



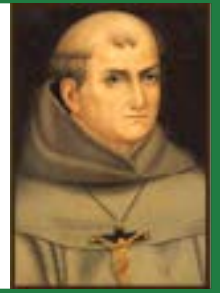
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Day of Prayer for Peace, Friday February 6

Mass and Holy Hour for Peace
12:00 PM in the Basilica



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Sunday, February 1, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today's Gospel of the Beatitudes from Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount is one of the most familiar and beloved Gospel passages. This is with good reason, as the Beatitudes are the most essential proclamation of Jesus. The Beatitudes share the good news of the Kingdom of heaven, which is good news especially for those who have little esteem in the eyes of the world – the meek, the merciful, the mourning, and the poor in spirit. Those who suffer for the sake of proclaiming the good news shall be rewarded greatly. While future-oriented, the reality of the Beatitudes is very much present in the world today. We cannot allow ourselves to treat the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes as something that will only occur at the end of time. While we wait for the coming of the fullness of God's kingdom, we are called to actively assist in the building of God's kingdom on earth.

In 2018, Pope Francis released an apostolic letter called *Gaudete et Exsultate*, "On the Call to Holiness in Today's World." The document is made up of five chapters, and the third is devoted entirely to an extended reflection on the Beatitudes. Pope Francis introduces the chapter by writing, "Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when He gave us the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are like a Christian identity card. So, if anyone asks, "What must one do to be a good Christian?" the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives."

We hear in the Gospel today "Blessed are the peacemakers." Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, called for a Holy Hour for Peace as a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Bishop Slawomir has asked every parish in our Diocese of Monterey to celebrate a Day of Prayer for Peace this coming week. Here at Carmel Mission, on Friday February 6 we will celebrate the 12pm Mass for peace, followed immediately by a Holy Hour for peace in the Basilica. I hope you can join us to pray for peace in our hearts, our communities, our nation, and our world.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health and true peace,

Fr. Paul



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A Joyful Moment for Our Diocese: Installation of Bishop Ramón Bejarano

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With hearts full of gratitude and hope, the Diocese of Monterey is pleased to share that the **Installation of Bishop Ramón Bejarano** will take place on **Thursday, February 19, 2026**. This moment marks a significant and joyful milestone in the life of our local Church, and we are deeply thankful for the prayers, anticipation, and love already surrounding this occasion.

Because of the **limited capacity of the installation venue**, attendance at the liturgy will be **by invitation only** and, regrettably, **will not be open to the general public**. We understand that many of our faithful would wish to be present in person for this historic celebration, and we are sincerely grateful for your understanding as we navigate this unavoidable limitation.

While we may not all be able to gather physically, we remain united as one diocesan family in faith and prayer. **Livestreaming details will be shared in the coming weeks**, allowing all who wish to participate to do so prayerfully. We encourage you to visit the diocesan website and follow our official social media channels for updates and additional information as plans continue to unfold.

To the faithful of the Diocese of Monterey, please know that this celebration is only the beginning. In the weeks and months ahead, there will be **many opportunities to welcome Bishop Ramón personally**. He looks forward to visiting parishes throughout the diocese, **celebrating the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments — including Confirmations — visiting our Catholic schools**, and spending time listening, praying, and walking alongside the people entrusted to his pastoral care.

As we prepare for this joyful day, we ask that you continue to keep Bishop Ramón and our diocesan family in your prayers. May this season be one of renewal, unity, and hopeful anticipation, as we entrust our Church to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and look forward to all that the Lord has in store.

Gratefully in Christ,



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I: *I will send my messenger to prepare the way before me.* (Malachi 3:1)

Psalm: *Who is this king of glory? It is the LORD!* (Psalm 24:10)

Reading II: *You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.* (Hebrews 12:22)

Gospel: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.* (Luke 2:22-40)

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Luke 2:22-40

Tuesday, February 3

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Wednesday, February 4

1 Kings 3:1-15
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11
Mark 6:30-34

Thursday, February 5

1 Kings 3:16-28
Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Mark 6:35-44

Friday, February 6

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10
Mark 6:45-52

Saturday, February 7

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11
Mark 7:1-13

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus sums up in eight statements a way of life that brings true happiness and blessing already in the present, along with the fullness of joy in days to come. There is nothing terribly new in this teaching. The prophets and wisdom teachers before Jesus spoke in a similar manner (Prov 3:13; 28:14, Sir 25:7-9, Isa 30:18; 32:20) Each statement of the Beatitudes begins with "Blessed (or happy) are those who...." Each is in the third person plural, indicating communal action and relationship. The first thing the Beatitudes tell us then is that living them is not an individual pursuit. The Beatitudes name the ways in which people's happiness is threatened: grinding poverty, grief, landlessness, hunger, war, and persecution. Jesus does not advise that those so afflicted simply wait for a reversal of fortune in the hereafter, though the final verse does speak of a great reward in heaven. Jesus also counsels attitudes and actions that will bring about the reign of God, already tasted in the present. To be poor in spirit is not to accept poverty as an inevitable state of life, but rather to find one's wealth in God, to trust in God's care for the poor, and to seek righteousness which rectifies the unequal distribution of resources and ensures all have enough to thrive. Like the grieving women who went to Jesus' tomb, we do not mourn in despair when we suffer loss but we allow our sorrow to be transformed by hope in the risen One. Such a manner of life is able to heal the hurtful memories of the past and to transform the present to a hope-filled future. Jesus addresses His teachings to His disciples and to a great crowd, inviting them to recognize their capacity for happiness in the present by espousing attitudes and actions that will influence the future. The readings share the common theme that God chooses the side of the lowly and downtrodden. Zephaniah beckons the lowly and the righteous to seek refuge in God, knowing that God cares for them. In reflection on the Christian community in Corinth, St. Paul recognizes that God chooses "the weak of the world to shame the strong." The psalm refrain is taken directly from the Beatitudes. Those who are poor in spirit embody the same reliance on God that the psalmist encourages here. God cares for those who trusts in His providence, most of all those who are in greatest need.



