



250th Anniversary
CARMEL MISSION
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Carmel Mission Basilica

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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



PASQUALE ESPOSITO

Sunday at 7:00 PM in the Basilica
Tickets available at the door!

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 7, 2023



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

The beginning of this weekend's Gospel is a popular choice for a funeral Mass, with its beautiful imagery of Jesus preparing a place for each of us in His Father's house. The disciples still have questions, and honestly, who wouldn't?! They don't know where Jesus is going, so how they can possibly find and follow Him, or even more daunting, help others to find the way? Philip has a more metaphysical question. He just wants to see the Father, a final assurance that Jesus is doing what He claims - not leaving them bereft, but returning to the Father to continue His relationship, and His work, with them in a different way.

Jesus makes it clear that He is the answer to all of their, and our, questions. He is the way - the path we follow in life and beyond. He is the truth - the reality we know on earth and will find in heaven. He is the life - giving us life abundantly now, and promising eternal life with the Father forever. In Genesis, we learn that humanity reflects the image of God (Gen 1:26) so in one sense, Jesus' answer to Philip is a traditional Jewish answer: Jesus shows His disciples the face of God in His own humanity. But in another, greater sense, it is radically different because, in His words and in His works, Jesus is the unique revelation of God because He is one with God.

I often say in my funeral homily that when I was younger I was preparing my list of questions for God when it is my turn, God willing, to enter the heavenly kingdom. As I, and my spirituality, matured, I recognized that there is no need. When we are finally with God, there will be no questions, for we will know what God knows, and experience an intimacy of relationship we can only glimpse briefly in this life. Until then, we try to relate to God in the ways we can with our limited human understanding, confident that the God who knew us before we were in our mother's womb and who has counted the hairs on our head, is keeping our room ready, filled with all our favorite things, and has left the porch light on for us.

I wish you and your loved ones continued Easter blessings of good health, and Holy Optimism Pervading Everything,

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

READING I The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; (Acts 6:1-7)

PSALM Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)

READING II Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, (1 Pt 2:4-9)

GOSPEL "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." I am the way and the truth and the life. (Jn 14:1-12)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 8

ACTS 14:5-18
PS 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
JN 14:21-26

TUESDAY, MAY 9

ACTS 14:19-28
PS 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21
JN 14:27-31A

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

ACTS 15:1-6
PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5
JN 15:1-8

THURSDAY, MAY 11

ACTS 15:7-21
PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 10
JN 15:9-11

FRIDAY, MAY 12

ACTS 15:22-31
PS 57:8-9, 10 AND 12
JN 15:12-17

SATURDAY, MAY 13

ACTS 16:1-10
PS 100:1B-2, 3, 5
JN 15:18-21

Scripture Reflection

We are past the mid-point of the Easter season, and the readings start to turn from the immediate aftermath of the Resurrection and toward the ongoing work the Church will face after Jesus' bodily presence departs earth, work we are still engaged with today. In one sense the work of Easter is complete – Jesus rose and conquered death once and for all – but it is an ongoing project to bring it to its fullness. Jesus has gone ahead of us to death, and conquered it so we may participate fully in life with Him. In the Gospel He tells us He will go ahead of us to heaven as well, but it is not to leave us alone, it is to open the way to us, and prepare our place. Jesus also affirms His unity with His Father: He already dwells in the Father, and the Father in Him, and we are called to follow Him into such intimacy with God, which is truly heaven. Like the Gospel, the second reading calls us to follow in Christ's footsteps. Here, we are to follow Him to become "living stones" that might be built into a "spiritual house." This house is akin to a temple, for offering sacrifice, but it can also serve a shelter for others. The first reading reminds us that part of the work of the church is to distribute goods in a just way. This is so important that a new group is established: deacons are initiated to oversee the social work of the Church, a role they continue to serve in today. The psalm reflects the shift in the other readings this week, moving from early Easter's outpouring of praise and joy to later Easter's reassurances that our trust in God remains well-founded even as we wait for the work of Easter to be seen in all its fullness. As in Lent, we have a psalm that pairs mercy and trust. We know that God will not abandon us, and we rejoice in this truth.



