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# Carmel Mission Basilica

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**MARCH 14**

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**Second Sunday in Lent,  
Sunday, March 1, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

As we always do on the Second Sunday of Lent, this week we hear the story of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which is recorded in all the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew (17:1–8), Mark (9:2–8), and Luke (9:28–36). Each evangelist has their own focus, but the basic elements of the story are the same – Jesus takes three chosen disciples up to a mountain top. There He is transfigured – made supernaturally radiant and glowing – and is visited by Moses and Elijah. with whom He converses. God the Father’s voice is heard from a cloud, affirming Jesus’ identity as His beloved Son, and instructing the disciples to listen to Him.

The presence of Moses and Elijah recalls their own powerful mountain top experiences of God. On Mount Sinai God spoke to Moses face to face, entrusting him with the commandments that would guide his people to live in faithfulness through the desert days ahead. The glory of God is reflected on Moses’ face as he returns to the difficult task of leadership (Exod 34:29) Elijah flees to the same mountain when trying to escape the murderous intent of Jezebel. There God speaks to him in a “light, silent sound,” giving him the courage to anoint a new king, and Elisha as his successor. (1 Kgs 19) Likewise, Jesus is at a turning point in His mission. There are those who seek His life, as well as those who try to live faithfully God’s law that He teaches. On the mountain top, close to God, and surrounded by God’s previous visionaries, Jesus is able to see with God’s own vision the way forward with faithfulness – pointing Him towards Jerusalem and the Cross.

The Transfiguration is a major revelation of Jesus’ true nature as the Word of God and fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, but, as they descend the mountain ,Jesus tells His disciples they cannot yet reveal what they have seen to the world. There will be suffering before glory, there will be death before new life. Jesus makes it clear to His disciples, and us, that while death will not have the final say, there will be dying on the way to the Resurrection. The Transfigured Lord is a promise that even in darkness and in the face of death, God’s light will always prevail.

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

Fr. Paul



**Diocesan Decree for the  
Year of St. Francis of Assisi**

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to commemorate the eight hundredth anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree granting the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions which can also be applied in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory.

Besides offering the indulgence to all the Franciscan Families and anyone who observes the Rule of St. Francis, all the faithful without distinction can receive the indulgence *“by visiting in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church, or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to St. Francis or connected to him for any reason, and there they will devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a suitable period of time in pious meditation and will raise prayers to God so that, following the example of St. Francis, may sentiments of Christian charity towards one's neighbor and authentic wishes for harmony and peace among peoples spring up in hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare and all the saints of the Franciscan Family”* (Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Apostolic Penitentiary Decree).

Therefore, I, the Most Rev. Ramon Bejarano, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey, decree that the following churches/chapels are the pilgrimage destinations in this diocese for this special Jubilee.

1. **Old Mission San Juan Bautista and St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista**, in the north of the Diocese.
2. **St. Paul the Apostle, Pismo Beach, CA** in the south of the Diocese.

The elderly, the sick and those who for serious reasons cannot leave home will also be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining the Jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.

**Conditions for receiving the Indulgence** *(for oneself or for the deceased)*

- Sacramental confession to be in God's grace *(in the eight days before or after)*.
- Participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion.
- Visit in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world or designated by the local bishop.
- Renews one's profession of faith, through the recitation of the Creed.
- Recite the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Given at the Diocese of Monterey on February 27, 2026

Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano  
Bishop of Monterey



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# LITURGY

## Today's Readings

**Reading I:** *Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.* (Genesis 15:5)

**Psalm:** *The Lord is my light and my salvation.* (Psalm 27:1)

**Reading II:** *Our citizenship is in heaven.* (Philippians 3:20)

**Gospel:** *This is my chosen Son; listen to him.* (Luke 9:35)

## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

DANIEL 9:4B-10  
PSALM 79:8, 9, 11, 13  
LUKE 6:36-38

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

ISAIAH 1:10, 16-20  
PSALM 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21, 23  
MATTHEW 23:1-12

