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**First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 18, 2024**



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FR. PAUL'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the Gospel of Mark there is an encounter between Jesus and two of His disciples, James and John, that sparked an idea for our theme this Lenten season. The two brothers ask that they may be granted the favor to sit, one at Jesus' right hand, and one at Jesus' left, when He comes into His glory. Jesus says, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you ready to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" (Mark 10:38) Later in Mark's Gospel Jesus asks that He may be spared of drinking from this cup, "Abba, Father everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will but what you will." (Mark 14:36)

This Lenten season our theme at Carmel Mission is "Drink The Cup." We ask ourselves, are we ready to drink from Jesus' cup? We will not face the same challenges He did, but we will face our own. We will suffer pain, illness, and loss. We will experience disappointment, fear, and despair. Will we respond as Jesus did, with courage and dignity, with love always inspiring our actions and reactions? Are we ready to drink the cup?

Maybe we are, maybe we are not - but I believe our answer is always that we want to be, and, with God's help, we will try! This Lenten season, as we prepare to accompany our Savior to the Cross, to the grave, and ultimately to the promise of Eternal Life that is the Resurrection, let us pay special attention to how Jesus prepares Himself to drink the cup. How he draws strength from prayer, from His loving relationships with His imperfect disciples, from the quiet fortitude of His mother and the other women who care for Him and His mission, and how, in the moments of greatest trial, He focuses on truth, justice, and love. May His example inspire, guide and aid us when we presented with our own cup to drink.

I wish you and your loved ones Lenten blessings of good health, new inspiration, and fresh insight. Please continue to pray for peace,

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I "I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you:.." (Gn 9:8-15)

Psalm Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

Reading II This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, (1 Pt 3:18-22)

Gospel The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, (Mk 1:40-45)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

LV 19:1-2, 11-18
PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15
MT 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

IS 55:10-11
PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
MT 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

JON 3:1-10
PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
LK 11:29-32

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1 PT 5:1-4
PS 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6
MT 16:13-19

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

EZ 18:21-28
PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8
MT 5:20-26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DT 26:16-19
PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
MT 5:43-48

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus invites us all to choose a change in lifestyle. It is not imposed, but failure to do so will have dire consequences. Repentance is a chance of mind and heart, a lifelong process of transformation. Jesus invites us to both a turning away from whatever is inhibiting the full flourishing of the divine intent for creation and a turning towards the source of divine love. There is no better time to begin turning than now. This crucial time is marked by the presence of two simultaneous forces: the divine Spirit who empowers us to choose what is of God, and Satan, the adversary, pulling us in the opposite direction. In the Gospel the Spirit drives Jesus into the desert where the choices could not be clearer. In biblical tradition, the desert represents the place where opposing forces meet. The desert can be a place of danger, where wild beasts live and revolutionaries hide. It was a place of testing for Israel, where they turned on their leaders and murmured against God (Numbers 10:11-21:34.) In prophetic tradition, the time in desert was romanticized into a honeymoon period where the people could be alone with their beloved God, with nothing to distract them. So too, for Jesus, the Spirit is with Him in the desert but also so is the adversary – all those systems and forces that are opposed to God. The good news that Jesus announces and embodies is that God's ministering, comforting, and empowering presences is at hand now, in every moment, especially in times of crisis. The first reading gives us the end of Noah's story, in which God establishes a covenant and promises to never again send such a devastating flood. In the second reading, Peter reads the Noah narrative as a prefiguration of Baptism. The water of Baptism cleans our souls from the stain of original sin and leaves us with new hearts ready to hear and act on the word of God. The psalm affirms that God is our guide and companion on our journey of life. God shows us the way to go in order to end up in union with God.

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 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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LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

Ash Wednesday

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

February 14 at 12:00 PM in the Basilica

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday following Noon Mass

February 16 - March 22 in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel

Taizé Prayer

Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

February 21 - March 20 in the Basilica

Reconciliation Service

Friday, March 15

6:00 PM In the Basilica

Palm Sunday

Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 23: Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 24: Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass and Adoration

5:30 PM - 11:00 PM In the Basilica

Good Friday, March 29

The Lord's Passion

1:00 PM In the Basilica

Tenebrae

7:30 PM In the Basilica

Easter

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, March 30
8:00 PM In the Basilica

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, March 31
9:00, 11:00 AM, & 1:00 PM In the Basilica



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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:



Dorothy Limov,
Brigadier General William Joseph
Mullen III (Ret.),
Deacon William Reichmuth,
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,

... 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.



