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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

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# FR. PAUL'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the Gospel today we encounter a familiar character from the Advent season, John the Baptist. We begin Ordinary Time with his testimony in John's Gospel. In this account the evangelist does not himself describe the Baptism of the Lord, but rather shares John the Baptists' retelling of what he saw, heard, and did, and what that means about who Jesus is. John the Baptist was courageous in his witness, devoted to the work God called him to do, and always pointed, in his words and actions, towards Jesus. His final words in John's Gospel are "He must increase; I must decrease." (John 3:30) This humility did not prevent him from being an outspoken preacher, and indeed an outsized and eccentric character. Instead he used all of who he was to God's purpose. He embodied the statement we hear in the psalm today, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will." (Psalm 40)

As we begin a new year, it is an excellent opportunity to consider what God's will is in our individual lives. It can be scary to consider surrendering to God's will for us - what if it clashes with what we want, or even more disconcerting, with what we feel we must do? It can feel that a large part of life is keeping ourselves and our loved ones afloat - physically, mentally, emotionally, financially. It is not so much what we want to do, but what we have to do, be it working constantly, neglecting our own health to care for our families, or neglecting our spiritual health to make sure we meet society's benchmarks.

The Sacred Scriptures, the history of salvation, and our personal relationship with our loving God all prove that God only wants what is best for His beloved children, for all of His creation. As we open ourselves to a new understanding of God's will in our lives, I invite you to join me in being equally open to the idea that this may challenge some of the ways we feel we must live, and that, if we trust Him, God can help us grow into happier, healthier doers of His will in this New Year.

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

Fr Paul





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

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## Today's Readings

**Reading I** I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:3, 5-6)

**Psalm** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10)

**Reading II** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:1-3)

**Gospel** "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. (Jn 1:29-34)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

HEB 5:1-10  
PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
MK 2:18-22

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

HEB 6:10-20  
PS 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 AND 10C  
MK 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

HEB 7:1-3, 15-17  
PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4  
MK 3:1-6

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

HEB 7:25-8:6  
PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 17  
MK 3:7-12

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

HEB 8:6-13  
PS 85:8 AND 10, 11-12, 13-14  
MK 3:13-19

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

HEB 9:2-3, 11-14  
PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
MK 3:20-21

## Scripture Message

The focus of today's readings feels especially appropriate as we leave the festive time of Christmas but are not yet anticipating the even greater high point of Easter: we are called in all seasons, every single day to live what we are by the grace of God, a chosen people. In the Gospel we meet John the Baptist, who knew very well his place in salvation history. He sees Jesus coming and points him out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Those listening to John, including those sent by the Pharisees as spies, (John 1:24) would be sensitive to the biblical and cultural significance of the symbol of the lamb, which recalled both the messianic Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:7) and the Passover lamb (Exodus 12:1-13). The Gospel refers to "sin" as the collective brokenness and sinfulness of the world, not individual sins, and to the social and structural evil that will be arrayed against Jesus by his enemies. The evangelist John introduces us to John the Baptist in his prologue (John 1:6-9) because the vision of the prologue is what we hear John is sent to proclaim: Jesus as the pre-existing Word, the spirit-filled Son of God. John the Baptist's mission was always to point to Jesus, never to himself. The last words that the Baptist speaks in John's Gospel sum up his calling: "He must increase, I must decrease." (John 3:30) In Advent John the Baptists had a central role, as we move into Ordinary Time he reminds us that he is not the main character. He cedes the stage to Jesus who is beginning His active ministry. Let us join John in bearing witness to the One he encountered at the River Jordan, the One we encounter at the Eucharistic table.



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## 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](mailto: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

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## Sick in the Parish

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

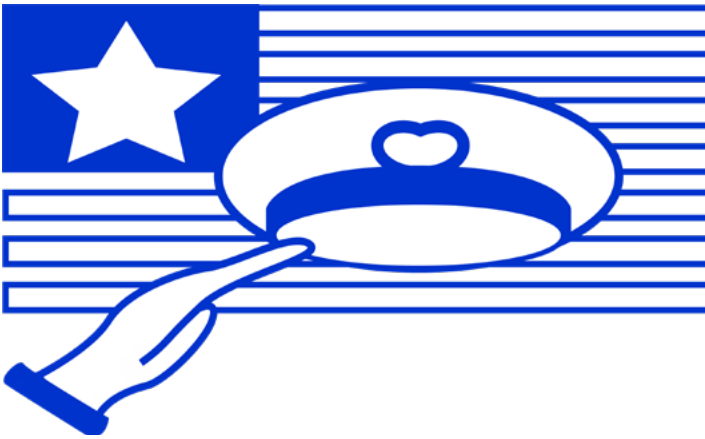


Albert J. Fritsch S.J.,  
Paul Borromeo,  
Jana Schmidt,  
Matthew Escovar,  
Anne Emmerich,  
Joan Kenny,  
Tobi Lunt,  
Sean Kenny,

