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Merry Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR





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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Every six to eleven years, depending on the leap year cycle, the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day, as happens this year. While not perhaps ideal for the clergy and parish staff who have a few hours to prepare for Christmas instead of a few days, it does sharpen the final moments of Advent preparation and anticipation. A common question at this time of year is, are you ready for Christmas? As we spend our final Advent moments we come up against a reality of life. However much we prepare, we will never be fully ready. There is always one more thing we could have done, or one more idea to explore, but the moment arrives, ready or not!

We encounter many things in life and we try but can never completely prepare for parenthood, the loss of a loved one, and confronting our own mortality. The preparations of expectant parents are particularly poignant at this time of year, as we reflect on the preparations of Mary and Joseph to welcome the Baby Jesus into our world. As I said in my reflection at Lessons and Carol, the baby changes everything.

A lifetime of Advent preparation would not be enough for us to be truly ready for the marvelous mystery of the Incarnation. That God's love for humanity was so immense, that He sent His Son to take on our form and live among us, teaching us a new relationship with God and with one another, is a truth that requires faith to believe, for our human understanding cannot possibly fully grasp it. But our Advent efforts are not in vain. This time of preparation has, hopefully, opened our hearts just a little more, making space for new revelations in this holy season of how this Baby, Jesus, changed everything for humanity, and personally for each of us.

I hope that you have had a blessed Advent, and I wish you and your loved ones much Christmas joy. May we, and our entire world, find true peace, good health, and wholeness in the New Year,

Fr. Paul



A Christmas Message: The Light that brings Joy!
December 2023

Dear priests and deacons, religious and lay faithful:

The Christmas readings for Mass during the Night are charged with powerful words that reflect both our often challenging lives, as well as the hope the Lord promises us.

In Isaiah we hear of a people that “walks in darkness.” Have we not seen and experienced such? Each day on TV we see the darkness of violence in the Middle East, the on-going war in Ukraine and conflicts around the world. The consequent pain and trauma of children and families breaks our hearts, and we feel helpless. The continued racial and cultural intolerance in our own country which we experience is incomprehensible. Do we and our neighbors and friends, not also experience the trauma of great and unexpected losses from death, as well as economic losses, relational losses, yes, and even the losses of our own failures? Such darkness can weigh us down and even cloud our perspectives.

In this darkness of our sometimes sad experiences, the proclamation of Christmas Night boldly reminds us that **a Light has shone!** Indeed, this **Light brings abundant joy and great rejoicing.**

And where do we find that Light that brings Joy? It is in the child Jesus! In and through Jesus of Bethlehem we see the true humility and great love of God poured out. He wants us to embrace this Light and share this Joy. Jesus has come not only once, so long ago. Jesus comes still today – in one another, in the poor, in the bread of Word and Sacrament. Let us not miss his visitation for he comes in unexpected places... the lonely, aging neighbor, the parent with Alzheimer’s, the struggling teenager. Let us ask him... no, let us beg him for that Joy, and the grace to embrace it, and to live in the Light. And in so doing, we “push back” the darkness. May the **Light that brings Joy** shine in our hearts this Christmas and help transform our dark world!

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey



FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

As defined by Canon Law, the Finance Council is an advisory body that serves to assist and advise Fr. Paul in such matters as the creation and approval of the annual budget, fundraising, financial reporting, insurance and personnel issues, management of Mission assets, and many other subjects pertaining to the administration of Carmel Mission's affairs.

This year, our Finance Council has undergone some restructuring with the creation of the Norms for the Carmel Mission Finance Council. This document frames the Council's role, structure, functions, expectations, and member duties. In addition, it outlines the timely distribution of reports to Council members as well as the storing and confidentiality of this material.

In addition, a Ministries Handbook has been created to provide our ministry leaders with a set of procedures standardizing the various aspects of ministry accounting. Also, of great importance and at Fr. Paul's direction, a Strategic Plan has been formalized to serve as a roadmap for all the numerous ongoing and future Mission projects in need of attention.