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

JEREMIAH 18:18-20  
PSALM 31:5-6, 14, 15-16  
MATTHEW 20:17-28

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

JEREMIAH 17:5-10  
PSALM 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6  
LUKE 16:19-31

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

GENESIS 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A  
PSALM 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
MATTHEW 21:33-43, 45-46

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

MICAH 7:14-15, 18-20  
PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

## Scripture Reflection

What really happened at the Transfiguration? Each of the evangelists tells the story slightly differently with his own theological emphases. Was it a miraculous glimpse of Jesus' heavenly glory? A temporary unveiling of His divine nature to give hope to His disciples? Or was it a recasting of a resurrection appearance story placed in the middle of the Gospel? These and other theories have long been entertained by biblical scholars. Matthew highlights the radiance of Jesus' face and the brightness of the cloud that overshadows the disciples. Coming on the heels of Jesus' teaching that he must suffer and die before being raised up (16:21), the brilliance underscores that Jesus, though executed as a criminal, is righteous. As Jesus had told his disciples, at the end of the age, "the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father." (13:43) The voice from the cloud likewise reconfirms Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son on whom divine favor rests. The admonition, "listen to Him" echoes Deuteronomy 18:15, and emphasizes that Jesus is the authentic interpreter of the Mosaic Law and the prophets. The transfiguration of Jesus is a momentary glimpse for the disciples into a greater reality – the dazzling divinity of Jesus in conversation with Moses and Elijah symbolizing that same Law and those same prophets. Each of the readings shows us the generosity of God. God asks Abram to leave his homeland but promises him in return "a great nation." The second reading taken from the Second Letter of St. Timothy reminds us of God's salvation purchased for us, "not according to our works, but according to his own design." The psalm response holds together God's action and ours. While we trust in God's mercy, God freely offers it. The psalm itself demonstrates this trust, as the psalmist praises the goodness of the Lord and His care for His people. The transfiguration shows us the full humanity and divinity of Jesus. These two natures coexisted in Jesus without confusion, and without one altering the other. These two natures are also manifested within the Church. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from Vatican II states, "the church is both human and divine, visible but endowed with invisible realities.... present in the world, yet a migrant, so constituted that in it the human is directed toward and subordinated to the divine...." (Sacrosanctorum Concilium 2)



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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 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 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

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 02/15/2026:

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Electronic Donation: \$ 3,523.19  
Mailed Donation: \$ 5,326.00  
Weekend Masses: \$ 1,691.00  
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**TOTAL**      **\$13,875.19**



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# 2024 AMA UPDATE - BSC

The ramp, handrails, and door hardware installations have been completed and are currently pending inspection.



Unforeseen damage in the chapel was discovered, requiring plaster repair, painting, woodwork restoration, electrical wiring repairs, and termite remediation.

This repair work is currently underway, and the BSC will reopen once all repairs have been completed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 have received the preliminary findings for the seismic retrofit of the entire chapel.





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# *Music of the Church*

*for LENT, HOLY WEEK, and EASTER*

Diocese of Monterey | School of Ministry

You are warmly invited to immerse yourself in the sacred music of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter at the beautiful Carmel Mission Basilica on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Led by Laura Schwingel*

*Journey Toward the Cross through music and reflection*

## Schedule:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
  - Music of the Church for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter  
McMahon Center
- 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  - Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in the Carmel Mission Basilica

All are welcome.

**Register:** *Music of the Church for Lent, Holy Week and Easter – Fill out form*



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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 PM**

On March 6th, Book Club will begin reading **The Practice of the Presence of God** by Brother Lawrence.

Brother Lawrence was a humble Carmelite friar who served as the cook in his Paris monastery during the 1600s. Pope Leo states that this small book is one of the texts that has most shaped his own personal spiritual life. Please join us!

Everyone is welcome to attend and books are available at the meetings.

For information 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.

March 1            March 22

March 8

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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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