Nancy Buchanan,  
Larry Fry,  
Richard Cruickshank,  
Charles Cardoza,  
Mercedes Ferrante,  
Frank Machalla,  
Brandon Paulikas,  
Julieta Evangelista,

Nancy D'Angelo,  
Ruth Flynn,  
Missy Student,

## 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**



## 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.

Hugo Bianchini,  
 Michael Androsko,  
 Edward John Wodecki,  
 William Link,  
 Fr. Peter Sanders, Orat.,  
 Julia Padilla,  
 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



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Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,

Your 2022 contribution statements will be mailed no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2023. For any questions regarding Safe and Sound AMA Campaign contributions that were made payable to the Diocese of Monterey, please contact the Diocese. Your contribution statement for AMA donations made payable to the Diocese will come from the Diocese of Monterey. Contributions made directly to the Mission in support of the Safe and Sound AMA Campaign will be reflected in a statement from the Mission.

Please contact Nasy Oum at [bookkeeper@carmelmission.org](mailto:bookkeeper@carmelmission.org) or 831-624-1271 x220 with any questions regarding your contribution statement. I thank you, as always, for your generous support.

Fr. Paul

## Sign up for 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.

### By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate to one of our special project funds.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Get started today! Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution:  
[www.carmelmission.org/](http://www.carmelmission.org/)

## Carmel Mission is registered with AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is the easiest, most direct method, and free of cost way to support our Mission.

By clicking on the AmazonSmile tab on the top left corner of the Amazon webpage, supporters will be taken to a unique page on [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) that is automatically linked to the Carmel Mission. Simply enter your email address and password to enroll.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) purchases made by supporters to the Carmel Mission.

**2022 AMA Campaign – Safe & Sound** ([click here](#))





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# STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED...

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## Report for the week ending on 12/25/2022:

Electronic Donations:	\$ 6,751.65
Mail Donations:	\$16,522.00
Weekend Masses Collection:	\$15,806.10
Maintenance: Second Collection:	\$10,089.90

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**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$49,169.65**

## Report for the week ending on 01/01/2023:

Electronic Donations:	\$11,832.17
Mail Donations:	\$26,901.00
Weekend Masses Collection:	\$ 7,386.00

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**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$46,119.17**

**Thank you for your great generosity!**



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# MASS AT THE MISSION

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

### Sunday Masses

9:00 and 11:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica with outdoor seating 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 Entrance

Those attending our weekend Masses will be entering through the Visitor's Gate and Parish Gate into the Central Courtyard. We will have an attendant at each entrance.

Please note that the Basilica Forecourt is an extension of our Mass. We ask that everyone be aware and respectful of 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.



# Thank You! • ¡Muchas Gracias!

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our Annual Appeal to fund the work of our Falge Farmworker Ministry. Your financial support is vital to the continuing work of providing nutritious food, clothing, household essentials, personal hygiene goods, blankets and gifts to 158 families in need comprising approximately 600 people.

This year, a most generous family in our parish issued a challenge grant to match up to \$10,000.00 in donations during the final week of our fundraising period. I am very pleased to announced that we not only met that goal, we exceeded it.

A total of 44 parishioners participated to deliver over 150 gifts to each and every resident of four farm labor camps and also over 300 bags of groceries Our Bishop, Daniel Garcia, Fr. Rey, Deacon Warren, our parish volunteers and I were greeted with smiling faces and excited children upon our arrival in the camps. It is only through your generosity that this would be possible.



Your financial support allows us to provide groceries and other goods each month throughout the year. In 2022, we had 89 volunteers help the ministry with this effort. We truly are practicing our faith on an ongoing basis by feeding the working poor.

On behalf of our Parish Family and especially Grant and Susan Hunt, Ministry Co-Chairs, and all the Falge Farmworker Ministry volunteers, I thank you for supporting this wonderful effort.

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing in this New Year,

Fr. Paul



## Join us for a morning of hospitality



### January 2023

Sunday 15: Coffee and Donuts

Sunday 22: Coffee and Donuts

Sunday 29: Pancake Breakfast



## Faith Formation



Faith Formation classes meet every other Sunday.

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



## I - HELP Needs Your Help!

### Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program

Once a month Carmel Mission takes a turn at hosting the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program. There are two separate programs, one for the men, held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, and one for the women, on the 2nd Monday of the month. This outreach to a vulnerable population has been a long-established program in our area with various churches taking a monthly turn at hosting.

