and published by members of 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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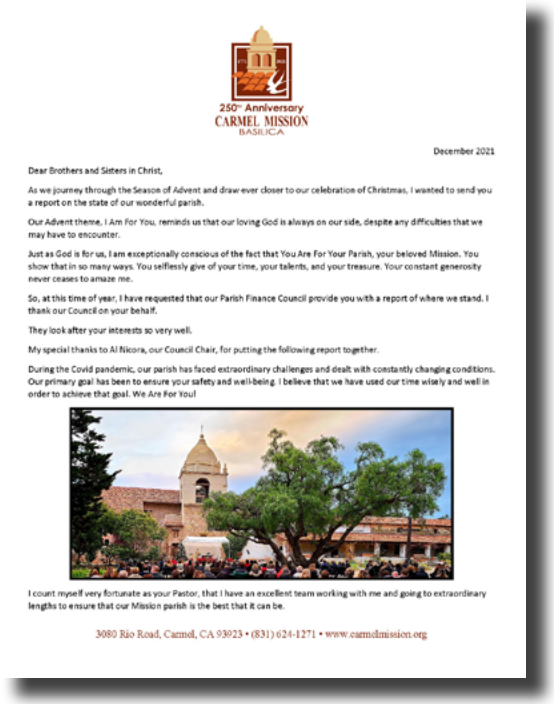

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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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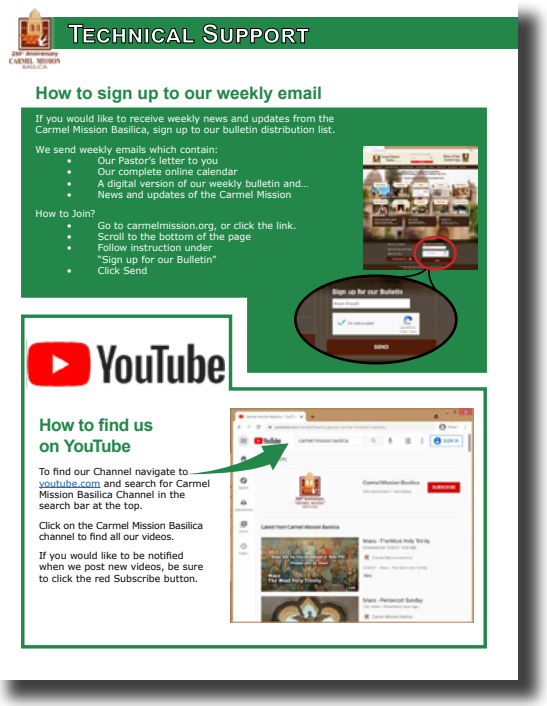

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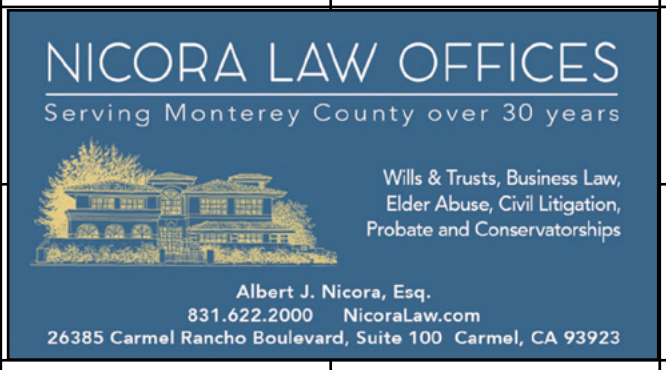
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