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# Carmel Mission Basilica

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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



**Christ the King  
Sunday, November 26, 2023**



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# FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

During His Passion, Jesus is interviewed by Pontius Pilate. Pilate does not understand the animus of the Jewish leaders who are so eager to see Jesus destroyed, but he is keenly aware of the political necessity of appeasing them, and sentencing Jesus to death. He hopes to trap Jesus into an admission that He fancies Himself the King of the Jews, and thus is in opposition to the Roman occupiers - by definition a revolutionary and guilty of a capital crime. Jesus offers no such false justification, replying to Pilate, "you say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Anyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37) The truth is that Jesus is not the King of the Jews, or of the Gentiles, or even all humanity. Jesus is the King of the Universe, a cosmos so vast and mysterious it is beyond even our modern comprehension.

As usual, Jesus defies our expectations of kingship. During the time of His earthly ministry, the people of Israel were anticipating a temporal Messiah, a political and military leader who would throw off the yoke of Roman oppression. But Jesus was a spiritual Messiah, who came to revolutionize the world in a much larger and more dramatic way. Jesus made a new covenant between God and all God's people and in the gift of the Eucharist left humankind a new way to connect with and understand God. It is undeniable that this has changed, and continues to change, the course of human history.

As we reach the end of the liturgical year, we are reminded of the end times, when the King will return to our earthly realm. In the Gospel today, Jesus clearly spells out how we are to prepare for that moment. We are to demonstrate the same care that Jesus did and does. Jesus is present to us in the sad, the lonely, the poor, and the ignored. When we care for those on the margins, we are not just doing a good deed, we are imitating the example of our compassionate King, and thus preparing to meet Him face to face.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health, true peace, and deep gratitude,

Fr. Paul



## Diocese of Monterey

## Office of the Bishop

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October 17, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

War, whether it be in Ukraine or in the Middle East is terrible. It is heart wrenching for the people living in these respective locations, but also for family and friends who care about those who live there.

Today, Tuesday, October 17, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Archbishop Latin Primate of Jerusalem, called for us to join him in praying for Peace and Reconciliation in the Holy Land. We spiritually accompany him in prayer, not only today, but also in the days ahead. The terrible massacre of Israeli children, women, and men (young and old) on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> (*Our Lady of the Rosary*) was unthinkable and horrific. Now, hostages are being held. There is no excuse for this kind of violence and hate, regardless of what country or people. Every act of violence and hate begets more violence and hate!

How many times have I cried out upon hearing of such an atrocity, ***“When will we learn, O Lord?”*** Amidst, these difficult days, it is easy to become cynical and disengaged when this War seems to be so distant from us here in the United States. Regardless of national origin, these are our brothers and sisters!

Cardinal Pizzaballa has urged Catholics to organize times of praying with Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary, *“to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice and reconciliation.”* He also said, *“In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15-55) be the only word we hear.”* *“That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in his way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish.”*

As this war progresses, just as in Ukraine, let us be mindful of the humanitarian crisis that is growing exponentially every day. Innocent civilians, whether they be of Israeli or Palestinian descent are caught up in the middle of these acts of terror and destruction. There are NO winners!

Let us not forget to pray also for emergency and humanitarian workers: those who are assisting victims of this violence, who are in need of food, water, health care, and shelter. May our Lady of Peace intercede for all of us during this difficult time!

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia  
Bishop of Monterey





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# PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please join us to pray for peace in our fractured world each Friday in November, beginning Friday, November 3, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Mass will be at 12pm followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the rosary to Our Lady, Queen of Peace, seeking her intercession. Adoration will continue until 5pm. We pray for an end to war and violence in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, and here in our nation. In the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis,

**"Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!"**





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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** I myself will look after and tend my sheep. (Ez 34:11-12, 15-17)

**Psalm** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6)

**Reading II** Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20-26, 28)

**Gospel** 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.' (Mt 25:31-46)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

DN 1:1-6, 8-20  
DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
LK 21:1-4

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

DN 2:31-45  
DN 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61  
LK 21:5-11

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
DN 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67  
LK 21:12-19

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ROM 10:9-18  
PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
MT 4:18-22

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

DN 7:2-14  
DN 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81  
LK 21:29-33

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

DN 7:15-27  
DN 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87  
LK 21:34-36

