



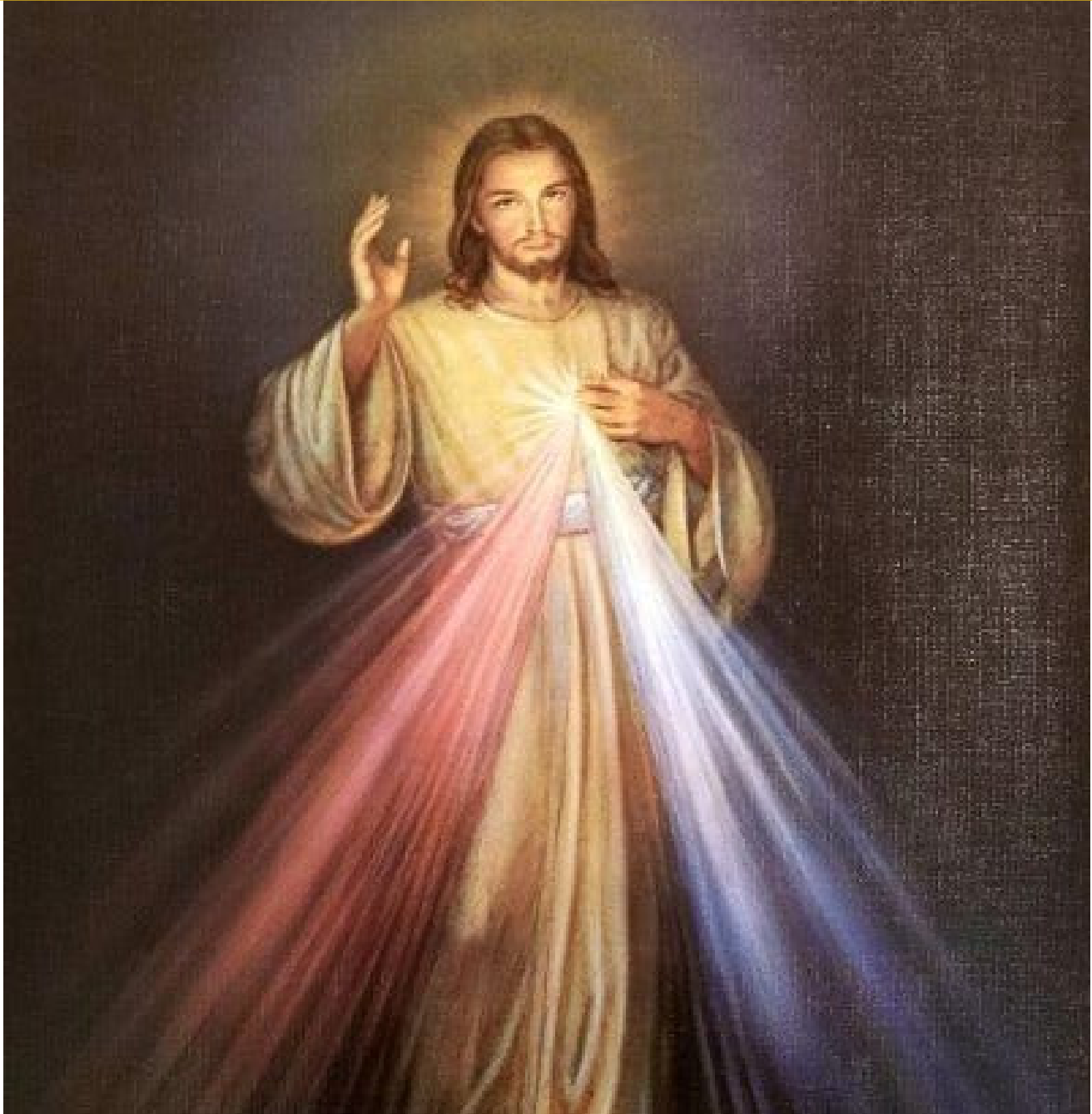
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Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 7, 2024



