



250th Anniversary
CARMEL MISSION
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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 21, 2023



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today's Gospel is the very conclusion of the evangelist Matthew's writing. At the beginning of his Gospel, while telling the story of Jesus' birth, Matthew named Him as "Emmanuel, God with us." (Matthew 1:28) At the end of his Gospel Jesus repeats this promise to "be with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) When we last saw the Eleven in Matthew's telling they were forsaking Jesus when He was arrested. (Matthew 26:31-56) The women tell them that Jesus has risen, and has gone before them to Galilee to meet them there. They summon up enough belief, and enough courage, to make the journey themselves. When they see Jesus they worship Him, but it is mixed with doubt. Jesus has brought them back to Galilee, the place of their first call, their first enthusiasm, their first mission, to encourage a second spring of their discipleship. They receive His final instruction - to go and make disciples of all the nations, to baptize, and to teach all that Jesus has taught them, passing on a new tradition of faith.

This clear and concise instruction is the very foundation of our Church and of our faith. Like the Eleven, we are encouraged and inspired by Jesus' promise to remain with us always. But also like the Eleven, we worship, but we doubt. We doubt if we are up to the task Jesus puts before us, we doubt if our efforts are making any difference in our difficult world, we may even doubt if we are worthy of such responsibility or such love. In the face of these doubts, God, the Holy Optimist, invites us back to the beginning of our calling, or rather to the many beginnings. To the Sacraments that made us part of His Church, to the moments of connection to God's love that inspired us to follow His call. Just as the Eleven returned to Galilee for their great commission, we can return to those concrete moments, different for each of us, when we felt certain that we were worthy, capable, and called by name.

Such a moment is happening for nine young people in our community today, as they receive their First Holy Communion. I ask you to join me in praying for them as they take the next important step on their faith journey.

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

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

READING I -you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, (Acts 1:1-11)

PSALM God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9)

READING II May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, (Eph 1:17-23)

GOSPEL The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. (Mt 28:16-20)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, MAY 22

ACTS 19:1-8

PS 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB

JN 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 23

ACTS 20:17-27

PS 68:10-11, 20-21

JN 17:1-11A

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

ACTS 20:28-38

PS 68:29-30, 33-35A, 35BC-36AB

JN 17:11B-19

THURSDAY, MAY 25

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11

PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

JN 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 26

ACTS 25:13B-21

PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB

JN 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 27

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31

PS 11:4, 5 AND 7

JN 21:20-25

Scripture Reflection

The Gospel reading chosen for this Ascension Feast is the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel. It does not recount Jesus' ascension, we hear that in the first reading, but it confirms Jesus' promise to be with His disciples always. It is only in the context of this promise that there can be any hope for the fragile disciples fulfilling the imperatives of their great commissioning to, "Go!....Baptize!....Make disciples!....Teach!" When the disciples see Jesus "they worshiped, but they doubted." The mixture of post resurrection fear and doubt is not so much skepticism or disbelief as it is fearful doubt, a struggle to accept the call and the its responsibility, knowing all too well their own weaknesses. The only other time that Matthew describes the disciples as worshipping Jesus is after the calming of the storm on the Sea of Galilee, when Jesus rescues Peter when his faith falters. Discipleship does not exclude doubt, it takes it before God in worship. In the first reading we have the moment for which the past few weeks have been preparing us. Jesus gives the disciples their work, indeed the ongoing work of the Church today, but He while his bodily presence leaves the earth, He remains with them in new ways. He remains present in the breaking of the bread, and has promised the Holy Spirit as their, and our, guide and companion. The psalm, written centuries before the life of Christ, directly connects with the narrative of Jesus ascending into heaven. In Jesus' ascension, God takes His place as ruler over heaven and earth. We respond with rejoicing, even as we await this to be achieved in its fullness. The second reading affirms the power of Christ, and that the church, His body, continues his work on earth beyond the ascension. In all of these readings we hear the implicit promise to return. This is still not the end of the story.



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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,

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:



Lyndall Demere,
Loretta Warren,
Mercedes Ferrante,
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 \$205,917!