## Scripture Reflection

The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a response to the social and political climate of the time. Pope Pius XI hoped to encourage believers to embrace Jesus Christ as not only the sovereign of their hearts, but also the sovereign of all nations and peoples. It is clear throughout Scripture that Jesus Christ was indeed sent by God to exercise authority over heaven and earth and bring all of creation back to harmonious relationship with God. However, humanity's visions of "kingship" and God's visions have not always been in alignment. The Jewish people who came to know Jesus were expecting a messiah who would be a political leader and overthrow the Roman Empire. This, of course, was not to be. In today's second reading from the first book of Corinthians, we here specifically that Jesus' sovereignty would surpass all earthly powers and authorities. In the book of Ezekiel, we are presented with the image of the Good Shepherd. God promises to rescue His sheep, to seek the lost, to heal the sick, and to give them rest. The Good Shepherd is a figure of authority, but a benevolent one whose main objective is to show care and compassion toward the sheep. Throughout the Gospels, we see Christ manifest this vision when he dines with undesirables, heals the ritually unclean, and shows mercy to sinners. The leadership that Christ exercises is a servant-leadership, one that offers care rather than simply control. Human leadership may disappoint us but Christ our King offers up a vision of leadership in which all people can put their faith.



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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 be included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at [liturgy@carmelmission.org](mailto: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:



Marjorie Coleman,  
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:



Gregory Dow,  
Ron Parsons,  
David Joseph Banks,  
Scott Simms,  
Charles Besmehn,  
Margaret Schmutz Godde,  
Maria D Rodriguez,  
Tom Favazza,  
Clyde Sturges,

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.,

... 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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# STEWARDSHIP

## Electronic Giving

### Quick and Easy

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.

### By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet
- Donate to one of our special project funds.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

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

## Report for the week ending on 11/05/23:

**Electronic Donation: \$ 5,517.36**

**Mailed Donation: \$ 7,649.00**

**Weekend Masses – Collection: \$ 7,154.00**

**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$20,320.36**

**Build Your Legacy Here.**

Your Gift Will Sustain the Work of the Mission for Generations to Come

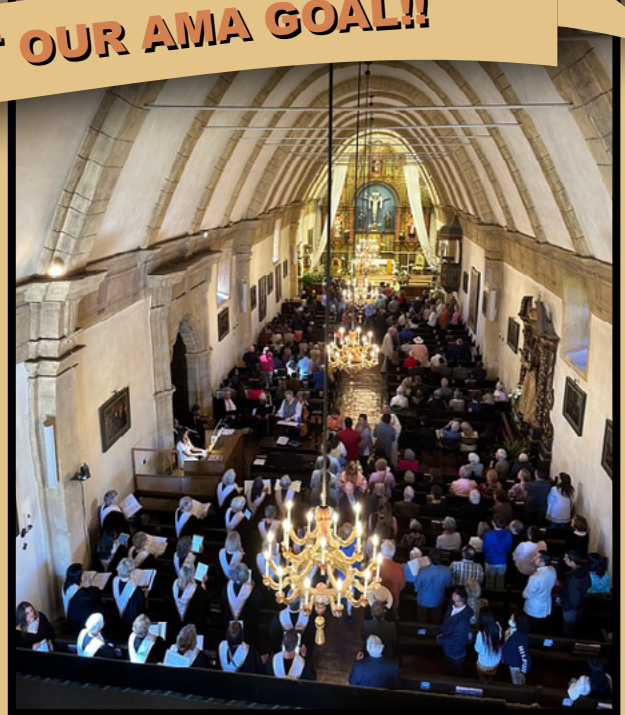
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FAQ

# 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



CARMEL MISSION  
*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.



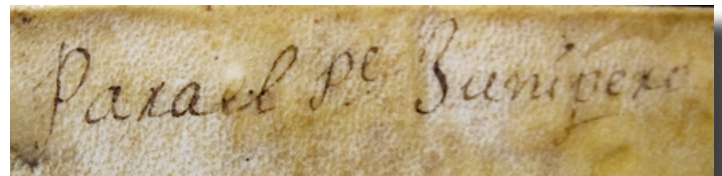
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# FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA

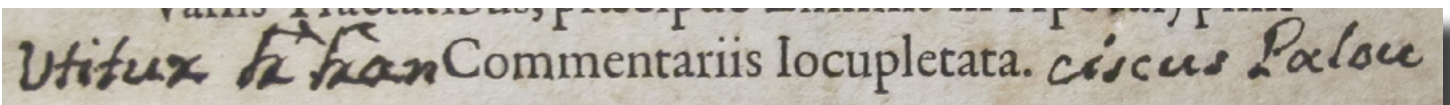
As an update to the ongoing Convento Library cataloging project, I'd like to focus today on some of the people who used these books in their daily lives and as part of their missionary activity. It was not uncommon in the eighteenth century, as it is today, for people to write their names in books that 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.

