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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Sunday, February 8, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today in the Gospel Jesus' Sermon on the Mount continues and He uses two metaphors to help His disciples see how they are to engage with the world. He tells them that they are to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Salt and light, two basic and crucial natural elements that they themselves would have encountered, used and, indeed, benefitted from on a daily basis. In the intentional way in which Jesus always taught His disciples, He again uses metaphors that remain relevant over two thousand years later in the lives of His current disciples.

Salt is an essential element of human life. Our very biology, and indeed, the biology of all mammals, requires salt to survive as it regulates our nervous system and muscle function and maintains the integrity of our cells. In the time before wide-spread refrigeration, salt was used to preserve perishable foods. As we all know, salt just tastes good, enhancing the flavor of almost anything to which it is added. In telling His disciples, and all of us, to be the salt of the earth, Jesus is instructing them to be not only essential in sharing the Good News of salvation, but also be enhancers of all the goodness in the world.

Jesus' second metaphor is just as effective. Light is such a fundamental part of the human experience. Light dispels darkness. It allows us to see clearly, to perceive and navigate our surroundings safely. Elsewhere in Sacred Scripture, Jesus says that He is the light of the world (John 8:12). Here He is telling us that we are. In a few simple words Jesus offers a wonderful description of the importance and the beauty of Christian discipleship. Who would not want to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world? So, how do we do it? The answer lies in the Gospel we heard last week, the Beatitudes. No less than in Jesus' time, the Beatitudes serve as template for how we, too, may be both essential and beneficial for our brothers and sisters as salt of the earth, and light for the world.

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



**MATTHEW GODINEZ**  
DIRECTOR OF MEDIA  
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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I:** Here I am; send me! (Isaiah 6:8)

**Psalms:** The Lord will reveal to the nations his saving power. (Psalm 98:2)

**Reading II:** By the grace of God I am what I am. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

**Gospel:** They left everything and followed him. (Luke 5:11)

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, February 9

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13  
Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10  
Mark 6:53-56

### Tuesday, February 10

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

### Wednesday, February 11

1 Kings 10:1-10  
Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
Mark 7:14-23

### Thursday, February 12

1 Kings 11:4-13  
Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40  
Mark 7:24-30

### Friday, February 13

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19  
Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15  
Mark 7:31-37

### Saturday, February 14

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22  
Mark 8:1-10

## Scripture Reflection

In the Gospel today, Jesus calls his disciples to be the salt of the earth. They likely understood this metaphor in light of several biblical connotations. First, salt was a critical necessity for human life, along with water, fire, and iron, as Sirach 39:26 states. Salt was important for seasoning and preserving food. Job questions "can anything insipid be eaten without salt?" (Job 6:6) A second way salt was important was for liturgical functions. It was included with cereal offerings (Leviticus 2:13) and burnt offerings (Ezekiel 43:24.) Blending salt with incense kept the fragrant powder, pure and sacred (Exodus 30:35) salt was what Elisha used to purify a polluted spring of water. (2 Kings 2:19-22). Another way in which salt was used was to ratify covenants (Numbers 18:19). As a preservative, salt symbolized the lasting nature of the agreement. The accompanying image of disciples as light reinforces the message. As impossible as it is for a city set on a mountain to be hidden, and as unthinkable as wasting fuel by lighting a lamp only to extinguish it immediately, so inconceivable is it that the disciples would cease to let their light shine before others. By using these images, Jesus speaks first of who we are. To be salt and to be light are characteristic of our greatest identity: children of our loving God. From this identity, Jesus tells us what we are to do. Identity as children of God comes with a responsibility – to keep our taste and to shine before others. The light of Christ shines from those who follow his will, and Isaiah in the first reading speaks of light breaking forth from those who follow God's will by performing works of mercy. Jesus declares the light of his disciples must shine and give glory to God. In the second reading Saint Paul says that in proclaiming Christ, he appeared "in weakness and fear and much trembling" so that the light of Christ could shine through him rather than his own merit. According to St. Thomas, Aquinas, "justice is defined as giving to each one his due." Justice is inherently relational. The wisdom psalms, which include Psalm 112 proclaimed today, give plenty of examples and images of this virtue in practice. The just person is gracious, generous, steadfast, caring for those in need. In contrast of the darkness of injustice, the person who seeks justice for others brings light to those around them.



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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 their wedding anniversary by Vince and Patricia Nalam**



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 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

**Ash Wednesday - February 18 - noon Mass in the Basilica**

### 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 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:



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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# PARISH PRAYERS

## Recently Deceased in our Parish

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



Susan Betz McCance,  
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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# STEWARDSHIP

## Carmel Mission Legacy

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## Reports for the week ending on 01/25/2026:

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**Electronic Donation: \$ 3,909.49**  
**Mailed Donation: \$ 1,923.00**  
**Weekend Masses: \$ 6,282.00**

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**TOTAL \$12,114.49**



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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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# CARMEL MISSION COMMUNITY

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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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).

## Knights of Columbus

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**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).



## Our Coordinator for the I-HELP Ministry has retired.

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***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](mailto:fr.paul@carmelmission.org) for more information.

## 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



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