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



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Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today's Gospel is one of the most famous and recognizable across the Christian traditions, the Beatitudes. It is truly Good News for those who experience little such news in their lives – the poor, the hungry, the mourning, the reviled and rejected. They are blessed by God, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. It should not be a surprise that the Messiah who was born to poor parents in the stable, and who would realize His mission of love by an ignominious death on a cross, would have a different take than society on who is truly blessed. His Resurrection will defy all human logic and prior human experience. God's ways are not our ways, and that is captured here in Jesus' most famous sermon.

It is comforting to know that when we are experiencing hardship, that we are also experiencing blessedness. It certainly went against the thinking of Jesus' day where difficulty was viewed as sign of God's displeasure. It also defies the current barometers by which success is defined – power, wealth, and influence. While not entirely intuitive, the Beatitudes name for us the transformation we experience in our worldview when we trust whole-heartedly in God. Blessedness is not a quality that is bestowed by the world: it is a quality of God, alive in all people and across all experiences. The value of a person is the value given them by God – priceless. Life is not about what we possess but that God possesses us.

The psalm describes the blessed as all those who hope in the Lord. Those who hope in the Lord, regardless of their situation in life, are like the tree planted near running water, never dying and always prospering. In the Beatitudes, Jesus encourages us to see the poor, the hungry, the weeping and the rejected as just such people, people loved by God and blessed by God. The Beatitudes describe the people we are called to be, but also those we are called to love, to serve and to assist. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, we are the hands and feet of Christ, offering hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, and relief to the suffering.

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** "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

**Psalm** Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6)

**Reading II** Those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

**Gospel** "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

GENESIS 4:1-15, 25  
PSALM 50:1,8, 16BC-17, 20-21  
MARK 8:11-13

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

GENESIS 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
PSALM 29:1A, 2, 3AC-4, 3B & 9C-10  
MARK 8:14-21

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

GENESIS 8:6-13, 20-22  
PSALM 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
MARK 8:22-26

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

GENESIS 9:1-13  
PSALM 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23  
MARK 8:27-33

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

GENESIS 11:1-9  
PSALM 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
MARK 8:34—9:1

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1 PETER 5:1-4  
PSALM 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6  
MATTHEW 16:13-19

## Scripture Reflection

With the famous sermon we hear in the Gospel today, Jesus makes clear that God does not measure success in the same way that we do. Things like wealth, satisfaction, good cheer, and a solid reputation may seem like signs of God's favor, but they are not the things that ultimately matter. God promises instead to be present in a special way for those who are hungry, weeping, poor and reviled. That is not to say God does not love those who have more, but that God seeks out those who are suffering and offers them a particular love. Whenever Jesus speaks about such people, he addresses his words to the disciples who are not among the most destitute. They are the ones who have the means to be agents of divine blessing to those who are needy. His invitation to disciples is to embrace some form of being poor, but not destitution, as an essential aspect of their commitment to Jesus. Luke shows many options for how to respond to the call to embrace poverty. Some of the fisherman and a tax collector leave behind everything to follow Jesus (5:11,28). Others, like Zaccheus, give half of their possession to the poor. (19:8) Many women put their monetary resources at the service of Jesus' mission (8:1-3). Some, like Mary, the mother of John Mark, open their homes for the gathering of the community (Acts 12:12). There was also the practice of pooling everyone's resources and then each taking according to their need (Acts 2:44). The only thing that was not an option was to hoard for oneself like the rich ruler (Luke 18:18-30) or lie to the community about one's possessions like Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11). The blessedness that Jesus holds up is the happiness of those who are being liberated from their desperate poverty already in the here and now, a foretaste of the final elimination of all wants in the fullness of the reign of God. The first reading from Jeremiah also offers another dichotomy between those who are blessed and those are cursed. Jeremiah makes Jesus' point a little plainer – trust in God, rather than in humans and their faulty markers of success, is what leads to life. The psalm reiterates the message of the first reading: trust and hope in God is what leads to blessedness.





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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



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](mailto: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:



Dianne Lee (Taylor) Mueller R.N.,  
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

## Carmel Mission Legacy

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

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

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**TOTAL \$14,343.98**



# 2024 AMA PROJECT PLANNING UPDATE

## FEBRUARY 2025 - Update

**We are happy to report on the good progress being made on the 2024 AMA campaign - The Blessed Sacrament Chapel: A Place of Prayer and Peace.**

**Our preliminary work has brought us to the budgeting and logistics phase of the BSC project.**

### **Plans Received – Estimates Forthcoming**

We have received a set of plans detailing building accessibility improvements and are working with a local contractor to get preliminary estimates on the proposed work.

### **Building Structure Restoration and Seismic Retrofit**

Our BSC project necessitated us looking at the overall structure of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel building. It is most prudent at this time to explore the options to restore the entire building, which would include a seismic retrofit. This is a significant endeavor and we look forward to sharing the findings with you once the evaluation is complete.



