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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 17, 2024**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today in the Gospel, Jesus admits to His very real human emotions "I am troubled now." He is afraid, as anyone would be. But much greater than His fear is His resolve, "But It was for this purpose that I came to this hour." Jesus knows that He is in the midst of transforming death forever. After He completes the work of the crucifixion and the resurrection, death will become not an end, but a moment of transition. He calls out to His Father who answers Him. People do not recognize God's voice, believing it to be thunder, or perhaps an angel, but Jesus knows that it is His Father, sharing in this transformative work of drawing the whole world to Jesus lifted up on the Cross.

Last week in my homily I invited and encouraged each of you to set aside time to take this extraordinary journey with Jesus. Join us for His triumphant entrance in Jerusalem, where the adoring but mercurial crowd quickly turns against Him. Be with Him at the Last Supper with His disciples, where He tries for a final time to give them the wisdom and courage to understand and endure what is to come. Be with Him during His agony in the garden of Gethsemane, where He begs His Father to spare Him the coming ordeal but ultimately submits Himself to God's Will. Be with Jesus on Good Friday, when he undergoes sham trials, humiliation, the abandonment of His disciples, beatings, and the cruel death of crucifixion. Go with Him into a borrowed tomb. Wait with His brokenhearted mother and His terrified disciples for the light that shines in the darkness.

It is my hope we will come to the Easter celebrations at the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday with the full weight of these experiences, Jesus' experiences, human experiences, in our hearts. May our Easter joy be informed and intensified by our embrace of the hardships and pain that brought about the salvation of the world, and by the witness that our God is as present in the darkest night as He is in the brightest dawn.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health and I hope to share our journey together with Jesus this coming Holy Week,

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jer 31:31-34)

Psalm Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15)

Reading II ...he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:7-9)

Gospel And when I am ¹lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." (Jn 12:20-33)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 18

DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

JN 8:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16

PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29

ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22

MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

JN 8:31-42

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

JN 8:31-42

PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

JN 8:51-59

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

JER 20:10-13

PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7

JN 10:31-42

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

EZ 37:21-28

JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13

JN 11:45-56

Scripture Reflection

One of the ways we can come to know God is through forgiveness. Today's first reading from Jeremiah tells of God's covenant with the house of Israel. God assures the people that they will no longer have to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord. That relationship, God says, is built through mercy: "All, from the least to the greatest, will know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their wrongdoing and remember their sins no more." Jeremiah tells of God's decision to "place my law within the people and write it upon their hearts" during a time of deep despair. The prophet wrote at the beginning of the sixth century BC, when the Israelites carried great anxiety over the looming fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile. It seemed their God was nowhere to be found in the face of such suffering. Yet Jeremiah insists "the days are coming" when God will breathe new life into the people. God will not just write the new covenant on stone, but on the very hearts on the people. Here God will make an intimate promise: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." In the Gospel, Jesus reminds His followers to hold onto even their very lives with a loose grasp. It is encouraging to read this Gospel with the first reading, which reminds us we are not alone in the radical transformations God calls us to. Making ourselves new hearts is not really our work, it is God's work. We need to create the conditions in which God can work, which our Lenten disciplines can help us to do, but God never leaves us to do the work of renewal alone. In the psalm we plead for God to create us anew. We trust that God has the power to do so; that the One who made us can make us whole again.



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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.

Altar Flowers Opportunity



If you would like to support
the Easter Flowers with a
minimum donation of \$90
please contact Laura at
liturgy@carmelmission.org
to arrange your donation
and your intention.

Your intentions will be
included in the bulletin for
the Easter season.

Thank you for your generosity.



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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:



Teresita Chan,
Anne Nelson,
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:



Albert J. Fritsch S.J.,
Mary Jo Ramos,
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,

... 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.