\$50,000

\$100,000

\$150,000

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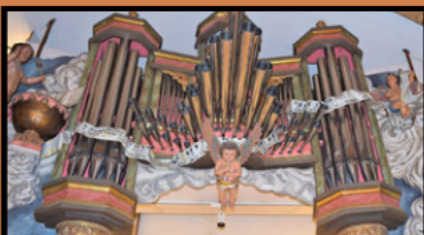
Recent AMA Projects



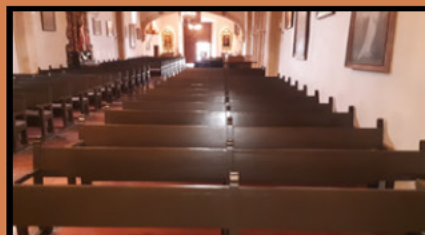
2022 Safe and Sound



2021 Recovery and Renewal



2020 Heavenly Sounds



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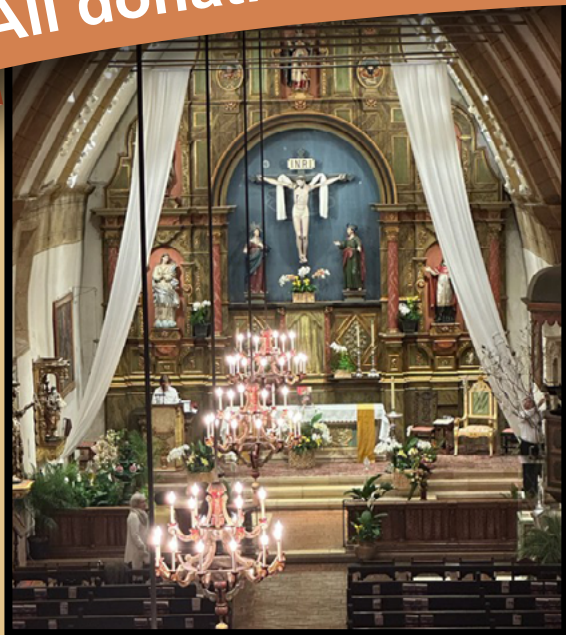


2018 Crespi Hall Renovation

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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The much heralded and appreciated "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 understanding 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 another 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.

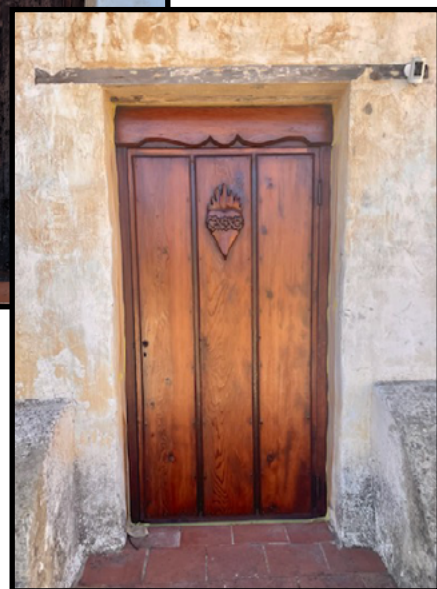


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This project has also given us an opportunity to observe the diversity of architectural styles and incredible workmanship that went into creating the doors.

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.





CARMEL MISSION
Legacy Society

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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Signing up and making single and scheduled contributions is easy - just click the donate button on our website and sign up today. We will have someone available during business hours to provide any required assistance.

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Get started today! Visit our donation page to set up your online contribution:

Report for the week ending on 05/07/23:

Electronic Donation: \$ 7,768.98
Mailed Donation: \$ 994.50
Weekend Masses — Collection: \$ 6,034.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$14,797.48





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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 extensions 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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SAVE THE DATES!

We hope you can join us for two upcoming celebrations in honor of our beloved Pastor, Fr. Paul

Sunday May 28 Happy Birthday

Please join us in the Central Courtyard after the 11am Mass for wine, cheese, fruit, and the opportunity to wish Fr. Paul a very happy birthday.

Sunday June 11 Happy Anniversary

June 11 marks 45 years of priestly ordination for Fr. Paul. We hope you can join us for a special celebration after the 11am Mass for a famous Knights of Columbus BBQ, wine and fellowship. We will be paying tribute in a special way to Fr. Paul's life of service to God and God's people.



