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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 16, 2023**



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today both the Gospel and first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah teach us about the word of God. From Isaiah we hear that God's word is expansive. He offers the beautiful image of the word coming down from heaven as rain or snow, with enough strength to nourish the whole world. God sends out His word to the ends of the earth, and like rain or snow, it penetrates the soil, it is absorbed by those who hear it. It then gets to work, supporting new growth and new life to all who encounter it.

In the reading from Matthew's Gospel we learn that God's word is also contextual. In the parable of the seed and the sower, Jesus lays out a variety to options for where the seed can land- an image for how people can receive God's word. Some people are not ready to absorb God's word, like the seeds on the path. Others initially find great joy at God's word, but cannot sustain it. They are like the seeds that fall on rocky ground. Still others are beset with anxieties and distractions that make it nearly impossible to truly take in God's word, the seeds that are sown among the thorns. God's word does not change, but the context of the hearer makes a big difference in how it will be received. In our lives, God's word will fall on us in all different contexts- some where we are good fertile soil, ready to receive the seed and nurture it, others where birds and rocks, and thorns prevent us from fully absorbing it's life-giving power. Thankfully our God is a patient and tireless Sower who continues to scatter the seeds of His word in the world for whenever we are ready to receive it.

Both Isaiah and Jesus use the imagery of the natural world to teach about God's word. It is not out somewhere in the ether, out of reach. Rather, the word is all around us, ready to be discovered and engaged. This week I invite you to join me in spending some prayerful time in nature to listen for God's revelation.

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

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

READING I my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, (Is 55:10-11)

PSALM The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14)

READING II For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; (Rom 8:18-23)

GOSPEL "Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Mt 13:1-23)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, JULY 17

EX 1:8-14, 22
PS 124:1B-3, 4-6, 7-8
MT 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY, JULY 18

EX 2:1-15A
PS 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
MT 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

EX 3:1-6, 9-12
PS 103:1B-2, 3-4, 6-7
MT 11:25-27

THURSDAY, JULY 20

EX 3:13-20
PS 105:1 AND 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
MT 11:28-30

FRIDAY, JULY 21

EX 11:10-12:14
PS 116:12-13, 15 AND 16BC, 17-18
MT 12:1-8

SATURDAY, JULY 22

SGS 3:1-4B
PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
JN 20:1-2, 11-18

Scripture Reflection

Midsummer is a powerful time to hear today's parable of the seed and the sower. The earth is warming and beginning to produce a rich and wide variety of produce. The work of growing plants, from the backyard garden to large scale agricultural operations, is rich with imagery that can be meaningful to the life of faith. The seed is a wonderful symbol for the Kingdom – small, hard and unattractive to the senses. Yet within it lies the promise of life, of growth, of harvest. But for all its promise, it remains only a seed unless it surrenders itself to an environment that can realize its potential. When that happens, the seed grows quietly and gently; there is no instant produce. This is a good parable for Ordinary Time, when the festal seasons are behind and before us, and we are in weeks of patient planting and slow germination, cultivating the Word of God in the soil of our daily lives. Jesus makes clear what each seed is a metaphor for. Lack of understanding, lack of rootedness and worldly anxiety can all prevent us from bearing fruit for Christ. If we are not deeply rooted, challenges can topple us. It requires constant weeding of the distractions and unimportant things to maintain space in our lives and hearts for God's word. The first reading and the psalm echo and the farming imagery of the Gospel. God's Word is likened to the rain that comes forth from heaven to nourish the earth and feed us. The second reading pairs our seed and fruit imagery with another of nature's great wonders - childbirth. Labor pains are another reflection of God's cyclical work, where great pain and effort brings new life and abundant joy.



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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Altar Flowers Opportunity



Here at Carmel Mission we are very fortunate to be surrounded by natural beauty in our wonderful gardens, and we receive feedback from parishioners and visitors alike on how much they enjoy the flowers, plants and trees on our property. 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 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 weekend Masses 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.



