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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 5, 2023

Fr. Paul's Weekly Letter

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today in the Gospel Jesus tells us "you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." Salt and light were elements crucial to society in Jesus' day, and are just as important today. We need look no further back than our recent widespread power outages to recognize our dependence on light! To be a light to the world is an intimidating aspiration until we remember that we are merely reflecting and amplifying the light that is Christ. Our participation in God's will – enacting justice and practicing compassion – allows us to also participate in God's beauty.

We are created in the image and likeness of the greatest light that there has ever been, we are meant to shine brightly. But all too often, oppressive forces in our world try to act as bushel baskets. Racism, patriarchy, hatred, and violence are just a few of the systemic and societal evils attempting to extinguish the flames of many of our brothers and sisters. These bushel baskets can seem indestructible. Thankfully our light, the light of Christ, is even stronger.

Jesus uses the images of salt and light to call His disciples to a life of service. Neither element exists just for itself. The prophet Isaiah connects works of mercy with the breaking forth of light. Acts of loving service are beacons of light in a dark world. It is easy to equate the sweeping scope of Isaiah's and Jesus' words to the scale of action required of us. Yes, we need to bring peace, justice and mercy to our broken world, but that can begin with a small gesture of love and support in our own intimate community. Listening to a friend, a small caring act for someone who is ill, remembering and celebrating a birthday, checking on someone who is grieving or struggling, all these reflect Christ's healing light. We can raise up and dispense with the bushel baskets of the world with small light-filled acts of compassion and mercy that can lead to peacemaking and justice seeking on a global scale.

I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, great hope, and radiant light,

Fr. Paul

LITURGY

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Maria Gurney by Iwonka Tyksinka

Today's Readings

Reading I Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. (Is 58:7-10)

Psalm The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

Reading II When I came to you, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. (1 Cor 2:1-5)

Gospel your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds (Mt 5:13-16)

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 6
GN 1:1-19
PS 104:1-2A, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35C
MK 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7
GN 1:20—2:4A
PS 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
MK 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8
GN 2:4B-9, 15-17
PS 104:1-2A, 27-28, 29BC-30
MK 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9
GN 2:18-25
PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
MK 7:24-30

Friday, February 10
GN 3:1-8
PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
MK 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11
GN 3:9-24
PS 90:2, 3-4ABC, 5-6, 12-13
MK 8:1-10

Scripture Message

Disciples who live the Beatitudes that we heard proclaimed in the Gospel last week are salt and light says Jesus , in the continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Good teacher that He is, Jesus compares discipleship with two things that are familiar to and essential for his listeners. For people in Jesus' time, salt had great importance, both socially and religiously. It was a food preserver and a food seasoning. Adding salt to food enhanced the flavor, while adding it to incense preserved its fragrance and holiness (Exodus 30:35) Newborn babies were rubbed with salt with the thought that it improved their health, and also religious significance as a symbol of preservation and incorruptibility. It was applied to skin to heal wounds. It was used in covenant making rituals as a symbol of fidelity – preserving the covenant. When Jesus calls His disciples the salt of the earth He is suggesting by this metaphor that they have a responsibility for flavoring the world with God's love, making it more to "God's taste" (2 Kings 2:19-22) and healing its wounds. The other comparison Jesus makes is to light. Like salt, so with fire: both exist not for themselves but to give taste, warmth, and illumination to something beyond themselves. Just as salt was used to flavor food, a lamp was lit in the one room house of most of Jesus' listeners to illuminate the whole living space. Disciples who are salt and light do not draw attention to themselves but to God. They declare that, through their commitment to the way of life Jesus calls His disciples and His sustaining grace, the reign of God is coming into our world.

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.

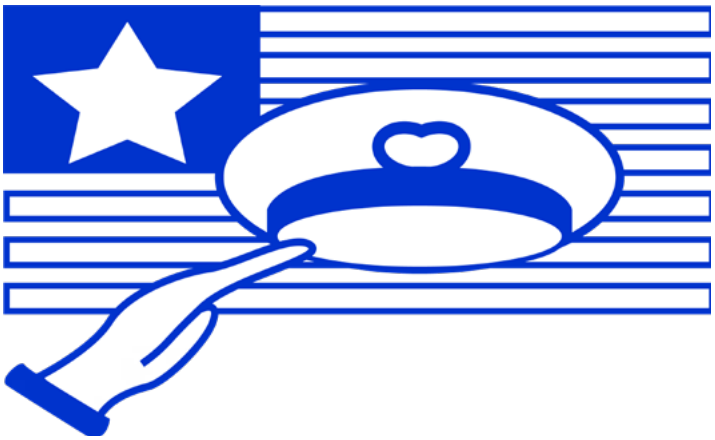
Parish Prayers

Sick in the Parish

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

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

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.

