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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



**First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 3, 2023**



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# FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission.

This year our Advent theme at Carmel Mission is "Preparing for Hope." This past Easter, I spoke about the power of HOPE – Holy Optimism Pervading Everything. I am sure we all have moments in our lives that attest to the power of hope and optimism. But as we look at our world today, it is too easy to become discouraged, disillusioned, cynical, and jaded.

At this moment, our world is in the grip of war. An unjust and inhumane war continues to rage in Ukraine. In the Holy Land, a land holy to three different faith traditions, war has erupted. Our world is in the grip of violence. Barely a week passes without the devastating news of another mass shooting, acts of senseless violence that rob innocent people of their lives and upend communities. Our world is in the grip of climate change, with an ever-increasing list of natural disasters which are also killing people and decimating communities. Our world is in the grip of division. In our nation, we are experiencing a time of unprecedented political and social division that is tugging at the fabric of our society.

When we look at the world, it is hard to not have a level of existential dread. But when God looks at the world, God looks with the eyes of HOPE. We too must learn to look at the world through the lens of hope. Despair only inspires paralysis and depression, but hope inspires action, creativity, and compassion. We cannot act for good in the world without hope.

We have the greatest cause for hope in this Advent season. Into our battered world, our broken lives, and our wounded hearts, the Prince of Peace is coming again. The joy and the mystery of the Incarnation show us that God never looks at the world with despair, only with HOPE. When we are near our loving God, we cannot help but be overwhelmed with God's hopeful vision. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, let us also prepare to welcome the HOPE that accompanies Him.

I wish you and your loved ones Advent blessings of good health and new hope. Please continue to pray for peace,

Fr. Paul



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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands. (IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7)

**Psalm** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

**Reading II** God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 COR 1:3-9)

**Gospel** "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (MK 13:33-37)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

IS 2:1-5

PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9

MT 8:5-11

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

IS 11:1-10

PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

LK 10:21-24

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

IS 25:6-10A

PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

MT 15:29-37

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

IS 26:1-6

PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A

MT 7:21, 24-27

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

GN 3:9-15, 20

PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4

EPH 1:3-6, 11-12

LK 1:26-38

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

IS 30:19-21, 23-26

PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

## Scripture Reflection

"Be watchful! Be alert!" Don't be caught unaware! Jesus warns His disciples in this Sunday's Gospel reading. And so, begins another Advent season of watching and waiting. Advent is not just a time of waiting for the coming of the Christ Child – that already happened over two thousand years ago. It is a time when we break with routine and moved into heightened awareness of the ways of Emmanuel- "God with us." The watchfulness that Jesus talks about in the Gospel is not waiting in dread, nor is the object of our vigilance unknown. It is an attentive listening for the familiar footsteps of the returning of the Beloved. We do not want to be caught sleeping but waiting with open arms. Advent is also a time for big, bold hope – the kind showcased in today's first reading. The people return from exile to a city in ruins. Conquerors have destroyed their temple. Current residents shun them. They compare themselves to "polluted rags" and withering leaves. Such hardships left the returned exiles at their wits' end – and they let God know it. They recognize God's anger and disappointment but never lose hope in the promise of God's redemption. With audacity they demand of God – "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you." They long to see God's awesome deeds. In the face of such destruction, the people never stop hoping that God will make something new. We too are called to big, bold hope. Like our ancestors in faith, God calls us to trust in God's saving power even – especially – in our lowest moments. The psalm asks to see God's face, a dangerous thing in ancient Israel where it was believed that to see God's face would result in death. Even Moses is instructed to cover his face when he encounters God, and when God does grant a glimpse, it is of God's back. (Exodus 33:20-23) After Christ, though, the meaning changes. In Jesus, God takes on a literal human face that people can encounter. That face is again hidden, but we find Jesus still in the Sacraments and in each other.



# 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.

## Advent and Christmas Flowers

Flowers are an important part of our Advent and Christmas celebrations.

This year we are hoping, with your support, to have beautiful arrangements of roses to celebrate both Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and, of course, the iconic Christmas poinsettias. If you would like to support Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, or the Christmas Poinsettias with a minimum donation of \$90 please contact Laura at [liturgy@carmelmission.org](mailto:liturgy@carmelmission.org) to arrange your donation and your intention. Your intentions will be included in the bulletin for the weeks before and after the feast days.

Thank you for your generosity.