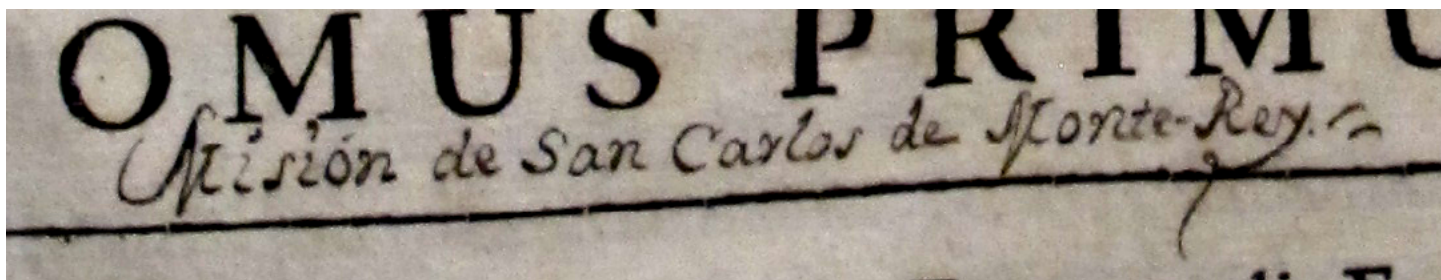
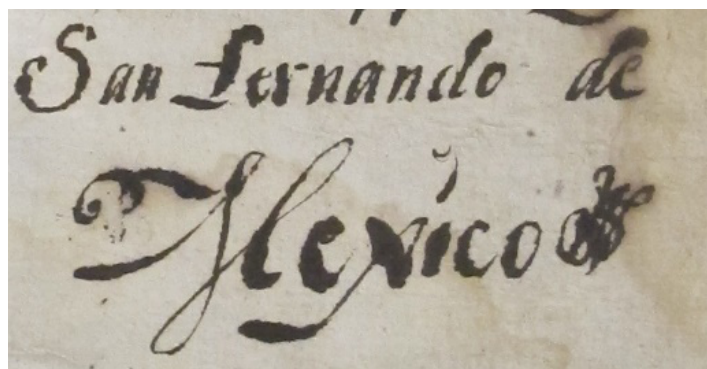
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FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA

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.





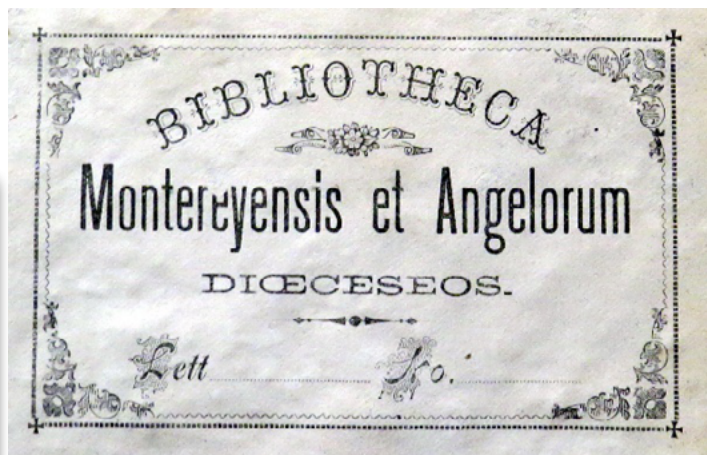
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Once the books arrived in Mexico, they would have formed a sizeable library in Mexico City. From there, certain books would have traveled with the Franciscans to their own distant missions to form the nucleus of their libraries. Once in Baja or Alta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



Diocese of Monterey Second Collections for 2024

Please click here for the form of Second Collections for National and Universal Concerns of 2024.

Report for the weeks ending on 3/03/24:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 4,402.81
Mailed Donation:	\$ 3,373.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 6,373.00
AMA — Second Collection:	\$ 6,115.00

TOTAL	\$20,263.81
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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

