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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Sunday, February 15, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In the Gospel today, Jesus says that He has come to fulfill God's law. This belies any notion that Jesus wishes to overturn or undermine Mosaic law or that the God of the Old Testament is a harsh God who issues strict commandments while the God of the New Testament is a God of love and mercy. It is the same God of bountiful mercy who gave the law, and to whom Jesus is devoted. Jesus insists on the enduring value of the law and His intent to fulfill the tiniest part of it. What is new is Jesus' interpretation of the law, which at times was at odds with that of other religious leaders of His day. His is not a lax interpretation, but one that is even more demanding than theirs. To truly keep the law, one must go beyond it.

Jesus does not see the law as a simple list of what we should do, and what we should avoid. Clearly, Jesus wants us to keep the commandments, but His teaching cannot be reduced to only the acceptable or unacceptable outward behaviors illustrated therein. Rather, when Jesus instructs us to obey and teach the commandments, He invites us to an internal conversion that goes far beyond the dos and don'ts. The reading from the book of Sirach reiterates this point. We have the opportunity to respond to God's invitation to relationship. Where can we respond with love instead of judgment, with peace instead of malice, with joy instead of fear? We will not always respond in the way that we would like, but we can learn, grow and move forward to make better choices.

Through the Law, God desired to gather God's people to Himself, and show His love and care for them. The Law remains a guide to right relationship, and is yet another thing that Jesus will bring to fulfillment, but Jesus extends it further, from commandments against grave errors to understanding and preventing the root cause of such sin. Acknowledging their understanding and current practice, Jesus invites His audience, and all of us, to recognize God in a new, more personal way – in Himself- and challenges us to look beyond the written Law to its divine Author, present in our midst.

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

Fr. Paul



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Broadcast Information for the Installation Mass of Bishop Ramón Bejarano

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With hearts full of gratitude and hope, the Diocese of Monterey looks forward to the **Installation Mass of Bishop Ramón Bejarano**, which will take place on **Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 12:00 PM Pacific Standard Time**.

This sacred liturgy marks a significant and joyful moment in the life of our local Church, as Bishop Ramón is installed as the sixth bishop of Monterey in California. While attendance at the Installation Mass is limited and by invitation only due to space constraints, we are grateful to be able to share this celebration more widely so that the faithful may participate prayerfully from wherever they may be.

The Installation Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website at **www.dioceseofmonterey.org/installation**

The liturgy will also be broadcast on the Diocese of Monterey's official Facebook and YouTube pages. For convenience, a single link has been created to guide viewers to the available livestream platforms: **www.dominstallation.org/m/stream**

We are grateful to **El Sembrador, Nueva Evangelización (ESNE)** for their support in helping make this broadcast available to the faithful. For those who prefer to participate by radio, the Installation Mass will be broadcast for the faithful of the **Diocese of Monterey** on **ESNE Catholic Radio** at **540 AM, 880 AM, and 97.3 FM**.

Additionally, for the faithful of the **Diocese of Stockton**, the Mass will be broadcast by the ministry **Unidos Por Cristo y María** on their Catholic radio network at **1390 AM, 105.9 FM, and 102.1 FM**.

Though we may not all be able to gather in person, we remain united as one diocesan family in faith and prayer. We warmly invite all to join in this sacred celebration through these broadcasts as we give thanks to God and entrust Bishop Ramón's ministry among us to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the weeks and months ahead, there will be many opportunities to welcome Bishop Ramón personally, as he visits parishes throughout the diocese, celebrates the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments, visits our Catholic schools, and spends time listening, praying, and walking alongside the people entrusted to his pastoral care.

As we prepare for this joyful day, please continue to keep Bishop Ramón and our diocesan family in your prayers. May this season be one of renewal, unity, and hopeful anticipation for our local Church.

Gratefully in Christ,



MATTHEW GODINEZ
DIRECTOR OF MEDIA
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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD. (Jeremiah 17:7)

Psalms: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 1:1)

Reading II: If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Corinthians 15:14)

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 16

James 1:1-11

Psalms 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76

Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17

James 1:12-18

Psalms 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19

Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18 — Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 19

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 20

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 21

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke 5:27-32

Scripture Reflection

Jesus has a lot to say in today's Gospel, which is taken from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) for the third consecutive week. Importantly, He begins with the context in which His audience lives, "You have heard that it is said." Using the passive voice, Jesus acknowledges where the crowd has come to understand God's work in their lives, first of all through the Law of Moses and its interpretation. This formula introduces each of the four commandments: this is followed by Jesus' invitation to go deeper, "But I say to you..." First, He speaks of taking steps to defuse anger before it reaches a murderous stage. He gives three concrete examples. Primary is to avoid insulting each other. Then, if there is a rupture in a relationship, a ritual action alone will not mend it. A face-to-face reconciliation must be sought. Finally, conflicts should not be allowed to escalate to the point of litigation. The final section centers on honesty in relationships. If Leviticus 19:12 admonished, "You shall not swear falsely by my name, thus profaning the name of your God." Jesus says that relations among Christians should be so transparent that there is no need for taking oaths at all. By instructing His disciples to watch out for little transgressions Jesus does not intend to frighten them into obeying a God who is lying in wait to punish them for every peccadillo. Rather, He alerts His followers that little slights, left unchecked, can lead to major offenses, with dire consequences. All the readings invite us to appreciate the beauty of God's law, and our freedom in choosing whether to follow it. The first reading lays out two paths: life and death, good and evil. St. Paul articulates the mystery of God's wisdom that exists beyond those who seek only their own good. God loves us, and so we must love in response. In today's section of Psalm 119, the psalmist names a desire for four specific graces from God. In asking for goodness, for clarity, for wisdom, and for discernment, the psalmist recognizes that in order to follow God in loving others, he must first know himself the love of God. Indeed, those who "follow the law of the Lord" are blessed precisely in that they have come to know God's love for them – a love that compels them to observe God's laws by loving others.



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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 memory of
Robert Moore by Mary Ann Moore**



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

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 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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PARISH PRAYERS

Recently Deceased in our Parish

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



Jim Brady,
Laura Pura,
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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Reports for the week ending on 02/01/2026:

Electronic Donation: \$ 3,888.48
Mailed Donation: \$ 1,297.00
Weekend Masses: \$ 7,508.00

TOTAL \$12,693.48



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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 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.

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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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