As you will see from the Financial Overview elsewhere in this Annual Report, Carmel Mission, thanks to your generosity, is on a very sound financial footing. We are blessed to have had a very successful year. Still, we remain keenly aware of the need for your continued financial support to complete the never-ending projects of restoration, improvement, and maintenance of our beloved Carmel Mission.

I join Fr. Paul in thanking the members of our Finance Council for their dedicated service and support this past year: Mel Fortes, Frank Fritsch, Patti Gilbert, Dick Gorman, Paul Hoffman, Katie Hogan, and Adam Tight.

Tim Lewis

Finance Council Chair



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

We are happy to report a healthy fiscal year that ended with a significant surplus over our budget due in large part to a number of generous contributions.

Savings & Debt

Our current debt totals \$992,010, which is a 7.3% reduction from last year. Without question, the greatest impact on our debt reduction has been due to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners.

Income

On the revenue side, our plate collections equaled 95% of the prior year. This past year saw many income categories and activities returning to pre pandemic levels.

Expenses

Fr. Paul kept expenses below all budgeted amounts. Salaries and payroll expenses were about 20% under budget. The only expense budget item materially over budget was Operation Expenses. That overage was caused by several unexpected major repairs and storm damage expenses.



Restoration Work

Several key restoration projects were initiated. The restoration of the Storefront was started along with the completion of the Basilica Forecourt walls and doors.

Storm Damages

There were three major storms from December 2022 through March 2023, which brought heavy winds and rains that exposed weaknesses in our physical plant from roofing, trees, drainage and our electrical and back up generator systems. Much work and expense has gone into repairs and needed restoration of critical areas. This work will continue through the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Impactful Conditions

There were nearly 20% fewer visitors to Carmel Mission this past year consistent with similar decreases experienced by local area tourism.

AMA CAMPAIGNS

The generous support of our parishioners of our Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA) been a needed blessing to our entire community. The only annual fundraiser for our Carmel Mission is this campaign. Funds, over and above our contribution to the Diocesan Ministries, pay for necessary repair, maintenance and improvement projects here at the Mission. Much needed restoration work has begun on projects to address and enhance accessibility. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel has been thoroughly cleaned and we are upgrading the heating, plumbing and ventilation in addition to addressing access and security. We again are so very grateful for your generosity during our campaigns. The funds are and will be used for important projects to benefit us now and will guarantee that the Mission campus will continue to be fully accessible for many years to come.



CARMEL MISSION LEGACY SOCIETY

The legacy of giving is the inspiration behind the Carmel Mission Legacy Society. Its purpose is to acknowledge past bequests and honor those who include Carmel Mission in their estate planning.

After much preparation, the Mission's Legacy Society was launched this past March by distributing a brochure, FAQ document, and a pulpit announcement. The latter addressed the concept of the 1% option, which introduced the idea of carving out a gift of 1% of one's estate for the Mission, thus leaving 99% for other beneficiaries. (It was likewise mentioned that a gift of more than 1% to the Mission was an equally great option!) Also highlighted was that IRA and 401K retirement programs serve as an excellent source of bequests since these funds are generally fully taxable to individual beneficiaries but not to the Mission, which has non-profit tax status.

