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**Pentecost Sunday,
Sunday, May 24, 2026**



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PASTOR'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

In his collection of essays, *Toward the Future*, French philosopher Teilhard de Chardin wrote, "after harnessing the winds, the tides and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of Love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, humankind will have discovered fire." Fire and wind are both powerful symbols in the Pentecost story we hear today. The tongues of fire that hover over the disciples evoke the same life changing experience of the Holy One that the Israelites had at Sinai. Moses had brought all the twelve tribes to the foot of the mountain to encounter God. The mountain was then "completely enveloped in smoke because the Lord had come down upon it in fire." (Exodus 19:18) So, too, at Pentecost, the whole entourage of Jesus' followers were gathered together in one place. (Acts 1:14) A strong driving wind fills the house, much like the mighty wind that swept over the chaotic waters at creation. (Genesis 1:2) The wind and the fire symbolize a kind of re-creation, not only on a personal level, emboldening frightened followers, but also a cosmic re-birth that will result from their mission to ignite Christ's love everywhere. The ability to control and use fire to good purpose was a seminal development in human history. So, too, is Pentecost in the living history of our faith.

Pope Paul VI called Pentecost, "the source of all the other feasts." Today we do not only celebrate something that happened in Jerusalem many centuries ago. In that moment of wind and fire, the Church was born and sent out in the world. It has carried on, and carried out its mission, with varying degrees of success and faithfulness, up to this day, and we celebrate all of that. We also look at the present, and towards the future, where we are entrusted to keep its mission alive and thriving in the modern world, strengthened and fueled by the same fiery, windswept Spirit that has shaped the world since the beginning of time. I invite you to join me in thanking God for this great gift, that makes everything we strive for possible, and in praying that we are strengthened and inspired to faithfully carry on Jesus' great work of love.

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

Fr. Paul

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Following 11 a.m. mass presided by Bishop Ramón Bejarano
Carmel Mission Basilica courtyard



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Today's Readings

Reading I: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues. (Acts 2:1-11)

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
(Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34)

Reading II: To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13)

Gospel: Receive the Holy Spirit.
(John 20:19-23)

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 25

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7
John 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 26

1 Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 27

1 Peter 1:18-25
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 28

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5
Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 29

1 Peter 4:7-13
Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, May 30

Jude 17, 20b-25
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 11:27-33

05/24/2026

Scripture Reflection

As the descent of the Holy Spirit is recounted in today's first reading from Acts, the Gospel reading taken from John shares a post resurrection appearance of Jesus. After the Ascension, the Church becomes essentially outward facing, missioned for the world. The descent of the Spirit at Pentecost is the primary catalyst for this mission, but the Gospel reading is also a commissioning story. Jesus breathes on the disciples, symbolically offering them the Holy Spirit, the breath of life and love shared between the Father and the Son. Interestingly, the primary task the disciples receive from Jesus is the forgiveness of sins through the Spirit. Even today, when we receive the sacrament of reconciliation, the prayer of absolution tells us that the Holy Spirit is "poured out for the forgiveness of sin." The task of the Spirit is to gather us together in unity, wiping away those things that separate us from relationship with God and with one another. In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians images of rebirth are strong. Paul speaks about the groaning of the whole of creation, still in the throes of labor, as God's work birthing new life continues unceasingly. He speaks also of how our groaning joins that of the cosmos, as we experience the pangs of redemption and hope coming to fruition through the Spirit's movement in and through us. Paul affirms that the Spirit echoes these inexpressible groanings as the Spirit acts as a midwife, drawing forth the new life longing to emerge. What is notable about the image of birthing that Paul uses to speak about the unleashing of the power of the Spirit is that it concurs with the direction in which the power of the cosmos moves. The movement of birth from inside the womb to out in the world mirrors the dynamic of the universe that is ever expanding, exploding with life from the center outward, in creative and chaotic patterns. Psalm 104 is a psalm of praise, particularly for God's work in creation. Especially relevant for Pentecost is the psalm's reference to the spirit of God, who "renews" the earth. In a particular way today, we consider the way that the Holy Spirit brings life and love to our Church, sent forth to share the Gospel with the world. With this psalm we praise God for His many works and ask for continued renewal for our Church.



