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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
January 21, 2024**



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# FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we hear Mark's version of how Jesus came to call His first disciples to their ministry. Again, as we heard in John last week, John the Baptist is pointing the way for his followers to come to follow Jesus. But there is a less direct through line here. John has been arrested by the authorities for proclaiming the coming of the Messiah and the fulfillment of the Scriptures. His followers had no doubt taken his proclamations to heart, and were waiting to see what would unfold next. In comes Jesus, walking along the seashore. He sees two fishermen, brothers Andrew and Simon, and invites them to join him in the greatest endeavor the world has ever known, salvation. Even prepared as they were for something extraordinary by the preaching of John the Baptist, it must have been a surprise. And yet, they do not hesitate for a second, they abandon all they have known and follow Jesus into the unknown.

God's creativity knows no bounds. Last week I talked about how God can speak to us in our dreams, our day-dreams, our desires and our imaginations. In the Gospel today, God speaks to the disciples in their emotions, their compulsions. We often think of compulsions as negative, but here we see Jesus compel His new disciples by His mere existence. They are drawn to follow Him so strongly, that that feeling itself becomes a rationale. God is always reaching out to us, trying to touch us and draw us into deeper relationship. God is always working in the background of our lives, hoping that we will open ourselves to the possibilities God offers each of us.

The first disciples model an almost incomprehensible level of trust in God's attraction. We cannot know what being in the presence of Jesus on earth was like, but I think their reaction gives us some indication. While we cannot expect such a direct call to God's will, I invite you to join me this week into thinking about our strongest feelings, to what or who we are drawn to, and if perhaps God is speaking to us, calling to us, through them.

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

Fr. Paul





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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." (Jon 3:1-5, 10)

**Psalms** Teach me your ways, O Lord.  
(Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

**Reading II** For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:29-31)

**Gospel** "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-20)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

2 SM 5:1-7, 10  
PS 89:20, 21-22, 25-26  
MK 3:22-30

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19  
PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
MK 3:31-35

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

2 SM 7:4-17  
PS 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30  
MK 4:1-20

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

ACTS 22:3-16  
PS 117:1BC, 2  
MK 16:15-18

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

2 TM 1:1-8  
PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 7-8A, 10  
MK 4:26-34

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17  
PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
MK 4:35-41

## Scripture Reflection

Last week's Gospel gave us John's depiction of Simon and Andrew's calling, this week we hear Mark's. Here the brothers are together rather than being called one by one, and since John the Baptist is imprisoned, he cannot point the way towards Jesus for those who were once his disciples. In this story, the apostles-to-be are called in the midst of their workday. Jesus interrupts them, and rather than resist and continue on with their daily work, they stop. Something about Him compels them to accept and even embrace this disruption to their everyday lives. They respond with extraordinary trust to something that could have been perceived as an inconvenience, and they encounter God there. In the first reading, an entire city responds with faith to the same interruption that Simon and Andrew receive. No one in Nineveh wanted to hear that they were doing wrong, and they could have dismissed the prophet as crazy. Instead, they embrace the interruption, realizing that they need it. They need to disrupt their evil ways and make a change. Not all interruptions are so dramatic, but God is often in them. In the second reading St. Paul, believing that the end times are right around the corner insists that time is running out, and the usual way of doing things no longer serves. Radical change is needed to be ready to welcome Jesus again. The psalm reminds us to take a posture of listening and humility with God. No matter how experienced we are in the life of faith, we are the students, the disciples and God is the one who teaches. The other readings show us that God is often present in interruption and inconvenience. These ways are God are learning opportunities for us if we are open to their meaning and their unexpected grace.

# 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



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 be included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at [liturgy@carmelmission.org](mailto: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.



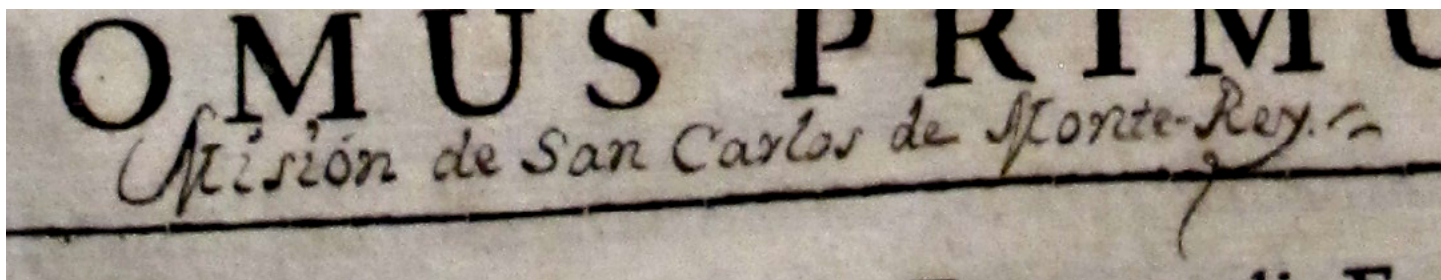
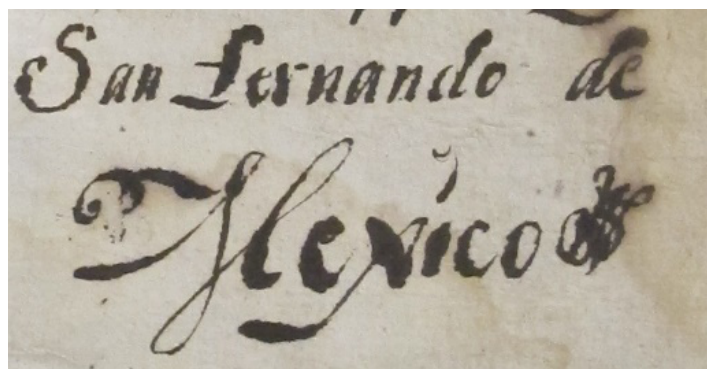
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# FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA

As promised in the previous update on the Convento Library project, I'd like to focus our attention today on the travels our books have undertaken to get to where they are now, that is, Carmel Mission. Some books have traveled far and wide until they landed here, seen many things, surely, and as they say, if they could talk, what tales they would tell. How do we know where they came from and where they have "lived"? Oftentimes someone will write not only their own name in a book, as a sign of ownership, but also some information as to the place where the book belongs. This might be indicated with an inscribed note, a stamp, or some sort of bookplate. These marks are usually called by their Latin term, "ex libris," meaning "from the books [of]." They help us to determine a book's provenance, which is to say, a chain of ownership of people or places.

I had mentioned previously that Saint Junipero did not write his name in books. He did, however, inscribe some books with a note that they belonged to Mission San Carlos. I've been able to determine through handwriting comparisons that Father Serra wrote the Mission name on the title page in about a dozen of the books we currently have in our Mission library. The inscription usually reads "Mision de San Carlos de Monte-Rey." We can tell that it is his own handwriting based on several factors, most notably his capital "M" and the long down stroke in the middle:

But where did these books come from originally, before the Franciscans brought them to the various missions in Alta California? Most of the 550 volumes we now have were published in Spain, mostly in Madrid. Some few were actually printed in Mexico City, while others, mostly those in Latin, came from Germany, Belgium or France. They would have been collected by Franciscan librarians in Spain and sent on to the missionary houses in Mexico City. Many of our books came from the Franciscan college of San Fernando, founded in 1734 in Mexico City as the mother house of all Franciscan missionary activity in New Spain. About twenty or so of our books carry a mark from San Fernando, either as an inscription or as an imprint on the top or bottom edges of the book block.







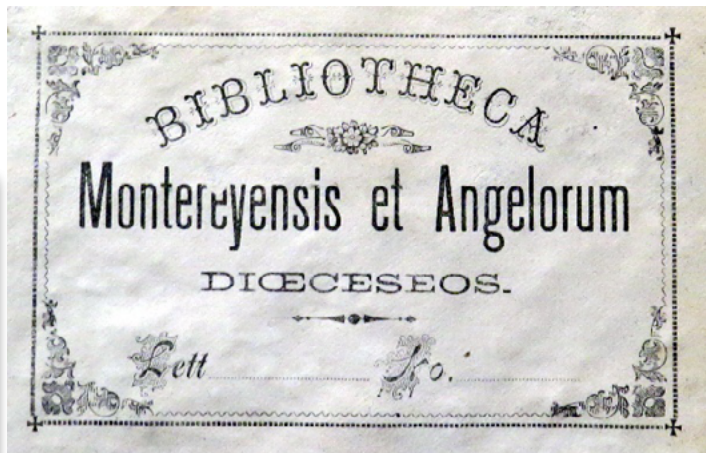
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Once the books arrived in Mexico, they would have formed a sizeable library in Mexico City. From there, certain books would have traveled with the Franciscans to their own distant missions to form the nucleus of their libraries. Once in Baja or Alta California, some books might have been loaned to others, or traveled to newly founded missions.

After the missions were secularized and abandoned in the 1830s and 1840s, the libraries were scattered to the wind. Some books went to rectories or parish libraries, some into private homes, while others went to various Franciscan institutions. We have library stamps in our books that indicate a sojourn in places like the Franciscan Convent in Santa Barbara, the Franciscan retirement residence in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as other missions, such as San Luis Rey.

As the missions were restored and property returned, our books began to return as well. About 30 books came back in 1931 from the Rectory in Santa Cruz. They were identified as belonging to Mission San Carlos by their unique shelf marks. This return is documented in notes written in pen on the title pages. Others came from various places, especially the parish in Monterey, as Harry Downie began putting the library back together again in the 1950s and 1960s. One source was the old diocesan library at Mission San Fernando, assembled there in 1969. The bookplate, in Latin, indicates that these books came from the "library of the diocese of Monterey and (Los) Angeles."



Our books have been on an amazing journey. They have now come to a well-deserved rest in their home here in Carmel, and they will thankfully be with us for many more years to come.

Bill Whobrey  
Library Project Manager



# STEWARDSHIP

## 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

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## AMA 2023 — Faith in our Future

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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:

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

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**TOTAL DONATIONS: \$55,009.64**





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# CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

## 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 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](mailto: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!***

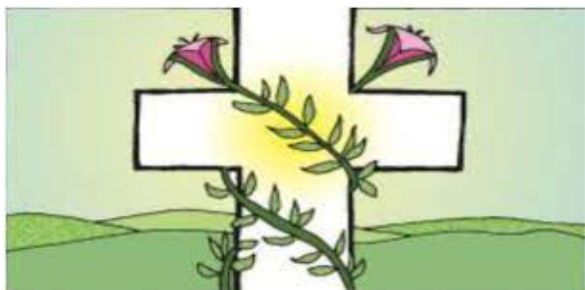
Once a month, for several years the Carmel Mission has hosted both the men's and the women's programs through the [Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program](#) (I-HELP). Carmel Mission provided overnight shelter for the I-HELP men's program on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Volunteers provided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

## 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)

## 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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