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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In honor of the doctors at Stanford Hospital by Carmie Saldana

In honor of her family and friends by Carmen Aján

In memory of Carol Ann Buckman by Thomas and Josephine Lagow

In honor and memory of the Fritsch Family, McLane Family, Harmeyer Family, Kathy Anderson, Katie Trame, Connie Newell, and Glenn Glesmann by Frank and Mary Fritsch

In honor of the Newgard Family by Nancy Newgard Davies

In memory Knox Mellon, Lucille, Sig, and Connie Herman, Debi King Herman, Nancy Herman and Sean Powers by Carlotta Mellon

In memory of Kathy Anderson by Laura and Roger Schwingel

In memory of Rachel Wahl by Jerry and Celeste Wahl

In memory of Dorothy Franks by Suzanne Franks

In memory of Ruth and Gene Dickinson by Ron and Kathy Frederickson

In memory of Timothy M. Ryan by Mayo and Karlene Kay Ryan

In memory of Edward Wodecki by Grazyna Gonet

In memory of Alberto Galindo by Carlos and Carmen Pina Galindo

In memory of Fr. Joel Davadilla and Clara Torres by RD and Linda Grossman

In memory of Fr. Peter Sanders by Marcia Pytel

In honor of the Carmel Mission clergy, Carmel Mission choir, Mary Condry, Mary Cea, and Joan Brophy Thomas by Lou Langley

In memory of Zojhai Cjureski and Katamynu Miemne by Edward and Mariola Mierzwa,

In memory of Jacobo Figuerres, Purificacion Malate, Biblana Malate, Sr., Ted, Cirilo, Phil, Becky, Celelia and Ciraco Figuerres, Leonicia, Chong, Mining, Hector, Rod, Mary, Francisco, Christine, Frank, Rosita, Dora, Meling, Mark and Gus by Jacob and Mely Figuerres

In thanksgiving for Easter blessings by

Liwayway Ramil,

Russell Jandrisevits Dwight and Arlene Steffensen,

David F. Gomez,

Edwrd and Joanna Stork,

Richard Moley,

Thomas and Janet Cahalan,

Shannon Dunnegamble,

Marti McKim,

Barbara J. Sullivan,

Matt and Jean Kelleher,

Jeanette Ly Favaloro

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.



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PARISH PRAYERS

Sick in the Parish

All the sick are prayed for during a general intercession at every Mass.

At this time we pray especially for:



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 your 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
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, or any special intentions you may have. Also, if you know of anyone in our parish family who is ill we ask that you share that with us so we may pray for them, and reach out to them or their family.

[Send Your Prayer Request](#)



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PARISH PRAYERS

Recently Deceased in our Parish

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



Frank O. Chiorazzi,
Chuck Wilmot,
Hugh Campbell,
Natalie Keeler,
Peggy Sweek,
Linda Petersen,
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.

... 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.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

AMA 2023

Recent storms exposed weaknesses in our infrastructure that must be addressed. We are evaluating all aspects of maintaining, protecting, and preserving the property. Establishing a property assessment and getting campus-wide condition reports will help us evaluate, prioritize and fund the required systemic property improvements.



Our Mission Storefront restoration and Visitor entrance project is underway. Additional work involving the heating system, signage, exterior foundation and regarding the entry area is planned.

Diocesan Goal:
\$61,200

CURRENTLY AT \$200,953!

\$50,000 \$100,000 \$150,000 \$200,000 \$250,000

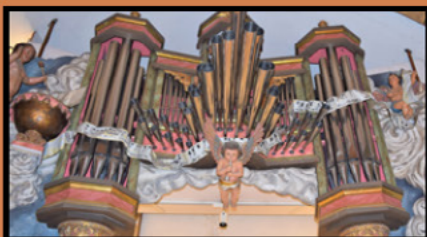
Recent AMA Projects



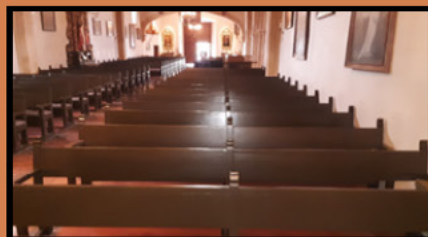
2022 Safe and Sound



2021 Recovery and Renewal



2020 Heavenly Sounds



2019 Renew a Pew



2018 Crespi Hall Renovation



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MISSION DOORS RESTORATION PROJECT

We have undertaken the much needed restoration of many of the beautiful wooden doors at Carmel Mission.



The doors of the Carmel Mission are based on designs seen throughout the California Mission Chain and designs replicated throughout the Southwest, Mexico, and Spain. We do have some information that is helpful..

