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# Carmel Mission Basilica

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Founded 1771 by St. Junípero Serra



**Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 23 2025**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

All our readings today are helping us to understand one of the most difficult realities of our human existence - bad things do happen to good people. No matter how much we work to do God's will in our lives, we will all be faced with loss, with uncertainty, with illness, suffering and ultimately, death. Perhaps even more challenging, we will witness tragedy befall the truly innocent. Life is not always fair or kind. Life comes from God, who is infinitely just, compassionate, and merciful. How do we reconcile these two truths?

In the first reading in the story of Moses and the burning bush, God reveals His plan to save God's people to Moses, who He tasks with taking the good news of their salvation to the captive Israelites, and leading them to the wonderful place God has prepared for them. When Moses asks who He should say sent him, God names Himself, I AM. God is existence itself, and God's goals are always to heal, protect, and save. The psalm reiterates this, reminding us that God is kind and merciful - forgiving our sins, redeeming our lives, and securing us justice.

In the Gospel, Jesus understands that his listeners are likely presenting Him with the stories of the executed Galileans and the people crushed by the tower in the hopes He will explain what they did wrong, so that they can avoid a similar fate. Jesus is quick to disabuse them. There may be sinful behaviors behind the events, but not on the part of the victims. But Jesus also emphasizes that such sudden tragic accidents do indeed happen, and we should always be striving to be ready to meet God. He then follows up this somewhat harrowing thought with the parable of the patient gardener. God's nature, as expressed in the first reading and the psalm, is to be ever working for our good, seeking us when we stray, and patiently waiting for us to turn to Him. Cultivating our spirit, perfecting our compassion, and forming our hearts is the work of a lifetime. God wants to be our patient, kind, and merciful partner and guide in this work, if only we will let Him.

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

Fr. Paul



***Message from Bishop Garcia on the Holy Year of Jubilee 2025***

February 24, 2025

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

It is indeed a great joy that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has declared a **Jubilee Year of Hope** that began December 29, 2024, and ends on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

It is meant to be a journey of prayer and renewal for God’s Holy People. The Pope’s focus on the virtue of “hope,” for Jubilee Year 2025, is one our world desperately needs.

As Pope Francis has often spoken about – he also focuses living this Jubilee Year such that it might be a ‘moment’ of encounter, in particular, a ***genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus***, he who is our Way, Truth, and Life. My hope for our Diocesan Family, is that this deeper encounter with the Lord Jesus, who is indeed “our hope,” would also spur our greater commitment to ***say “Yes!”*** to the Lord’s invitation to us ***to share in his mission***.

On Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 10:30AM, I will preside at the Solemn Liturgical Opening of the Holy Year in our Diocese at our Cathedral Church of San Carlos in Monterey, to which all are invited.

During Holy Years, it has often been the pious practice of the Christian faithful to make pilgrimages as a sign of their ‘spiritual journey,’ to both local and universal holy sites. Below are listed the churches in our Diocese which have been officially designated as pilgrimage sites.

- ❖ **San Carlos Cathedral, Monterey, CA**
- ❖ **Carmel Mission Basilica, Carmel, CA**
- ❖ **Mission Chapel of Holy Cross, Santa Cruz, CA**
- ❖ **Mission Church of San Juan Bautista, San Juan Bautista, CA**
- ❖ **Madonna de Sasso Pro Cathedral, Salinas, CA**
- ❖ **Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Pro Cathedral, San Luis Obispo, CA**

An indulgence is one of the special ‘signs’ of the Jubilee Year, which reminds us of the “unlimited nature of God’s mercy.” (*Spes Non Confundit*, 23, Pope Francis). Information will be posted on our diocesan social media in the coming days.