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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 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 - Mass in the Basilica.

Sunday Masses

9:00 am - Mass in the Basilica.

11:00 am - Mass in the Basilica with Choir.

Moved to the Basilica during construction

Noon Masses

Wednesday - Friday, 12:00 pm — Mass in the Basilica

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am — Confessions at the Basilica

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 extensions 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:



Margaret Luke,
Rose Healy,
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:

Major Trevor C. Kuchman, USMC,
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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Recently Deceased in our Parish

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, especially:



Gerry Chiappe,
Robert Moore,
Marie Zenorini-Canepa,
Meridee Doud,
Charleen Sciambi
David Perez
Margaret "Peggy" Ryan
Pearla Tarsitano
John Jennings,
Samantha Jennings,

Cristina Biegel,
William Griffon,
Jeff Brady,
Nelly Ortega,
Douglas Forzani,
Joe Diaz, Jr,
Theron Bergeron,
Trudy Bohland,
Theodor Albert,
Wilma Jauregui,
Jose Ponce Gutierrez,
Teresita Chan,
Walter DeFaria,
Lucille Eggerman,
Dianne Lee (Taylor) Mueller R.N.,
Rebecca Simms,
Debora Frances Embody,
James M. Fremgen,
Patricia Maaske,
Tom Coble,

... 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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Reports for the week ending on 01/18/2026:

Electronic Donation: \$ 6,861.46
Mailed Donation: \$ 2,495.00
Weekend Masses: \$ 6,900.00
Second Collection — Maintenance: \$ 2,277.00

TOTAL \$18,533.46



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2024 AMA UPDATE

WE ARE EXPECTING THE 1ST PHASE OF THE BSC WORK DETAILED BELOW TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SO WE MAY RESUME DAILY MASSES AND RECONCILIATION.



THE RAMP TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL HAS BEEN INSTALLED



OUR CHAPEL HAS NEWLY RESTORED PEWS



HANDRAILS AND NEW FRONT DOOR HARDWARE WORK IS TO BE COMPLETED SOON

WE LOOK FORWARD TO OPENING THE CHAPEL UP AS SOON AS THE HANDRAILS ARE INSTALLED IN THE COMING WEEKS RECEIVED A THOROUGH CLEANING

THE 2ND PHASE TO CREATE A RAMP ENTRANCE FROM THE PATIO TO THE PARKING LOT IS IN PROCESS WITH PG&E, AS THE WORK REQUIRES MOVING A GAS LINE.

WE EXPECT TO REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FOR THE SEISMIC RETROFIT OF THE ENTIRE CHAPEL STRUCTURE EARLY NEXT MONTH

THE MORA CHAPEL

A PLACE OF LIVING HISTORY



We are delighted to report that our 2025 AMA Campaign, The Mora Chapel: A Place of Living History, contribution total now stands at \$328,004.

PROJECT UPDATES (As of 1.24.26)



- We are in the process of creating a conservation plan for the precious Mora Chapel artifacts.
- A report on the condition of the building and recommendations on restoration priorities is expected in the coming weeks





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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Join us for World Day of the Sick next Sunday, February 8

Next weekend, Sunday, February 8, is the World Day of the Sick. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 11 am Mass. All who feel in need of this powerful sacrament are invited to attend and participate.





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Carmel Mission Bible Study

Bible Study meets in Crespi Hall every Wednesday at 10:30 am - 11:30 am



Our Carmel Mission Bible is now studying of the Parables found in the Gospels. In these texts, Jesus sets forth for us details of how His Kingdom works in our Catholic lives. There is more in each of them than first appears. Here is a means to open our hearts to what He plans, hopes for each of us.

Questions; Dick Gorman 595-6363.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meets in Crespi Hall every Friday, 12:50 AM - 1:30 PM

All are welcome to join CENTERING PRAYER each Friday at 12:55 in Crespi Hall. We meet for 20 minutes in prayer, with the option to stay for Book Club at 1:30.

For more information about Centering Prayer, please email Sally Greig saljogreig@aol.com

Carmel Mission Book Club



Book Club meets in Crespi Hall every Friday, 1:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Book Club has begun reading [The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality](#) by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. This book explores our deep longing and search for God, as well as our struggle to achieve a strong Christian discipleship. Books are available at meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend.

For additional information please email christina.renna@gmail.com

Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts each Sunday following 9 AM & 11 AM Masses.

February 1 February 15
February 8 February 22





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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.

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.



Our Coordinator for the I-HELP Ministry has retired.

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

We need YOU to help us continue providing this emergency housing program one evening a month for homeless women on the Peninsula.

Please contact Father Paul at fr.paul@carmelmission.org for more information.

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



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