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**WELCOME BISHOP RAMON!**



**First Sunday in Lent,  
Sunday, February 22, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Our Lenten theme this year at Carmel Mission is "You are the Word that leads us to the light." Light, and its triumph over darkness, is a central theme in the Sacred Scriptures, and is expressed most dramatically at the celebration of the Easter Vigil, when the holy fire lights the Pascal candle, representing the light of Christ that shines in the darkness, and when shared can illumine our Church, and our world.

In the Gospels for the five Sundays of Lent, we have examples of Jesus, the Word, shining light in dark places. Tempted by the Devil after fasting alone in the desert, Jesus confronts and rejects sin, and then is ministered to by angels. (Matthew 4:1-11) Up on a high mountain, Peter, James and John see in the Transfigured Christ the literal light of the world, which will be a beacon for them in the darkness that is to come. (Matthew 17:1-9) In His encounter with the Samaritan woman, Jesus shines the light of truth and compassion into her heart and she is forever changed. (John 4:5-42) In healing the man born blind, Jesus not only brings the man out of visual darkness, but also lifts the darkness of guilt and shame that had followed him all his life. (John 9:1-41) And in raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shines light into the ultimate darkness, death, and His light overcomes what had once seemed unconquerable. (John 11:1-45)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said, "darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that." Darkness is not only a global issue. Human nature requires that we also contend with the darkness in our own lives and hearts. We have all encountered the darkness of sin, grief, and fear. God's Word, the Word made flesh made known to us in the Sacred Scriptures, leads us out of this darkness into God's glorious light and empowers us to share this light as a symbol of hope, peace, and freedom.

I wish you and loved ones Lenten blessings of good health and renewed hope. Please continue to pray, and act, 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](http://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](http://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**.

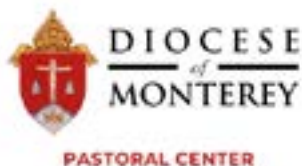
Additionally, for the faithful of the **Diocese of Stockton**, the Mass will be broadcast by the ministry **Unidos Por Cristo y María** on their Catholic radio network at **1390 AM, 105.9 FM, and 102.1 FM**.

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:** He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Deuteronomy 8:2)

**Psalm:** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Psalm 91:15)

**Reading II:** The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. (Romans 10:8)

**Gospel:** Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted. (Luke 4:1)

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, February 23

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 24

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19  
Matthew 6:7-15

### Wednesday, February 25

Jonah 3:1-10  
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
Luke 11:29-32

### Thursday, February 26

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8  
Matthew 7:7-12

### Friday, February 27

Ezekiel 18:21-28  
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Matthew 5:20-26

### Saturday, February 28

Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8  
Matthew 5:43-48

## Scripture Reflection

In the Gospel reading from Matthew that we hear today Jesus has just had the powerful experience at His Baptism of being filled with the Spirit and knowing in a profound way that He is God's beloved Son. (Matt 3:17) It is this very sense of His identify that the tempter tries to undermine. First, the devil holds out this seductive image: surely the beloved Son deserves to have all His hungers satisfied. Quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 Jesus instead focuses on His hunger for the word of God. Throughout the Gospel, we see Him feeding God's hungry people with both physical and spiritual food (Matt 5:1-7:29, 14:13-21, 15:32-39, 26:26-30) Next is the temptation to believe that if Jesus was truly the beloved Son, God would never allow any harm to come to Him. God's angels would swoop down and rescue Him before any danger could befall Him. Again, Jesus turns to the Scriptures which enable Him to recognize the falsity in the claim of the tempter. A third time the devil tries to derail Jesus' centeredness on God as the source of all power and the one deserving of worship. Yet again, Jesus clings to the word of God to overcome the wiles of the tempter. Finally, the devil departs when Jesus commands, "Get away, Satan." But not for long. The temptations circle back again and again throughout Jesus' life and ministry. Midway through the Gospel we again hear Jesus say, "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23) when he is tempted to reject suffering as an integral part of His identity as beloved Son. Right to the end, when Jesus is dying on the cross, the devil's words are echoed by the passerby, "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" (27:40) The chief priests, scribes, and elders and the thieves crucified with Jesus taunt Him in the same way (27:43 and 27:44). Again, on the cross, Jesus turns to the Scriptures and prayer to ground Him in His identity as God's beloved Son. The other readings focus on the origin of sin and the source of our redemption. In the first reading, Adam and Eve experience sin as disobedience to God and a misaligned desire to "be like gods." The second reading from Romans names sin as death – in particular, the loss of sanctifying grace. At the heart our Lenten observance is a call to conversion and renewal. Psalm 51 is the most well-known of the seven penitential psalms and offers the acknowledgment of our need for conversion.



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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 - 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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# LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

Masses will be celebrated as usual unless stated otherwise.

## Ash Wednesday

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### Mass and Distribution of Ashes

February 18 at 12:00 PM in the Basilica

## Stations of the Cross

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### Every Friday following Noon Mass

February 20 - March 27 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

## Taizé Prayer

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### Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM

February 25 - March 25 in the Basilica

## Reconciliation Service

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### Monday, March 23

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM In the Basilica

## Palm Sunday

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday, March 28: Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 29: Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

## Holy Thursday, April 2

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### Mass and Adoration

5:30 PM - In the Basilica

After Mass - Adoration until 11 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

## Good Friday, April 3

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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 4  
8:00 PM In the Basilica

### Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 5  
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,  
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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# STEWARDSHIP

## Carmel Mission Legacy

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## Reports for the week ending on 02/08/2026:

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Electronic Donation: \$ 5,438.90  
Mailed Donation: \$23,119.00  
Weekend Masses: \$ 6,208.00  
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**TOTAL            \$84,765.90**



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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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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

February 15  
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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