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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 9, 2025**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the readings today, we meet some principal and original disciples of the Lord, the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and Simon Peter, James and John who all have some major hurdles to overcome on their journey. Isaiah encounters the Lord in the temple, and is immediately overwhelmed by his own sinfulness and inadequacy. Only when the Lord purifies his lips with the burning ember does he feel ready to say, "send me!" Simon Peter and his fellow fishermen are skeptical of Jesus' instruction to go to the deeper water. They had worked all night in that water and caught nothing. When Jesus' words prove true, Simon Peter is ashamed of his doubts. Jesus encourages Peter and his friends – "do not be afraid" – and they leave everything to follow him. St. Paul's conversion is perhaps the most dramatic. A hater and active persecutor of Christians, his encounter with the Lord requires him to completely change his deepest held beliefs and reconcile his past actions with his new mission. All of this is made possible only by God's grace.

Today's disciples are likely just as reluctant, overwhelmed, and flawed as these famous examples. Speaking only for myself, God's call to service can be daunting. We look at the world and its struggles, consider our own inadequacies, and ask the question, what could I possibly do? Surely there are people more talented, more influential, more powerful than me who can take up the mantle of discipleship. But this is not how God sees us. God sees only our promise and our passion and knows that it is only through God's help that anything and everything good is accomplished. God knows our flaws better than we ourselves but considers only our willingness to be instruments of His peace, His healing, His justice, and His mercy.

We know from Sacred Scripture that these moments of radical conversion are not the final word. Isaiah, Paul, Peter and all the first disciples were in ongoing conversation with God as they engaged in God's work. Following their example, we are encouraged to return to God in prayer, asking for God's help, encouragement, and enlightenment on our path of faithful discipleship.

I wish you and your loved ones 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 "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalms In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8)

Reading II Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

Gospel "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." (Luke 2:22-40)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

GENESIS 1:1-19
PSALM 104:1-2A, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35C
MARK 6:53-56

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GENESIS 1:20—2:4A
PSALM 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
MARK 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

GENESIS 2:4B-9, 15-17
PSALM 104:1-2A, 27-28, 29BC-30
MARK 7:14-23

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

GENESIS 2:18-25
PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
MARK 7:24-30

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

GENESIS 3:1-8
PSALM 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
MARK 7:31-37

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

GENESIS 3:9-24
PSALM 90:2, 3-4ABC, 5-6, 12-13
MARK 8:1-10

Scripture Reflection

The call to mission accompanied by God's transforming grace can happen at any moment. For Isaiah, it was during a religious service in the temple, wrapped in incense and awe-inspiring ritual. For certain Galilean fisherman, it was when they were going about their everyday normal lives, casting and catching, cleaning and communing. For Paul, it was when he was in an angry turmoil, dead set against the new movement of Jesus-followers, determined to keep them from ruining the tradition. What always happens when one experiences a call from God is that immensity of the divine holiness is overpowering. In the face of God's unparalleled goodness, graciousness, and mercy our own inadequacies and sinfulness loom much larger. God, however, is never deterred by protestations of this inadequacy. The mission is never dependent on the on the worthiness of the minister but rather on God's grace. If people kept their focus on their own inabilities and shortcomings, the work of God would never be accomplished. When Peter lets go of his uncertainties that nothing can be caught and relinquishes his fear at what Jesus is asking of him, then he can let himself be seized by grace to bring all his skills to be employed in Jesus' mission. When Paul accepts that it is by the grace of God that he is what he is, and surrenders all that he is to God's power, then he can say that "God's grace to me has not been ineffective." The effectiveness of this amazing grace is evident not only in the personal transformation each one experiences but also in the sharing of that transformative power with all that are open to hear. After hearing about Isaiah's vision of heaven, we sing in the psalm that we, too, will praise God in the sight of the angels. We believe that Mass is a participation in the ongoing heavenly song of praise – that is why we sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy" that Isaiah hears as part of our eucharistic prayer. When we participate in Mass, we are participating in something much greater than the visible assembly in our particular church. We are joined to worshippers around the world, throughout time, and even those who have endured death. Together we allow God to use our imperfect talents to make heaven more present on earth.



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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 honor of all Past and Present Malades
by the Order of Malta, Western Association, Monterey Region.***



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:



Rose Healy,
Teresita Chan,
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 Simms,
Debora Frances Embody,
James M. Fremgen,
Patricia Maaske,
Tom Coble,
Arvid (Dink) Allen,
Loretta Williams,
Dr. Béla Janko,
Leon Hittner,
Dr Patrick Feehan,

Don Ryan,
John Garthner,
Carl Noto,
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,

... 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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STEWARDSHIP

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Report for the weeks ending on 01/26/2025:

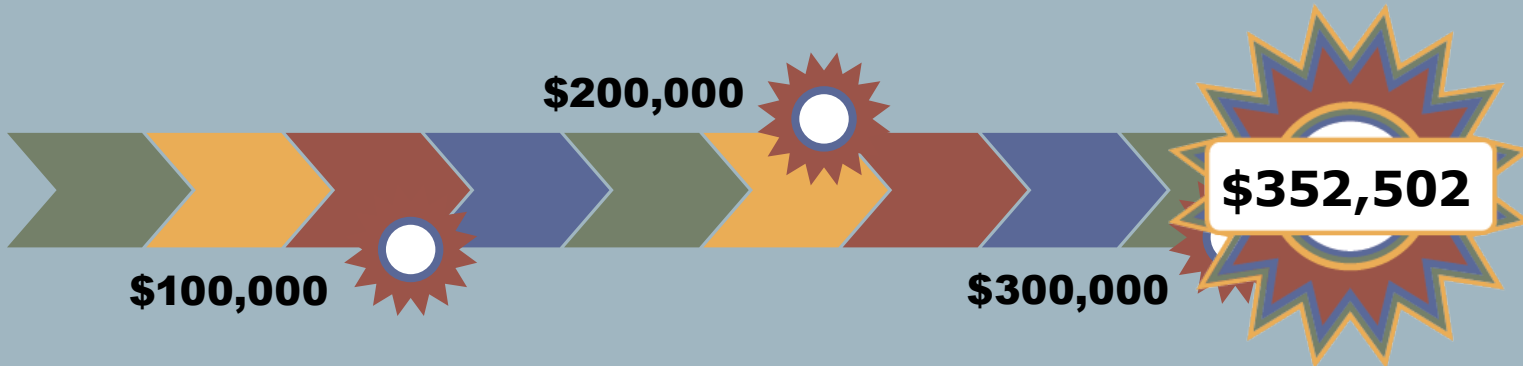
Electronic Donation:	\$ 3,267.98
Mailed Donation:	\$ 2,115.00
Collection — Weekend Masses:	\$ 7,350.00
Second Collection — Maintenance:	\$ 1,611.00

TOTAL \$14,343.98

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

A PLACE OF PRAYER AND PEACE

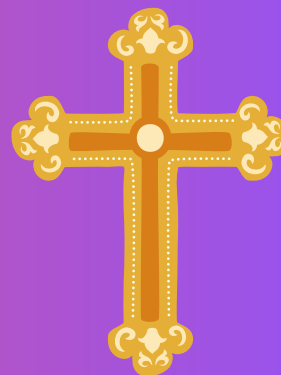
AMA 2024



WE RECEIVED ANOTHER GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF \$30,000 TO OUR RECORD SETTING 2024 AMA CAMPAIGN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Teen Girl Prayer



Group

Teen Girls in Grades 9-12

**Two
Wednesdays
a month**

Carmel Mission Basilica

7pm-

7:40pm

An opportunity for teen girls to take a retreat from the distractions of life, and spend some time in reflective prayer!

Questions? Contact our prayer leader, Lisa Foreman:

Ltforeman@gmail.com

or Jessica Ortega:

faithformation@carmelmission.org



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PRE-LENTEN TALK ON PRAYER

Pre-Prayer for Lent

You are invited to join Fr. Joe Lally, CSP for a presentation:

**“Introduction to Deeper Prayer”
Sunday, February 23
3:00 pm in the Basilica**

Fr. Joe will speak of the deeper prayer in the Christian tradition, of the contemplative/meditative prayer that has been part of the Christian tradition from Jesus until now.

CENTERING PRAYER is a recent part of that continuing tradition. Fr. Joe will explain the practice, invite us into an experience of CENTERING PRAYER, with the wish that CENTERING PRAYER will deepen our individual Lenten prayer, as well as Carmel Mission’s communal Lenten prayer.

“When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your God in secret. And your Father who sees in secret, will repay you.”

(Mt.6:6)





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Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts is Back!

Join us in Crespi Hall after each Sunday Mass to enjoy a hot coffee and delicious donuts.

February 9

February 16

February 23



Knights of Columbus

Meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Crespi Hall at 6:30 PM.



For more information please email koc@carmelmission.org.

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.



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Carmel Mission Bible Study

Bible Study meets in Crespi Hall every Wednesday at at 10:30 am



Our parish Bible Study group continues. We are examining the Book of Revelation every Wednesday at 10:30 AM in Crespi Hall. We invite you to join us in learning about this exciting promise of God. Hints: It is not scary and God does win.

Questions; Dick Gorman 595-6363.

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 Friday, January 31st, Book Club will begin reading Pope Francis' brand new book, **HOPE: The Autobiography of Pope Francis**.

This is the first-ever autobiography to be published by a sitting pope. Please join us as we read this most remarkable life story.

For information email christina.renna@gmail.com



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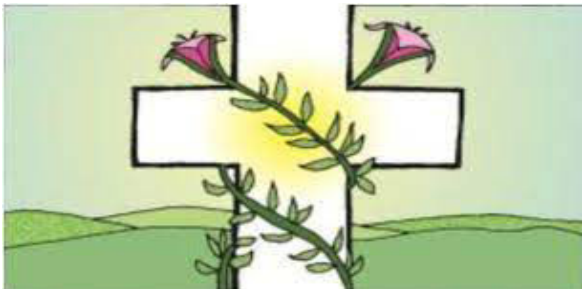
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Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry

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 Laura Schwingle,
liturgy@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

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.

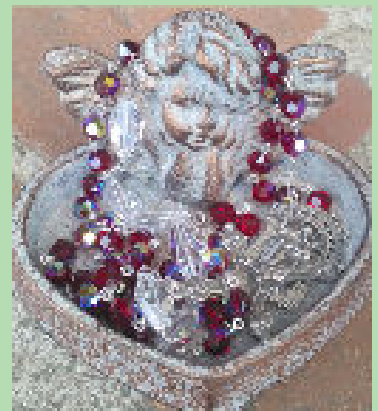
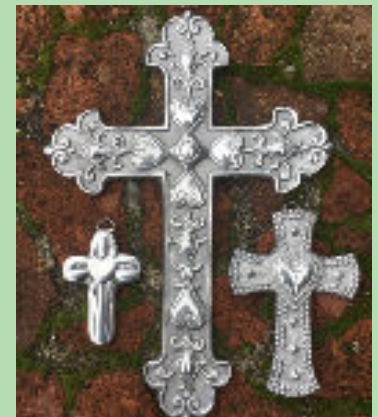


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