What can you do? You can contribute to the meals we serve: dinner, breakfast, and a bagged lunch. You can join the fellowship of eating dinner with the program participants, or you can provide a part of the meal and drop it off prepared at Crespi Hall. We need and welcome volunteers like YOU!

Please consider this ecumenical opportunity and contact Dave and Wendy Banks at (831) 624-0317. Or contact [Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org](mailto:Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org).



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## Carmel Mission Bible Study



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

We are resuming weekly meetings on January 11. We are now studying the Book of Job. Come and see if the Patience of Job is really as we have Commonly heard.

Contact Dick Gorman, at 505-6363 or, [dickgorman@att.net](mailto:dickgorman@att.net) for more information.

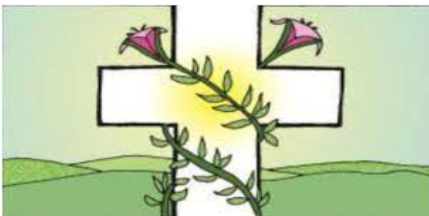
## Carmel Mission Book Club

Carmel Mission book club will resume on Friday January 27. New book will be announced soon.

For additional information contact Deacon Bill at [wereichmuth@gmail.com](mailto:wereichmuth@gmail.com).



## 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

**Be advised:** Regularly scheduled events published in the bulletin are subject to change. Please check in with the activity leader or parish calendar for updates prior to attending all events.



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# STOREFRONT RENOVATION

## Initial Repair to the Storefront wall has been completed!

Repairs to the Mission’s storefront have been completed. This project is still ongoing as we continue enhancing our signage and safety for our parishioners and visitors. As a first point of entry for our many visitors this area is a crucial part of our effort to welcome everyone. We are creating a clearly delineated pedestrian safe area for visitors in our busy parking lot. The visitor kiosk will also be expanded and new signage is in the works.

If you would like to assist us in our ongoing efforts to enhance our beautiful Mission for the benefit of all who visit with us and worship with us, please send your donation directly to:

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We thank you for your generous support which enables us to hand on our faith to future generations.



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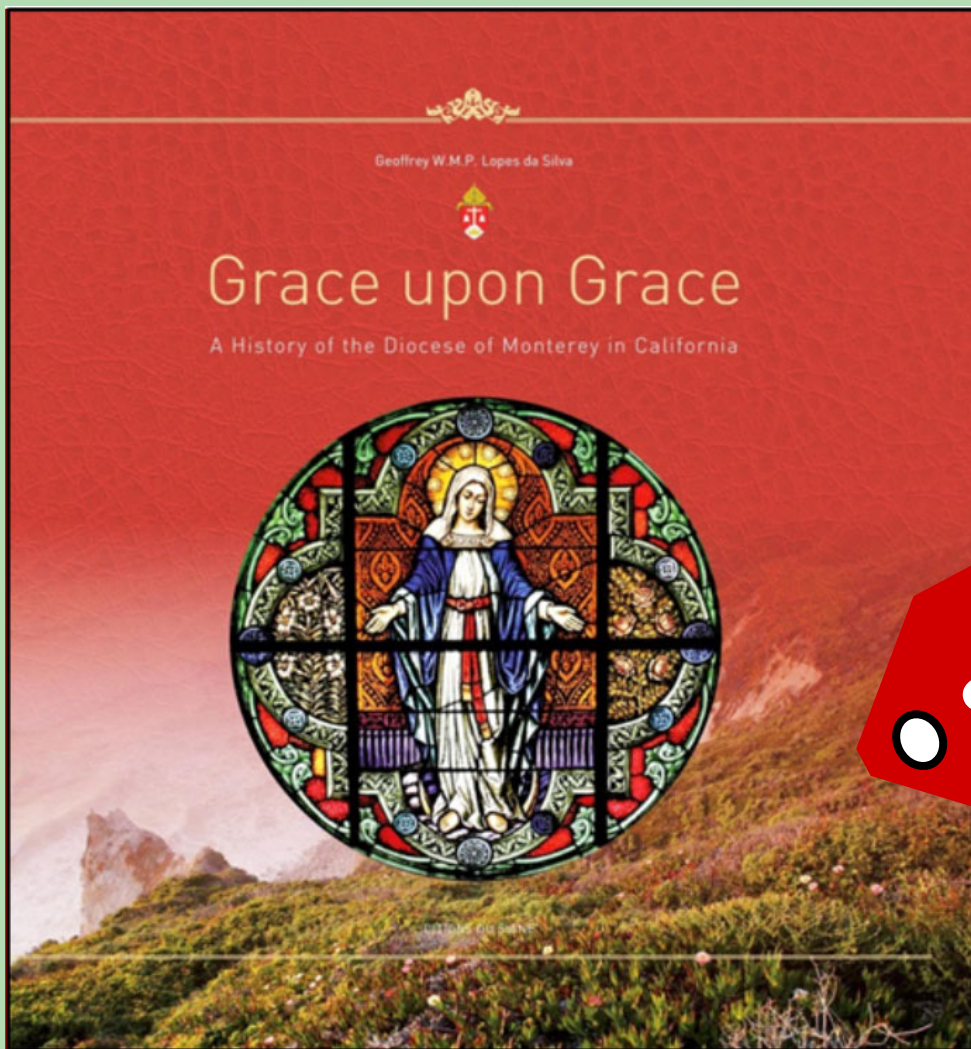
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## *Grace Upon Grace*

A History of the Diocese of Monterey in California

Available at the Mission Store while supplies last.





