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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



**Twenty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 3, 2023**



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Peter is again center stage in today's Gospel, which is actually a continuation of the same conversation Jesus was having with his disciples in last week's passage. After naming Peter as the rock on which He will build His new church, Jesus goes on to inform His disciples about what is going to happen in Jerusalem – that He must suffer terribly, die, and then be raised on the third day. Imbued with the confidence of his new status as a leader Peter goes so far as to chastise Jesus, claiming that no such thing could possibly happen. Jesus' response is harsh, but comes from a place of love. He desperately wants to prepare Peter, and all his disciples, for what is coming. He also needs to impress on them that they must begin to try and think as God does. They are still clinging to the common view that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king who would free Israel from Roman rule. Jesus' life and death will offer a different understanding of what it means to be the true Messiah, an identity more akin to the Suffering Servant described by the prophet Isaiah than to a political liberator.

To be a follower of the Suffering Servant requires that we too are ready to take up our crosses. As we look at the suffering in the world, it is tempting to feel duped by the idea of a loving God, as Jeremiah does in the first reading. But like Jeremiah, the love is God is so overwhelming, irresistible, and all-consuming, we are constantly drawn back to the God who suffers beside us, and for whom resurrection is always on the horizon.

Like Peter, our own expectations of God can be limited by thinking about God in human ways. It is only natural to use our own understanding to interact with the world, and to a degree this includes our interaction with the divine. But we do God an injustice if we limit God's love, generosity and mercy to what we are capable of. God is far more radical and God's kingdom far more perfect than we can ever imagine. This frustrates our very human desire to be in control, but is also a beautiful invitation to stretch our imaginations in the contemplation of the divine and to grow closer in relationship to our loving God.

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 I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. (Jer 20:7-9)

Psalms My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9)

Reading II Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, (Rom 12:1-2)

Gospel "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:21-27)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1 THES 4:13-18
PS 96:1 AND 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
LK 4:16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11
PS 27:1, 4, 13-14
LK 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

COL 1:1-8
PS 52:10, 11
LK 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

COL 1:9-14
PS 98:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6
LK 5:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

MI 5:1-4A
PS 13:6AB, 6C
MT 1:1-16, 18-23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

COL 1:21-23
PS 54:3-4, 6 AND 8
LK 6:1-5

Scripture Reflection

Last week Peter answered Jesus' question correctly was affirmed as conduit of divine knowledge and received the delegation of divine authority. Flush with his new name and new responsibility, Peter starts to exercise this role – on Jesus! He not only takes Jesus aside but rebukes Him for speaking of His impending suffering and death. In strong language that does not exclude love, Jesus puts Peter in his place, which is the right place for every disciple. When the rock puts himself in front of Jesus he becomes an obstacle. Peter's good hearted, but incorrect, interpretation of Jesus' mission is a temptation like that of Satan in the wilderness, a temptation for Jesus to follow an easier path, to have life on His own terms rather than those of His Father. Jesus explains to Peter, and to all the disciples, that those who follow Him, will also have to share His cross. This is not a call to self-destruction, but a challenge to live with our energies centered on God. Jesus promises a reward for those who have done what the unselfish orientation of their lives to Him and their brothers and sisters demands. This reward will be revealed when Jesus, as the Son of Man, comes for the final judgement. God's logic is not our logic, and Jesus presents the contradictory notion that saving our life will cause us to lose it, while giving up our lives enables us to find it. The first reading echoes the idea that human logic is not the same as divine logic; we can feel duped by God when our faith brings us humiliation in the eyes of the world. But as Jeremiah finds, God has a way of drawing us back. The second reading also affirms that the life of faith involved sacrifice. We are not to conform to the world, which means it may not always feel like home. The psalm speaks of an ardent desire for God that can aid us in following the Gospel's call to take up our crosses. This intensity is not a predictable part of our life of faith. Strong emotions are a gift but a life of faith is built on disciplines, sustainable practices that maintain our commitment and allow us to live out that same love through all of life's peaks and valleys.



