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## **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

**A PLACE OF PRAYER AND PEACE  
AMA 2024**

**WE ARE 62% TO OUR  
GOAL IN RECORD TIME!!**

**\$187,075**

**\$100,000**

**\$300,000**

**Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 14, 2024**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

When Jesus appears to His disciples in today's Gospel, they are initially terrified. Considering that they did not understand what had to happen to Jesus a ghostly apparition was a more logical conclusion than Resurrection. Jesus offers reassurance, going so far as to eat in front of them to demonstrate that He is flesh and blood. His scarred body is a testimony to what He endured, and that He is in fact the same Jesus they knew and loved. Barely recovered from shock and overcome with joy, the disciples are then told that they are to preach in Jesus' name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem.

Opening minds and hearts to the Scriptures was a core part of Jesus' ministry. The Hebrew Scriptures – specifically the law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the psalms – shaped Jesus during His life. The Christian Scriptures that would come later continue the wisdom put forth in these ancient texts. It was important to Jesus that His disciples understand the significance of His fulfillment of the Scriptures. We know that the Word is one of the ways that God is alive and present in the world today and the Son of God continues to open minds and hearts to the revelations contained therein. Spending time with the Scriptures, whether in structured settings like Bible Study or the practice of Lectio Divina or simply by reading and praying with the Scriptures in our own time and in our own way, is an important, and sometimes overlooked, way to be in relationship with God.

We do not have the privilege of experiencing the Risen Christ in the same manner as the first disciples, but we do certainly encounter Him. In the Sacraments, in Scripture, and in our human relationships, He Is present to us. He often comes to us in unexpected ways, and asks us to do difficult things, but as with the disciples, He always offers the same invitation to come closer, to see more fully who He and what He is doing. May we indeed take that step closer to see Him well enough so that we too may respond with amazement and joy.

I wish you and your loved ones Easter blessings of good health and new hope. Please continue to pray for peace,

Fr. Paul



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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. (Acts 4:32-35)

**Psalm** Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9)

**Reading II** Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. (1 Jn 2:1-5a)

**Gospel** "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. (Lk 24:35-48)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

ACTS 6:8-15  
PS 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
JN 6:22-29

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

ACTS 7:51-8:1A  
PS 31:3CD-4, 6 & 7B & 8A, 17 & 21AB  
JN 6:30-35

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

ACTS 8:1B-8  
PS 66:1-3A, 4-5, 6-7A  
JN 6:35-40

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

ACTS 8:26-40  
PS 66:8-9, 16-17, 20  
JN 6:44-51

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

ACTS 9:1-20  
PS 117:1BC, 2  
JN 6:52-59

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ACTS 9:31-42  
PS 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
JN 6:60-69

## Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel has many resonances with last weeks. In both the Risen Christ appears to the disciples and "stands in their midst." In both, His first words are "Peace be with you," and then He shows them His hands and His feet. In both accounts the disciples move from terror to joy. Both stories end with a sending of the disciples in mission. Despite the similarities, there are quite different in their theological emphasis. Luke's focus is on the identity of the Risen Christ, His reality and tangibility. Unlike the story of Thomas in John's Gospel which focuses on believing, in Luke's Gospel the reason the disciples see and touch Jesus' wounded hands and feet is to convince them that the Risen One is the same Jesus who was crucified, and who still bears the marks of His ordeal on His body. Jesus is not just a memory or a haunting ghost. He is truly alive and tangible. Unlike the preceding Emmaus scene, where Jesus eating with the two disciples is revelatory and eucharistic, in today's Gospel Jesus' eating serves as proof He is alive in bodily form. In the second half of Luke's Gospel, the focus shifts to the mission of the disciples to be witnesses to the suffering Messiah who is raised. Key to being a witness is understanding the scriptures, as well as repentance and forgiveness of sins. In the first reading we see Peter getting to work, being the witness Jesus asks him to be. He shares what he has seen, reminding his listeners both of their guilt in the crucifixion and the hope that still awaits them. He preaches the repentance to which Jesus calls us all. In the psalm we ask God to reveal God's self to us as Jesus reveals Himself to the disciples in the Gospel. It is not always easy to encounter Christ, but to see God's face is see light, and God "does wonders for His faithful one," never leaving us alone with the harder tasks of Christian 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:



Robert Rigney,  
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.