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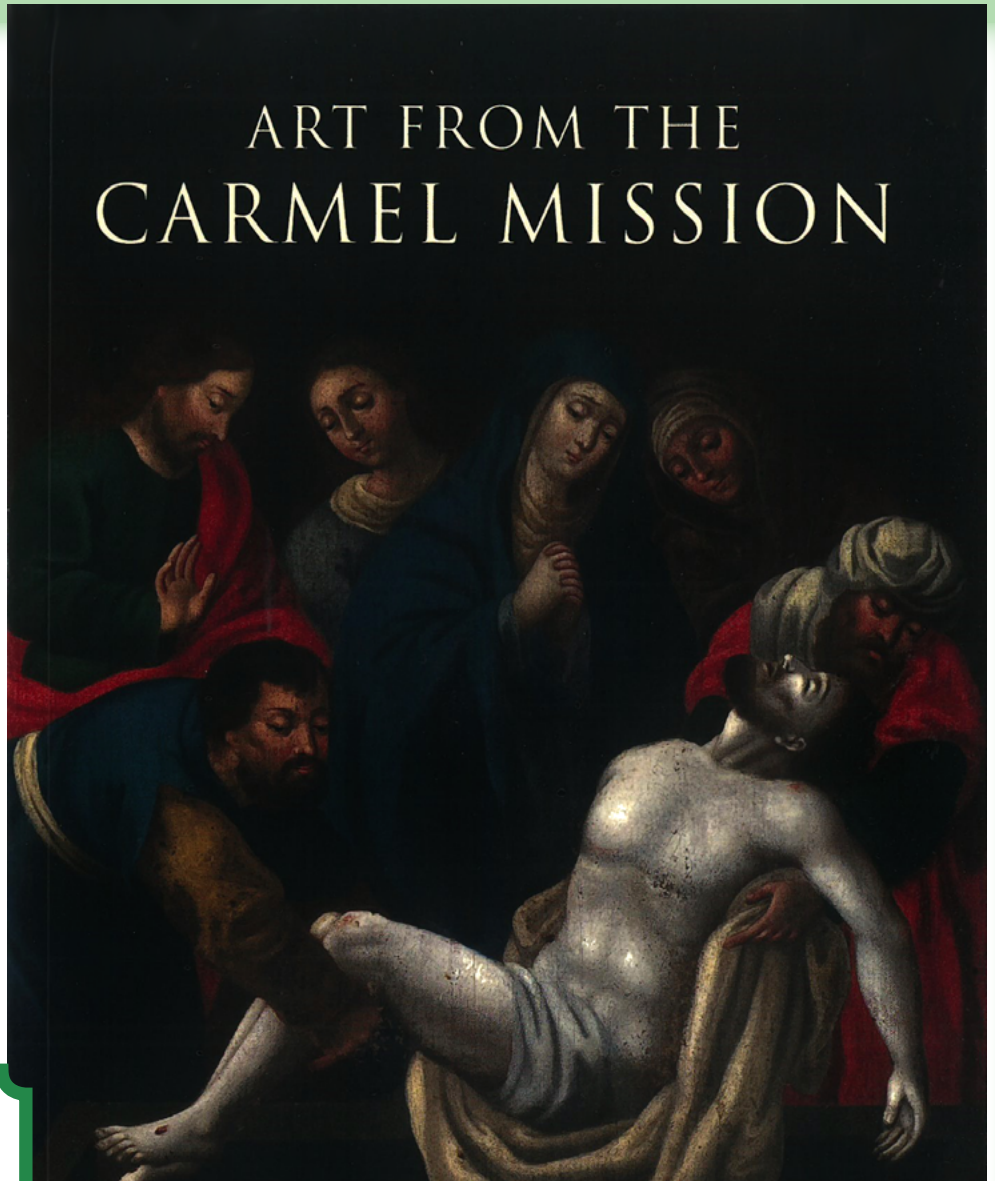
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*Purchase your copy of  
Art From the Carmel Mission*

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](mailto:store@carmelmission.org)



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.

## FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

I speak for all members of the Finance Council when I state that this year's annual review of activities and finances makes us all more appreciative of our blessed parish and sacred grounds. Father Paul, our clergy and staff were confronted almost daily with new challenges and have met them all with grace and wisdom for the benefit of our parish.

Those of you who have been a part of the parish for some time know that Fr. Paul inherited significant financial difficulties which we have been contending with for years. Many difficult, yet prudent, decisions had to be made. We can now confidently report that, although we still must service a substantial debt, we are on a solid financial footing.

In a facility as historic as this one there are always unexpected expenses that must be addressed within the structure of our limited budget. This year a major flood in a building as well as the unexpected repair of the sprinkler system in Murphy Center were just two of the many "surprises" which needed immediate attention and were professionally handled by Fr. Paul and our staff.

The impact of the COVID pandemic is still affecting our parish activities. While restrictions have lessened, parishioners and potential visitors are still reluctant to attend indoor activities where people are in close quarters. Also, our historic buildings do not have modern ventilation systems which adds to concerns. These issues impact our facility from our store performance to the ability to offer sacraments such as weddings.

Fr. Paul and staff continue to respond to these concerns with operational changes which result in an enhanced and safer experience for everyone. Your contributions to our Safe and Sound AMA campaign have helped fund these important changes. The institution of a regular outdoor mass was welcomed by many parishioners and visitors. The ability to livestream the 9 a.m. mass has provided new access to hundreds and continues to be improved. The addition of outdoor visual museum displays enhances the visitor experience for those unable to enter confined spaces.

As you can see from the financial numbers in this report, all these efforts, together with your contributions, allowed Fr. Paul and staff to properly care for and maintain this sacred site.

As will be discussed in more detail below, we were able to meet our budgeted expenses although our annual donations dropped significantly. However, the staff managed to keep all expense levels under their control under budget. Operational expenses were over budget due to unexpected repairs.

Your finance council is well served by Maria Anderson, Patricia Gilbert, Paul Hoffman, Adam Tight, Richard Gorman, Grant Hunt, Frankt Fritsch, Tim Lewis, Justin Burke and Fr. Paul.

I will be leaving the finance council at the end of the year. It has been an honor to serve Fr. Paul and all of our parishioners over the last ten years. I will always hold this sacred Mission and its clergy and parishioners close to my heart.

Al Nicora

Parish Finance Council Chairman

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Overall, we can report a healthy year as we ended with a small surplus over our budget. We are very grateful to Bishop Garcia and the Diocese for working with us to restructure our debt which enabled us to negotiate payments that fit into our annual budget. Without question, however, the greatest impact on our debt reduction has been the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners. We are forever grateful for your contributions toward keeping the Carmel Mission healthy and able to serve others.

Our current debt totals \$1,070,130 which is a 7% reduction from last year and a \$1M reduction since 2016. Our current projections indicate that it will take another 13 years to fully retire this debt.

On the revenue side, our plate collections equaled the collection amounts of the prior year. The amazing work of the staff to reopen the grounds for visitors and services led to dramatic increases in Income Services (weddings) which were up 40% and museum admissions which were up 30%. It is clear that without visitors and our special sacramental offerings we would have difficulty financing this facility.

On the expense side, Fr. Paul kept expenses below all budgeted amounts. Salaries and payroll expenses were more than 10% under budget. The only expense budget item materially over budget was Operation Expenses. That excess was caused by unexpected major expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift toward the operational, maintenance and repair needs of our Mission parish. At present, 100% of the funds in our savings account are designated and restricted funds. With rising prices and costs, we have little reserve for operational and maintenance expenses which are necessary just to maintain our current operations.

The Mission does not use your contributions to specific ministries, designated projects or special appeals for general operational expenses. When you make a contribution to the Mission for a specific purpose know that all of those funds will be used only for that purpose.