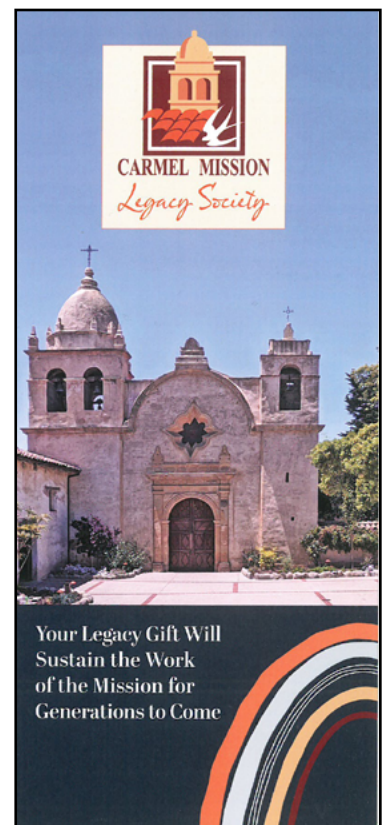
With continued parishioner support, this unique planned giving program will no doubt play a significant role in the future funding of the restoration, improvement, and maintenance needs of our beloved Carmel Mission.

As of this writing, the Carmel Mission Legacy Society is off to a good start with 23 new members.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

More and more of our parishioners are learning and taking advantage of the benefits of electronic gifting. Sign up for scheduled contributions with just a few clicks on our parish website. The amounts can be changed or stopped at any time. You will also have an annual record of your contributions including donations to our second collections for our ministries and other special appeals.

If you have not checked out the options on our website, do so today. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this resource, please click "DONATE" on our [website](#).



STORE MINISTRY

Our store is one of our most important ministries, which contributes directly to the ongoing needs of our parish. This last year the store revenue offset a little over \$60,000 of campus operating expenses. Our dedicated Mission Store staff work hard to select and stock items of great interest to our parishioners and visitors. Many visitors keep our Carmel Mission close to their hearts as they return home with a memory of Carmel Mission from our store.

For those of you who want to learn more about our Carmel Mission and Saint Junipero there is a wonderful selection of books and other resources.

Please also visit our store for special gifts for your family and friends. A gift purchased from there for your children or grandchildren may have a lasting impact on them as they see how important the Mission has been to you.



SACRAMENTS

Our Sacraments are returning back to pre-pandemic levels. Over the last year, our parish conducted 45 beautiful weddings. We also administered 23 funerals and 31 baptisms.

FAITH FORMATION

Although we got off to a late start this fall, it has been a blessed one! Carmel Mission's Faith Formation program has a total of 56 students being led by Jessica Ortega and our wonderful Catechists. We are happy to have 25 elementary students who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy First Communion, and 14 high school students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2024!

MINISTRIES

We are fortunate to have many vibrant ministries at Carmel Mission. Our ministries support the spiritual and sacramental life of our parish family. They help us welcome and educate the many pilgrims and visitors who visit the Mission each year. They allow us reach beyond our walls to share the good news of God's love, as well as offering much needed practical assistance and support, to those in need. We are grateful to the many volunteers who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support our ministries and allow them to thrive and grow.

FLOWER MINISTRY

We are most appreciative of the parishioners who have helped expand the availability and use of the beautiful flowers adorning our altars. These arrangements are a beautiful honor to those we celebrate at our masses. They greatly enhance the sacred environment for our community. Thank you for your continuing support.



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BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are most grateful for our advertisers in our bulletin. Their contributions support the preparation and cost of producing the bulletin. As we seek more advertisers, we hope to raise the funds necessary to produce and print our bulletin so we can once again hand them out at mass.