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the Gospel today Jesus appears to His (male) disciples for the first time since His crucifixion. We can only imagine the combination of grief and terror that kept them behind locked doors. They had watched their leader and friend summarily and cruelly executed by the civil authorities at the behest of the religious authorities. They must have imagined that they would be next if they were to even poke their heads out of hiding. Suddenly a fully alive Jesus is in their midst, bearing the scars of His ordeal, and He extends peace -not recrimination for their abandonment or their failure to comprehend all that had to happen to Him to fulfill His destiny. Jesus gives them what He knows they most need, peace.

In his Easter Urbi et Orbi message, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, addresses in detail the current desperate need for peace in the world. "War is always an absurdity; war is always a defeat! Let us not allow the strengthening winds of war to blow on Europe and the Mediterranean. Let us not yield to the logic of weapons and rearming. Peace is never made with arms, but with outstretched hands and open hearts." He lists the world's conflicts that are weighing on his heart, in Gaza, Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon, the West Balkans, Haiti, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Myanmar, the African continent, as well as the issues facing migrants worldwide, the scourge of human trafficking and dangers of climate change. I would add, in our own nation, the current climate of political and social division, and the horror of gun violence in our communities. While the list feels perhaps too long to remedy, our Holy Father also offers the solution, "Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus alone opens up before us the doors of life, those doors that continually we shut with the wars spreading throughout the world."

The path to peace is paved with the forgiveness and reconciliation that Jesus models in today's Gospel. Please join me this week in urgent and sincere prayer that Christ's peace may come to our world, our nation, our homes and our hearts. May we be the outstretched hands and open hearts that allow the risen Lord to open the doors of life and peace.

I wish you and your loved ones Easter blessings of good health and great joy,
Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:32-35)

Psalm Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24)

Reading II The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth. (1 Jn 5:1-6)

Gospel Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19-31)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 8

IS 7:10-14; 8:10
PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11
HEB 10:4-10
LK 1:26-38

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

ACTS 4:32-37
PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5
JN 3:7B-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

ACTS 5:17-26
PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
JN 3:16-21

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

ACTS 5:27-33
PS 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20
JN 3:31-36

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

ACTS 5:34-42
PS 27:1, 4, 13-14
JN 6:1-15

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

ACTS 6:1-7
PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
JN 6:16-21

Scripture Reflection

At a gathering, there is always someone who is willing to speak up when everyone else may be wondering the same thing but are afraid to ask. In today's Gospel it is Thomas who voices the doubts and fears with which others are also struggling. In his Gospel, John frequently uses one character as a representative figure. In today's Gospel, Thomas stands for everyone who is a following of Jesus, but harbors doubts. In the first scene the disciples are together, locked in their fear, when Jesus comes into their midst. His double declaration, "Peace be with you," recalls His promise of peace that casts out fear. (John 14:27). Jesus then shows the disciples the scars on His hands, feet and side, the inerascable evidence of what He endured. He then sends the disciples to continue the mission on which His Father sent Him. In John's Gospel there is no calling or sending of the Twelve, the mission is entrusted to all disciples here, empowered by the Holy Spirit. The power that the disciples receive with this infusion of the Holy Spirit is the ability to heal and forgive. In the second scene, Thomas stands in for all who were not present at the initial experience with the Risen Christ. Just as Mary Magdalene did, so the disciples declare, "we have seen the Lord" (John 20:17, 25) But belief on the basis of another's word is not sufficient; one must have first hand experience of Christ in order to participate in His mission. Jesus once again stands in the midst, bringing peace. He directs Thomas to probe the meaning of His wounds so that he too can become an agent of forgiveness and healing. When Thomas makes His acclamation of faith, Jesus affirms there are two ways of blessedness; believing by having seen, and believing without having seen. The crucial thing is to believe, so as to have life.



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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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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.

HUU VAN NGUYEN

CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



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

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.



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.

