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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2024**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the Gospel today Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who knows and cares for the sheep as no one else can or will. The metaphor would have been very evocative for people in Jesus' time, many of whom were themselves shepherds and virtually all of whom would have had some understanding of what that work entailed. It is also a metaphor that has stood the test of time, as it remains one of the most beloved ways we collectively envision our Savior. The image of a shepherd is used a number of times in Scripture to characterize a leader of the people. God is depicted as the Shepherd of Israel (Gen 49:24, Ps 23:1 78:52-53). Moses and David were actual shepherds before each was called to lead the people of Israel. When Israel's leaders were not tending to the needs of the people they were denounced as being absent.

Jesus is very clear in the Gospel that it is His choice to lay down His life. He is not a victim of anyone or anything. Loved and empowered by the Father, He makes the choice to sacrifice Himself for His flock. We emulate this kind of shepherding not by actively seeking suffering but by putting love at the center: God's love made visible in Jesus, Jesus' love made manifest in us. It is a love that is freely chosen by an empowered self, with a willingness to do whatever is required and necessary. We do not follow our Shepherd blindly, but seek an ever more intimate knowledge of Him. Like Him, we are free to choose to continue His work of gathering all the disparate into one.

This work seems especially crucial in the present moment, when our world, our nation, and our communities feel increasingly fractured and divisive. Please join me this week in praying that, following the example of the Good Shepherd, we can strive to bring peace and unity where it is most needed.

I wish you and your loved ones continued Easter blessings of good health and new hope,

Fr. Paul



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:8-12)

Psalm The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
(Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29)

Reading II The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (1 Jn 3:1-2)

Gospel "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." (Jn 10:11-18)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 22

ACTS 11:1-18
PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
JN 10:1-10

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

ACTS 11:19-26
PS 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7
JN 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

ACTS 12:24—13:5A
PS 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8
JN 12:44-50

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

1 PT 5:5B-14
PS 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
MK 16:15-20

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

ACTS 13:26-33
TAB 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB
JN 14:1-6

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

ACTS 13:44-52
PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4
JN 14:7-14

Scripture Reflection

In the Gospel today Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd, and His descriptions of this role make it clear that having a shepherd like Jesus is not like being a sheep being raised for meat or wool. No matter how tenderly shepherds care for their flock it is an inherently utilitarian relationship. But having a good shepherd like ours means being known and loved. We are so loved that there is One willing to lay down His very life for us. Having a good shepherd also means knowing the shepherd in turn. We may not always feel like we know Jesus, who often moves in subtle and mysterious ways. But we are promised that we have a home in Him and whenever our hearts stir with the recognition that we are known and loved, we can be assured that Jesus is there. There is a kind of domino effect in John's Gospel. First God pours out the divine self in love through the gift of the Word made flesh (1:14,3:16), a self-surrender that is replicated in Jesus' gift of self for those who are His own (10:15). This same action is what is asked of His followers, especially in leadership (15:13) In the second reading, John writes of the same love that joins us to our good shepherd, but he takes it even further. We are not just sheep in the flock, but in Christ have become adopted as children of God. God looks at us as beloved sons and daughters, brothers and sisters and co-heirs with Christ. We continue to grow into the love God offers and are to become something beyond our wildest imaginings. This is the third time we will sing psalm 118 in the four Sundays of the Easter season so far. We are encouraged to revisit and refresh our Easter joy, standing again with Mary Magdalene and the other disciples at the empty tomb.



April 18, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing to you today on an important topic: the sexual abuse of minors. In 2019, the California legislature reopened the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse for a three-year period. The three-year period began on January 1, 2020 and ran through December 31, 2022. In that period of time, the Diocese of Monterey received approximately 100 lawsuits alleging childhood sexual abuse which occurred between the 1950s and 2002. As mentioned below, we have made significant changes to ensure the safety of children while under our care.

As you may have heard in the media, other California dioceses have either filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection or are considering it. In the Diocese of Monterey, we have been discussing how best to resolve these cases and how to be fair to all of the victims. One of the options that we have been considering is filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition. This would allow all victims to be compensated from the limited funds that the Diocese has and will be allocated in an equitable manner.

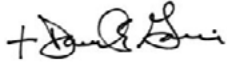
I have consulted with the priests of the diocese, the Presbyteral Council, and my advisors and we are strongly considering this option. Our attorneys have tried other methods of resolution, but, unfortunately, have not been successful in reaching a resolution. While we have not made any final decision on filing for bankruptcy, it is highly likely in light of the number of lawsuits we are facing.

The issue of the sexual abuse of minors has been one that deeply saddens and disturbs all of us. It is an on-going human problem that has touched many families and all kinds of public and private organizations including, most sadly, the Catholic Church. These actions are never acceptable. Because of this, our prayers always support the victim-survivors, and we are committed to helping those touched by childhood sexual abuse by those working for the Church in Monterey.

Sexual abuse of children is intolerable, and we have worked hard in the Diocese of Monterey to restore trust in our processes and procedures so that children are safe. In 2002, the Bishops of the United States promulgated the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, we are committed to a zero-tolerance policy and on-going, required Safe Environment training for all, clergy, and laity, who participate in ministry. These decisive steps have made a positive difference. Above all, the Church firmly believes we must hold accountable those who perpetrate such violations.

Again, I ask for your prayers for all victim-survivors. I also ask your prayers for our Diocese, parish communities, and all those who faithfully, with integrity and generosity, assist me in ministering to the People of God.