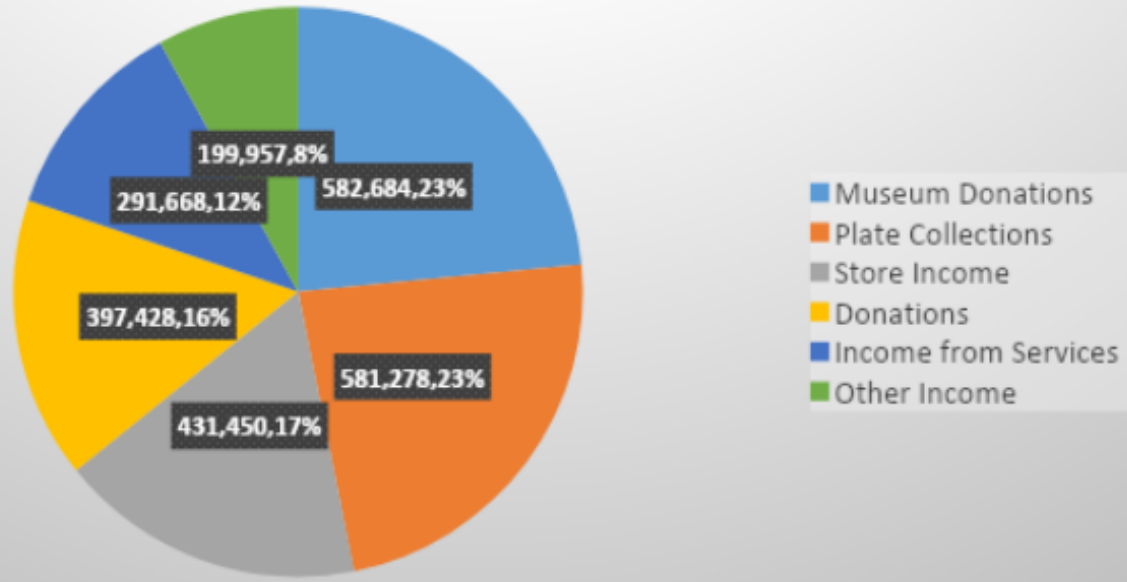
The Mission would not be able to make that pledge or provide the opportunities for your designated gifts if our parishioners did not contribute funds for our operational costs.

Please consider increasing your weekly gifts to our plate collection. Some of you may also choose to make a donation specifically designated to help build up funds for operational needs. Every time we expand a ministry or services our operational costs increase. Additional funds would allow us to increase our opportunities for services and activities. If your desire is to help our community be more active, provide more services and grow, a contribution for general operational needs will have the greatest impact.

Periodic large donations from generous donors have greatly assisted our ability to support our operational expenses and expand our services



**Revenue**



**REVENUE SOURCES**

Museum Donations	582,684	24%
Plate Collections	581,278	23%
Store Income	431,450	17%
Donations	397,428	16%
Income from Services	291,668	12%
Other Income	199,957	8%

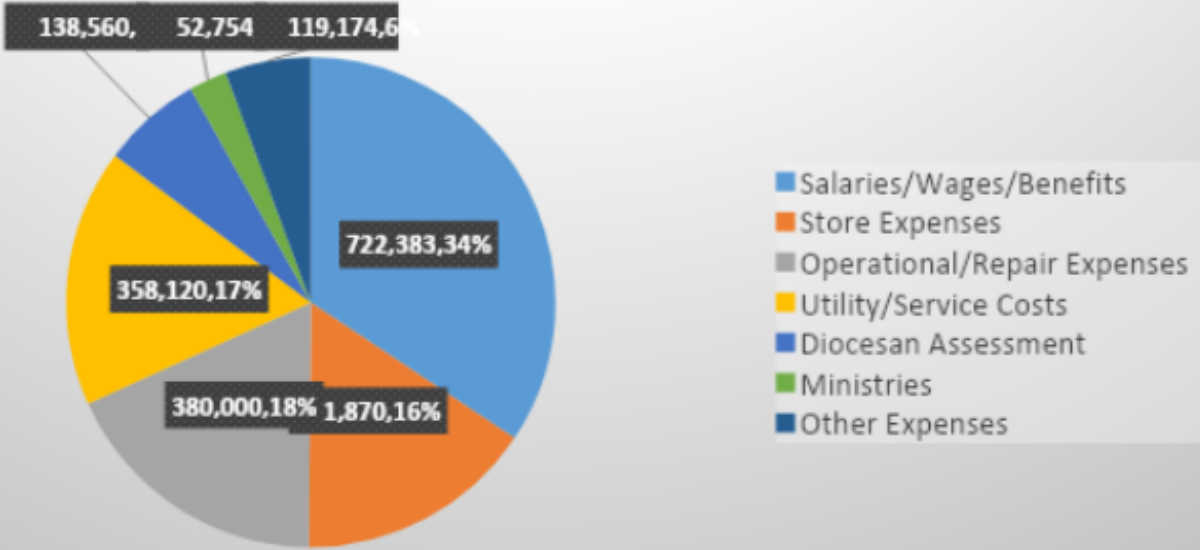
**TOTAL \$2,484,465**

**EXPENSES SOURCES**

Salaries/Wages/Benefits	722,383	34%
Store Expenses	331,870	16%
Operational Expenses	380,936	18%
Utility/Service Costs	358,120	17%
Diocesan Assessment	138,560	7%
Ministries	52,754	2%
Other Expenses	119,175	6%

**TOTAL \$2,103,798**

**Expenses**



## AMA CAMPAIGNS

The generous support of our parishioners of our Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) has been a needed blessing to our entire community. The only annual fundraiser for our Carmel Mission is this campaign. Funds, over and above our contribution to the Diocesan Ministries, pay for necessary repair, maintenance and improvement projects here at the Mission. Your contributions led to the necessary repairs and improvements to Crespi Hall, allowed for the repair and improvement of our pews, allowed the repairs and upgrades to our wonderful organ and now for the long overdue restoration and improvement of the storefront and visitor entrance.

