



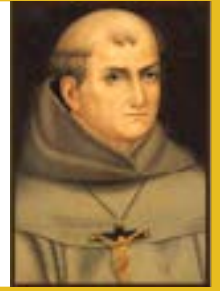
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**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity,
Sunday, May 31, 2026**



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PASTOR'S WEEKLY LETTER

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we celebrate the great feast of The Most Holy Trinity. We ponder the mystery of our triune God – one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We often associate the word “mystery” with a problem and work to find an adequate solution. Mystery in a theological sense, however, is quite different. Rather than a problem to be solved, a mystery is something that is infinitely knowable. No matter how much we learn, there is still more insight to be gained. As we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, we are not trying to solve a mystery. We enter into the mystery to grow in our understanding of the nature of God.

The foundation of the Trinity is relationship -the relationship of Father, Son, and Spirit with one another, and what that means for our own intimate relationship with God. In the exchange between God and Moses in the first reading, Moses entreats God to “come along in our company,” and “receive us as your own.” (Exodus 34:8-9) This plea voices the desire of our hearts to experience God with us, and to know that we belong to God. As Christians, God-with-us comes to its fullest expression in the unfathomable divine love made flesh in the person of Jesus and the ever-abiding Spirit. Today’s Gospel tells of God’s ecstatic love for the world that overflows with the gift of the Son. In a world marked by political and ideological divisiveness, warring nations, and a general distrust of others, we are called to remember that we are always in relationship with God and with one another. This is the essence of the Trinity.

This weekend in our parish, our young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for them to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit -wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. May these gifts strengthen and inform them on their continued journey of faith, and in time, reveal new insight into the mystery of the Trinity and the ongoing relationship of God with God’s people – in particular with each one of them.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health and new understanding. 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: The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God. (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9)

Psalms: Glory and praise for ever!
(Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56)

Reading II: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
(2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

Gospel: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. (John 3:16-18)

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 1

2 Peter 1:2-7
Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15ab, 15c-16
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 2

2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18
Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 3

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Psalm 123:1b-2
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 4

2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 5

2 Timothy 3:10-17
Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday, June 6

2 Timothy 4:1-8
Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22
Mark 12:38-44

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Scripture Reflection

There is a classic story told about St. Augustine, strolling along the seashore, struggling to comprehend the mystery of the Trinity. He encounters a youngster with a pail who is trekking back and forth, emptying sea water into a hole in the sand, bucketful after bucketful. Augustine asks him what is doing and the child replies he is putting the ocean in the hole. When Augustine told him this is impossible the child responded it was just as impossible for him to comprehend the mystery to the Trinity, and then promptly vanished. Augustine himself confirms that if we think we have understood, what we have understood is not God. (Sermon 117.5) Augustine's insights are indeed true, but this does not mean we cannot know anything or learn anything about the triune God. We strain to express in words and images and symbols what we have experienced of God, knowing we cannot ever capture in our meager expressions everything about who God is. We use our imaginations to explore this mystery and over time, iconography has left us with a certain image of the Trinity and how our Triune God interacts with us and our world. This image of man, man, bird is helpful in some ways to explain the persons of the Trinity but we cannot let it limit our possible understanding of their relationship. The mystery of the Trinity is grounded in the relationship of the Father, Son and Spirit. The very nature of God is relational and we are invited into this relationship of love. In the second reading St. Paul gives us some insight or advice for this relationship; seek reparation and reconciliation. Live in peace. Encourage and support one another. In cultivating right relationship with others, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" will be with us. Today's responsorial psalm actually comes from Azariah in the Book of Daniel, a prayer said as he stood in King Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. At this horrible moment, rather than begging for deliverance, he praises God for His mercy. God does in fact deliver him and his companions as a sign for Babylon: that God is, as Azariah has said, "praiseworthy and exalted above all forever." God always desires to help us, but this psalm invites us to remember why God is able to help us. Our God is both all-powerful and all-loving.



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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 Fr. Paul Murphy on his birthday by the community of Carmel Mission.



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

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:



Abigail M. Janko,
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

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We have exceeded our contribution to the diocesan ministries.

