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Happy New Year!



**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31, 2023**



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Scripture gives us little insight into the private thoughts of Joseph and Mary. They know that Jesus is the Son of God, and the parade of people who came to worship Him in the stable certainly confirmed that He was no ordinary child. But in day-to-day life, Jesus was an ordinary child. He needed to be fed and changed and looked after just like any child. No doubt routines were established and life returned to a new normal, as it does for all new parents. Part of this new normal was the routine trip to the temple for the proscribed purification. As devout Jews, Mary and Joseph would not overlook this important ritual. But their encounters with Simeon and Anna in the temple were anything but ordinary.

Both Simeon and Anna are longing for the coming of the Messiah. Simeon has been promised by God that he will not die until he lays on eyes on the Promised One. Both immediately recognize Jesus as that Messiah, and Simeon foresees Mary's journey by her Son's side to the cross where His side will be pierced by a sword but her heart will also be pierced by the pain of the world's rejection. Joseph and Mary are amazed by what they learn about the child Jesus. They take their amazement home with them, and we can assume life again settles into routine, where it will largely remain until Jesus begins His earthly ministry.

Do you have a perfect family? I know that I do not! I always say there is no such thing as a perfect family, only varying levels of disfunction. In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph we do not find a perfect family, but we do find a Holy Family. All their actions, individually and collectively, are an attempt to learn and do God's will. This is not the easiest path for them, but it is the true path. This is their example to us, not that we have to be perfect, but that bound together by love, we can strive to discover God's will and implement it our lives.

I wish you and your loved ones Christmas blessings of good health and new hope. May you, and our world, find peace and joy in the New Year.

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:2-6, 12-14)

Psalm Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5)

Reading II in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:12-21)

Gospel The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (LK 2:22-40)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

NM 6:22-27
PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
GAL 4:4-7
LK 2:16-21

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

1 JN 2:22-28
PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4
JN 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

1 JN 2:29-3:6
PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6
JN 1:29-34

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

1 JN 3:7-10
PS 98:1, 7-8, 9
JN 1:35-42

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

1 JN 3:11-21
PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5
JN 1:43-51

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

1 JN 5:5-13
PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
MK 1:7-11

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings seem at first glance to present an idealized portrait of family life, but a closer look reveals a very realistic understanding of what it takes to create a harmonious home. Those who do good and who try to follow God's ways in everything often experience great pain and suffering. Sarah and Abraham yearn for a child, wondering desperately how the gifts from God could possibly last without an heir. Mary and Joseph are completely devoted to God, and follow all the prescriptions of the law, yet, as Simeon prophesies, they struggle, like all faithful people, to understand God's ways. At the Annunciation, Mary says "yes" even as she questions, "How can it be?" (Luke 1:34). What God asks of her puts her in very difficult circumstances. Other people in Nazareth know that she and Joseph are betrothed but they have not begun living together, what will they say when the baby arrives too soon? Contemplation, faithfulness and trust are three essential virtues that Mary exemplifies for weathering difficult times that challenge harmonious family life. Like Mary and Joseph, Sarah and Abraham are blessed what child that should not have happened. Mary's virginity and Sarah's old age should have excluded them motherhood, but God takes up special partnership with them and give them and their children a special place in salvation history. As we strive to follow the example of Mary in contemplation, faithfulness and trust, inspiration and comfort can be found in the words of the psalmist, "He remembers forever his covenant/ which he made binding for a thousand generations/which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath with Isaac." Amid the small and large trials of family life, God was present with Sarah and Abraham and Mary and Joseph. He is no less present, so many generations later, in our lives today, continuing to honor His covenant and fulfill His promises of mercy and care.



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THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ARE GIVEN:

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

In memory of Ken and Bobbie Olsen by Monique Olsen

In memory of Bob Condry by Mary Condry

In memory of Pym Gilbert by Patricia Gilbert

In memory of Kathy Anderson by Laura Schwingel

In honor of the Fritsch and McLane Families by Frank and Mary Fritsch

In honor of the Vivas-Peach and Montenegro Families by Victoria Peach

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 Shrock and David Banks by Katie Hogan

In honor of Pam and John Wood by Reginald Regalado

In memory of Miriam McLindon, Frank and Marie Kelly, Dorothy Ningston, Mary Cudahy, and in honor of Dorothy McGrath by Paul and Kate McGrath

In memory of Edward Wodecki by Grazyna Gonet

In memory of Keenan T Lucero and Joseph (Barney) Lucero by Joseph and Bonita Genovese

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,
 Nick and Mary Alice Fettis Michael Chandler,
 Robert and Mary Ann Moore,
 Christine Cantu,
 Kristine and Erik Riera,
 Richard Lins
 William Comstock and Debra Nichols,
 Alvarado Cardenes,
 Judy and William Bishop,
 Fritz Snyder,
 Chris Stone,
 Alex Lilley,
 and Alicia Swithenbank

12/31/2023

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

Mass Schedule

New Year's Day Mass

Monday, January 1 — Mass at 12:00 pm 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.

Noon Masses

12:00 pm — Indoor Mass Wednesday - Friday 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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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:



Mackenzie Dykstra,
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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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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Carmel Mission Legacy

Build Your Legacy Here.

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

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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 12/17/23:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 7,983.27
Mailed Donation:	\$ 5,626.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 4,459.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 1,491.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$19,559.27



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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.





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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

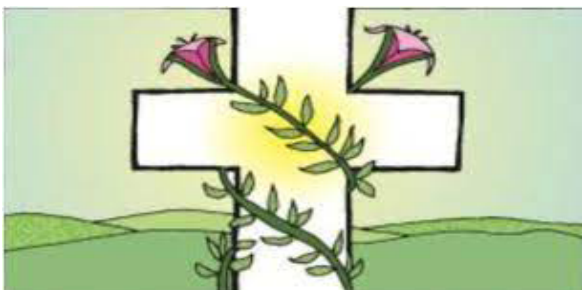
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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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CARMEL MISSION STORE

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Don't miss the great deals on Christmas items, jewelry, statues, books and more.

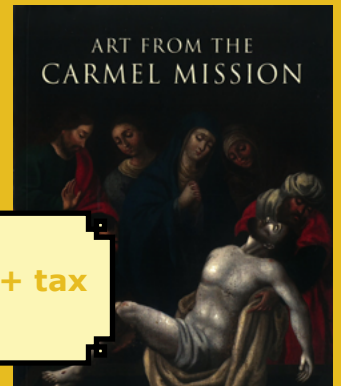
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Remember to pick up a copy.

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