Vincent Anthony Sercia,
Doug Fortune,
Bill Pigott,
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.

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2022 AMA Campaign – Safe & Sound

Report for the week ending on 01/22/2023:

Electronic Donations:	**$ 7,568.22**
Mail Donations:	**$13,756.00**
Weekend Masses Collection:	**$ 5,422.00**
TOTAL DONATIONS:	**$26,746.22**

Mass at the Mission

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

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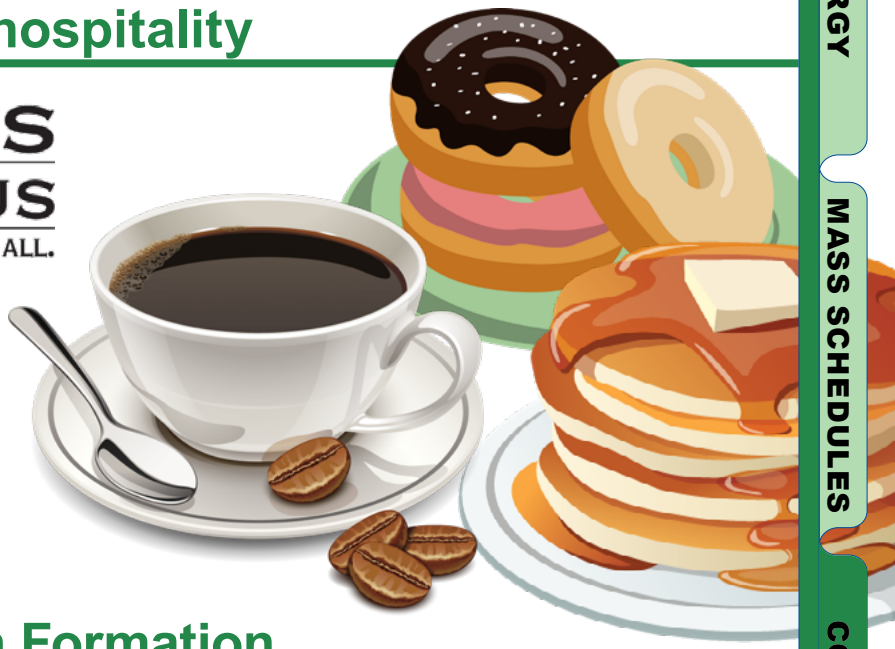
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



February 2023

Sunday, 05: Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, 12: Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, 19: Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, 26: Coffee and Donuts

Faith Formation

Faith Formation meets twice a month on Sunday.

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.

CHOSEN

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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

St. Angela's hall at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 6

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023, but is transferred to the weekend of February 4-5, 2023, in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

NOTE: The Serra Club of Monterey, a group supporting priests, seminarians and vocations to religious life, will have its monthly meeting in St. Angela's hall at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 6 All are welcome.

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 for more information.

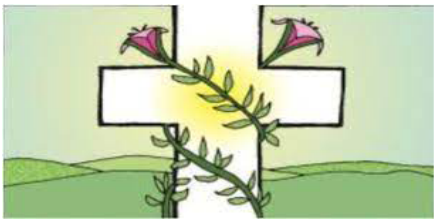
Carmel Mission Book Club

Book Club meets on Friday afternoons at 1:30 in Crespi Hall.

Carmel Mission book club is now reading **The Seven Storey Mountain** by Thomas Merton. This spiritual autobiography tells the story of a young man who takes vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks. Books are available at the meetings and all are welcome to attend at any time. A Zoom option is also provided.

Please email christina.renna@gmail.com for information.

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.

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.