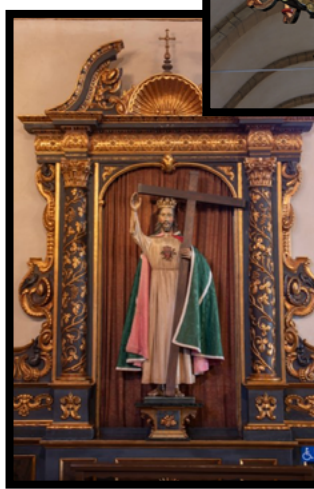
HUU VAN NGUYEN CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



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 3/24/24:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 4,503.59
Mailed Donation:	\$12,456.00
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 9,315.00

TOTAL **\$26,274.59**



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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



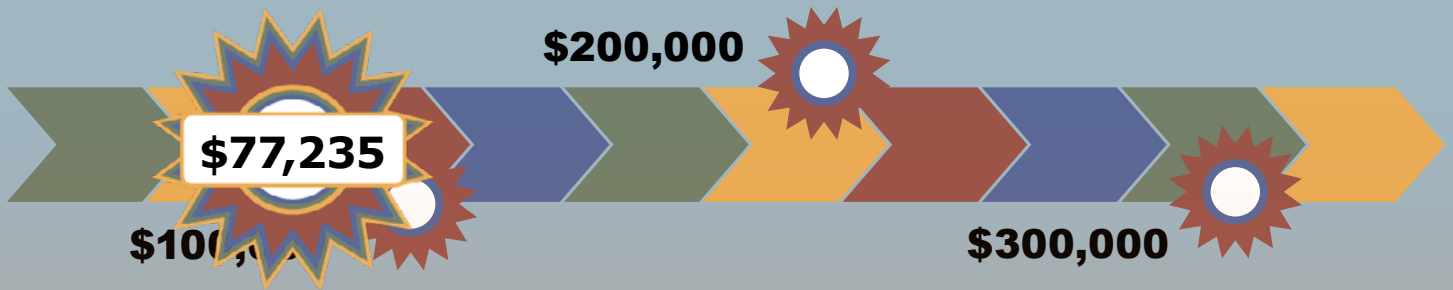
Watch a quick 6-minute video about this year's AMA Campaign explained by our pastor Fr. Paul.

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

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 12:55 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

On April 12th, Book Club will begin reading **Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life** by Franciscan Father Richard Rohr.

This book challenges us to consider the second half of life not as an ending, but as a new beginning. 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

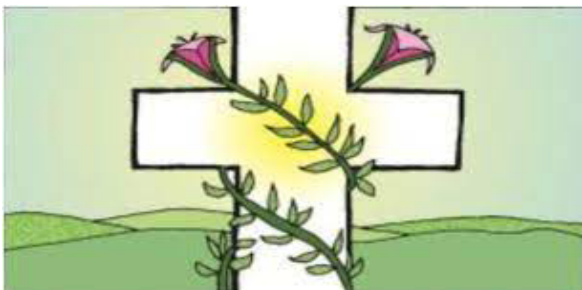
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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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Easter greetings from the Carmel Mission Store!



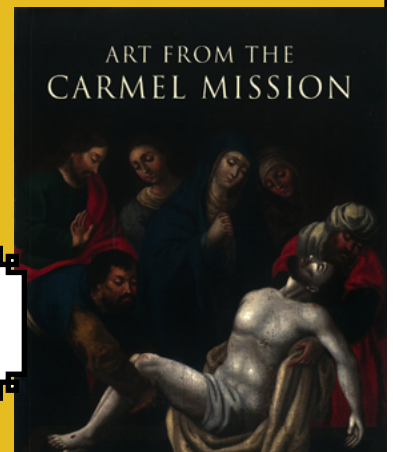
Come to the Carmel Mission Store and browse our Last Suppers, Pietas, and more Easter giftables. Currently featuring hand-painted eggs from Ukraine!



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