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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:

Major Trevor C. Kuchman, USMC
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:



Nancy Sand,
Hugh John Maguire,
Marian Theresa Fung,
Margarite Fedora,
John Joseph Martin,
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,

... 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.



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Report for the week ending on 07/02/23:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 3,124.92
Mailed Donation:	\$ 2,191.00
Weekend Masses – Collection:	\$ 6,083.00
July 1 & July 4 Masses:	\$ 648.00
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$12,046.92

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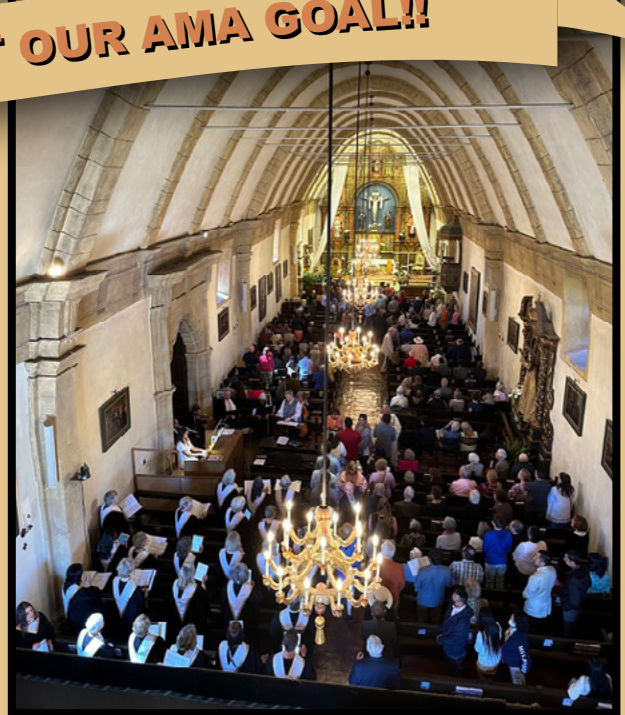
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FAITH IN OUR FUTURE AMA 2023

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

WE HAVE MET OUR AMA GOAL!!



We are happy to report that with your stewardship and amazing support of the Carmel Mission we have \$25K Match Challenge! By doing so, we have once again exceeded our goal of \$250,000 for our 2023 AMA Campaign.

May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit be yours in abundance this Pentecost and always.
With great gratitude and Many blessings,

Fr. Paul

Diocesan Goal:
\$61,200

\$25K Matching Challenge
\$225,000



\$50,000

\$100,000

\$150,000

\$200,000

\$250,000



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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.



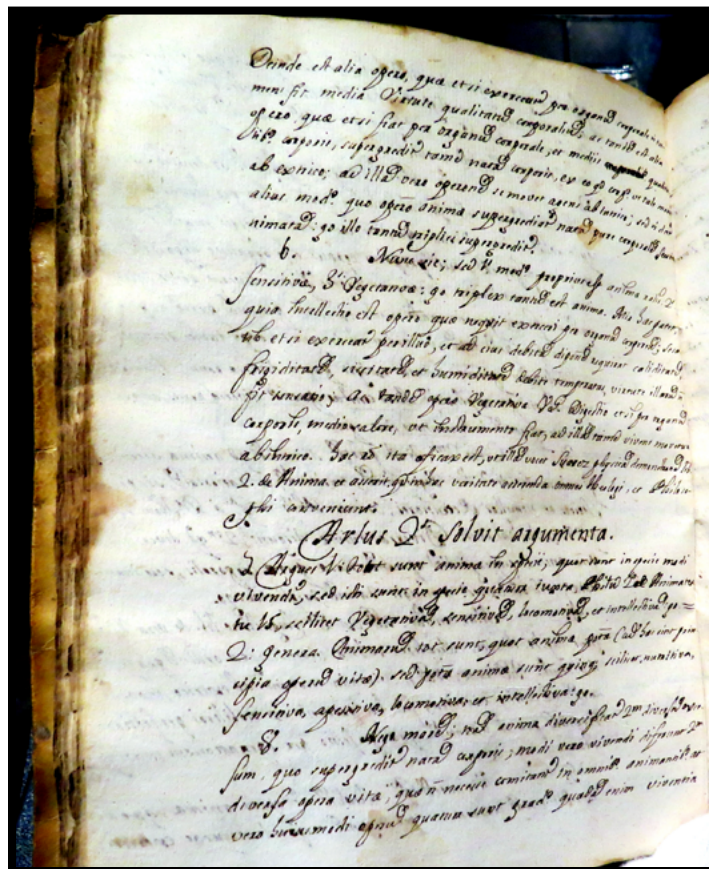
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FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA

Among the many, many treasures we have the privilege of caring for at the Carmel Mission is the original Convento Library. Now an important part of the museum, the collection of books first assembled by Junipero Serra represents a unique historical repository of texts brought to Carmel by a succession of Franciscan brothers over 50 years. The library as a whole is a wonderful collection of books put together by Serra and other university-trained theologians that represented more than just a practical missionary library. Our library is a smaller version of what you would have found in any theological seminary in the eighteenth century, in other words it was a study library as well as an assortment of liturgical texts and sermons. The majority of books date to the time of the founding of the missions, that is the second half of the eighteenth century, but many of the books are even older and were printed in Europe in the early seventeenth century. Most of the books are written in Spanish, of course, but some are also in Latin, at the time still the universal language of the Church, and a few others are in French or German. All told, we have close to 550 Mission-era books displayed in four book cases, constructed by Harry Downie for just this purpose.

If you look through the window into the library room, you'll notice that the books are shelved by size, not by subject, title, or author. This was a practical way of maximizing the use of space on the shelf, so that a case with smaller books had more shelves. On the wall to the left, Case I holds the largest books, and clockwise around the room you'll see that Case IV on the right holds the smallest books. The library was small enough during Serra's and Lasuen's time that there was no real need to organize the books by subject, since the padres pretty much knew all the books in the library and where they could be found. There was a shelf numbering system,

though, developed by Fermin Lasuen around 1800, that identified each book spine by the case it was assigned to as well as a sequential number for its order in that case. A book labeled III 14 would belong in Case 3 as the fourteenth book in order. That way a book could always be returned to its proper place.





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Such a historical treasure house of knowledge deserves to be properly cataloged and shared with the wider world of scholars and enthusiasts who deal in religious texts of the Spanish missionary period. Although the library has been cataloged in the past, first as an inventory by Father Real in 1834, then by Harry Downie in 1966, and finally in 2006, our precious library warrants a modern, scientific bibliography that can be widely shared on the internet. Mission Santa Clara has established just such an online catalog through its university library system. A few months ago, I began a similar project, the goal of which is to catalog all of our Mission books in a way that meets the most stringent requirements of modern librarian science. The first phase is underway, which is a photographic survey of all 550 books. This involves creating a visual, digital record of each book's primary characteristics, e.g. the outer binding, the title page, any handwritten inscriptions or library stamps, and other features that will help us identify where the book came from and when it was published.

This first phase has already led to some remarkable discoveries. While many of the books are common pastoral and liturgical volumes, some are quite unique. These include a book in which pages with handwritten musical notation were pasted front and back, perhaps representing an original mission composition. Another book, commentaries on Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, is written entirely by hand. This manuscript, which is by definition the only one of its kind, is a copy of a university textbook, most likely used where Serra taught in Palma de Mallorca, and was possibly copied by one of his students. The coming months of exploration and cataloging are sure to uncover even more treasures and surprises, and I look forward to informing you about these in the months to come.

Bill Whobrey
Library Project Manager





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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.