Again, my prayer for all of you, is that this Jubilee will bring forth a deeper encounter with the Lord Jesus who is the world’s true hope, “yesterday, today, and forever.” May we pray together for the courage to proclaim this hope to the world. May this hope be ‘realized’ in our love for and service to, the poorest and most marginalized in our midst.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia  
Bishop of Monterey in California





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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I** Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15)

**Psalm** The Lord is kind and merciful. (Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11)

**Reading II** I do not want you to be unaware... all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)

**Gospel** "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?" (Luke 13:1-9)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

2 KINGS 5:1-15AB  
PSALM 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4  
LUKE 4:24-30

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

ISAIAH 7:10-14; 8:10  
PSALM 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11  
HEBREWS 10:4-10  
LUKE 1:26-38

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

DEUTERONOMY 4:1, 5-9  
PSALM 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
MATTHEW 5:17-19

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

JEREMIAH 7:23-28  
PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
LUKE 11:14-23

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

HOSEA 14:2-10  
PSALM 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 & 17  
MARK 12:28-34

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

HOSEA 6:1-6  
PSALM 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB  
LUKE 18:9-14

## Scripture Reflection

In the Gospel Jesus pushes back on a "better them than me" mentality He is finding in His listeners. They seem to believe they deserve the good things in their lives, and that people to whom bad things happen somehow deserved those bad things. That is what Jesus figures that people are thinking when they report to Him about the people Pilate murdered and the people who were killed when a tower fell on them. There may indeed be sinful causes behind these events, but not on the part of the victims. Pilate, who carries out a brutal execution of innocent people, embodies a sin-wracked system. Deaths caused by shoddy workmanship or construction shortcuts, when profit is prized over human safety, are the result of sinful practices, but not those of the ones who fall victim. Jesus does not answer the more complex question of why bad things happen to good people, but He does clearly disassociate untimely death from sin and guilt. What He emphasizes in His response is the need to always be prepared – the end can come quite unexpectedly. The second reading reiterates Jesus' message in the Gospel. Many things vie for our attention, and many of them can take the place in our heart that should belong only to God. It is good to let go of overconfidence, as St. Paul admonishes the Corinthians, allowing ourselves to be enveloped in the mystery of the great I Am. The Gospel and the second reading remind us that bad things happen even in to good-acting people. The first reading and the psalm remind us that these things are not the will of God. God is always working for our good, to deliver us from the effects of sin that still fill this life with suffering. We can rest in God, knowing that He pardons, and heals, and redeems, and secures justice for those who strive to cooperate with God's redeeming work.



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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



If you would like to support  
the Easter Flowers with a  
minimum donation of \$90  
please contact Laura at  
[liturgy@carmelmission.org](mailto:liturgy@carmelmission.org)  
to arrange your donation  
and your intention.

Your intentions will be  
included in the bulletin for  
the Easter season.

Thank you for your generosity.



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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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# LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

## Ash Wednesday

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### Mass and Distribution of Ashes

March 5 at 12:00 PM in the Basilica

## Stations of the Cross

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### Every Friday following Noon Mass

March 7 - April 11 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

## Taizé Prayer

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### Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

March 12 - April 9 in the Basilica

## Reconciliation Service

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### Friday, March 28 at 6:00 PM

6:00 PM In the Basilica

## Palm Sunday

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday, April 12: Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 13: Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

## Holy Thursday, April 17

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### Mass

5:30 PM in the Basilica

### Adoration (after Mass)

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

## Good Friday, April 18

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### The Lord's Passion

1:00 PM In the Basilica

### Tenebrae

7:30 PM In the Basilica

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## Easter

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### Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, April 19  
8:00 PM In the Basilica

### Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 20  
9:00, 11:00 AM, & 1:00 PM In the Basilica



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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:



Margaret Luke,  
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:



Walter DeFaria,  
Lucille Eggerman,  
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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### Reports for the weeks ending on

**03/02/2025:**

**03/09/2025:**

<b>\$ 3,489.32</b>	<b>Electronic Donation</b>	<b>Electronic Donation</b>	<b>\$ 6,633.46</b>
<b>\$ 3,159.82</b>	<b>Mailed Donation</b>	<b>Mailed Donation</b>	<b>\$ 2,285.00</b>
<b>\$ 5,513.00</b>	<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>\$ 5,351.00</b>
<b>\$ 7,152.00</b>	<b>AMA — 2nd Collection</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$ 1,614.00</b>

**\$19,314.14**

**TOTAL**

**\$15,883.46**

# THE MORA CHAPEL

AMA 2025

## A PLACE OF LIVING HISTORY



\$50,000      \$100,000      \$150,000      \$200,000      \$250,000      \$300,000



 **DIOCESAN GOAL \$75,900**

**PARISH GOAL** 

Our Mora Chapel is named for renowned artist and sculptor Jo Mora, who spent much time at our beloved Carmel Mission, and was captured and inspired by its beauty and historical significance.

