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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



Happy Mother's Day

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 14, 2023**



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In my Easter homily I spoke about HOPE, Holy Optimism Pervading Everything. This is how God looks at the world, and indeed at each of us. Applying this lens to our own world view is both liberating and empowering, bringing us closer to our loving God, and making us better able to do His will and accomplish His work. St. Peter puts forth a challenging summons in today's second reading, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1 Peter 3:16). In the first days of our Church, as is still true today, there were many factors that might cause one to lose hope. Our world is pained with suffering, violence, and oppression. We are let down by political systems, broken promises, fractured relationships, and other entities not of God. While it may feel like there are a host of reasons to be pessimistic, God approaches our broken world with Holy Optimism.

Holy Optimism does not dismiss the reality of challenges, rather it pervades these challenges with God's belief in our promise. The history of our salvation is, in a way, the story of God's relentless love for humankind, a true manifestation of Holy Optimism. Humankind fails, we individually fail, but still God loves us and believes in us. God corrects and guides us out of His love, so that we may try again to achieve the wholeness and happiness that God wants for us. When we allow Holy Optimism to pervade our lives and our attitude, we can see far more reasons for hope than for despair. One such can be found in today's Gospel – Jesus' promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whose ongoing presence in our lives and in our world is an agent for Holy Optimism. We can hope in the face of any challenge because we know we are never abandoned, never orphaned, never cut off from God's love. The world may try to rob us of hope, society may focus on the sensationally negative, but when we have HOPE, we not only improve our own state of mind, our own being, we have the ability to make real change - optimistic, faith-filled, positive change - in our world.

I wish you and your loved ones continued Easter blessings of good health, true peace, and great HOPE,

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

READING I With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)

PSALM Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20)

READING II Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, (1 Pt 3:15-18)

GOSPEL "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." (Jn 14:1-12)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 15

ACTS 16:11-15
PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B
JN 15:26—16:4A

TUESDAY, MAY 16

ACTS 16:22-34
PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8
JN 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1
PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
JN 16:12-15

THURSDAY, MAY 18

ACTS 18:1-8
PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4
JN 16:16-20

FRIDAY, MAY 19

ACTS 18:9-18
PS 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
JN 16:20-23

SATURDAY, MAY 20

ACTS 18:23-28
PS 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
JN 16:23B-28

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel today echoes the themes of last week, as Jesus is preparing His disciples to live without Him for a time, or at least without the bodily presence they have come to know and which will depart this earth at the ascension. It adds a foreshadowing of the Pentecost feast; Jesus' presence will remain in the Holy Spirit, who will accompany the disciples, and the church beyond their lifetime, in their remaining work on earth. For us, too, the Holy Spirit is our promised companion, providing continuity from the earliest of Jesus' followers. In the first reading we see the affirmation of the Gospel's idea of the Holy Spirit as an ongoing presence for us beyond Christ's bodily presence on earth. This is depicted as a forerunner of what we now know as the sacrament of confirmation. Those who have been baptized in Samaria have their baptisms completed in a sense when the apostles lay hands on them and the Holy Spirit descends. Last week's psalm was a look back to Lenten themes of God's mercy and our need for patient trust; today's returns to fullness of Easter rejoicing. The Holy Spirit's ongoing presence, promised in the Gospel and demonstrated in the first reading, is reason for a renewed outpouring of gratitude and thanksgiving. As we prepare for the coming feast of Pentecost, the readings today give us an opportunity to reflect on the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord). They are gifts we are given to see us through challenges in our life of faith, and to allow us to live out our baptismal promises and mission of discipleship.



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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

\$25K Matching Challenge
\$225,000

CURRENTLY AT \$203,379!