Carmel Mission Store

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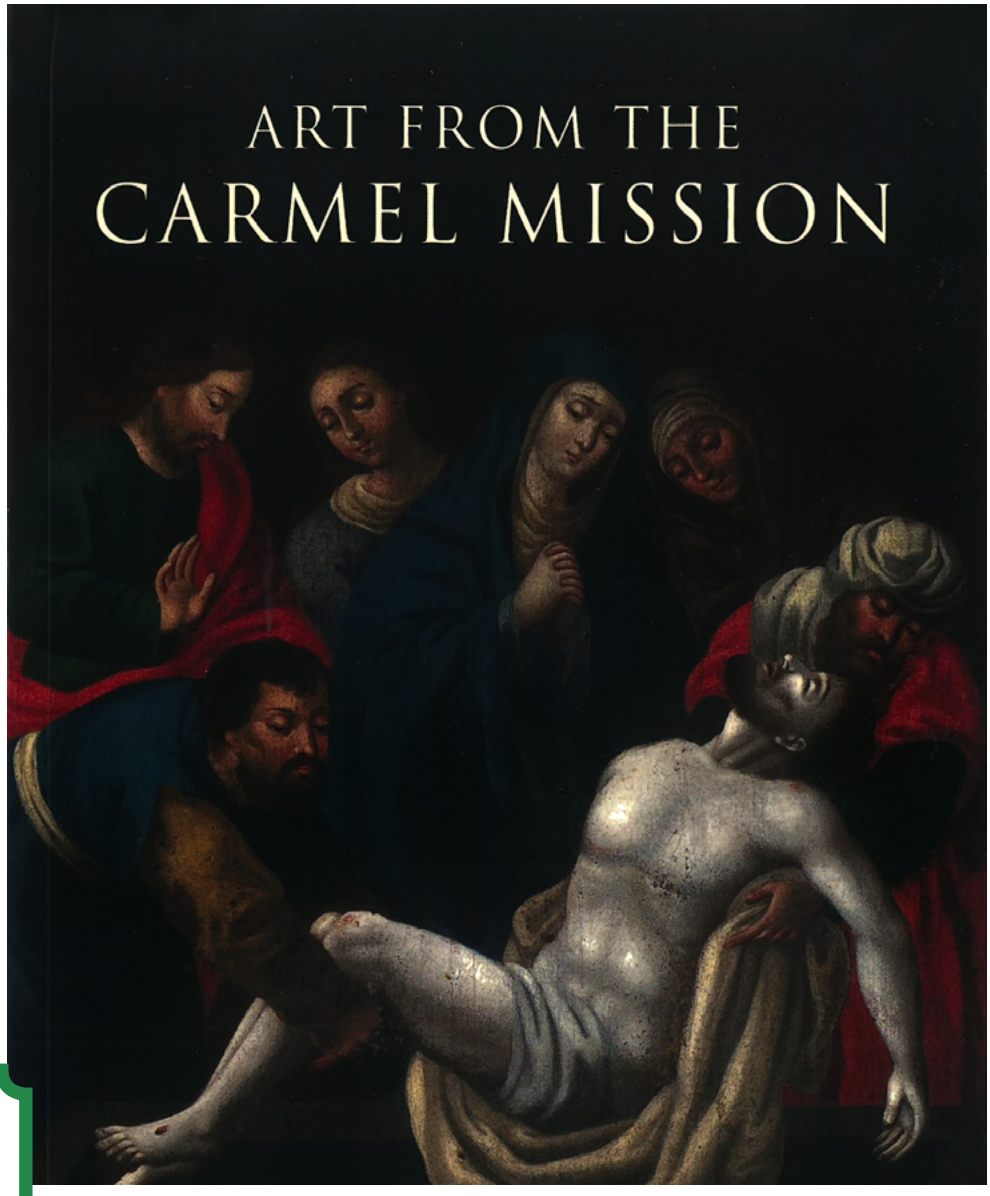
Find your heart
at the Carmel Mission Store!

Saint Valentine's Day
February 14th

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

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.

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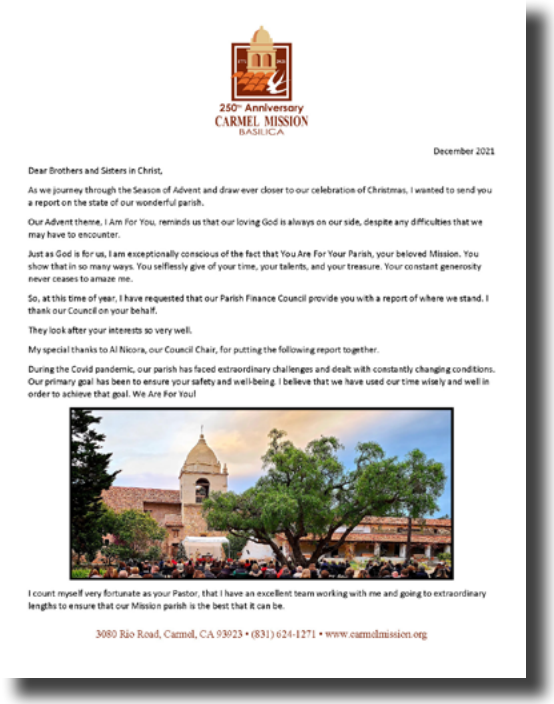