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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

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Kathy Anderson by Laura Schwingel.



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:



Pym Gilbert,
Helga Hanczak,
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,

... 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 08/20/23:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 7,195.95
Mailed Donation:	\$ 2,438.00
Weekend Masses – Collection:	\$ 6,466.10
Catholic Charities Hawaiian Relief – 2nd Collection:	\$10,934.40
Assumption of Mary - 8/15	\$ 629.00
TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$27,663.45

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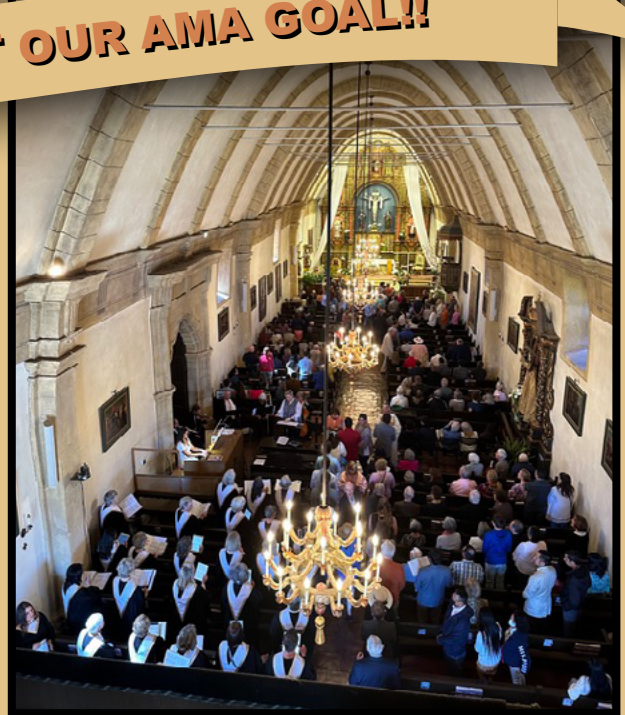
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FAITH IN OUR FUTURE AMA 2023

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.



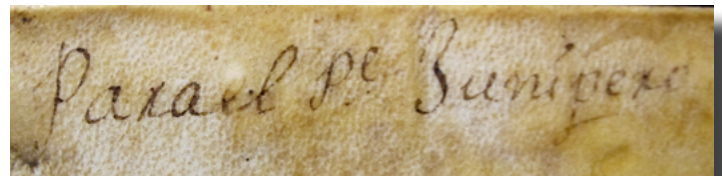
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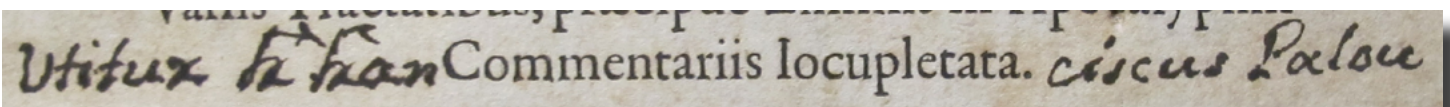
As an update to the ongoing Convento Library cataloging project, I'd like to focus today on some of the people who used these books in their daily lives and as part of their missionary activity. It was not uncommon in the eighteenth century, as it is today, for people to write their names in books that they owned. I still do the same, as I suspect many of you do, too. Franciscan brothers would often write their names in certain books, sometimes along with other information, in what we call inscriptions. It's been especially interesting while examining the Convento books to look at these inscriptions, since they tell us about who used a particular book and when, and they give us clues as to when the book arrived at our library and from where.

Of course I would be thrilled to report that we have books "signed" by, or inscribed by Saint Junipero. We don't. That's probably not a coincidence. Junipero Serra was above all a very humble man, and as a devout Franciscan he did not believe in personal ownership. Father Serra would have viewed the books in the library as common property, which is to say property of the Order of Friars Minor.