This year we dedicate the funds we raise to preservation and restoration efforts in the Mora Chapel.

Work is needed to mitigate less than ideal ventilation, clean and conserve the historic items and better display them for the enjoyment and edification of our parish family and the many visitors and pilgrims we welcome each year.

### An AMA Message from Fr. Paul (video)

A video player thumbnail for a message from Fr. Paul. The top of the thumbnail has a dark red header with the text "THE MORA CHAPEL A PLACE OF LIVING HISTORY" and a small "AMA 2025" logo. The main area of the thumbnail features a large red play button icon over a video frame showing the interior of the Mora Chapel. On either side of the play button are circular icons: on the left, three icons showing a crucifix, a statue, and a book; on the right, three icons showing a statue, a book, and a statue.



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# MORA CHAPEL'S LIVING HISTORY

## Father Serra Celebrates Mass at Monterey (1877)

Leon Trousset's Founding Painting (1877), housed in the Carmel Mission's Mora Chapel, is a pivotal work of historical and cultural significance. Depicting Junípero Serra's first Mass under Monterey's iconic oak tree in 1770—the same site described by explorer Sebastián Vizcaíno in 1602—the painting bridges California's colonial past with its 19th-century artistic legacy. Trousset, a French-born artist drawn to Monterey's bohemian circles, rendered the scene with meticulous detail: Serra elevates the Eucharist beneath a makeshift canopy, flanked by Spanish soldiers, friars, and Indigenous onlookers, while the oak itself dominates the composition as a symbol of enduring faith.

Trousset's work is not merely artistic but historiographic. Painted over a century after the event, it reflects both the Romanticism of its time and the colonial and the narratives shaping California's identity. The inclusion of Mission bells, European flags, and Native Peoples as observers reveals the complex interplay of evangelization, and the dynamics of cultural exchange. Trousset's ties to Jules Simoneau's Monterey salon—a hub visited by Robert Louis Stevenson—add layers to its provenance, anchoring it within California's significant artistic history.

Preserving and protecting this oil-on-canvas masterpiece is critical. Measuring 53" x 72", its scale and age make it vulnerable to environmental damage, pigment fading, and canvas deterioration. As one of few surviving works by Trousset—whose commissions included churches across California—it offers irreplaceable insight into 19th-century interpretations of the state's founding myths.



***"Leon Trousset's 1877 masterpiece, 'Father Serra Celebrates Mass at Monterey,' immortalizes the founding of Carmel Mission in 1770. This monumental oil painting captures the spiritual dawn of California's colonial era.***

Protecting such artifacts ensures future generations confront both the spiritual fervor and colonial complexities embedded in their brushstrokes. The Founding Painting is more than a devotional image; it is a portal to understanding how history is remembered, contested, and visualized. For the Carmel Mission Basilica Museum, safeguarding Trousset's vision honors not only Saint Junipero's legacy but also the fragile interplay of art, memory, and truth that defines our shared heritage.

# 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**

\$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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# FIRST LIBRARY IN CALIFORNIA

Today I'd like to tell you a little about our library and the people who led the efforts to restore it in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, first and foremost of course being Harry Downie. As we know, the Mission was secularized and then abandoned by the early 1840s. This was a process that took some years. In preparation for the handover of the Mission, Father José Maria del Real inventoried the entire property, including all the books in the library, in 1834. His inventory listed a total of 404 books. He returned in 1842 to conduct another inventory, by which time the library had already lost about 90 volumes. As happened with most of the artwork and other valuable property, thankfully the books were relocated to the parish church in Monterey, the present San Carlos Cathedral, also known as the Royal Presidio Chapel. Here they found a safe place they could call home for the next hundred years.