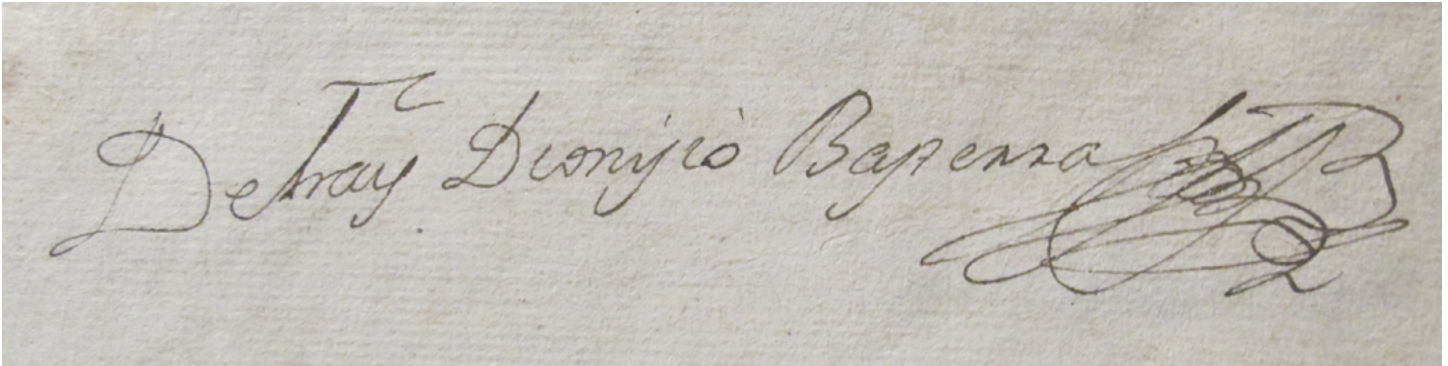




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A few of our bookworms are less known to us. A number of books contain handwritten inscriptions by Padre Dionisio Basterra. He is especially prominent in the first bookcase, that is, he liked the large books. The interesting fact about Father Basterra 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.

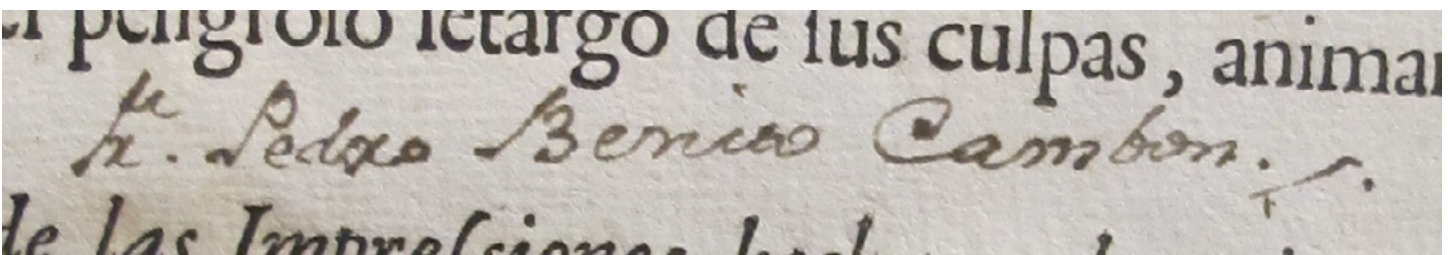


Finally, I'll introduce one last book lover, Pedro Benito Cambon. We know more about Father Cambon because he worked for many years in Alta California alongside Father Serra. Cambon departed for New Spain in 1769. His initial destination was the newly established mission of San Diego, but he went on 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.