All are welcome, please help spread the word.
We hope to see you all there!

Fr. Rey and Laura



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CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Coffee and Donuts

- **May 21**
 - **May 28**
- Join us in Crespi Hall for some Coffee and Donuts 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

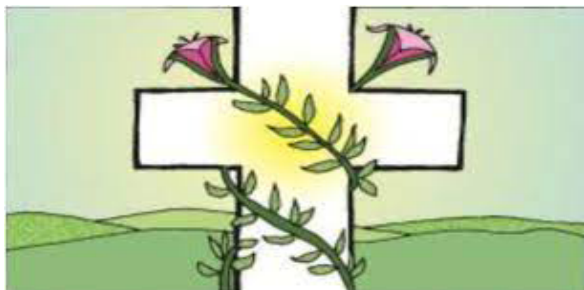


Book Club meets on Friday afternoons at 1:30 in Crespi Hall.

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

Spring Is Here!

*Decorate your garden with the saints!
Come and see our selection of outdoor-safe statues.*





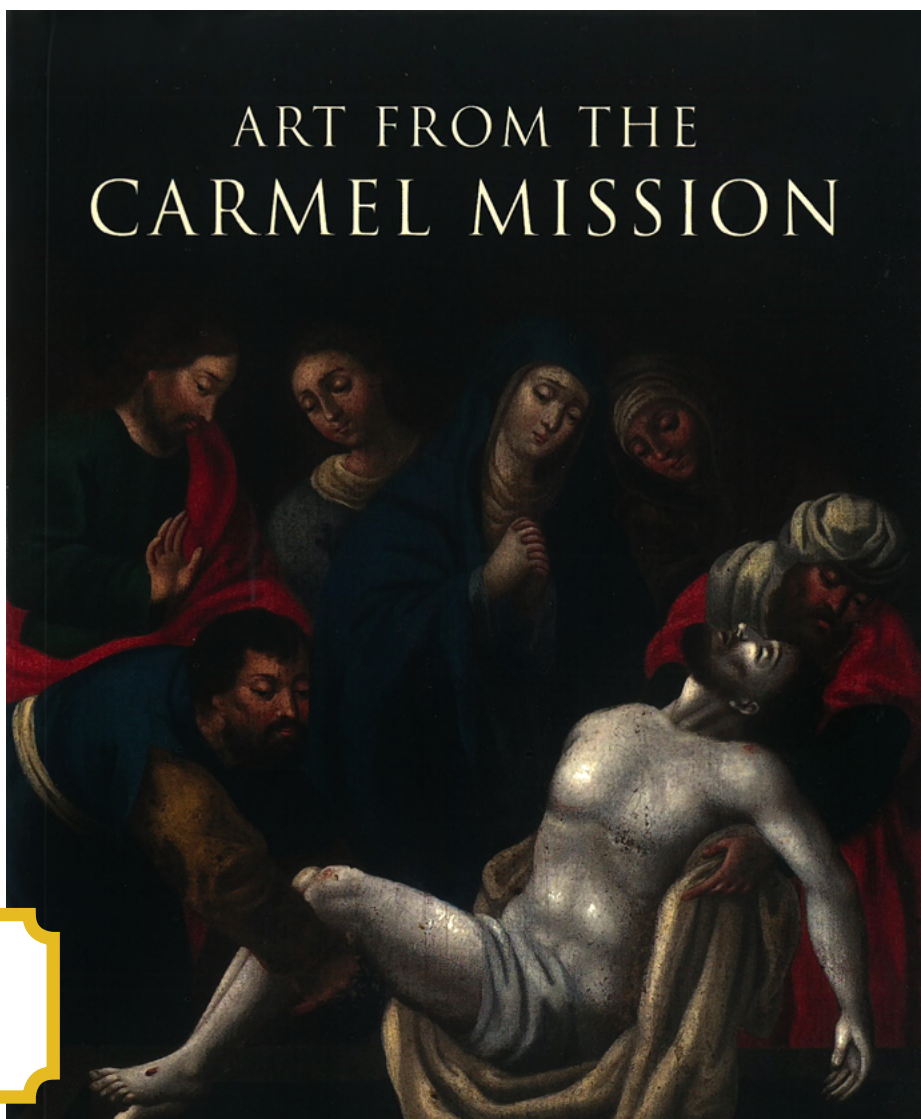
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*Purchase your copy of
Art From the Carmel Mission*