For example the Mission's main entrance doors we are fairly certain are based on Sir Harry Downie's affinity of the doors at Mission Dolores.



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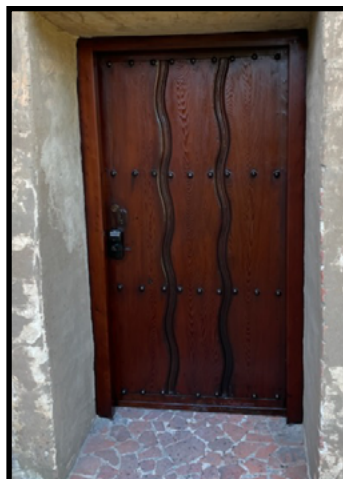
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The much heralded and appreciate "River of Life" door design has been given much attention as it is a prominent feature at many of our Historic Missions. From a traditional understandings that has grown over time the River of Life motif is a direct reference to Revelation 22:



1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2 in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

From and other perspective the three wavy lines have been linked to the trinity. The design of three is a common motif in Church architecture.



As you will see in the before and after photographs, the restoration has brought new life to many of the doors.



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This project has also given us an opportunity to observe the diversity of architectural styles and incredible workmanship that went into creating the doors.

In a recent conversation pertaining to the unique design with noted Spanish Colonial architecture expert Gloria Giffords shared that all of these perspectives are “dandy ideas”. She shared we really don’t know where these interpretations come from because we don’t have any documentation from when this design was first introduced. In a world that offers so many answers and information it is good that our Mission Church still has a few more mysteries to share. It is even better that we continue to preserve and protect these unique architectural features for future generations to ponder and explore.





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Legacy Society

LEGACY SOCIETY



Carmel Mission Legacy Society

Click the thumbnail to the right to watch a short video about the Carmel Mission Legacy Society by Fr. Paul.

What is Legacy Society?

We owe an untold debt of gratitude to countless individuals — over many decades — whose benevolence made today's Mission a reality. Their generosity not only restored the Mission's structures to their former glory but also helped restore a house of faith, education, and outreach that is deeply rooted in our community.

This legacy of giving is the inspiration behind the Carmel Mission Legacy Society. Its purpose is to acknowledge past gifts and honor those who include Carmel Mission in their estate planning.

Legacy gifts provide a unique opportunity to ensure perpetual care for Carmel Mission. Your gift will help this historic and sacred church serve as a house of worship, an educational resource, and support for the most vulnerable in our community, for generations to come.

Ways You Can Give

Through planned giving, there are many ways to make a gift to Carmel Mission without impacting your own financial future. When you include Carmel Mission in your will or living trust or as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life-insurance policy, you can plan, with confidence, that your generosity will support the Mission after your lifetime.

A legacy gift does not alter your current lifestyle in any way and allows you to leave a legacy without giving up your assets. It is important to note that the bequest is revocable, allowing you to change your mind at any time should your circumstances change.



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Report for the week ending on 04/23/23:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 8,958.12
Mailed Donation:	\$ 5,388.00
Weekend Masses – Collection:	\$ 5,737.00
Maintenance – Second Collection:	\$ 2,058.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$22,141.12

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MASS AT THE MISSION

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

Sunday Masses

9:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

11:00 am - Indoor Mass with Choir.

* Outdoor seating is available for Sunday Masses, weather permitting.

Noon Masses

Wednesday - Friday 12:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 am at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Mass Entrance

Gates open 30 minutes before Mass. Those attending our weekend Masses will be entering through the Visitor's Gate into the Basilica Forecourt or through the 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 Visitor entrance and 6 more spots by the Parish Office entrance. If you require any assistance, please let the attendant know. We recommend arriving early so we may better accommodate accessibility needs.



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Rev. Gustavo Castillo

Fr. Gustavo is a priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is one of the National Eucharistic preachers who will be sharing with us his spirituality and knowledge. Join us and be part of this wonderful workshop.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Coffee and Donuts

- **May 7** **Join us in Crespi Hall for**
- **May 14** **some Coffee and Donuts**
- **May 21** **after each Sunday Mass.**
- **May 28**



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.

I-HELP Needs your Help

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.



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Carmel Mission Bible Study



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

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 595-6363 or, gormanrick418@gmail.com for more information.