### **Our AMA total to date is**

\$352,502.00 (including our \$70,000.00 donation to the Diocesan ministries).

## DECEMBER 2024 – UPDATE

2024 AMA Campaign - The Blessed Sacrament Chapel: A Place of Prayer and Peace.

We recently received a generous contribution of \$20,000.00. Our AMA total to date is \$321,102.00 (including our \$70,000.00 donation to the Diocesan ministries). Though we promote our annual campaign fundraising in the early to late spring, we continue to receive donations until the end of the year. Our goal is to improve the ventilation, heating, and security of our beautiful Blessed Sacrament Chapel to make it more accessible, comfortable, and secure.

We have done much preliminary work to identify the necessary improvements to the Chapel. As the structure of the building itself needs restoration and seismic retrofit, we are in the process of understanding the parameters of such a project to ensure the work we do now is in line with that larger effort. We have already done much to improve the Chapel and Sacristy environments by addressing humidity, plumbing, lighting, storage, and plaster issues. We have engaged a landscape architect, contractor, and surveyor to develop options for improving building accessibility by providing better access for those with limited mobility.

We are still in the research phase of the project.

We must evaluate the structural recommendations and proposed improvements to clarify the project's scope, budget, and timeline.

We look forward to further work commencing in 2025.



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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

## Reserve Your Traditional Irish Corned Beef Meal!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

Our Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer their famous St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 8. Service will begin at 6:30pm in Crespi Hall. The doors will open at 6:00pm.

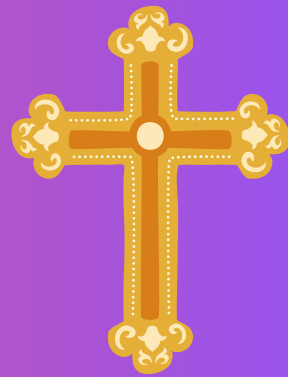
We will be serving Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Soda Bread, Coffee and Cake. Beverages, including truly tasty Irish Coffee, will be served at the bar with additional donations.

**The Knights will once again be serving their world famous traditional Irish dinner along with lively music and surprises.**

Dinner tickets will be offered on a first come basis on Sunday after Mass and will be limited to 80 dinners only. Cash or check preferred. The reservations will go quickly, so act fast. No tickets will be available at the door. Prices remain the same as last year, \$50 per person, and everyone will need a ticket to be seated.

- **Dinner Tickets: \$50**  
This Sunday, tickets will be sold in Crespi Hall after each Mass (9AM and 11AM)
- **For question contact [koc@carmelmission.org](mailto:koc@carmelmission.org)**

# Teen Girl Prayer Group



Teen Girls in Grades 9-12

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**Two  
Wednesdays  
a month**

**Carmel Mission Basilica**

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**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](mailto:Ltforeman@gmail.com)  
or Jessica Ortega:  
[faithformation@carmelmission.org](mailto: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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# CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

## 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 16

February 23



## Knights of Columbus

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Saturday, March 8

For more information please email [koc@carmelmission.org](mailto: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

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**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

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**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

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**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](mailto:christina.renna@gmail.com)





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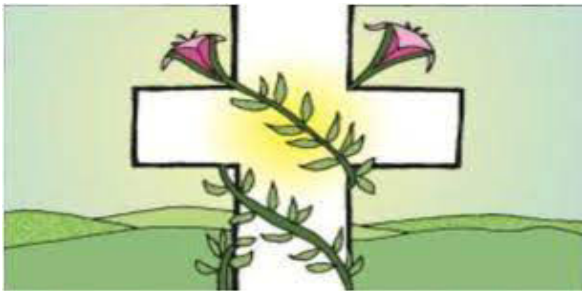
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## Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry

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](mailto: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](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).

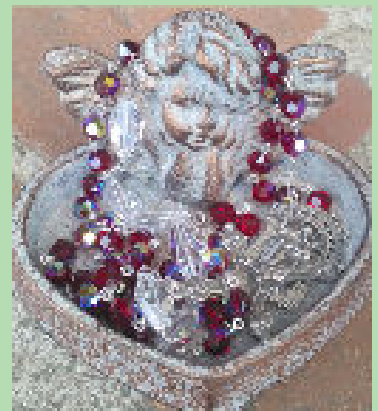
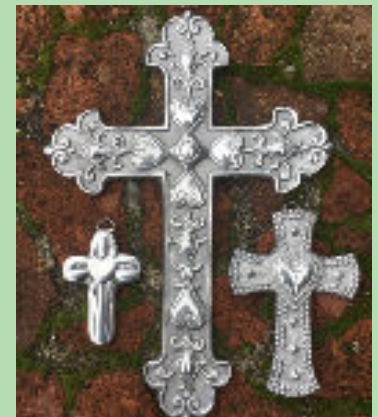


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