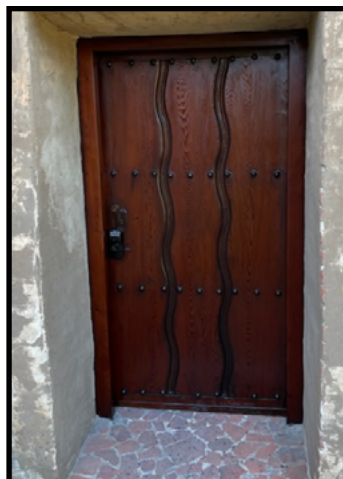
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The much heralded and appreciate “River of Life” door design has been given much attention as it is a prominent feature at many of our Historic Missions. From a traditional understandings that has grown over time the River of Life motif is a direct 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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# 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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# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

## Weeks of Advent

### First Weekend of Advent

#### Masses

Saturday, December 2 – 5:30 PM  
Sunday, December 3 – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

### Immaculate Conception

#### Mass

Friday, December 8 – 12:00 PM

### Second Weekend of Advent

#### Masses

Saturday, December 9 – 5:30 PM  
Sunday, December 10 – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Mass

Tuesday, December 12 - 9:00 AM

### Third Weekend of Advent

#### Masses

Saturday, December 16 – 5:30 PM  
Sunday, December 17 – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

#### Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 17 - 5:00 PM

### Fourth Weekend of Advent

#### Masses

Saturday, December 23 – 5:30 PM  
Sunday, December 24 – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

## Christmas

### Christmas Eve – December 24

#### Mass

Sunday, December 24 – 4:00 PM (Family Mass)

#### Carols

Sunday, December 24 – 8:30 PM

#### Mass

Sunday, December 24 - 9:00 PM

### Christmas Day – December 25

#### Masses

Monday, December 25 – 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

## New Year's Day

### Holy Mary, Mother of God

#### Mass

Monday, January 1 – 12:00 PM





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# CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

## Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities

*"Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service."*

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

### **Volunteer Opportunity:**

Confirmation Catechist Teacher needed.

The Ministry of Faith Formation is in need of additional Confirmation Teachers. Confirmation classes meet for an hour and half, twice a month. Training and guidance will be given for all Volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Faith Formation Volunteer in our Parish please contact our Coordinator: Jessica Ortega for more information [faithformation@carmelmission.org](mailto:faithformation@carmelmission.org).

### **Student Volunteer Opportunity:**

If you are a High School Parishioner looking to give back to Carmel Mission Basilica, we are looking for students who would like to gain community service hours by assisting our First Communion Faith Formation teachers. Please contact our Coordinator: Jessica Ortega [faithformation@carmelmission.org](mailto:faithformation@carmelmission.org) Training and guidance will be given for all Volunteers.

### **Top Reasons to Become a Faith Formation Leader**

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other Faith Formation Volunteers.
6. Today's resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping the youth of our Parish deepen their relationship with Jesus.
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations.

## Coffee and Donuts

No Coffee and Donuts this Sunday,  
November 26.

- December 3
- December 10
- December 17





# PASQUALE ESPOSITO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 PM

## *Christmas at the Mission*

CARMEL MISSION BASILICA - CARMEL, CA

5:00 PM VIP PRE-CONCERT DINNER - LITTLE NAPOLI & VESUVIO

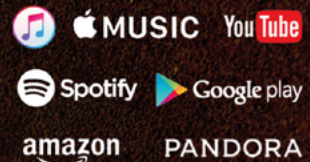
### SPECIAL GUESTS



LAURA SCHWINGEL



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## “The Most Precious Gift”

During Advent, Deacon Warren will lead a discussion of “The Most Precious Gift”, an exploration of Jesus’s birth and its impact on the world. The three-class series will explore:

- The Annunciation through Christmas Eve: the historical and social context of the world into which Jesus was born
- The Nativity of Christ: the theology of the coming of the Son of God and the incarnation of the Holy Trinity
- Epiphany to Pentecost: how Jesus changed the world by his life among us

Meetings will be at 6PM in Crespi Hall on Wednesdays during Advent, December 6, 13, and 20. Join us as we explore our faith!

