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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
Sunday, March 24, 2024**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

We have arrived at the start of our Holy Week journey with the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The pageantry of this weekend's celebration is a foretaste of what we will experience throughout this week, involving all our senses and stirring our emotions. This is not just a drama that we watch, but that we participate in, waving our palms, singing Hosanna, and shouting "Crucify him." Our participation helps to make it real for us, as it has for many generations before us.

This year, I encourage you to pay some attention to the small roles in the drama. The bystanders who question the donkey-borrowing disciples, the man who prepares the Upper Room for the Last Supper, the young man who sheds his clothes to escape the crowd determined to arrest Jesus, Simon who is pressed into service to carry Jesus' cross, Joseph of Arimathea, who requests the body of Jesus from the authorities, the women who followed Jesus from the beginning to the very end. We often consider the major characters in the drama, Jesus, Pilate, the Sanhedrin, and the crowd who first honors Jesus with a royal welcome and shortly thereafter demands His death. But what of these minor roles, who garner a mention but not much more?

At this very moment, passion dramas are playing out all around the world. In Ukraine, in Gaza, in prisons and hospitals, in the streets of our cities and in the homes of our neighbors, people are facing their own agonies in the garden, perhaps even feeling abandoned by God. God was at work in the world almost two thousand years ago when a man named Jesus suffered and died on a cross in Palestine. All the characters we remember in our retelling of this great story played a part in God's saving work, even if they did not understand its significance at the time. God is still at work in our world today in all the difficult places and situations, large and small, that I mentioned. It is my Easter hope that He finds in this community willing participants for all the roles in the ongoing drama of salvation history.

I wish you and your loved ones Holy Week blessings of good health and new hope. May the Risen Lord bring peace to our battered world,

Fr. Paul



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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; (Is 50:4-7)

**Psalm** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24)

**Reading II** Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, (Phil 2:6-11)

**Gospel** I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed. (Mk 14:1–15:47)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

IS 42:1-7  
PS 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14  
JN 12:1-11

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

IS 49:1-6  
PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15 AND 17  
JN 13:21-33, 36-38

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

IS 50:4-9A  
PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 AND 33-34  
MT 26:14-25

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

EX 12:1-8, 11-14  
PS 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18  
1 COR 11:23-26  
JN 13:1-15

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

IS 52:13–53:12  
PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
JN 18:1–19:42

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

GN 1:1–2:2  
PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35  
GN 22:1-18  
MK 16:1-7

## Scripture Reflection

In both the Gospel at the procession and the passion narrative, Jesus gives His disciples instructions that are striking in their specificity and which occur just as He says. They find a donkey where they are supposed to; the bystanders allow them to take it. They follow a man carrying water and find the Upper Room waiting for them. Jesus continues to make predictions as He moves through the passion, like the shaking of the disciples' faith and the approach of Judas. In all this, Jesus seems to be in control, accepting calmly the horrific things that await Him. Even as He prays from a place of deep sorrow, even as He pleads with God to "take this cup away," He accepts with steadfast courage what He is about to suffer. Jesus knows that the death that awaits Him is not the end of His story. As the Sanhedrin and Pilate interrogate Jesus, He remains silent, like the servant in Isaiah 53:7. Throughout His ministry, Jesus was not silent in the face of injustice: He denounced it and moved to rectify it. Here, His refusal to engage with representatives of corrupt systems can be seen as a silent protest against them. The second reading reveals so much of the meaning of Jesus' suffering and death. Paul summarizes for us here all that Jesus taught; the last shall be first, you must give up your life to gain it. All these paradoxical teachings are in the passion. By humbling Himself to take on the entire human experience – even death – Jesus becomes king and ruler of the universe. In the passion Gospel, Jesus cries out Psalm 22 from the cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" These words help us to see that even when one cannot sense God's presence or understand how God's saving purposes are at work in excruciating suffering, God never abandons any beloved daughter or son.



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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](mailto: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

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### Mass and Distribution of Ashes

February 14 at 12:00 PM in the Basilica

## Stations of the Cross

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### Every Friday following Noon Mass

February 16 - March 22 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

## Taizé Prayer

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### Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

February 21 - March 20 in the Basilica

## Reconciliation Service

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### Friday, March 15

6:00 PM In the Basilica

## Palm Sunday

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### 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

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### Mass and Adoration

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

## Good Friday, March 29

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### The Lord's Passion

1:00 PM In the Basilica

### Tenebrae

7:30 PM In the Basilica



## Easter

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### 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 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:



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:



Conrad Ege,  
Eileen Burke,  
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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# HUU VAN NGUYEN

## CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



with metal, glass, ceramics, and fabrics. Huu impresses everyone he meets with his humility and gentle nature. Those fortunate enough to work with Huu, are impressed and inspired by the creativity he brings to all his work, large and small.

Huu has played an integral role in maintaining the Mission’s art and artifacts through his expert restoration and preservation skills developed over his many years of service.

Huu worked with Sir Harry Downie for almost a year. Harry taught Huu many artistic processes, such as gold leafing and marbleizing, and impressed upon Huu the importance of properly maintaining the Mission’s artifacts and buildings.

Huu also collaborated very closely with Sir Richard Menn at Carmel Mission and several other missions: Mission San Antonio de Padua, Mission San Juan Bautista, Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad, Mission San Fernando Rey de España, and Mission San Jose.

The Carmel Mission is filled with a priceless collection of artwork, statues, and artifacts. One of the most precious treasures is our beloved Huu Van Nguyen who has faithfully given of himself, his time, and his talents to care for our Mission, its pastors, staff, parishioners, and visitors for 45 years. There are hundreds of projects that attest to the quality of Huu’s workmanship. In honor of this milestone, I wanted to share with you a little more about Huu, his life, and his extraordinary work at the Mission.