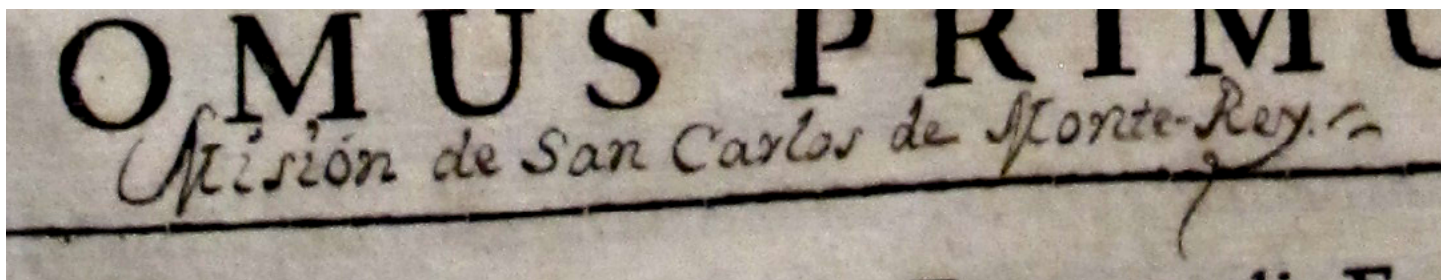
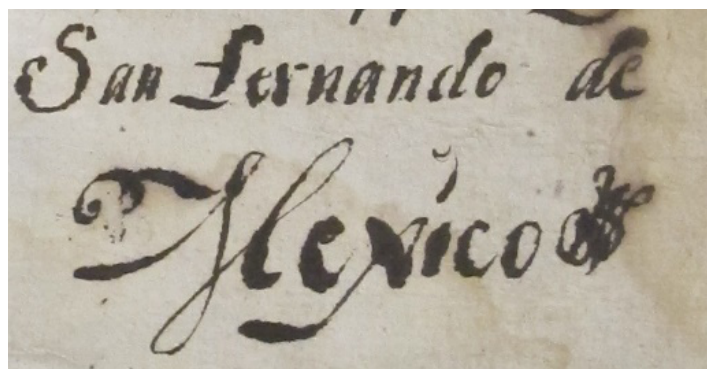
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FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA

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.





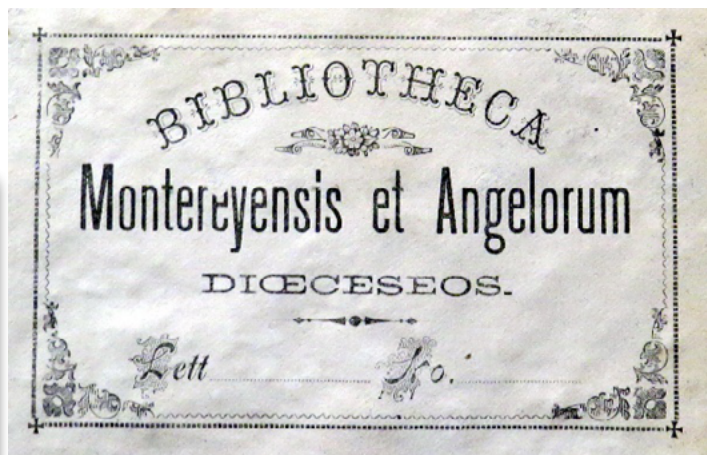
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Once the books arrived in Mexico, they would have formed a sizeable library in Mexico City. From there, certain books would have traveled with the Franciscans to their own distant missions to form the nucleus of their libraries. Once in Baja or Alta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





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STEWARDSHIP

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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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 weeks ending on 2/04/24:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 4,270.95
Mailed Donation:	\$ 1,172.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 3,616.00

TOTAL DONATIONS:	\$ 9,058.95
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Stations of the Cross

**Join us every Friday after the Noon Mass
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Every Friday during Lent until March 22, we will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Taizé Prayer

Join Us Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Basilica

Every Wednesday during Lent until March 20, we will meet in the Basilica for an hour of prayer.

Coffee and Donuts

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

- February 25



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 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.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meets in Crespi Hall every Friday at 12:50 pm

Centering Prayer meets before Book Club at 12:55 on Fridays in Crespi Hall. All are welcome to join in Centering Prayer, with the option to stay for Book Club at 1:30. For more information about Centering Prayer, please email Sally Greig at saljogreig@aol.com



Carmel Mission Book Club

Book Club meets in Crespi Hall every Friday at 1:30 pm

On February 16th, Book Club will begin reading **What Jesus Saw from the Cross** by Fr. A. G. Sertillanges, a 20th century Dominican priest who lived in Jerusalem. This devotional classic depicts events of the last hours of Jesus' Passion.

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.



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I-HELP Ministry Carmel Mission Basilica

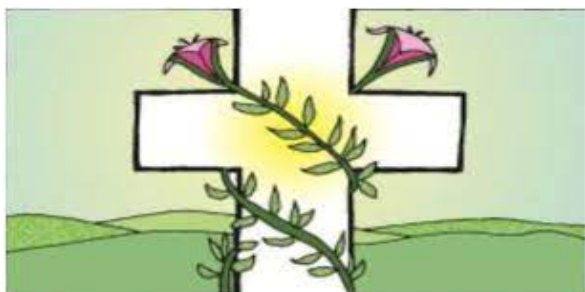
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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, or leave a message for Flo at 831-624-4056. 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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Serra Ministry Conference

Conferencia Ministerial Serra
Diocese of Monterey

Glorify the Lord by your Life
Glorifica al Señor con tu vida

March 1 & 2, 2024

Notre Dame High School, Salinas

Register online:

www.TMConferenceServices.com/Serra



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February 14th



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