\$50,000

\$100,000

\$150,000

\$200,000

\$250,000

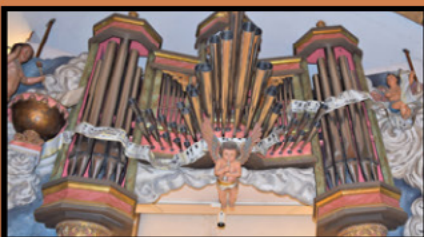
Recent AMA Projects



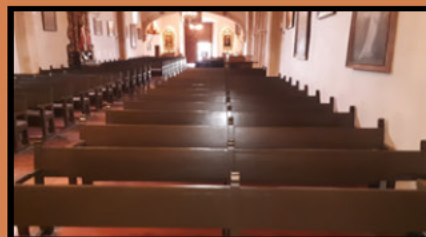
2022 Safe and Sound



2021 Recovery and Renewal



2020 Heavenly Sounds



2019 Renew a Pew

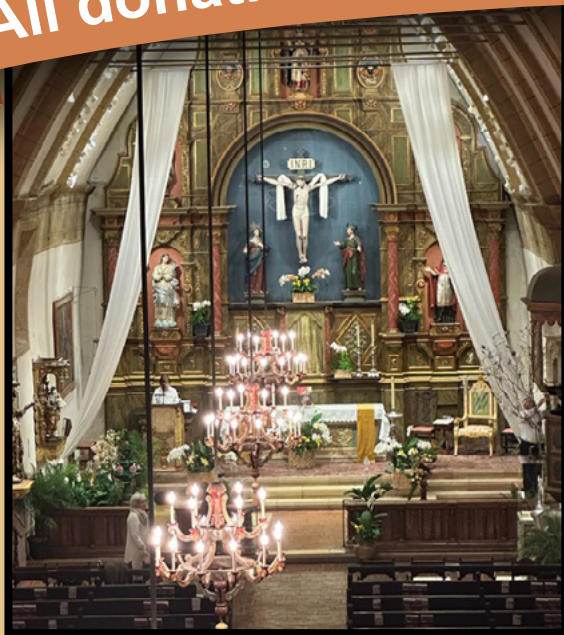


2018 Crespi Hall Renovation

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE AMA 2023

\$25K Matching Challenge

All donations will be matched up to \$25,000!



The stewardship and support of generations who have had faith in the future of our beautiful Carmel Mission have brought us to this point. Your faith-filled and generous response to our AMA campaign ensures that we are able to continue this great tradition. Your donation today will help us make our \$25,000 matching challenge grant and reach our 2023 AMA goal. With your support, we can face the future with Holy Optimism.

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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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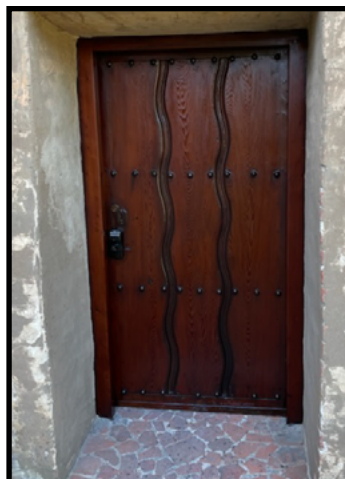
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The much heralded and appreciate “River of Life” door design has been given much attention as it is a prominent feature at many of our Historic Missions. From a traditional understandings that has grown over time the River of Life motif is a direct 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 04/30/23:

Electronic Donation: \$ 4,836.96

Mailed Donation: \$ 2,544.00

Weekend Masses – Collection: \$ 6,427.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$13,807.96

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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.



Diocese of Monterey



**EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
WORKSHOP
FOR PARISH LEADERS**

**Saturday,
May
20th**

**09:00AM TO 12:30PM
ENGLISH WORKSHOP**

**01:00PM TO 04:30PM
SPANISH WORKSHOP**

**St. Benedict
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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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OF EXORCISM AND HEALING FOLLOWED
BY Q&A.

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CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Coffee and Donuts

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



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

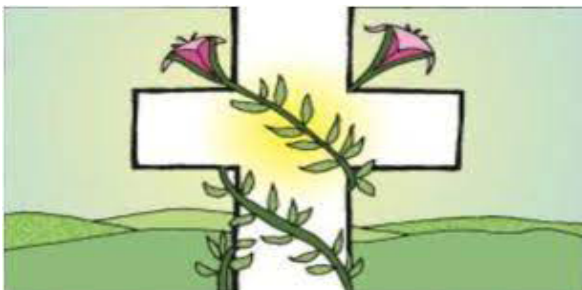


Book Club meets on Friday afternoons at 1:30 in Crespi Hall.