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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 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

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.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Re-Opens May 27

Noon Masses

Wednesday - Friday, 12:00 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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:



Katrina Losee Ivey,
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,
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:



Frank Mayo Ryan,
Lorraine Nicora,
Daniel Sahagun,
Nancy D'Angelo,
Aurelia Narvaez,
Raymond Narvaez,
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

... 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

AMA 2026 - A Safe Path of Travel

We have exceeded our contribution to the diocesan ministries.

We are currently at

\$91,441

Carmel Mission Legacy



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FAQ

Reports for the week ending on 05/10/2026:

Electronic Donation: \$ 5,176.84

Mailed Donation: \$ 3,523.00

Weekend Masses: \$ 6,493.00

Second Collection — Seminarian and Continuing Ed of Priests: \$ 2,808.00

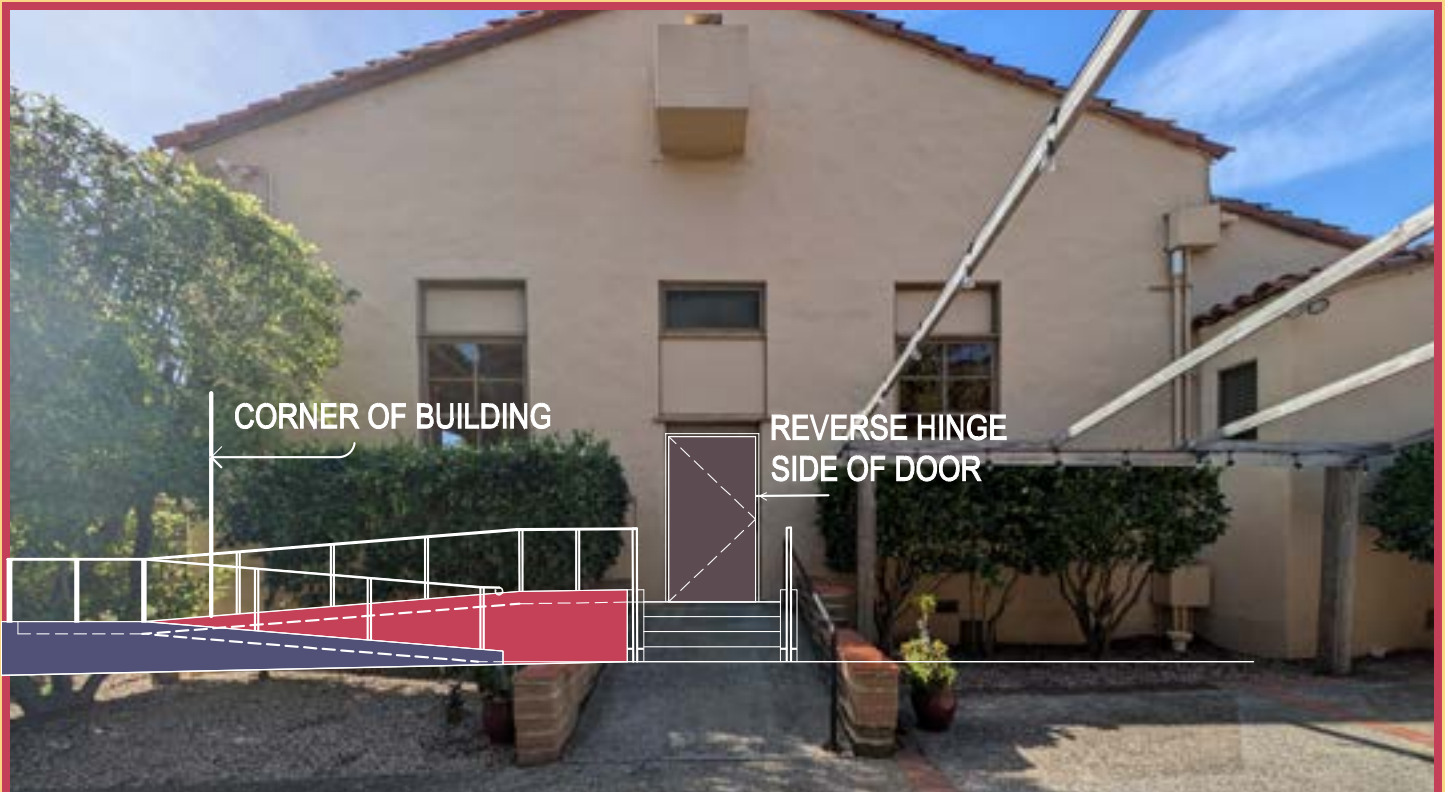
TOTAL \$18,000.84



A SAFE PATH OF TRAVEL

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A key project of this year's AMA is the construction of a safer, more accessible ramp at the back of Crespi Hall. Crespi Hall is a vital center of Parish life, hosting ministries, events, and gatherings throughout the year.