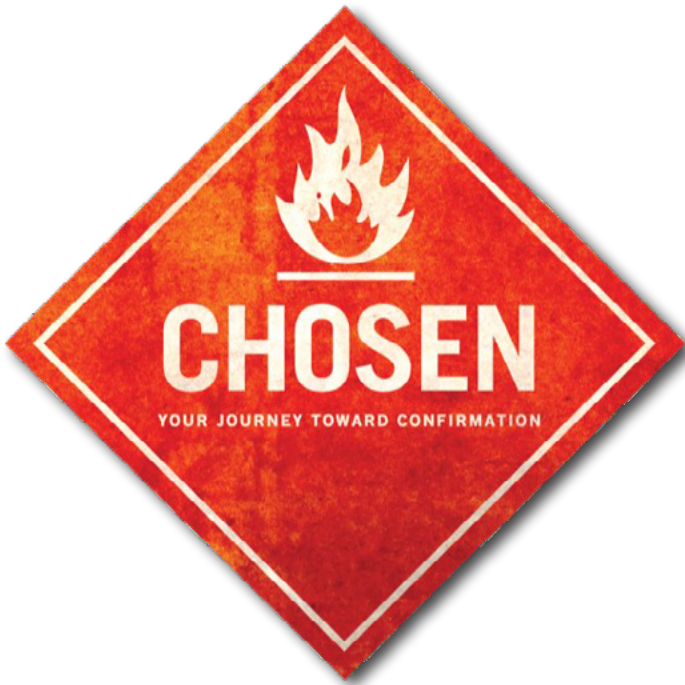
Our Mission is home to a vast collection of beautiful art from centuries past, and in their book, Gail Sheridan and Mary Pat McCormick gives us background knowledge on various pieces and the artists that created them. The Art From the Carmel Mission was originally written and published by members of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

\$25 +tax



CARMEL MISSION BASILICA

Employment Opportunity - Faith Formation Coordinator



Employment Opportunity

Carmel Mission Basilica is seeking a Faith Formation Coordinator (part time position) to develop and direct our Faith Formation programs.

Role and Responsibilities

- Faith Formation/religious education programs
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation programs.
- R.C.I.A.

Qualification

Candidates should be able to demonstrate proven leadership ability and a creative and compassionate approach to all areas of faith formation and parish life. Prior faith formation and parish ministry experience preferred.

Please send a written application, complete with references, to:

Fr. Paul P. Murphy
Pastor at Carmel Mission

3080 Rio Road
Carmel CA 93923

Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org
(831) 624-1271



CARMEL MISSION STORE

Employment Opportunity - Customer Service Associate



Employment Opportunity

We are seeking a personable, outgoing customer service associate to offer our guests an exceptional experience when visiting the historic Carmel Mission. In this role you will be assisting the guests in the Mission Store, grounds, and museum and providing customer service during weddings, concerts and other on-site events.

Role and Responsibilities

- Welcome and greet all visitors.
- Assist and resolve visitors' questions, inquiries, and concerns.
- Maintain a current knowledge of all products in the store.
- Maintain merchandise — including stocking, merchandising, and cleaning.
- Operate and balance cash register.
- Answer telephone
- Attend all training to grow knowledge of the history of the Mission.

Qualification

- Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.
- Fluent in English, bilingual is a plus.
- Computer skills and talent for technology
- Enjoy learning.
- Perform well with a team.
- Professional appearance and attitude
- Comfortable standing or walking for long periods of time, light lifting and occasional use of a ladder.

Preferred Skills

- Retail
- Hospitality
- Tourism experience

Please submit resume to store@carmelmission.org



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BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

Advertise your business
in your parish community
through Carmel Mission's
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For more information on how
to advertise your business on
our bulletin, contact
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