On May 19th, book club will begin reading Spirit of Fire: The Life and Vision of Teilhard de Chardin by Ursula King. As a renowned French Jesuit philosopher, mystic, and paleontologist, Teilhard integrated his scientific knowledge of an evolving universe with Christian theology.

Meetings are held in Crespi Hall on Friday afternoons at 1:30 with a Zoom link option for anyone wishing to attend remotely. Please email christina.renna@gmail.com for information. Books are available at the meetings, and everyone is welcome.

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.*



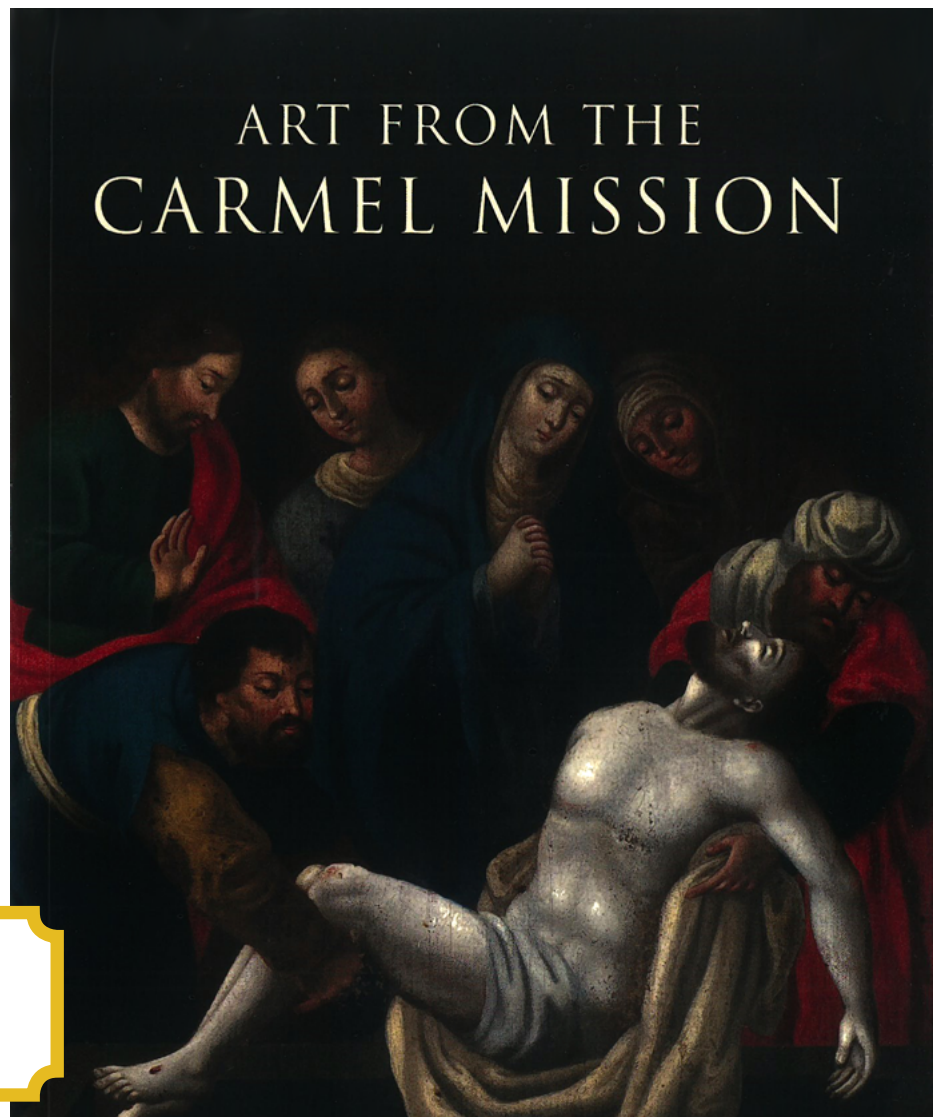
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*Purchase your copy of
Art From the Carmel Mission*

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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