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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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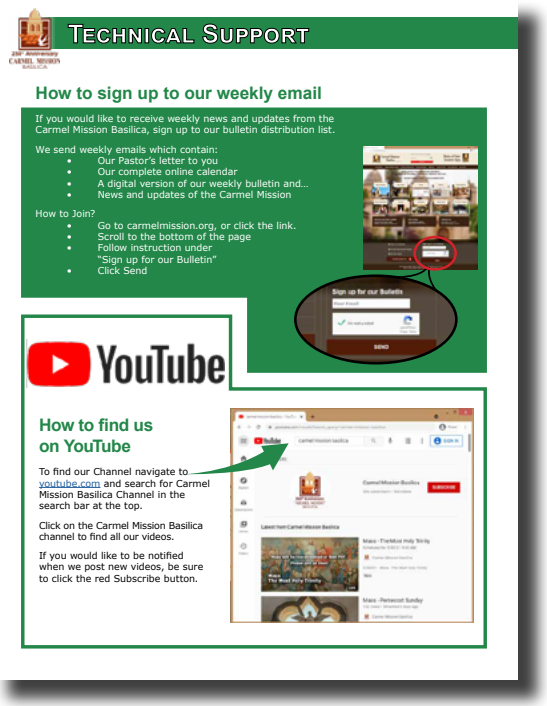

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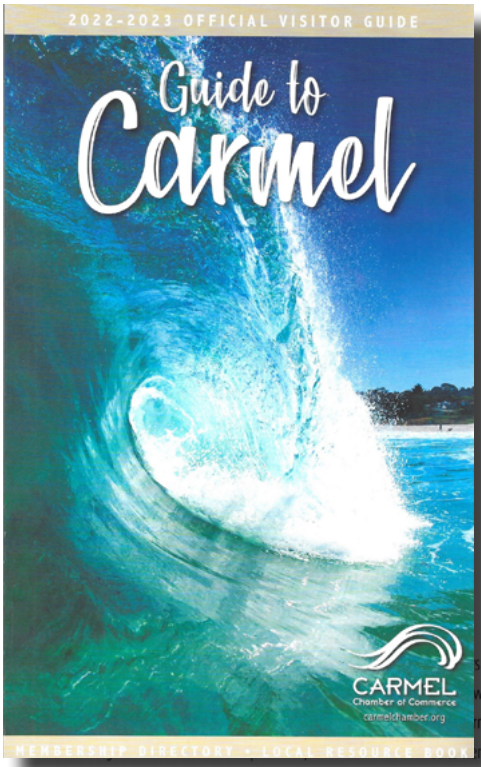


Carmel Mission Basilica is being advertised in the Guide to Carmel

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 excreme 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

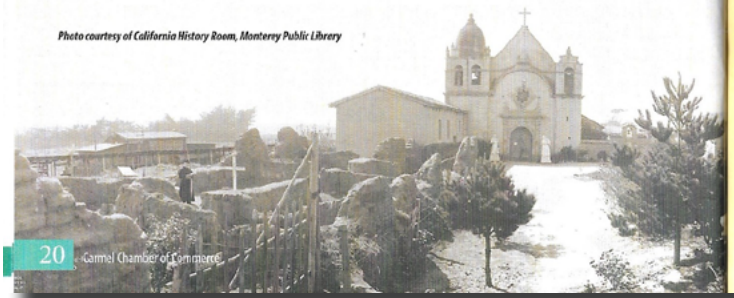
s at in-door employment." It promoted
wn on Carmel Beach in the pine forest
mel Mission."
e slow the first year, but soon professors from Stanford and the University of California began to buy lots and build small cabins in the woods. The earthquake of 1906 brought refugees from San Francisco, many of 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

Photo courtesy of California History Room, Monterey Public Library



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