Carmel Mission Book Club

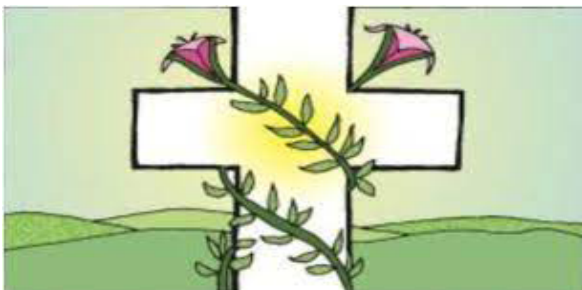


Book Club meets on Friday afternoons at 1:30 in Crespi Hall.

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.



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CARMEL MISSION STORE

WED & THURS 10AM - 4PM • FRI & SAT 10AM - 5PM • SUN 11:30AM - 5PM

Mother's Day Monday, May 14

Dear Lord,

*Please watch over
and support all mothers
on earth and in heaven...*



*and help them to know how much
they are loved and appreciated
on Mother's Day and every day.*



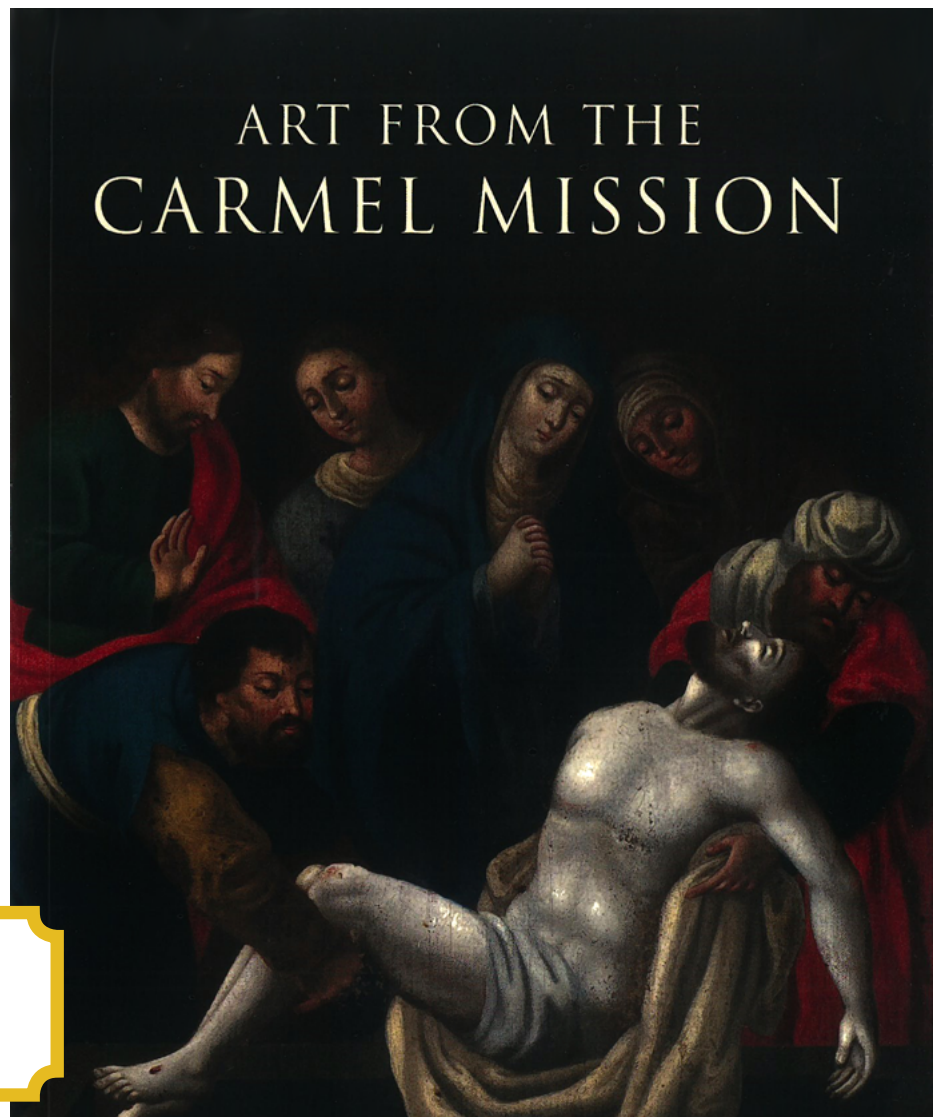
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Art From the Carmel Mission*

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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