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ALLELUIA ! CHRIST IS RISEN ! ALLELUIA!

**Happy Easter from Father Paul
and the Mission Team**



**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord March 31, 2024**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Last year on Easter Sunday I spoke about HOPE, Holy Optimism Pervading Everything. This is a way of looking at the world through God's eyes - seeing the promise, the beauty, and the innate dignity in each individual. When we look at ourselves, each other, and the world as God does, we can develop a more hopeful outlook which can prompt action to make the world align with God's vision for it, and for us. This year, I suggest that we explore another of God's lens, Love. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote recently, "The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if He is silent. And yet, God has spoken, and His answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy and forgiveness. It also reveals a judgement, namely, that God, in judging us, loves us."

God does not look away from evil in the world, but neither does God look with the condemnation, cynicism, and despair to which we humans are prone. Throughout salvation history, God has believed that humanity can do better, and has worked to encourage and lift us up. It was with such hope, and such all-consuming love, that God sent us His Son. Jesus looked evil, hatred, and injustice in the face in His Passion, and yet His words on the cross were still, "Father, forgive them." Jesus did not ignore the wrong that was done to Him, but He overwhelmed it with His love.

Today we celebrate Christ's victory over death in our imperfect world. We are filled with Easter joy, but sobered by the realization that for some, that joy feels out of reach. When we imagine that the Cross is not an instrument of suffering but an expression of love, mercy and forgiveness, we see our world as God does, full of promise and hope. This is the Easter message we are meant to share with our brothers and sisters. Our hope is never in vain, for love truly does conquer all.

I wish you and your loved ones Easter blessings of good health, new hope, and great joy. May the Risen Lord bring peace to our world, and to our hearts,

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

Psalm This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23)

Reading II Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. (Col 3:1-4)

Gospel Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:1-9)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 1

ACTS 2:14, 22-33
PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
MT 28:8-15

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

ACTS 2:36-41
PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 AND 22
JN 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

ACTS 3:1-10
PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
LK 24:13-35

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

ACTS 3:11-26
PS 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9
LK 24:35-48

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

ACTS 4:1-12
PS 118:1-2 AND 4, 22-24, 25-27A
JN 21:1-14

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ACTS 4:13-21
PS 118:1 AND 14-15AB, 16-18, 19-21
MK 16:9-15

Scripture Reflection

In the Gospel for the Vigil, three women go to anoint the body of Jesus, in line with the Jewish custom. They are participating in a tradition they have likely done before. It is worth noting that these are not direct family members of Jesus, but friends, and relatives of friends. The community that Jesus created in life is not one bound by bloodlines, but one that is expanded to include these women and other friends. The first sentence of this Gospel tells us that the people with immediate concern and responsibility for Jesus' body are what we might call "chosen family." They are surrogate sisters and mothers showing up to do a caretaking role that they are not obligated, but still feel a duty, to perform. This tells us a great deal about the relationships Jesus cultivated, especially with women, during His ministry. The big twist here is, of course, the body is not there. The first thought is not resurrection but grave robbing, but then a man in white is there telling them that everything is fine. We can only imagine their amazement, confusion, and the first glimmers of their hope through faith. In the Gospel for the Easter day another group of Jesus' chosen family are asking, where is the body? Mary Magdalene, Peter and the Beloved Disciple all bear witness that Jesus is not in His tomb, but "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even on Easter Sunday, the disciples do not quite get it. Jesus' resurrection is still hidden in mystery. There are hints here- empty tomb and burial clothes. But they misread the clues. The fullness of what has happened has yet to be revealed. This is not unlike how we experience the mystery of Easter. We live in the light of the resurrection and yet still experience pain, suffering, and loss. Easter joy may not always be accessible in its fullness, but we know there is more than we can see. Today is a day for rejoicing in all the joy we feel, and all the joy we anticipate as well. Alleluia!



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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.



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THE EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers are given this year

In memory of Knox Mellon, and Sig
and Lucille Herman by Carlotta Mellon

In honor of her thirtieth wedding anniversary
by Mary Lou Savage

In memory of Fr. Albert J. Fritsch and Douglas
McLane and in honor of the Fritsch and McLane
Families by Frank and Mary Fritsch

In memory of Kathy Anderson
by Roger and Laura Schwingel

In memory of Tom Favazza
by Rosemary Favazza

In memory of Kathleen Holt Gomez
by David F. Gomez

In honor of Denmark Punzalan by Marnelle Uy

In memory of Peter Carcione by Judy
and Paul Scannell

In memory of Paul Marto and in honor of
Fr. Rey Esquivel and Jackie McNamara
by Lou Langley

In honor of the Carmel Mission Community
by Katie Hogan

In memory of Leon Hall, Anne Marie Hall, Alby
Plain, Dolores Plain, and Marian McDermott
by Hank and Lisa Plain

In memory of Rachel Wahl and Stephen
and Marie Gayoa by Gerald and Celeste Wahl

In honor of the Newgard Family
by Christopher M Newgard

In memory of Robert M Walker by Judy Walker

In memory of Keenan Lucero, Barney Lucero,
and Frances Lupinetti
by Joseph and Bonita Genovese