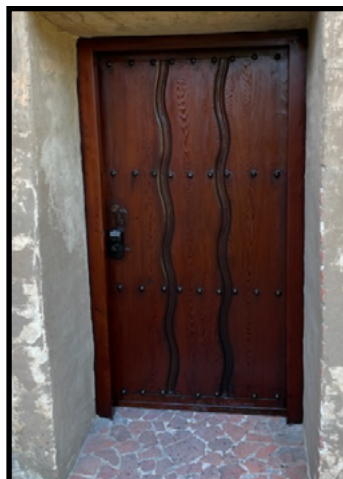
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The much heralded and appreciate “River of Life” door design has been given much attention as it is a prominent feature at many of our Historic Missions. From a traditional understandings that has grown over time the River of Life motif is a direct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

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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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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Thank You!

Disaster Assistance – Your Gifts Make a Difference!

We are grateful for the outpour of love and support from parishioners across our Diocese. As of July 2023, together our parishes raised more than **\$104,300** during the recent second collection to support our brothers and sisters impacted by the storms. **THANK YOU!** Your generosity is assisting people in Pajaro Valley, San Ardo, Hollister and other areas affected by the storms with basic needs, such as rent, food, gas, diapers, etc. Together, we are supporting families with their immediate needs and long-term recovery to return to safe, sanitary and secure home.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Coffee and Donuts

- July 16
 - July 23
- Join us in Crespi Hall for some **Coffee and Donuts** after each Sunday Mass.

Pancake Breakfast

- July 30
- Join us in Crespi Hall for a **Pancake Breakfast** after each Sunday Mass.



\$10 per meal
Minor children eat free



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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.

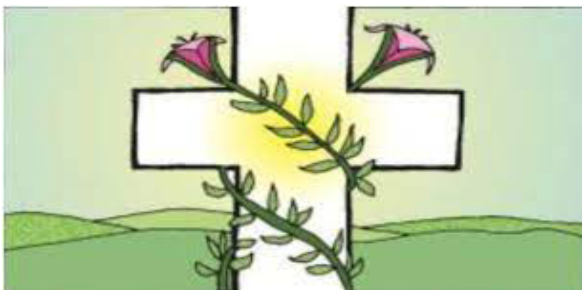
Faith Formation



Faith Formation will resume in the Fall.

Please email FaithFormation@carmelmission.org for more information or to be placed on the waiting list for next year.

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 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 is now on Summer Break

Please plan to join when meetings resume on August 11th.

Please email christina.renna@gmail.com for information. Books are available at the meetings, and everyone is welcome.





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Milagros

"Milagros are small metal religious charms found in many areas of Latin America. The word "Milagros" means "miracles". These small charms, often depicting arms, legs, praying people, animals and a wide range of other subjects are typically nailed to crosses or wooden statues. The use of Milagros is connected with an institution known as "manda". This is where a person will ask for a favor from a Saint. A heart might represent ideas as diverse as a heart condition, a romance, or any number of interpretations. Milagros are also carried for protection and good luck."