There are many other less visible projects also being completed with these contributions to address and enhance accessibility. You will notice improved ramps and hand rails. You have already noticed improved sound systems and audio visual equipment to enhance livestreaming of masses to those parishioners unable to attend in person. In addition, lighting, security cameras and upgrades to the wireless infrastructure are enhancing the ability for ministries, parishioners and others to experience this sacred space in a safe manner.

We also hope to improve our wonderful Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It is a beautiful and special chapel which we all love. However, it is in need of a thorough cleaning and additional safety measures.

We are again so very grateful for your generosity during our campaigns. The funds are and will be used for important projects to benefit us now and will guarantee that the Mission campus will continue to be fully accessible for many years to come.

[Click here to see our past AMA campaigns.](#)

## LEGACY SOCIETY

The Carmel Mission is proud to announce the creation of The Carmel Mission Legacy Society. Over the years, donations from parishioners' estates and trusts have been some of the most important contributions to our Mission. This new society will honor past individuals who have left a gift to the Mission from their estate. It will also honor new members who designate the Carmel Mission in their estate plans. Donations can be made from your Will or Trust or from a retirement plan or IRA. Gifts can be a percentage of your estate, a designated cash amount or an in-kind gift of securities or real estate. There may be tax advantages for your family from certain types of gifts. Please pray over the decision to bequeath funds to the Carmel Mission and speak to your professional advisors about options.

Legacy Society funds will not be used for everyday expenses. They will be used for the maintenance and repair of our sacred campus and the promotion of the spiritual life and activities of our community.

In recognition of the importance of these gifts for the health and maintenance of the Carmel Mission, Fr. Paul will designate a special mass annually to bless and thank all past and current members of the Legacy Society.

Carmel Mission Legacy Society is under development, please check back in the new year for more information.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

More and more of our parishioners are learning of and taking advantage of the benefits of electronic gifting. People have found that setting up recurring payments electronically completely removes the distraction and worry of dealing with cash or your checkbook during mass. Sign up for scheduled contributions with just a few clicks on our parish website. The amounts can be changed or stopped at any time. You will also have an annual record of your contributions including donations to our second collections for our ministries and other special appeals.

If you have not checked out the options on our website, do so today. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this resource, [please visit our webpage](#).

## SACRAMENTS

Our Sacraments are back to the same numbers now and, in some cases, exceed Pre-COVID levels. Over the last year, our parish conducted 68 beautiful weddings. We also administered 21 funerals, 27 baptisms and 12 confirmations.

Recently, our Faith Formation Ministry restarted its efforts as the pandemic allowed. Together, we hope to continue the expansion of our celebration of the Sacraments with our community in the coming year. We realize that providing these services necessarily increases staffing and operation expenses. It is hoped that an increase in plate collections and donations this year will meet those additional expenses.

[Click to read more on our website.](#)

## STREAMING MASS

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

[Sign up and subscribe to our YouTube channel to be notified when we are live.](#)

## SECOND COLLECTIONS AND SPECIAL APPEAL FUNDS

Please note that donations made directly to ministry appeals and special collections are not reported in our revenue numbers. These funds go directly into separate accounts designated for that special purpose. We are honored to be trusted stewards of your donations and will continue to safeguard your gifts and see that they are delivered for the purposes you choose.

## MINISTRIES

Our many important ministries are coming back to full and improved operation to serve our community and volunteers. We have closely aligned Mission staff, through Fr. Paul's guidance, to coordinate the support of volunteers to serve our community. Currently, we have more than 15 ministries to serve our community! We encourage every parishioner to become active in at least one of these ministries. Please check our website and weekly bulletin for more information about any ministry.

[Click here to view our ministry webpage.](#)



## STORE MINISTRY

Our store is one of our most important ministries. Unlike other ministries, the store contributes directly to the ongoing needs of our parish. This last year the store revenue offset nearly \$100,000 of campus operating expenses. Our dedicated Mission Store staff work hard to select and stock items of great interest to our parishioners and visitors. Many visitors keep our Carmel Mission close to their hearts as they return home with a memory from our store.

For those of you who want to learn more about our Carmel Mission and Saint Junipero there is a wonderful selection of books and other resources.

Please also visit our store for special gifts for your family and friends. A gift purchased from there for your children or grandchildren may have a lasting impact on them as they see how important the Mission has been to you.