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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,  
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:



Jean Loyer,  
Marjorie Coleman,  
Ruth Flynn,  
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

## Falge Farmworker Ministry

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**Thank you for supporting the  
Falge Farmworker Ministry.**

**WE HAVE RAISED  
\$46,500.00**

## Report for the week ending on 11/19/23:

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Electronic Donation:	\$ 7,640.10
Mailed Donation:	\$ 2,535.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 4,748.00
Falge Farmworker Ministry: Second Collection:	\$20,179.00

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**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$35,102.10**





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# STEWARDSHIP

## Carmel Mission Legacy

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## Electronic Giving

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### 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:

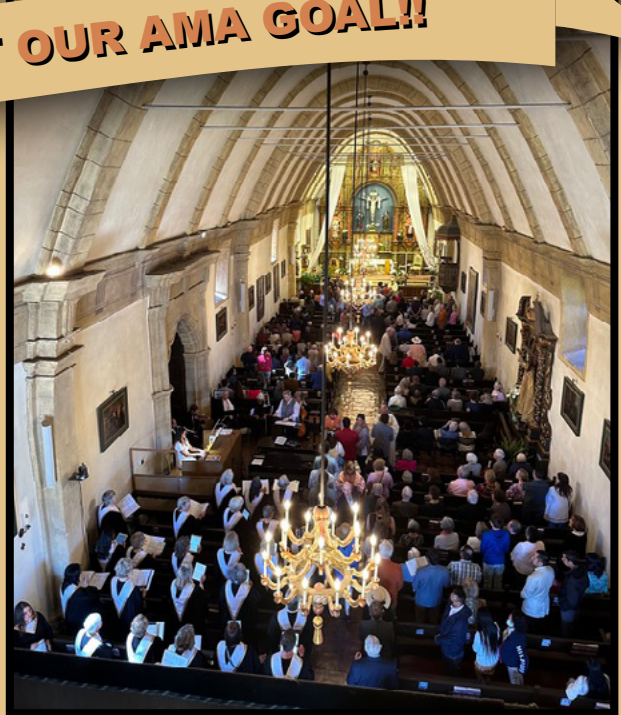
- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet
- Donate to one of our special project funds.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

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

# 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

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR AMA GOAL!!**

**\$250,000+**

\$50,000

\$100,000

\$150,000

\$200,000

\$250,000



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.





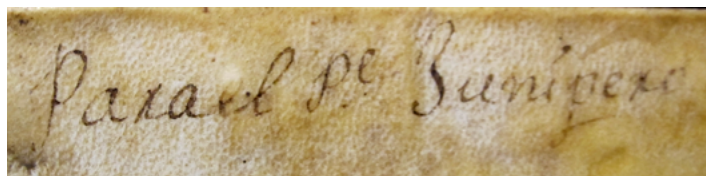
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# FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA

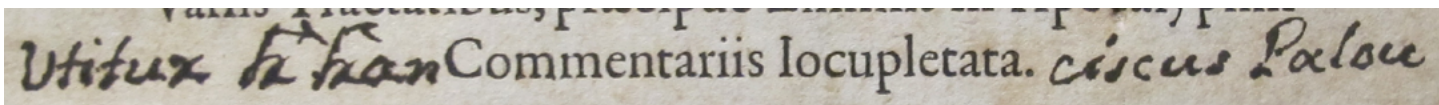
As an update to the ongoing Convento Library cataloging project, I'd like to focus today on some of the people who used these books in their daily lives and as part of their missionary activity. It was not uncommon in the eighteenth century, as it is today, for people to write their names in books that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

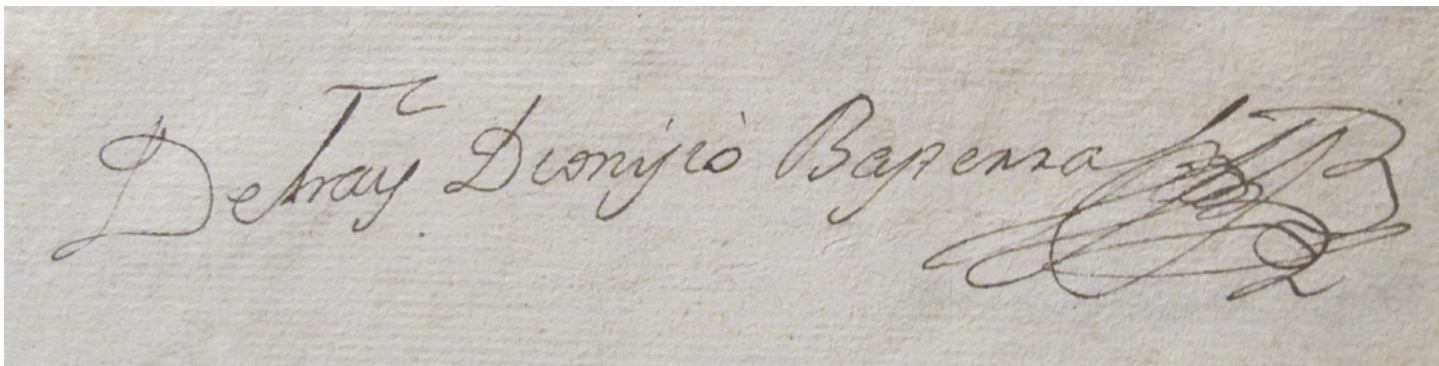




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A few of our bookworms are less known to us. A number of books contain handwritten inscriptions by Padre Dionisio Basterra. He is especially prominent in the first bookcase, that is, he liked the large books. The interesting fact about Father Basterra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