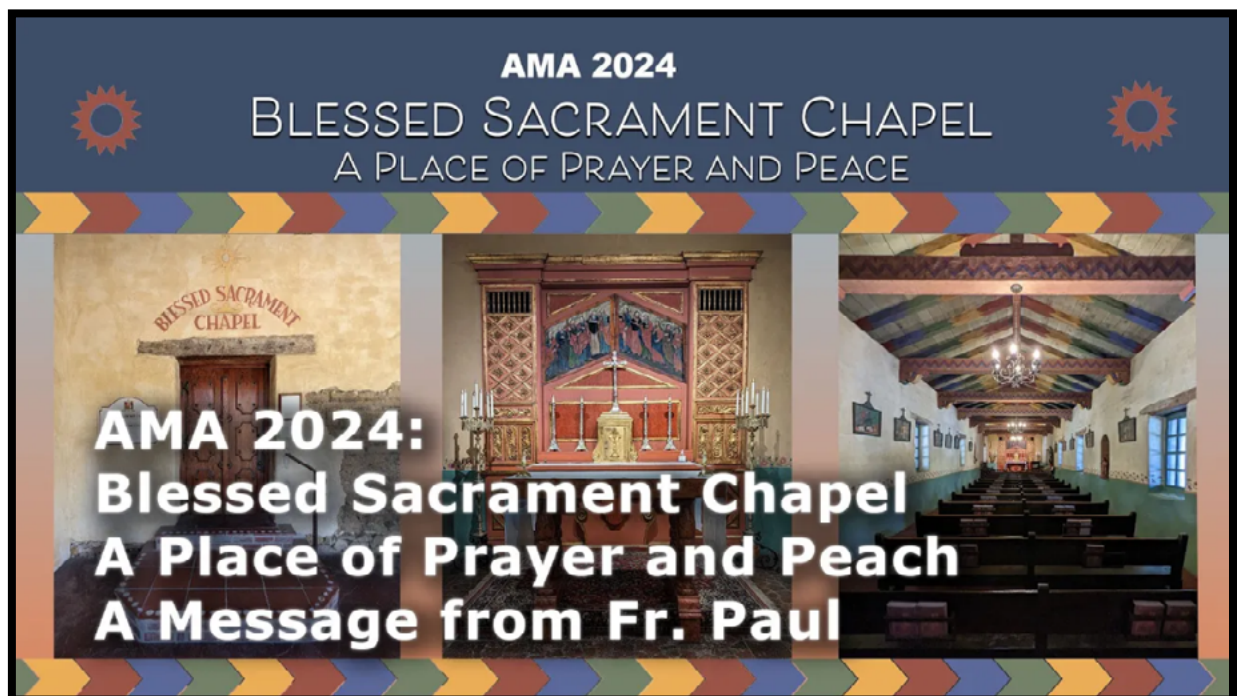
A Place of Prayer and Peace

This Sunday, we are launching the 2024 AMA Campaign: Blessed Sacrament Chapel - A place of Prayer and Peace.

As Fr. Paul announced in last week's Masses, this year's AMA campaign is being directed at the much needed restorative work for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Please visit the [Annual Ministry Appeal webpage](#) to learn more, stay up-to-date on the campaign's progress, or to learn about the restorative work to come.

A Mesage from Fr. Paul



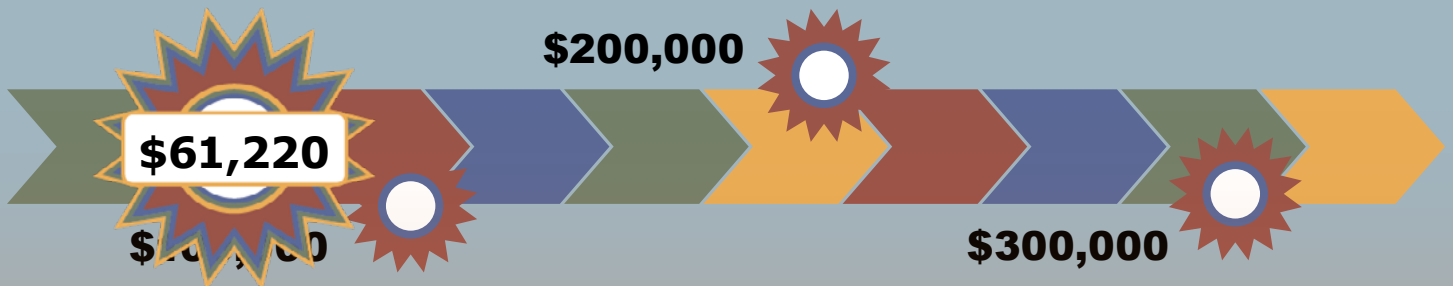
Watch a quick 6-minute video about this year's AMA Campaign explained by our pastor Fr. Paul.