The 2026 AMA Campaign focuses on improving safe paths of travel, accessibility, and wayfinding across the Mission property. These efforts ensure improvements are made responsibly and with long-term sustainability in mind.





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2024 PROJECT — BSC UPDATE

We are reopening our Blessed Sacrament Chapel for services starting Wednesday, May 27. Reconciliation resumes on Saturday, May 30.



Phase 2 of the project to create an accessible path from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel patio to the driveway is currently pending permit approval.



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KEEPING CARMEL MISSION SAFE

A Message on Safety & Security at Carmel Mission

Carmel Mission is a vibrant parish and beloved historic site, and maintaining a safe environment for worship and all who visit is always our highest priority.

We ask all parishioners to remain aware of their surroundings and to promptly report any unusual occurrences, concerning behavior, or missing property to a Carmel Mission staff member or Fr. Paul. Your safety always comes first — in any urgent situation or health emergency, call 911 immediately.

Lost & Found:

If you have found an item or are missing something, please contact us at lostandfound@carmelmission.org. This inbox is monitored by multiple staff members and has been a very effective way to reunite people with their belongings.

We are grateful for our parishioners' vigilance and care for this community. Together, we help keep Carmel Mission a welcoming and sacred space for all.





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FIRST LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA VI

It's high time for another update on California's first library. Cataloging continues, now filling in Library of Congress (LC) call numbers and subject categories. As you can imagine, this involves a lot of work online, finding our books in other catalogs, primarily in WorldCat, the world's largest union catalog, and then comparing this information with various other libraries for LC information.

I also gave a presentation a few weeks ago on our library at the annual conference of the California Missions Foundation at Mission Dolores, San Francisco. I think it was well received, and now many others know about the great collection of books we are fortunate enough to have right here in Carmel. My topic for today is a different one, however, namely the care and preservation of old and rare books. As this topic is rather broad, this will be the first of two parts.

Many of our books are two or three hundred years old. Imagine where they have been and what they have seen. About three quarters of the books in our library were printed in Spain. From their original place of publication, whether it was Madrid, Barcelona, or elsewhere, they made their way to a convent or colegio or church. Then they were gathered together and sent across the Atlantic to New Spain and Mexico City. There, in the Colegio de San Fernando, the Franciscans built a great library of some 20,000 volumes. These were distributed out to the missions in Mexico and Baja California, and eventually Alta California. So even before our books arrived in Monterey, they had some serious mileage behind them.

Imagine the trip from Baja or Mexico City to upper California, either by ship or mule train. Saint Junipero most certainly brought some books with him from Baja in 1769, when he set out to found San Diego and Monterey. We know from one of his inscriptions that he also brought a book from Guadalajara back with him on his return from Mexico City in 1773.



"Given as alms in Guadalajara [by] Thomas de Basauri to this Mission of San Carlos of Monterey in the year 1773"



When the missions were secularized and abandoned in the 1830s, the books were usually scattered to the wind. We were lucky, in that most of the books at Mission San Carlos Borromeo were saved and taken to the parish church in Monterey, now San Carlos Cathedral or the Royal Presidio Chapel. The books found a new home there, most likely in the rectory, and there they stayed for over a hundred years until 1949, when the bishop gave permission to return them to Carmel Mission.

Various components make up the object we call a book. First, let's talk about the binding, or the outer cover that protects the interior text and illustrations. Many volumes from the 17th and 18th



centuries are bound in what is called "limp vellum," which is basically just a leather wrapping, or "pergamino" in Spanish. This type of covering was cheaper, but vellum bindings often suffer from the separation of the spine from the book block at the hinges. This leaves a gap and can lead to the binding becoming loose and eventually falling off.





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Carmel Mission Bible Study

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



Join our the Mission Bible Study on their weekly study of the Gospel of Matthew. We meet at Crespi Hall each Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM for about ah hour. You are invited to join us in exploring this Gospel which is so foundational to our Catholic Faith

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 PM

The Book Club has begun reading **Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity** by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser. This book challenges us to grow a more mature Christian spirituality as we move through the seasons of our lives.

Please join us! Everyone is welcome to attend, and books are available at the meetings. For information 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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