[For more information visit our website.](#)

## FLOWER MINISTRY

We are most appreciative of the parishioners who have helped expand the availability and use of the beautiful flowers adorning our altars. These arrangements are a beautiful honor to those we celebrate at our masses. They greatly enhance the sacred environment for our celebrants. Thank you for your continuing support.

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Father Paul and Father Rey are always happy to receive your prayer or special intention requests. Please alert them if anyone in our parish family or your own family is ill or in need of prayers for other special intentions. Requests can easily be made on our website. Please remember that no special intention is too small or too large.

# ARTICLE ARCHIVE

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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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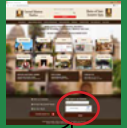
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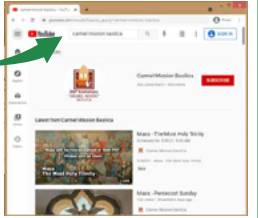
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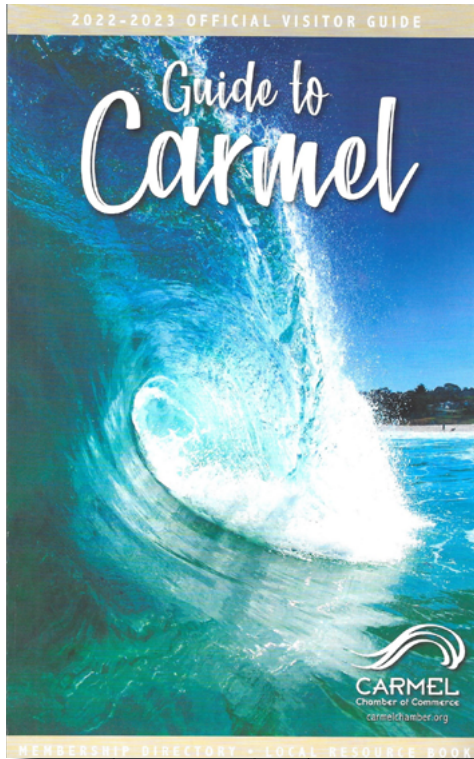


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## Carmel Mission Basilica is being advertised in the Guide to Carmel

a Franciscan friar whose task was the creation of a chain of missions along the coast of Alta California. In 1771, Serra located Mission San Carlos de Borromeo de Carmelo at the mouth of what is now Carmel Valley, a spot he described as "a locality indeed most delightful and suitable because of the extreme and excellent quality of the land and the water supply necessary for abundant harvests." Serra ultimately founded nine missions, but this remained his headquarters and favorite. He is buried here.

### A LITTLE CARMEL HISTORY

By 1835, Carmel, like the other missions, was secularized and its extensive land holdings divided among several large ranchos, pieces of which ultimately formed Carmel-by-the-Sea. The mission buildings slowly fell to ruin and weren't fully restored until Harry Downie began a meticulous restoration in 1931.

The Carmel Development Company sent out its first brochure in May of 1903 addressed "To the School teachers of California and other

as at in-door employment." It promoted down on Carmel Beach in the pine forest Carmel Mission."

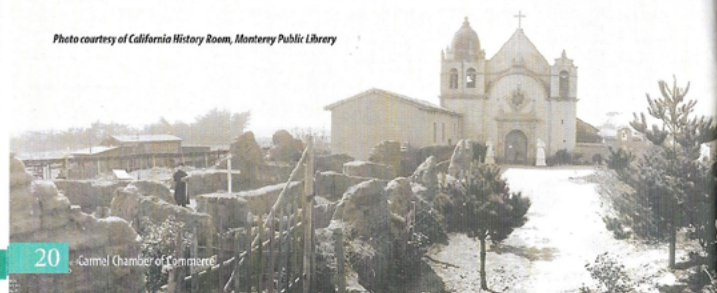
slow the first year, but soon professors from Stanford and the University of California began to buy lots and build small cabins in the woods. The earthquake of 1906 brought refugees from San Francisco, many of them artists and writers, drawn by the beauty and affordable prices.

Enticed by enthusiastic reports of Carmel's charms and affordable lifestyle, a number of these free spirits moved to the village where they became known as the "Bohemians." George and Carrie Sterling formed the center of a loosely structured group of friends that included among its members Mary Austin, Jack London, James Hopper, Herbert Heron and Sinclair Lewis. The Bohemians often gathered at the beach for abalone feasts, fine conversation and libations.

Vigilant stewardship has preserved the incomparable natural setting of coastline and beach. Trees are a vital element of the village landscape and citizens hold dear Carmel's history and sense of community. Residents treasure their village. They have resisted change and worked to protect the legacy left by earlier citizens.

*Find a self-guided walking tour of many Carmel historical points of interest in the pull-out map next to the Monterey Peninsula map on page 24*

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