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**The Epiphany of the Lord  
Sunday, January 7, 2024**



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# FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the visit of the Magi from the East to honor and worship the child Jesus. The Magi begin their search in the place one might expect to find a newborn king, the palace. Just days after His birth, Jesus is already making trouble for King Herod. Sensing a threat to his power, Herod attempts to commission the Magi to find the new King for him, no doubt so he can eliminate the perceived threat. Indeed, Herod will have a role to play in Jesus' eventual passion and death. Herod's jealous clutch on his temporal power blinds him to seeing God's promise being fulfilled to the people Herod supposedly represents. In sharp contrast stand the Magi and their extraordinary trust and openness to God's workings in places and people foreign to them.

When the Magi finally find the child Jesus, it is certainly not in a palatial setting. The humble abode, and the humble lives of Mary and Joseph, do not represent any usual understanding of kingship. But the Magi know they have arrived, and respond with joy and praise. Faced with the decision to obey the will of the established king, Herod, or take a chance on following the newborn king, Jesus, they do not hesitate. Their belief in God's promise brought them to worship the Child King, and they are eager to be a part of His new kingdom.

It was their study of the stars that revealed the miracle of Jesus's incarnation to the Magi, and a star guided them on their journey to discover the newborn King. Throughout Scripture, God reveals the way to the divine through the natural world. When we study, or simply revel in, the beauty and mystery of the natural world we are probing the mind of the Creator. As we begin a new year, I invite you to join me in re-committing ourselves to the study, the enjoyment, and the careful stewardship of all God's creation.

Please also join me, as we consider the terrible toll that war is exacting on our world, to implore the newborn Prince of Peace to bring peace to every corner of our globe, and to every human heart. I wish you and your loved ones Christmas blessings of good health and great joy. May peace prevail in this New Year,

Fr. Paul



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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1-6)

**Psalm** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13)

**Reading II** You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, (Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6)

**Gospel** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:1-12)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

IS 42:1-4, 6-7  
PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
MK 1:7-11

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

1 SM 1:9-20  
1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD  
MK 1:21-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20  
PS 40:2 AND 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10  
MK 1:29-39

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

1 SM 4:1-11  
PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
MK 1:40-45

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A  
PS 89:16-17, 18-19  
MK 2:1-12

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1  
PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
MK 2:13-17

## Scripture Reflection

For those of us who live in the Northern Hemisphere, today's celebration of divine light, glory and shining radiance comes in the darkest time of the year. Isaiah's exults in God's brilliance, which bursts forth for the returning exiles, as Jerusalem rises up in splendor once again. The prophet envisions thick clouds covering all the other peoples. They are drawn to Israel like moths to a flame. Jerusalem will light the way, not only for its own inhabitants, but it now provides a welcome refuge for all others. All people, from near and far, come to the holy city bearing priceless gifts: riches from the sea, caravans of camels bulging with treasures, gold, and wealth beyond measure. The Gospel tells of the fulfillment of this prophecy in a rather small and humble way. Yes, light guides the foreigners to Jerusalem and they do bring some riches but this is not the full gathering of nations that Isaiah predicts. This is a small party of people on camels asking direction to a newborn king that is news to everyone else. Jerusalem does not respond with the overflowing heart that Isaiah calls for, rather its political leader responds with jealousy and a greedy clinging to power. The fullness of God's promise is yet to be revealed. The exotic visitors from the East, who come with their priceless gifts for the newborn King, signal the welcome of all peoples into God's embrace. The gift of the Christ is to all, Jew and Gentile alike, as the letter to the Ephesians insists. It asserts that God's grace, made known first to the Jewish people, is now revealed to all. Moreover, there is no distinction between those who were the first stewards of this mystery, and those who now enter in. "The Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel." There is no special privilege for those who arrive first. The psalm offers praise to both the king, and to God who gives him power, but it balances this praise with expectations for his leadership. Justice and peace are fruits of rightly ordered power. The king receives praise not for his own glory, but in honor of the justice he enacts.



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# ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus,**

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

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

**Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,**

**come at least spiritually into my heart.**

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

**Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen.**



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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 memory of Cleotilde and Honorio Bangoman and Cressenda Eduardo Sr. Mercado by Eduardo and Andrea Mercado

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## 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,  
 Alicia Swithenbank,  
 George and Dalila Pita,  
 and David F. Gomez



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# MASS AT THE MISSION

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday Mass

5:30 pm - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

### Sunday Masses

9:00 am - Indoor Mass in the Basilica.

11:00 am - Indoor Mass with Choir.

### 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 extension of our Mass. We ask that everyone be aware and respectful of the prayerful environment of this setting.

### Accessibility

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





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# 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,

... 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.

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.,





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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.

**IN 2024 WE RAISED**

**\$50,069.00**

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**

**\$117,022.73**

## 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

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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 12/24/23:

<b>Electronic Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 7,283.45</b>
<b>Mailed Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 6,496.00</b>
<b>Weekend Masses — Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 5,254.00</b>
<b>Christmas and Christmas Eve:</b>	<b>\$14,815.00</b>

**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$33,848.45**



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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

Coffee and Donuts returns January





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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

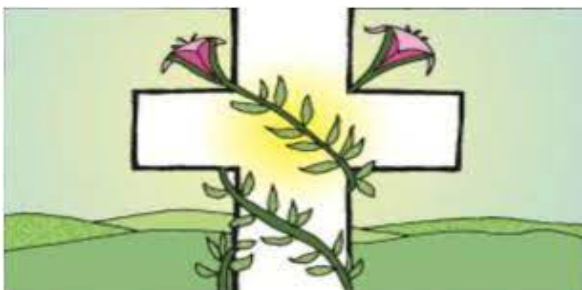
### ***Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!***

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](mailto:visayanfm@yahoo.com), 831-624-4056 (h) or 831-392-7900 (c).  
Or contact [Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org](mailto:Fr.Paul@carmelmission.org).

## Homebound Ministry



Dear Parishioners of Carmel Mission,

If you or someone you know cannot get to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact our Homebound Ministry Coordinator, Joan Brophy Thomas at (831) 624 3074.

Please stay safe and sound, Blessings,  
Fr. Paul

**Be advised:** Regularly scheduled events published in the bulletin are subject to change. Please check in with the activity leader or parish calendar for updates prior to attending all events.



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## Carmel Mission 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 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**

On January 12, Book Club will begin reading **In God's Holy Light: Wisdom from the Desert Monastics** by Joan Chittister. This book explores sayings of monks and nuns who lived in the Egyptian wastelands between the third and fifth centuries.

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!





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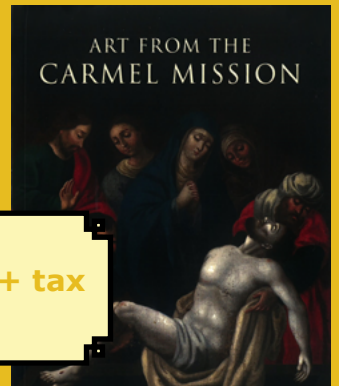
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