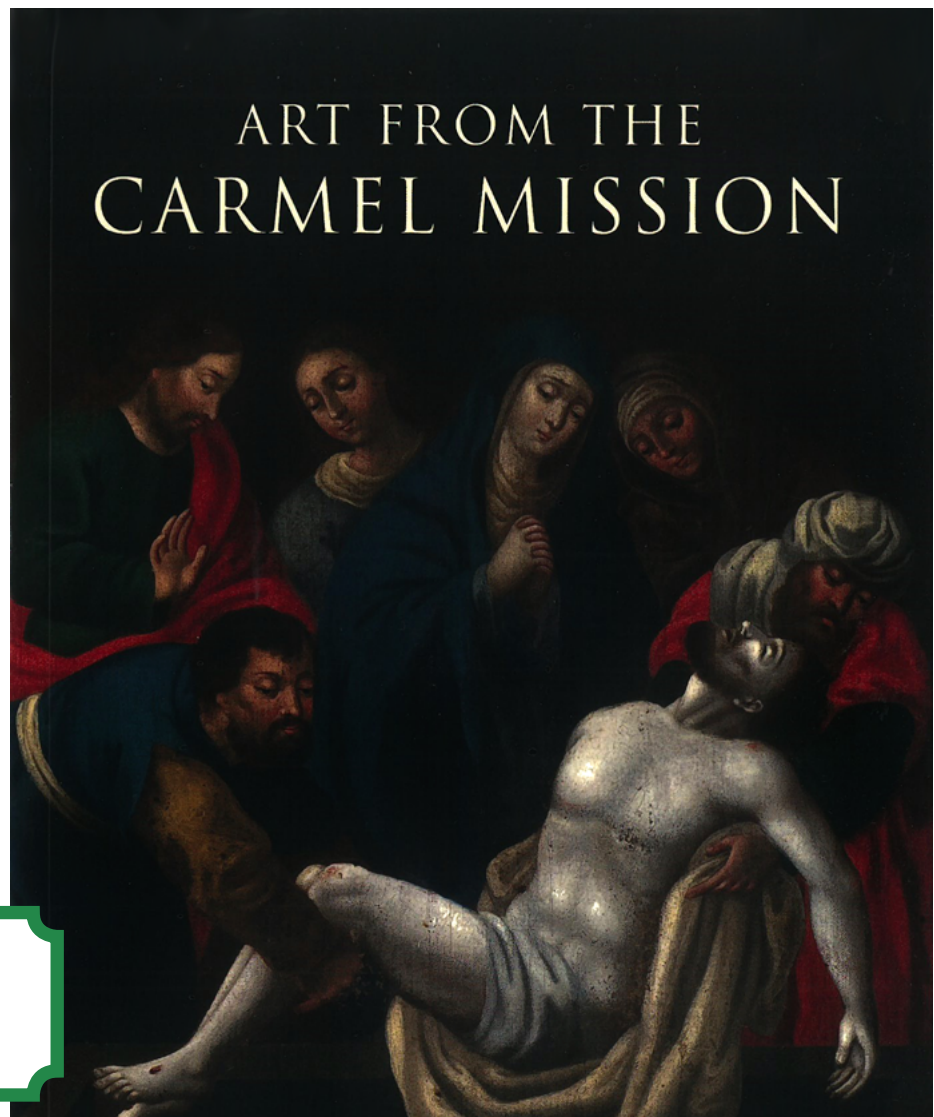
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*Purchase your copy of
Art From the Carmel Mission*

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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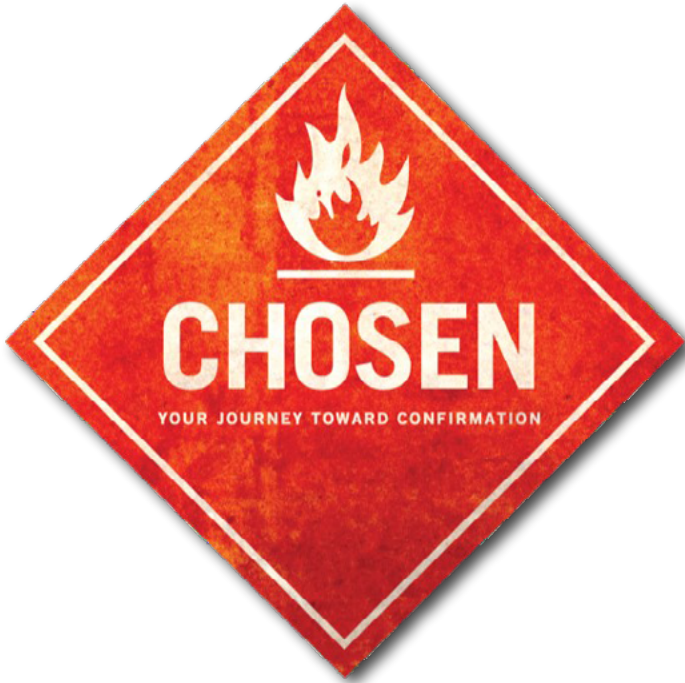




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Employment Opportunity - Faith Formation Coordinator



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





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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

- Greet 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 telephone and balance cash register.
- 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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