We do have one enticing piece of evidence, though, that Saint Serra used a particular book, and that is very special indeed. This book was printed in 1761 and bears the title: "El Peregrino con Guia," or "The Pilgrim with a Guide." It is otherwise a fairly nondescript book with a vellum, or leather, wrapped binding. On the back of the leather cover is an ink inscription that reads: "para el padre Junipero," or "for Father Junipero." This is so far the only book I've discovered with Father Serra's name on it. The reason for this particular inscription on the binding is hard to ascertain. The book might have been a gift, or someone simply wanted to indicate that Padre Junipero wanted to see this particular book, or maybe had even asked for it. In any case, we can certainly imagine Saint Junipero in his room, late at night, reading this particular book by candlelight.



We do have the names of some other missionaries in books, some well known, others not. Another name we might all recognize is that of Father Francisco Palou, Junipero Serra's biographer, one-time student, and good friend. In a large book on St. Bernardine of Siena, we read the Latin inscription on the title page: "Utilitur [for use by] Fray Franciscus Palou," using a Latinized version of his first name. Whether or not this is by his own hand is hard to determine and will require more close comparison with known examples of his writing, but nonetheless it shows his interest in this one book.

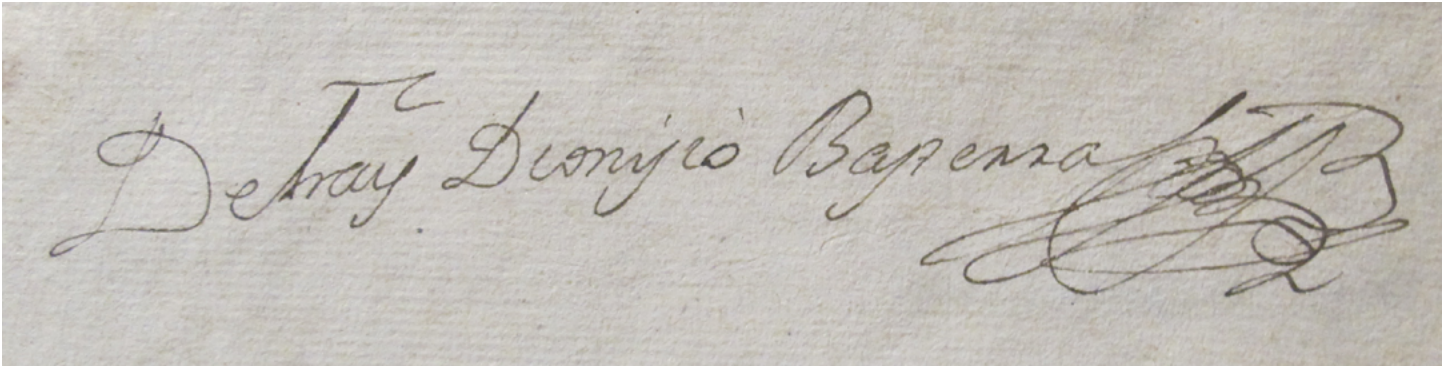




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A few of our bookworms are less known to us. A number of books contain handwritten inscriptions by Padre Dionisio Basterra. He is especially prominent in the first bookcase, that is, he liked the large books. The interesting fact about Father Basterra is that he never came up to Alta California. Instead, we find him in Baja, California, where Father Serra met him on his way up to founding Mission San Diego. We don't know much else about Basterra, except that he was a young man and completely on his own at Mission Santa Gertrudis. He eventually returned to the College of San Fernando in Mexico City. How the books with his name in them came to be here in Carmel is a mystery.

