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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
January 14, 2024**



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Our readings today invite us into a relational way of growing closer to God, using our human relationships to guide and support us on our faith journey. In the Gospel, John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and with his encouragement John's disciples begin to follow Jesus. Jesus invites them into encounter with Him, saying, "Come and you will see." (John 1:39) After a day spent with Jesus, they are convinced, and one of them, Andrew, brings his brother Simon to meet the person he now knows is the Messiah. Through the witness of first John the Baptist, and then Andrew, Simon meets Jesus and gains a new name, Peter. In the first reading, Samuel hears God's voice but does not understand who is calling him. It requires the guidance of Eli, who is familiar with God's voice and God's ways, to help him recognize and respond to God's call.

By both Scripture readings we are inspired to reflect on who in our lives is revealing God to us, and how we can possibly point others to God. For the latter, as we see in the Gospel, our witness is a powerful tool. This is not an imposition of our beliefs, but a free sharing of who God is for us, and how our relationship with God is a force for good in our lives. In the same vein, both the disciples and Samuel model an openness that we would do well to emulate. We never know when a seemingly ordinary encounter or relationship may become an extraordinary opportunity to deepen our understanding of God's presence in our lives.

In the Scriptures we learn that it is not out of the realm of the possible for God to communicate with us in our sleeping dreams, as He did with Samuel, Joseph, and the Magi, to name just a few. But God also calls to us through our hopes and our daydreams. This week I invite you to join me in paying attention to the people, experiences, and interactions that bring us joy. What are the dreams resting in our hearts and how might God be calling to us through our deepest desires?

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

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I "Here I am. You called me."
(1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19)

Psalm Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
(Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10)

Reading II The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. (1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20)

Gospel "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" (Jn 1:35-42)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

1 SM 15:16-23
PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23
MK 2:18-22

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

1 SM 16:1-13
PS 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
MK 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10
MK 3:1-6

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

1 SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7
PS 56:2-3, 9-10A, 10B-11, 12-13
MK 3:7-12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

1 SM 24:3-21
PS 57:2, 3-4, 6 AND 11
MK 3:13-19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

2 SM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
PS 80:2-3, 5-7
MK 3:20-21

Scripture Reflection

Unlike the other three Gospels, the Gospel of John does not depict Jesus calling the first disciples while walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is John the Baptist who points the way to two of his disciples saying, "This is the Lamb of God." As in the other Gospels, they take heed and begin to follow Jesus. In this telling, the call to discipleship comes through witness. John the Baptist's disciples leave him and begin to follow Jesus. One of them, Andrew, brings his brother, Simon Peter. Later, Philip brings Nathanael to Jesus (1:45-51) and later on the Samaritan woman brings her townspeople to Him (4:29-42). Today's readings show the diverse ways the call to discipleship can come. In the first reading, Samuel is unable to understand God's call until Eli helps him hear with new ears. This moment of new hearing so changes Samuel's life that he grows up and lives his whole life with his ears attuned to God. That one moment of calling and direct experience with God, made possible by the mentorship of Eli, changes everything in Samuel's life. In the Gospel, the call comes through the mediation of another's witness. In whatever way the call to discipleship comes, Paul reminds us that we do not encounter the Holy as disembodied spirits. Rather, our bodies are sacred, "temples of the Holy Spirit." That Jesus took on human flesh and that God raised him bodily underscores the importance of the body. Through our bodies we experience godliness, and in them we glorify God. The psalm demonstrates the listening posture with which we hope to respond to all God's callings. We sing it in direct response to the first reading, joining our voices to Samuel's as we strive to respond with his obedience and trust.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Altar Flowers Opportunity

The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Knox Mellon by Carlotta Mellon.



Here at Carmel Mission we are very fortunate to be surrounded by natural beauty in our wonderful gardens, and we receive feedback from parishioners and visitors alike on how much they enjoy the flowers, plants and trees on our property. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty of God, in whose image we are made. When we enjoy beautiful flowers, plants and trees we are celebrating God's gift of the natural world.

We are so happy to continue the beauty of altar flowers at our Masses each week. We invite you to consider sponsoring a bouquet for \$90 in memory or honor of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God.

The altar flowers will be a part of our weekend Masses and your dedication will included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at liturgy@carmelmission.org for more information and to schedule your gift. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to ensure that these symbols of beauty and life are part of our weekly celebrations.



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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 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:



Anne Nelson,
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 Mosely,
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,

... 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.

Annual Statements delivered on January 26

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 2022 WE RAISED

\$63,943

IN 2023 WE RAISED

\$50,319

Falge Farmworker's Annual Ministry Appeal



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

Through your generosity...

IN 2022 WE RAISED

\$84,676.07

IN 2023 WE 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



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 12/31/23:

Electronic Donation: \$ 6,936.64
Mailed Donation: \$42,949.00
Weekend Masses — Collection: \$ 5,124.00

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$55,009.64



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Coffee and Donuts

Join us for a morning of hospitality in Crespi after each Sunday Mass at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

- January 14
- January 21
- January 28



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 for information.

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.

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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I-HELP Ministry Carmel Mission Basilica

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

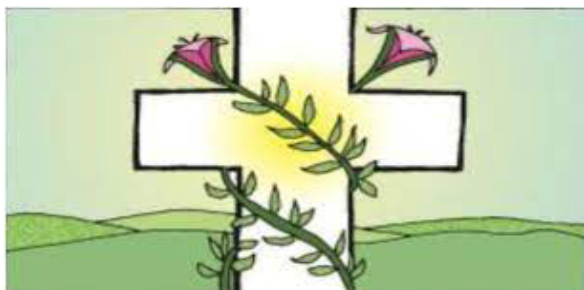
Once a month, for several years the Carmel Mission has hosted both the men's and the women's programs through the [Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program](#) (I-HELP). Carmel Mission provided overnight shelter for the I-HELP men's program on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Volunteers provided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

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

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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