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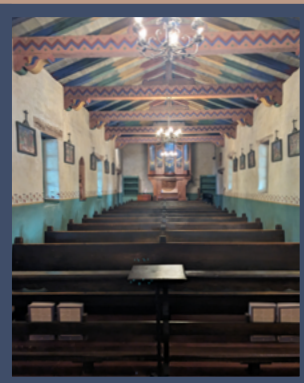
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AMA 2024

**Help us provide much needed
restorative work to our beloved chapel.**



**Your generosity will allow us to improve accessibility,
comfort, and assist in the preservation of our chapel.**





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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.

Deacon Ministry

**Feeling a possible call to the
service of Deacon?**

As the Church of Monterey continues to grow, our needs for the ministry of service continue to grow by leaps and bounds. The Deacon's ministry is threefold: to the service of **Charity/Justice**; service of the **Word**; and service of the **Liturgy**.

The Deacon is called to be a symbol of that service to which all God's People are called and indeed is to be an animator of lay ministry. Deacons serve **the poor** in many locations (Food Banks, Homeless Shelters, advocacy work), they provide services to the incarcerated, the sick and dying, migrants, those struggling with addictions, victims of violence, etc. They bring those experiences to their **ministries of Word** (preaching, teaching) and **Liturgical service**: presiding at Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral Vigils, and Committals, and assisting and preaching at Sunday Eucharist.



Deacon Ministry

Deacon David Ford, Vice Chancellor and Director of the Diaconate and Ministry Formation for the Diocese, will be preaching on Sunday, March 17th at the 10:30am Mass at the San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey.

In addition, there will be an **Information Session held at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center across the street from the Cathedral (485 Church Street) after Mass at Noon**. This will be your chance to learn more about the formation, life, and ministry of a Deacon in the Church. Please bring your wife and all your questions to this information session. Materials will be handed out.

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 PM.

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

The Book Club is now 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

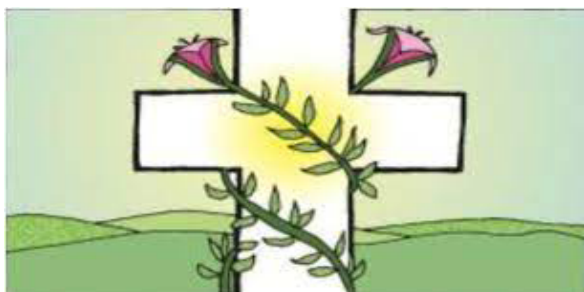
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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!



CALIFORNIA BISHOPS VOICE SUPPORT FOR TEXAS BISHOPS AND ANNUNCIATION HOUSE

The California Catholic Conference of Bishops Executive Committee released the following statement today regarding the Texas Attorney General's lawsuit against the Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas:

"The California Catholic Conference's Executive Committee stands in solidarity with Bishop Mark Seitz of the Dioceses of El Paso, Texas, as he defends the Church's right to practice its faith and implement the corporal works of mercy.

"It is shameful that the Texas Attorney General would file suit against Annunciation House in El Paso. For a country that was founded by immigrants from Europe seeking religious freedom and tolerance, we find the actions of the Texas AG abhorrent in attempting to curtail the work of people of faith.

"The Annunciation House has accompanied migrants for nearly 50 years, partnering with local and federal law enforcement and the U.S. Border Patrol. For the AG to claim the nonprofit is responsible for 'worsening illegal immigration' shows a lack of fundamental understanding of the gravity of immigration as a humanitarian concern and unjustly attacks a long-standing partner in relief efforts.

As bishops of a border state, we appreciate the humbling and complex immigration challenges our country faces. At the same time, we are committed to the same solutions that the Texas bishops have declared: to remain committed to praying and working for a secure border, to protect the vulnerable, and for just immigration solutions to protect all human life."

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Mt. 25: 35).



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St. Patrick's Day

According to the Confessio of Patrick, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain, and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day is observed on March 17, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday.



Remember to pick up a copy.

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