In memory of Keith Robert Allison, Jan
Christensen and Liz Hatton by Frank and
Sherry Williams

In memory of Fr. Peter Sanders by Marcia Pytel

In memory of Annemarie McGrath,
Min and Jim McLindon, Frank and Marie Kelly,
Dorothy Kingston and Mary and Jim Cudaly
and in honor of Dorothy McGrath
by Paul and Kate McGrath

In memory of Jacobo R. Figuerres, Purificacion
Malate, Bibiano Malate, Sr. Ted Malate, Bib
Malate, Jr. Cirilo and Becky Malate, Phil and
Cecilia Malate, Ciriaco and Jean Figuerres,
Leoncia and Lea Figuerres, Yolanda Vicente
and Raul Picardo by Mely Figuerres

In memory of Edward Wodecki
by Grazyna Gonet

In memory of Connie and John Bingham,
Mary Kay Bringham, and Victor Gray
by Raymond and Virginia Tilton

In thanksgiving for Easter blessings
by Paul and Tiffany Hoffman,
Alicia Swithenbank,
and Lane Loyko,



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MASS AT THE MISSION

Easter Mass Schedule

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

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:



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.

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.

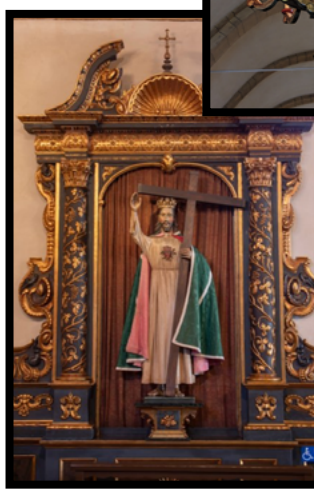
HUU VAN NGUYEN CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



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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Report for the weeks ending on 3/17/24:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 7,658.04
Mailed Donation:	\$ 4,806.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 5,482.00
Maintenance — Second Collection:	\$ 1,924.00

TOTAL **\$19,870.04**



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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



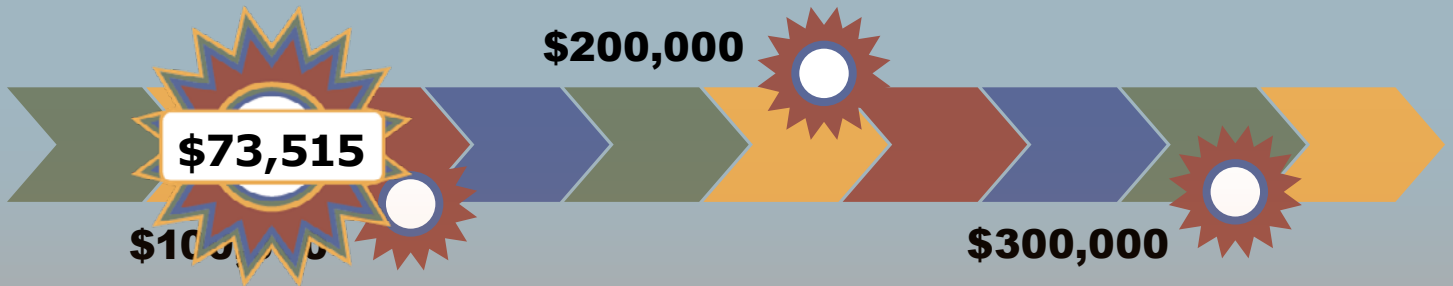
Watch a quick 6-minute video about this year's AMA Campaign explained by our pastor Fr. Paul.

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 Bible Study

Bible Study meets in Crespi Hall every Wednesday 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.

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

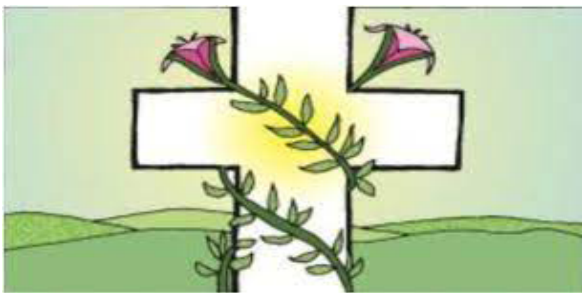
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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, 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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CARMEL MISSION STORE

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

Easter greetings from the Carmel Mission Store!



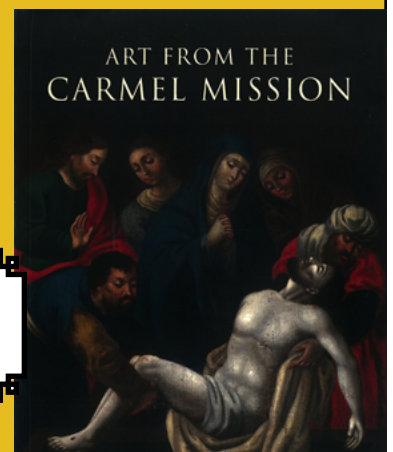
Come to the Carmel Mission Store and browse our Last Suppers, Pietas, and more Easter giftables. Currently featuring hand-painted eggs from Ukraine!



Remember to pick up a copy.

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