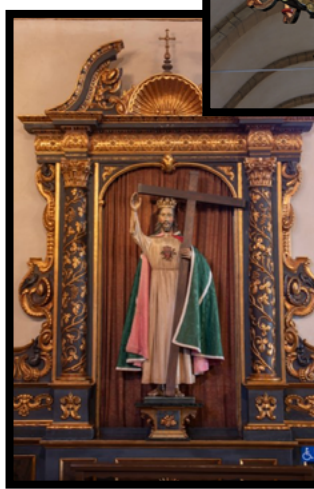
# HUU VAN NGUYEN CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



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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# STEWARDSHIP

## Carmel Mission Legacy



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## Report for the weeks ending on 3/31/24:

<b>Electronic Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 2,997.94</b>
<b>Mailed Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 6,735.00</b>
<b>Easter Masses — Collection:</b>	<b>\$19,573.00</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b>	<b>\$ 3,994.00</b>

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**TOTAL                    \$33,299.94**



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## 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



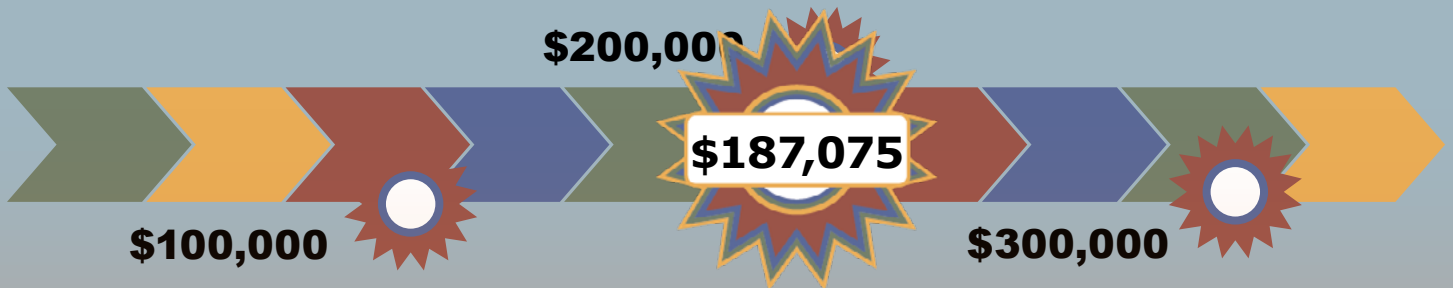
Watch a quick 6-minute video about this year's AMA Campaign explained by our pastor Fr. Paul.

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**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 12:55 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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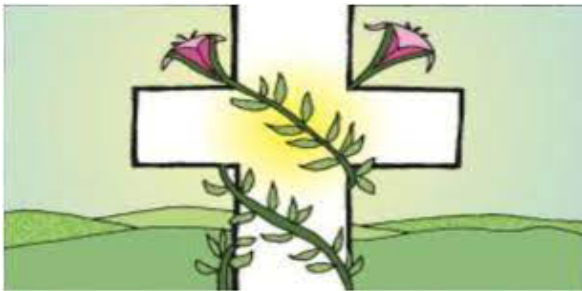
### ***Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!***

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!*



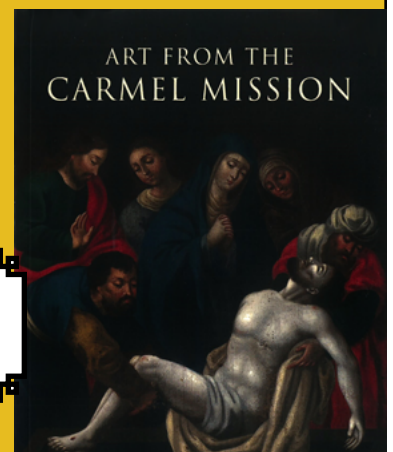
Come to the Carmel Mission Store and browse our Last Suppers, Pietas, and more Easter giftables. Currently featuring hand-painted eggs from Ukraine!



**Remember to pick up a copy.**

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