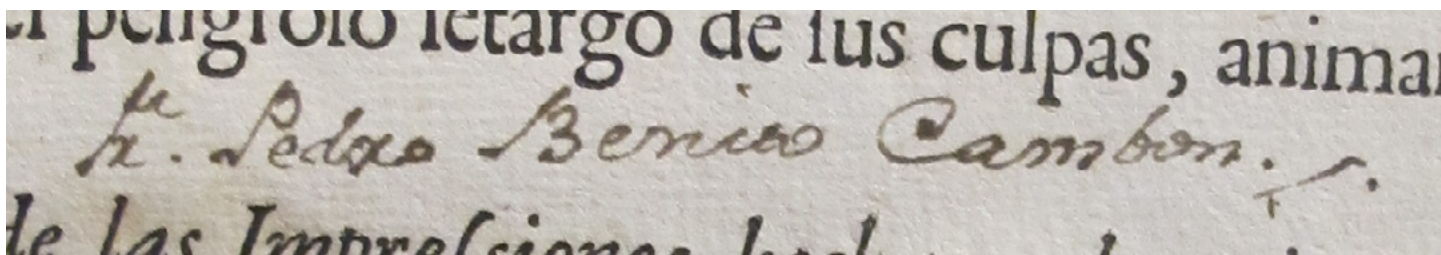


Finally, I'll introduce one last book lover, Pedro Benito Cambon. We know more about Father Cambon because he worked for many years in Alta California alongside Father Serra. Cambon departed for New Spain in 1769. His initial destination was the newly established mission of San Diego, but he went on 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 appreciated "River of Life" door design has been given much attention as it is a prominent feature at many of our Historic Missions. From a traditional understanding that has grown over time the River of Life motif is a direct reference to Revelation 22:

1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2 in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

From another perspective the three wavy lines have been linked to the trinity. The design of three is a common motif in Church architecture.



*As you will see in the before and after photographs, the restoration has brought new life to many of the doors.*





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# 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

### Immaculate Conception Mass

Friday, December 8 at 12:00 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

### 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

There will be no Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Friday, December 8  
Wednesday - Friday 12:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 am at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## Mass Entrance

Gates open 30 minutes before Mass. Those attending our weekend Masses will be entering through the Visitor's Gate into the Basilica Forecourt or through the Parish Gate into the Central Courtyard. We will have an attendant at each entrance.

Please note that the Basilica Forecourt is an extensions of our Mass. We ask that everyone be aware and respectful of the prayerful environment of this setting.

### Accessibility

There are 9 designated accessible parking spots near the Visitor entrance and 6 more spots by the Parish Office entrance. If you require any assistance, please let the attendant know. We recommend arriving early so we may better accommodate accessibility needs.







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# 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

Join us in Crespi Hall for a morning of Hospitality, following our Sunday Masses

- 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



LAURA SCHWINGEL

SPECIAL GUESTS



VICTORIA MCDOWELL



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## Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day, Tuesday December 12 with Aztec Dancers and Mass.

Aztec Dancers at 8:00 am in the Basilica

Mass for our Lady of Guadalupe at 9:00 am in the Basilica

If you are interested in helping to decorate the Basilica for this beautiful celebration please contact Fr. Rey at:

(831)624-1271 ext 205 or [fr.rey@carmelmission.org](mailto:fr.rey@carmelmission.org).



## Lessons and Carols

*Fr. Paul Murphy invites you to join  
the Carmel Mission Choir and Lectors in*



*Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 pm*

*Carmel Mission Basilica  
3080 Río Road  
Carmel, CA*

*No tickets required*

*Goodwill offering at the door*



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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!***

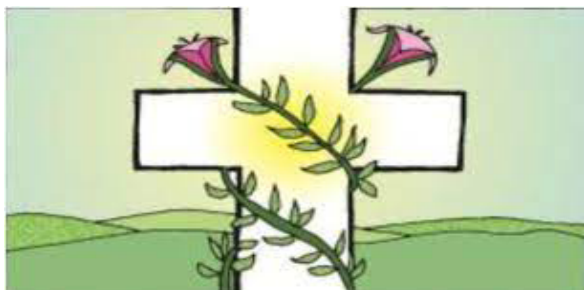
Once a month, for several years the Carmel Mission has hosted both the men’s and the women’s programs through the [Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program](#) (I-HELP). Carmel Mission provided overnight shelter for the I-HELP men’s program on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Volunteers provided 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.