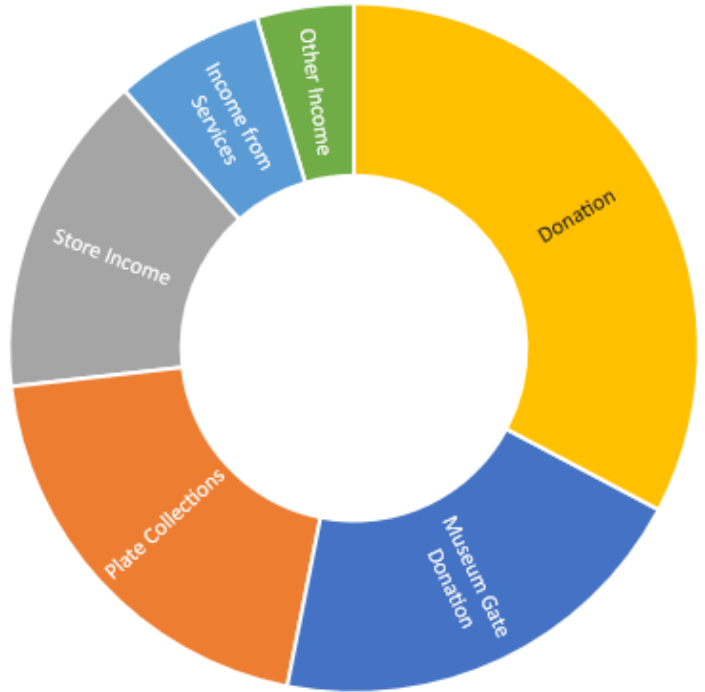
Please carefully consider advertising your business or service in our bulletin. And, please support those who advertise.

STREAMING MASS

We have many parishioners who have not been able to attend our masses in person. Your contributions have allowed us to obtain the equipment necessary to livestream our 9 a.m. mass every Sunday. It is also available at other times for you to view online at your convenience. We encourage all who cannot physically attend mass to join us via this platform. Many parishioners have expressed their thanks for this opportunity to attend mass in this manner. Many thanks to all who contributed to our AMA campaigns which made this gift to our community possible. (Sign up for our YouTube channel)

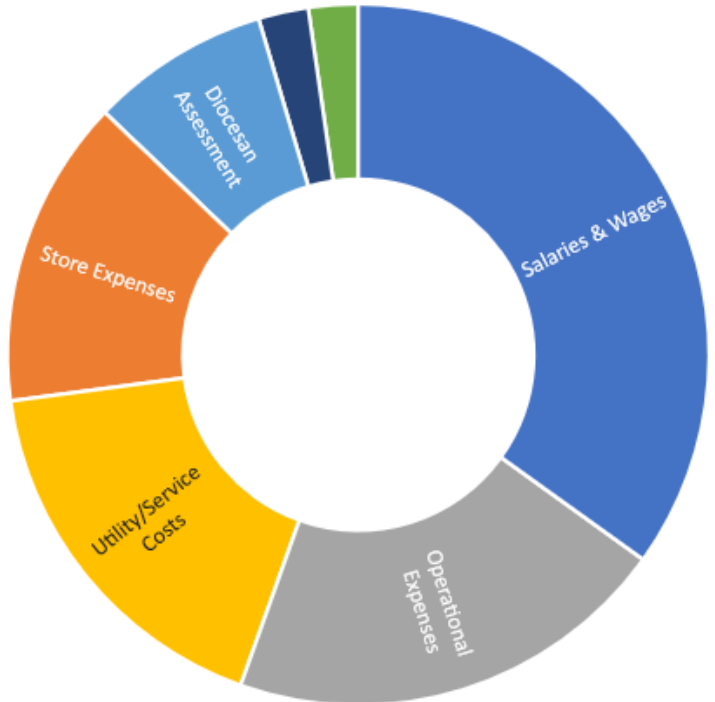
Revenue Sources

■ Museum Gate Donation	\$ 557,043	20%
■ Plate Collection	\$ 551,040	20%
■ Store Income	\$ 416,087	15%
■ Donation	\$ 896,982	33%
■ Income from Services	\$ 192,422	7%
■ Other Income	\$ 124,749	5%
TOTAL	\$2,738,323	



Expenses Sources

■ Salaries and Wages	\$ 749,510	35%
■ Store Expenses	\$ 305,756	14%
■ Operational Expenses	\$ 440,647	21%
■ Utility/Service Expenses	\$ 374,612	17%
■ Diocesan Assessment	\$ 177,496	8%
■ Ministries	\$ 49,074	2%
■ Other Expenses	\$ 49,497	2%
TOTAL	\$2,146,591	