Peace of the Risen Christ,



Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of Monterey





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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

**The Altar Flowers are given today in memory of Connie Herman
by Carlotta Mellon.**



Here at Carmel Mission we are very fortunate to be surrounded by natural beauty in our wonderful gardens, and we receive feedback from parishioners and visitors alike on how much they enjoy the flowers, plants and trees on our property. The beauty of nature is a concrete reminder of the beauty of God, in whose image we are made. When we enjoy beautiful flowers, plants and trees we are celebrating God's gift of the natural world.

We are so happy to continue the beauty of altar flowers at our Masses each week. We invite you to consider sponsoring a bouquet for \$90 in memory or honor of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God.

The altar flowers will be a part of our weekend Masses and your dedication will be included in our weekly e-bulletin.

Please contact Laura at liturgy@carmelmission.org for more information and to schedule your gift. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping to ensure that these symbols of beauty and life are part of our weekly celebrations.



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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:



Rebecca Louise Dolan,
Maeve Burke Shugrue,
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



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.

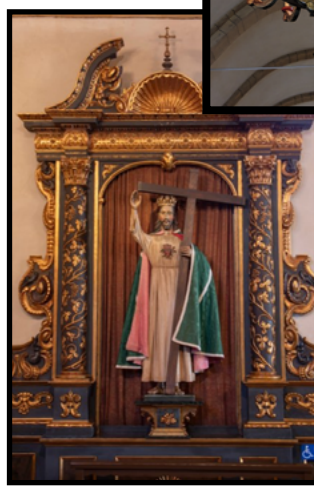
HUU VAN NGUYEN CUSTODIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



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 4/07/24:

Electronic Donation:	\$ 9,623.48
Mailed Donation:	\$ 4,755.50
Weekend Masses — Collection:	\$ 8,639.00

TOTAL **\$23,017.98**



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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



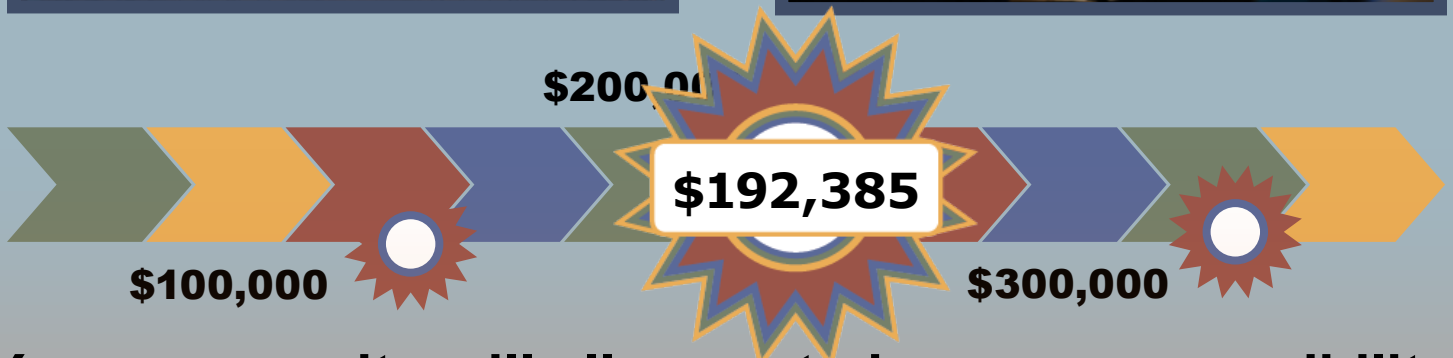
Watch a quick 6-minute video about this year's AMA Campaign explained by our pastor Fr. Paul.

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's Faith Formation Program invites
you to pray with us!

Living Rosary



Join our Holy First
Communion students,
volunteers and families to
pray the Rosary.

Prayer will begin at
10:00am at the fountain
in the central courtyard.

Sunday, April 28th

Limited Rosaries will be
available to borrow.

Questions? Please email:
faithformation@carmelmission.org

Coffee and Donuts

Join us every Sunday morning in Crespi Hall (located behind the Basilica) after each Sunday Mass, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, for a morning of hospitality.

- April 21
- April 28
- May 5
- May 12





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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



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

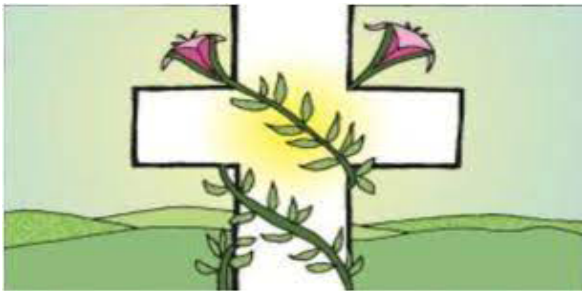
Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!

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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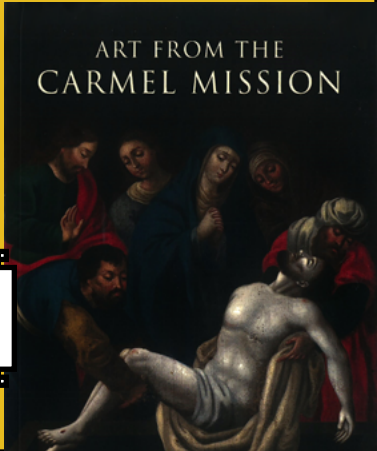
Mother's Day, Sunday May 12



Dear Lord,
Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven... and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day every day.

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