# 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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# CONCERTS AT THE MISSION

## I Cantori de Carmel

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### A Romantic Christmas

Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3, at 8:00 PM in the Basilica  
Tickets available at: <http://www.icantori.org/>

## Pasquale's Christmas at the Mission

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### Christmas at the Mission

Sunday, December 10 at 7:30 PM in the Basilica.  
Tickets available at: <https://pasqualeesposito.com/>

## Cantiamo – Cabrillo College

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### Concert for a Winter's Eve

Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 PM in the Basilica  
Tickets available at: <http://www.cabrillochorus.org/concert-for-a-winters-eve.html>

## A Chanticleer Christmas

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### A Chanticleer Christmas

Friday, December 22 at 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM in the Basilica  
Tickets available at: <https://www.chanticleer.org/>





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# CARMEL MISSION STORE

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

*Shop Local at the Mission Store!*



These Hermitage fruitcakes are made from the same decades old recipe (over 50 years). The delicious and moist cakes are dipped in brandy and aged for 3-6 months. They make great gifts for all fruitcake lovers, and sceptics as well!

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.



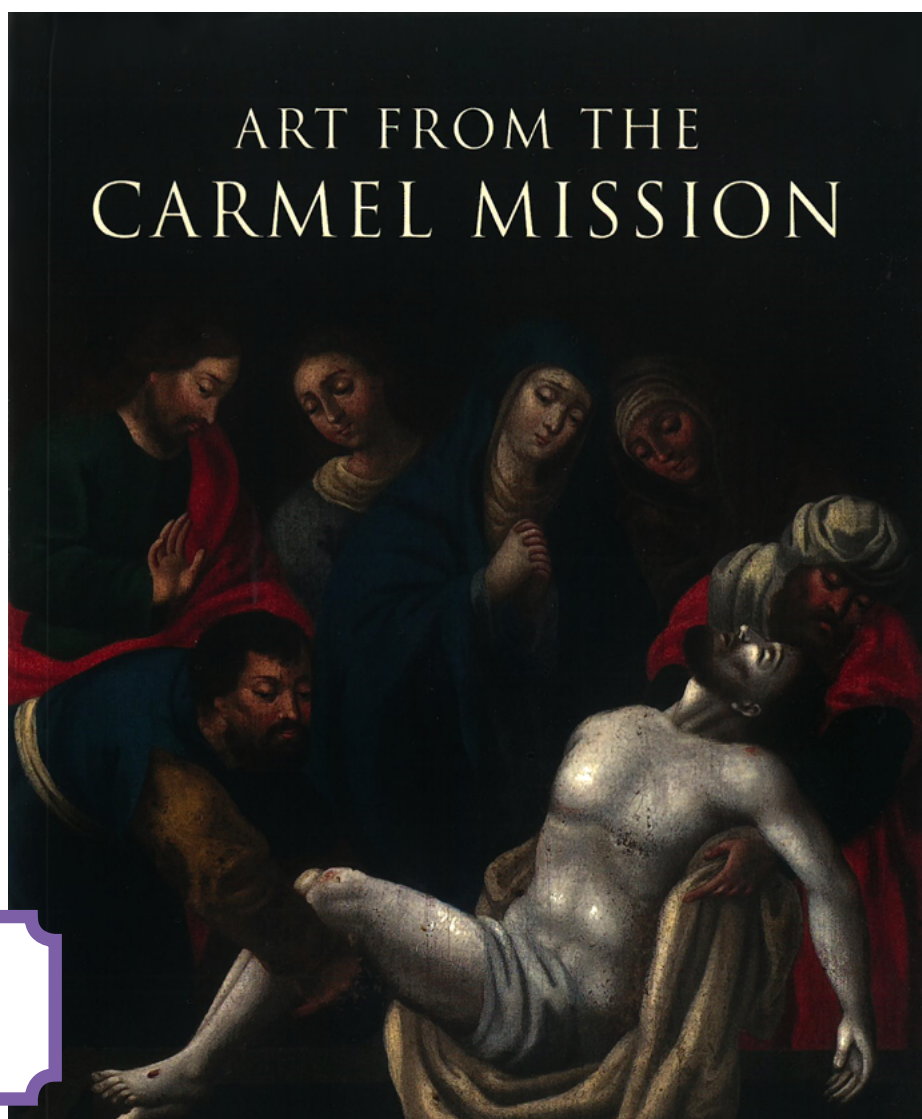
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# CARMEL MISSION STORE

*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.

**\$25** +tax



# 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](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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