Huu left Vietnam in 1977 as a refugee and initially settled in Connecticut. Two years later, on March 19th, 1979, Huu began working at Carmel Mission for Sir Harry Downie, the man entrusted with restoring the historic Mission.

Huu is a dedicated and devoted Catholic, husband, father, and friend. He is a master artisan and a talented carpenter, but his skills do not end there. He has worked expertly



In 1987, during the visit of the Holy Father to the Monterey Peninsula, Huu helped to build the altar at Laguna Seca where Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass for more than seventy thousand people.

Huu’s workmanship is truly enhanced by his love and appreciation for everything in the Mission, and its historical and spiritual significance. We believe that all beauty is a reflection of God’s beauty, and thanks to the skill and devotion of Huu, the Mission stands as such a reflection of our parish family and the thousands of pilgrims we welcome each year.

Thank you, Huu.

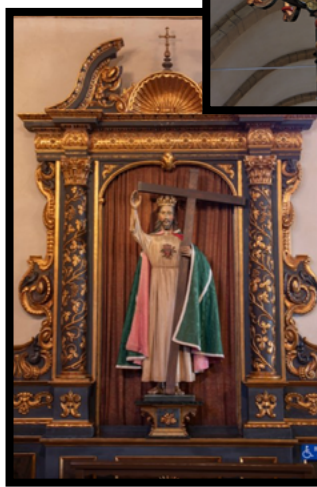
# HUU VAN NGUYEN CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



Huu has gilded the reredos, the casement for St. Junipero's original coffin, the Christ the King altar, Our Lady of Bethlehem altar, and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On the Basilica's altar he has beautifully restored most of the original gilding.



He painted the six handmade wooden chandeliers that were installed in the Basilica during its 2012-2013 renovation.



Huu constructed and painted the beautiful ambo and the President's chair in the sanctuary.

Huu also did the faux marble appearance and the hand-carved decorations surrounding the organ pipes.





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# STEWARDSHIP

## Carmel Mission Legacy



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## 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 3/10/24:

<b>Electronic Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 6,068.56</b>
<b>Mailed Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 2,624.00</b>
<b>Weekend Masses — Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 5,227.00</b>

**TOTAL \$13,919.56**



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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 Message from Fr. Paul



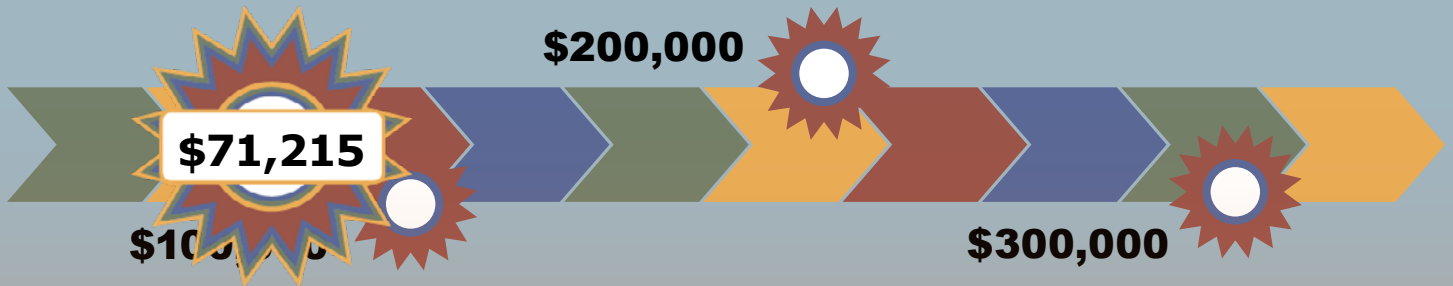
Watch a quick 6-minute video about this year's AMA Campaign explained by our pastor Fr. Paul.

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

## A PLACE OF PRAYER AND PEACE

### 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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# CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY



## Carmel Mission Bible Study

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**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

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**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](mailto:saljogreig@aol.com)



## Carmel Mission Book Club

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**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](mailto:christina.renna@gmail.com) for information.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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**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

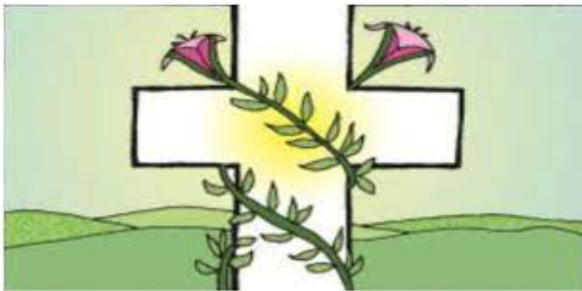
### ***Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!***

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), or leave a message for Flo at 831-624-4056. 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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# CARMEL MISSION STORE

**WED & THURS 10AM - 4PM • FRI & SAT 10AM - 5PM • SUN 11:30AM - 5PM**

*Easter greetings from the Carmel Mission Store!*



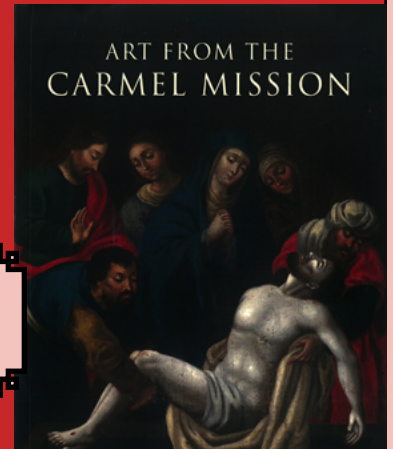
Come to the Carmel Mission Store and browse our Last Suppers, Pietas, and more Easter giftables. Currently featuring hand-painted eggs from Ukraine!



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pick up a copy.**

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