## I-HELP Ministry Carmel Mission Basilica

### ***Carmel Mission’s I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!***

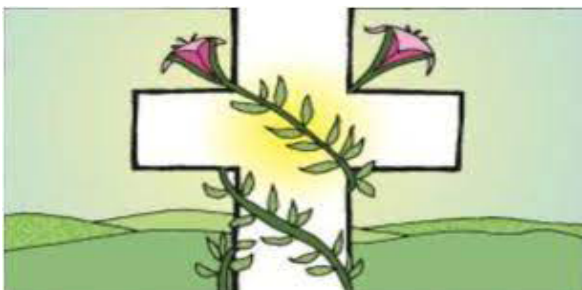
Once a month, for several years the Carmel Mission has hosted both the men’s and the women’s programs through the [Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program](#) (I-HELP). Carmel Mission provided overnight shelter for the I-HELP men’s program on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Volunteers provided dinner, breakfast, & a brown-bag lunch for the program participants. And, on the 2nd Monday of every month the Mission provides overnight shelter for I-HELP’s women participants. Volunteers provide dinner and a breakfast snack the next morning.

Currently, this ministry has only been able to host I-HELP’s women’s program participants. Carmel Mission NEEDS coordinators and volunteers particularly for the I-HELP Men’s program. What can you do? You can contribute to the meals we serve, or you can provide a part of the meal and drop it off at Crespi Hall and you can share dinner and fellowship with the program participants. Please consider this ecumenical opportunity.

For more information contact Flo Miller, women’s program coordinator, at [visayanfm@yahoo.com](mailto:visayanfm@yahoo.com), 831-624-4056 (h) or 831-392-7900 (c).

Or contact [Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org](mailto:Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org).

## 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 COMMUNITY

## Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry

The Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry, founded in 2003, is a group of volunteers who provide consolation and support to families who are grieving the death of a loved one. The Ministry, under the direction of the Pastor, offers assistance with planning and staffing the Funeral Mass and assists with receptions held in Crespi Hall. The Ministry has a three-fold purpose of Service to the Parish and Spiritual Development and time for Social gathering for our Members.

If you would like to join with us or learn more about our Ministry, please contact Mary Pat Adams, (831) 625-7631 or [marypatadams@comcast.net](mailto:marypatadams@comcast.net)



## 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 is reading **The Reed of God** by Caryll Houselander. This spiritual classic contains meditations on the humanity of Mary, Mother of God, and lovingly depicts Our Lady as a musical instrument making divine love known to the world.

Meetings are held in Crespi Hall on Friday afternoons at 1:30. Books are available at the meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please email [christina.renna@gmail.com](mailto:christina.renna@gmail.com) for information.

## Monterey Catholic Young Adults

Please join the Young Adult community of the Monterey Peninsula through the WhatsApp Community using the QR Code or [this link](#).

All weekly and monthly events are posted in that group. We are entirely volunteer run and look forward to supporting the needs for young adults in the age group of 21-35!



# The Most Precious Gift

This Advent, Deacon Warren will lead an exploration of Jesus' birth and its impact. We'll look at the social and historical context of the world into which Jesus was born. Next, we'll take a close look at the theology of the coming of the Son of God and the incarnation of the Holy Trinity. Finally, we'll examine how Jesus changed his world (and ours!)



**Classes will be held Wednesday evenings in Advent, December 6, 13, and 20, at 6PM in Crespi Hall. No pre-registration necessary. See you there!**



# FALGE FARMWORKERS MINISTRY

Christmas is when the Carmel Mission Falge Farmworkers Ministry provides special seasonal items to help every child and adult in the camps which we donate to every month, celebrate the joy of this holy season. We provide large grocery bags filled with staple pantry items for each family, and a gift card for every individual.

We invite you to visit our display tables in the Courtyard before or after Mass to find out more about the ministry or help us with your financial support.



*You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.*

2 Corinthians 9:11-12

## SUPPLY the NEEDS DONATE

- Credit card:** Scan the QR code which will direct you to the online payment page. [carmelmission.org/ministries/falge-farmworker-ministry/falge-christmas](http://carmelmission.org/ministries/falge-farmworker-ministry/falge-christmas)
- Check:** Please make your check payable to Carmel Mission *and note Falge Farmworker Ministry on the memo line.* Drop it in the offering basket during Mass. Hand to one of our volunteers at our Mission Courtyard table. Mail it to Carmel Mission, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel CA 93923
- Cash:** Please give it to one of our volunteers at our Mission Courtyard table.



## GENEROSITY GIVE GIFTS

**Christmas Giving Tree** Located at the Basilica Entry  
**Take an Ornament:** Each ornament has the name of a child or family supported by our Ministry. See QR code on back for online donations directions.  
**Checks and cash donations** are welcome at our Mission Courtyard table before and after Mass. Please keep the ornament as a reminder to pray for our farmworkers.