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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. (2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)

Psalm For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29)

Reading II according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, (Rom 16:25-27)

Gospel Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. (Lk 1:26-38)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

IS 52:7-10
PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
HEB 1:1-6
JN 1:1-18

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59
PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17
MT 10:17-22

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 JN 1:1-4
PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
JN 20:1A AND 2-8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

1 JN 1:5—2:2
PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8
MT 2:13-18

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

1 JN 2:3-11
PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6
LK 2:22-35

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 JN 2:12-17
PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10
LK 2:36-40

Scripture Reflection

Our two Christmas Gospels share different perspectives, narrative styles, and theological approaches to the Christmas story. On Christmas Eve we hear from Luke. Luke presents a very factual narrative, explaining why Mary and Joseph end up in Bethlehem – Joseph has to return to his hometown to participate in the census. Mary goes with him even though she is far along in her pregnancy. As often happens in life, a major life changing event happens at an inconvenient time. Mary is going to give birth, and since there are many visitors to Bethlehem because of the census, there is no hotel room in sight. Some kind person who cannot offer them a room, does offer them their stable, which is better than nothing. So, Mary gives birth to the Son of God in a barn with animals, and lays her newborn in the manger to sleep. A great miracle has occurred and the course of human history has been changed - there need to be some witnesses! In keeping with how Jesus' ministry will unfold, it is not the rich and powerful who come to bear witness, and then offer praise to God. Instead, lowly shepherds are chosen to hear the message of the angels, and be the first to bear witness to the Christ Child. On Christmas Day we hear the very beginning of John's Gospel, the prologue. The opening passage explains the beautiful, intimate relationship of God and the Word. They share a love and oneness that does not remain in a closed loop, rather it gives life to all creation. The supreme act of this love is the pouring out of God's love into a human form. But this form will not always be a kind one to the Love it contains. The prologue points to Jesus' rejection and execution. It foresees that there are those who cannot, or will not, recognize the Creator's love masked in human flesh. But there will be those who recognize and believe in Him. Through a mystery we cannot begin to comprehend, while the Word lives in the world in human form, He does not leave the intimate oneness He has with God. As John says at the end of the prologue, "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him." (John 1:18)



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In memory of Knox Mellon, Lucille and Sigmund Herman, Connie Herman, Sean Powers, Debi Herman, and Jeff Burgo by Carlotta Mellon.

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In memory of Wayne and Patricia Allison, Nellie Allison, Ruth Hinshaw, and Vearl Allison by Sherry and Frank Williams

In honor of Mary Hon Vu by Carol Vu

In honor of Stephanie Drum by John Drum

In memory of Anna Marie Hall, Kenneth Hall, Dolores Plain, Alby Plain, and Marian Plain by Hank and Lisa Plain

In memory of Harold Schrock and David Banks by Katie Hogan

In honor of Pam and John Wood by Reginald Regalado

In thanksgiving for Christmas blessings by

Liwayway Ramil,
Russell Jandrisevits,
Alicia Swithenbank,
Matt and Jean Kelleher,
Edward and Mariola Mierzwa,
Josph and Sharon Crescente,
Richard Moley,
Mely Figuerres,
Marti McKim,
Judy Walker,
Edward and Joanna Stork,
Thomas and Janet Cahalan,
Paul and Kate Mcgrath,
Nick and Mary Alice Fettis Michael Chandler,
Robert and Mary Ann Moore,
Christine Cantu,
Kristine and Erik Riera,
Richard Lins

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

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

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

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

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

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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MASS AT THE MISSION

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass (12/23/2023)

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

Sunday Masses (12/24/2023) Christmas Eve

9:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

11:00 am - Indoor Mass with Choir.

4:00 pm - Indoor Family Mass in the Basilica

8:30 pm - Carols before Mass in the Basilica

9:00 pm - Indoor Christmas Eve Mass in the Basilica

Monday Masses (12/25/2023) Christmas Day

9:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

11:00 am - Indoor Mass with Choir.