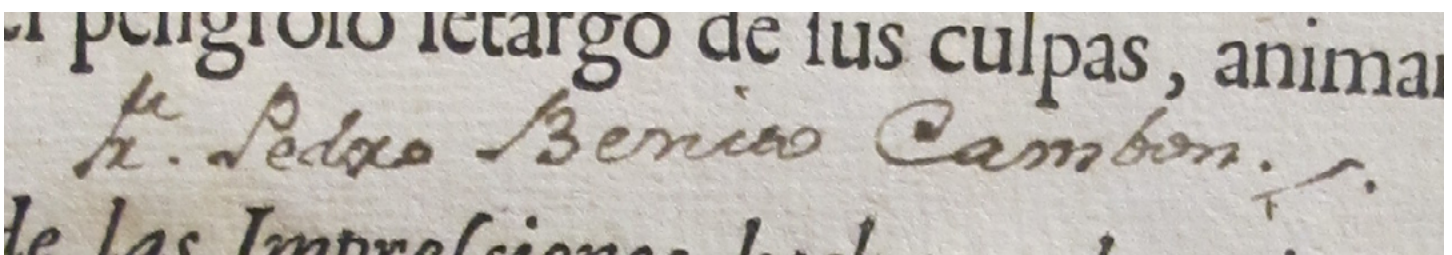


Finally, I'll introduce one last book lover, Pedro Benito Cambon. We know more about Father Cambon because he worked for many years in Alta California alongside Father Serra. Cambon departed for New Spain in 1769. His initial destination was the newly established mission of San Diego, but he went on to land at Monterey on 21 May, 1771. Once he arrived here on our own shores, Father Serra directed him and Fray Angel Somera to found Mission San Gabriel. This they did on 8 September, 1771. Soon enough, Cambon returned to San Diego, but bigger things were still in store for him. In 1776, Pedro Cambon and Francisco Palou reached the site of what was to become Mission Dolores in San Francisco. After three years there as Palou's assistant, Cambon returned to Mexico due to ill health, but he

wasn't done yet. After recovering, he returned to San Gabriel, then went on to help found Mission San Buenaventura in 1782. His service in Alta California in fact continued until 1791. The next year he returned to his native Spain again in ill health, but his place and year of death are unknown.

This brief review of some of the readers and custodians of our Mission books will be followed in a few months time by another update, this time on the markings used by institutions and missions to claim ownership of their own books.

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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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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Coffee and Donuts

Join us in Crespi Hall for Coffee and Donuts after each Sunday Mass.

- **September 3**
- **September 10**
- **September 17**
- **September 24**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday of the month 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

The Carmel Mission invites you to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Mission every first Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following the Noon Mass and ending at 5 PM. You can pay a visit to the Lord at anytime during those hours or volunteer to take a specific hour to be in His presence.

If you would like to volunteer for an hour, please call Sandie Herbert, 831-320-4436 or Kathleen Anderson, 707-373-2355.

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 in Crespi Hall every Wednesday at at 10:30 am

Our Carmel Mission Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 A.M. in Crespi Hall. We will be learning about the Psalms.

Our Lord, Jesus used the Psalms often in His prayer, His preaching, His ministry and His life. "My God, My God. Why have You abandoned me?" is from the 22nd Psalm.

We meet each Wednesday morning at 10:30, usually for about an hour. Please join us as we explore this collection of prayers provided to us by God, Himself.

Contact Dick Gorman, at 595-6363 for more information.

Carmel Mission Book Club



Book Club meets in Crespi Hall every Friday at 1:30 pm

Book Club has begun reading The Divine Milieu by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a twentieth-century French Jesuit priest, geologist, and philosopher.

Meetings are held in Crespi Hall on Friday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Books are available at the meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend.

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

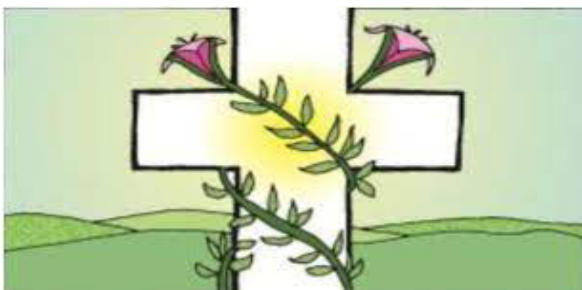
Faith Formation



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

Mexican Talavera



Come and look at our selection of imported talavera style pottery from Mexico! We have a wide selection of bowls, plates, manteca holders and more to choose from.