## ENRICHED through SERVICE VOLUNTEER

The Falge Farmworker Ministry is a year-round program delivering food and essentials to the camps monthly. If interested contact [falge@carmelmission.org](mailto:falge@carmelmission.org) More information at [carmelmission.org/ministries/falge-farmworker-ministry](http://carmelmission.org/ministries/falge-farmworker-ministry)



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# CARMEL MISSION STORE

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Holy Granola made at the Hermitage in Big Sur. This all natural cereal or snack has a unique taste that is slightly sweet, slightly salty. This is a year around best seller!

Be sure to stop by the Mission Store to see all our food items and all our great giftables for everyone on your Christmas list.



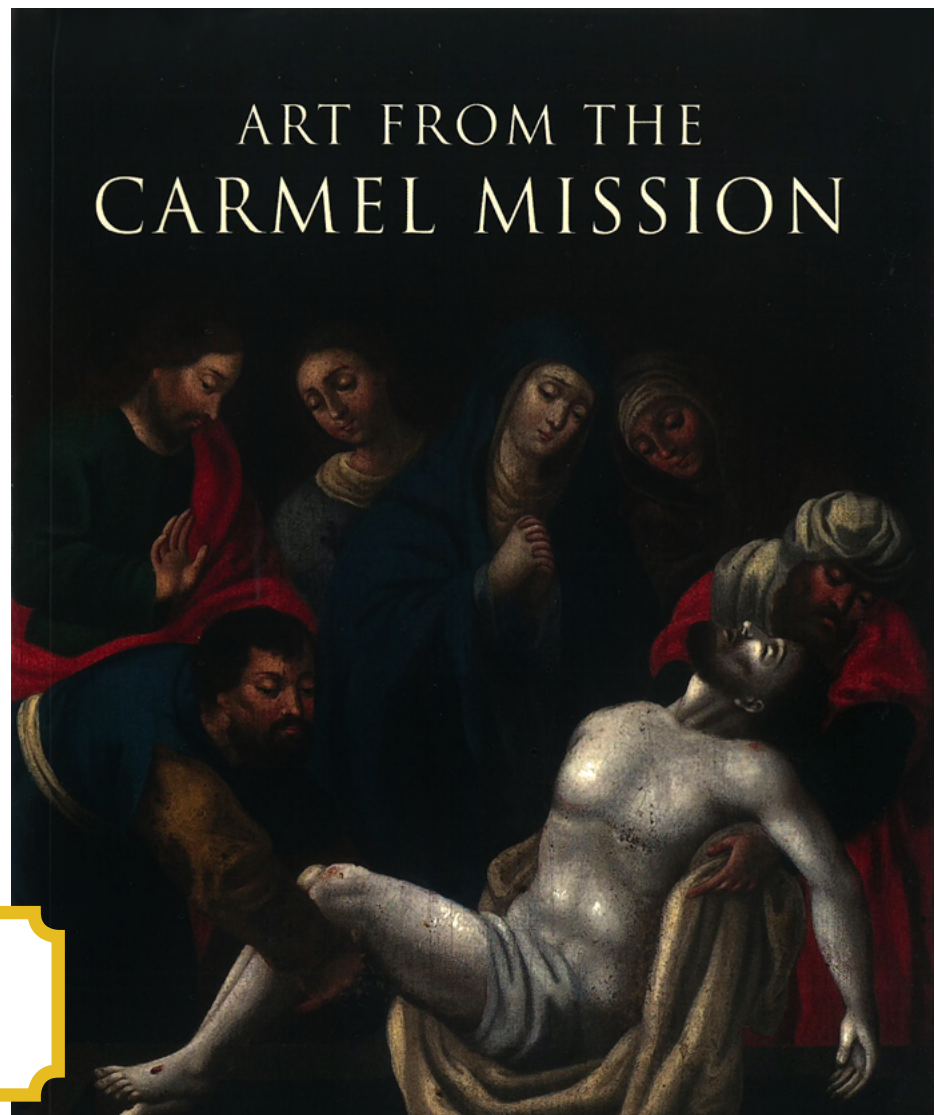
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# CARMEL MISSION STORE

*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

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](mailto:store@carmelmission.org)



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# BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

Advertise your business in your parish community through Carmel Mission's weekly electronic bulletin.

For more information on how to advertise your business on our bulletin, contact [Bulletin@carmelmission.org](mailto:Bulletin@carmelmission.org).

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