Monsignor James H. Culleton

We lose track of the former Mission library until the 1930s. Only recently uncovered in the Archives of the Diocese of Monterey, I found an inventory of the library made by Monsignor James H. Culleton in 1932. Father Culleton (1898-1978), a native of Fresno, was what we used to call a book man, which is to say that he was very knowledgeable about old and rare books. Along with the inventory, Father Culleton was responsible for the return of a large number of books he had found in Santa Cruz in 1931. Many of these books are inscribed by him documenting this return. One such inscription reads: "found among the books of the Old Santa Cruz Mission in the attic of the Santa Cruz parish house. It bears the catalog marking of the old San Carlos Mission of Monterey." Father Culleton went on to serve in Fresno in many roles, including as Chancellor of the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno. The archives in Fresno bear his name.

At around this same time, Harry Downie was beginning his work on the restoration of Carmel Mission. He naturally began work bringing the church back to its old glory, work that allowed a parish to be established here again on October 27, 1933. A new roof was put on in 1936, and the following ten years saw a great deal of restoration work across the grounds, including the Convento Wing, now our museum and gift shop. It wasn't until 1949 that the rebuilt library room in the Convento was completed, and it was at that time that Harry received permission to relocate the books from Monterey to Carmel. For this purpose he built four large book cases, numbered 1-4 with Roman numerals, that hold the books to this day. He was especially keen on reshelving the books in much the same order that they had at the time around 1800, when Father Lasuen had all the books identified with their special shelf mark, denoting the case and order that each book was given.



Harry J. Downie

Harry Downie then wanted to give the library a proper catalog of all the books present, and in 1956 he engaged Sylvia Broadbent to document the volumes properly. She was at the time a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley, studying anthropology. Sylvia was originally from England and emigrated with her family to California in 1947. She graduated the following year from Carmel High School (at age 16), and went on to study as an undergraduate at Berkeley. She certainly must have known Harry around this time, and so he naturally turned to her for his cataloging effort. The 3x5 card catalog that she completed now resides at the Bancroft Library at Berkeley. Dr. Broadbent went on to a prolific career as a professor at UC Riverside.



Sylvia M. Broadbent

Harry Downie's efforts to bring the library back to life continued. He scoured the other missions for books that had once belonged in Carmel. Books came back from all over California, including Watsonville, Mission Santa Barbara, Mission San Luis Rey, San Francisco, and even Phoenix, Arizona. Harry also bought books on the rare books market that carried the titles once held by the Convento library. We can be forever grateful for Harry Downie's efforts at restoring our great mission, to include one of its treasures, Saint Junípero's very own library.

Bill Whobrey | Library Project Manager



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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.

March 23

March 30



## 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](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 Wisdom 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 March 28, Book Club will begin reading **The Last Hours of Jesus: From Gethsemane to Golgotha** by Passionist Father Ralph Gorman, C.P.

This book provides a detailed account of the events of Holy Week, with information from all four Gospels shown in the context of first century Jewish and Roman history.

Books are available at the meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

For information email [christina.renna@gmail.com](mailto:christina.renna@gmail.com)





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## Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry

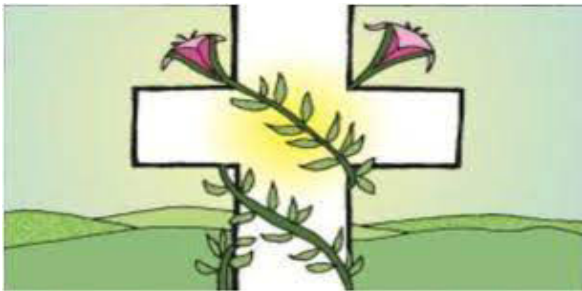
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The Carmel Mission Bereavement Ministry, founded in 2003, is a group of volunteers who provide consolation and support to families who are grieving the death of a loved one. The Ministry, under the direction of the Pastor, offers assistance with planning 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

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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

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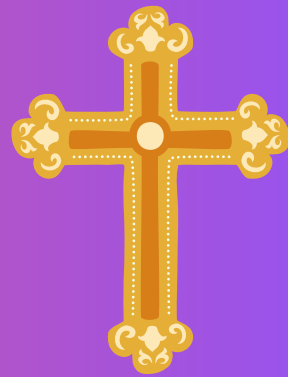
### ***Carmel Mission's I-HELP ministry needs YOUR help!***

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).

# Teen Girl Prayer Group



Teen Girls in Grades 9-12

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**Two  
Wednesdays  
a month**

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