"Within Mexico, this style dates back to the 16th century colonial era when it was first introduced to Mexico by Spanish guild artisans. Thus today, Mexican Talavera reflects the diverse cultural heritage inherited from the Orient, the Italian Renaissance, the Moors, Spain and the indigenous people of Mexico."





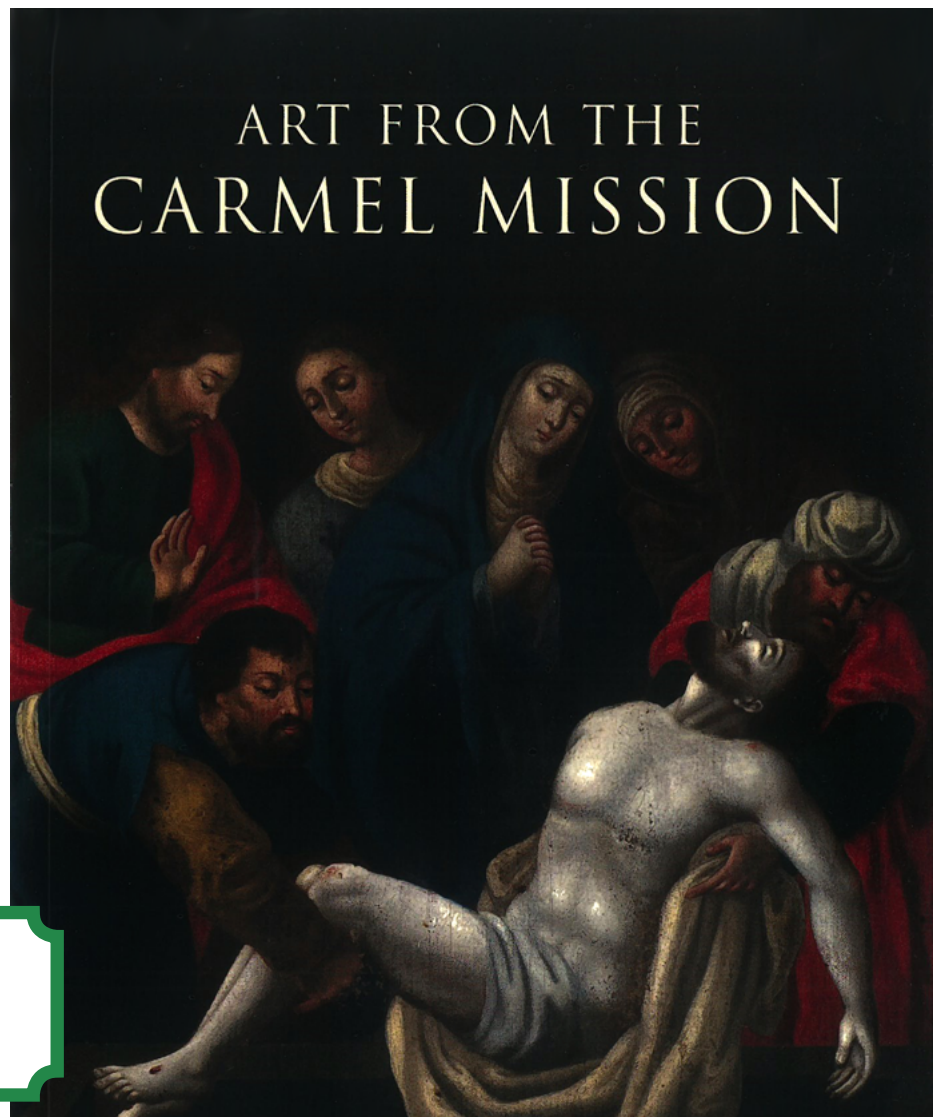
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*Purchase your copy of
Art From the Carmel Mission*

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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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





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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