We are currently at

\$91,941

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

Electronic Donation:	\$ 7,437.08
Mailed Donation:	\$ 2,284.00
Weekend Masses:	\$ 7,203.00
Second Collection — Maintenance:	\$ 2,360.00

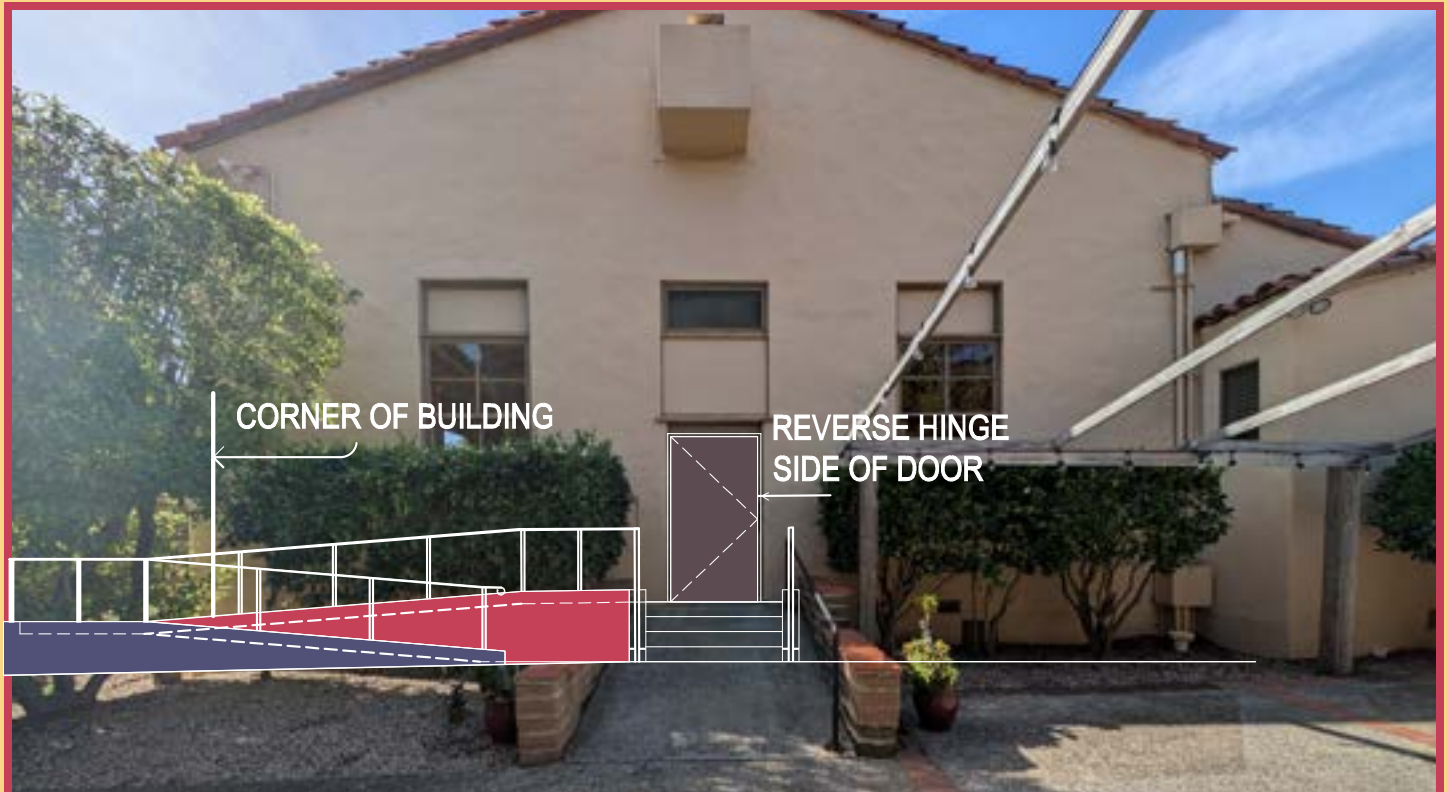
TOTAL \$19,284.08



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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 collegio 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



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Coffee and Donuts

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



June 7 June 21
June 14 June 28

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday of the month 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

The Carmel Mission invites you to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Mission every first Friday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel following the Noon Mass and ending at 5 PM. You can pay a visit to the Lord at anytime during those hours or volunteer to take a specific hour to be in His presence.

If you would like to volunteer for an hour, please call Sandie Herbert, 831-320-4436 or Kathleen Anderson, 707-373-2355.



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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.

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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