Noon Masses

No Masses Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Friday, Dec. 29 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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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:



Josephine Moseley,
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

Ways to support Carmel Mission

There are many opportunities to give to Carmel Mission and our parish community.

You can participate in the weekly Mass Collections that support the maintenance of our Basilica and museums, and the many ministries available in our dioceses. There are also the Christmas Appeals and of course our biggest campaign of the year the Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA).

Lets not forget the newest addition, the Carmel Mission's Legacy Society.

- Annual Christmas Appeal and Christmas Flowers
- Falge Ministry's Christmas Appeal
- Large Gifts
- Annual Ministry Appeal
- Legacy Society

Carmel Mission Christmas Appeal

We are so fortunate to receive the generosity of your gifts during this blessed season of Christmas. We also receive donations for our beautiful and unique display of flower. We rely upon this seasonal giving to support our many wonderful activities.

LAST YEAR WE RAISED

\$59,500.00

We hope to exceed last year's amount this season, particularly since Christmas falls around a weekend and we miss the benefit of a separate collection.

Falge Farmworker's Annual Ministry Appeal



Thank you for supporting the Falge Farmworker Ministry Annual Christmas Appeal.

Through your generosity...

WE HAVE RAISED

\$ 53,601.40

Large Gifts

THANK YOU!

Here at Carmel Mission we are truly blessed to periodically receive significant donations which are not reflected in the weekly collection totals published in the bulletin. These gifts are vital to supporting and sustaining the operation of our parish and services. They are often

reserved for targeted donations where the donor feels the funds are best utilized and given with an expectation of anonymity. It is my honor and pleasure to report on these gifts, which are so crucial to our continued mission. If you feel God may be calling you to make such a contribution, or are interested in supporting a particular project or initiative in a significant manner, I would be delighted to speak with you further.



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STEWARDSHIP

Carmel Mission Legacy

Build Your Legacy Here.

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

[Visit our Website](#)

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AMA 2023 — Faith in our Future

With your stewardship and amazing support for Carmel Mission we surpassed the \$25K Match Challenge this year! By doing so, we have once again exceeded our goal of \$250,000 for our 2023 AMA Campaign at the end of the Easter Season.

For more information and to donate to our AMA click here.

**AMA 2023
Faith in Our Future**

Report for the week ending on 12/10/23:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 6,375.16
Mailed Donation:	\$ 7,660.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 4,593.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 636.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe:	\$ 213.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$19,477.16



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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.

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 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

Coffee and Donuts returns next month.





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
- 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 More information at carmelmission.org/ministries/falge-farmworker-ministry



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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 Ministry Carmel Mission Basilica

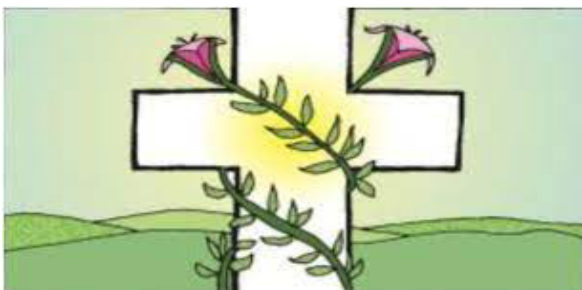
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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, 831-624-4056 (h) or 831-392-7900 (c).
Or contact 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 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



Carmel Mission Bible Study

Bible Study meets in Crespi Hall every Wednesday at at 10:30 am

Our parish's Bible Study has completed its study of the Book of Psalms.

We will begin our study of Song of Songs, sometimes called Song of Solomon on January 10. Please join us for this exciting look at one of the books forming the background of our Catholic Faith.

Following that study, we will take up the Gospel of Mark.

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 will not be meeting during the Christmas holidays and will resume on January 12.

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 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!





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