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250th Anniversary CARMEL MISSION BASILICA

All Souls Day - We Remember

Monday, November 2 at 5:30 PM

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, October 25, 2026

Pastor's Weekly Letter

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

As we near the end of Jesus' public ministry and the end of the liturgical calendar, His teaching becomes more eschatological - dealing with judgment and the end times - and also more apologetic - given in response to the actions of those who criticize Him. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus summarizes the whole of the Torah, borrowing passages from Deuteronomy and Leviticus. This is not unprompted, but a careful response to another test by the Pharisees. They send a scholar of the Law to Jesus, someone who knew the Scriptures well. His question is not looking for an answer, but for Jesus' interpretation, in the hopes of finding something with which to fault Him – in particular, valuing some aspects of the law above others. Jesus, however, is well aware of their ill intent. In summarizing the Law with just these two commandments, Jesus does not negate any of the 613 commandments given to Moses – He brings them to their fulfillment in love.

The Pharisees failed, or perhaps refused, to comprehend that Jesus came to fulfill the Law, not to abolish it. The idea of loving God with one's whole heart, soul, and mind, would have been very familiar to them as a foundational element of the Jewish faith. The idea of loving one's neighbor we hear from God's own mouth in Exodus – today's first reading. The Pharisees knew the answer to the question before they asked Jesus- it was the essence of who they were as faithful Jewish leaders. But in their jealousy of Jesus and the attention He had been attracting, they failed to live these commandments. Jealousy is a powerful emotion that can make us act in ways that are antithetical to our relationship with God. In the words of Pope Francis, "Beware the temptation of jealousy! We are all in the same boat and headed to the same port! Let us ask for the grace to rejoice in the gifts of each, which belong to all." (The Joy of the Gospel, p.99) When our hearts are filled with authentic love there is no room for anything that might separate us from God and one another.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health and new hope. Please continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, and for peace in our world,

Fr. Paul

Liturgy

Today's Readings

Reading I: If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate. (Exodus 22:20–26)

Psalm: I love you, O LORD, my strength. (Psalm 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51)

Reading II: You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10)

Gospel: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:34–40)

Readings for the Week

Monday, October 26
Ephesians 4:32—5:8
Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 13:10–17

Tuesday, October 27
Ephesians 5:21–33
Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5
Luke 13:18–21

Wednesday, October 28
Ephesians 2:19–22
Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5
Luke 6:12–16

Thursday, October 29
Ephesians 6:10–20
Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9–10
Luke 13:31–35

Friday, October 30
Philippians 1:1–11
Psalm 111:1–2, 3–4, 5–6
Luke 14:1–6

Saturday, October 31
Philippians 1:18b–26
Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef; 43:3, 4
Luke 14:1, 7–11

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus which commandment in the law if the greatest. This episode is the third in a string of four controversy stories in Matthew 22 where the religious leaders are trying to trap Jesus. In Matthew's account, the Pharisees' questions tests Jesus in two ways. First, all the commandments are important and all must be kept. If Jesus were to say that some could be disregarded, they would have caught Him. More likely, the Pharisees were seeing if Jesus could match other famous teachers of the time who could summarize the law. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus had said: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12) Now Jesus elaborates on that statement to bring into view the other side of the same coin: love of God. The commandment to love God with one's whole heart, soul, and strength is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, the Shema, recited twice a day by faithful Jews. The whole self is involved: the heart, considered the seat of emotions, and the soul, the center of vitality and consciousness and strength or power. The command to love the neighbor is from the Holiness Code (Leviticus 19:18), which asserts that the love of God is manifest in love towards one's neighbor. These are not two separate commandments, then, but rather two faces of the same love. What is not explicit, but appears in many other places in the Scriptures, is that God's love is preeminent. Before one can demonstrate love of God and love of neighbor, God has taken the initiative in loving. When one becomes open to God's free, unmerited, unbounded love, and has let the love sink deeply into one's being, that one then has the capacity to give love in return. When divine love overwhelms us, we are prone to ask with the psalmist, "How can I repay the Lord/for all the great good done for me?" (Psalm 116:12) the response is simply love. It has two objects which are inseparable, God and neighbor. Psalm 18, which we sing today, was originally written as a thanksgiving for military victory, but it is certainly relevant to anytime God has helped us through difficulties. Strength, rock, fortress and deliverer are just a few of the adjectives used to describe God in this psalm. We look to God in difficult times to support, protect and rescue us. God has shown love to us in these moments, and so we love God in return.

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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

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 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 time we pray especially for:

Philip John Quigley,
Ron Coulter,
Margaret Luke,
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:

Admiral Richard Brophy,
Robert Maher,
Capt. Meghan Brophy,
Capt. Alex Weiman,
LCDR Ben SchmidtC
LT Tommy Brophy,
LTJG Claire Brophy,
LTJG Kurt Brophy,
ENS Hunter Brophy

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:

Maureen Bianchini,
Elio Chiappe,
Dr. Robert Maurice Adams,
Sharry Lauter,
Erin Hagan,
Myrna Moore,
Diane Kremer,
Joan Hutton,
Rose Healy,

Katrina Losee Ivey,
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,

… 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

Report for the week ending on 10/11/2026:

Electronic Donation:	**$ 3,514.67**
Mailed Donation:	**$ 2,613.00**
Weekend Masses:	**$10,027.00**
TOTAL	**$16,154.67**

A SAFE PATH OF TRAVEL

Thank you for your continued support. We have passed our goal of $300,000!

Our campaign is active until the end of the year, can we beat our last year's record of $328,000?

Mission Appeal

Mission Society of the Philippines

The Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP) is a Catholic missionary Society of Apostolic Life founded by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines in 1965, during the 400th anniversary of the evangelization of the Philippines. It was established as an expression of gratitude to God for the gift of the Catholic faith received by the Filipino people. The Philippines, once a country that welcomed missionaries from other nations, has become a Church that sends missionaries to share the Gospel throughout the world.

The primary mission of the MSP is mission ad gentes—bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to peoples and communities where the Gospel is not yet widely known and assisting young and developing local Churches. MSP missionaries serve through evangelization, parish ministry, pastoral care, education, formation, and outreach to the poor and vulnerable.

The MSP began its first ad gentesmission in Thailand in 1970. Over the years, MSP missionaries have served in different parts of Asia, Oceania, Europe, and North America, including Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Europe, Canada, and the United States.

At the heart of the MSP mission is a simple conviction: the faith we have received is a gift meant to be shared. Through the prayers and generosity of benefactors, the Society forms future missionaries, supports priests serving in mission territories, assists communities in need, and cares for elderly and sick missionaries.

Through the MSP, the Filipino Church expresses its gratitude to God by generously sharing the precious gift of faith with the world.

Fr. Glenn Jaron, MSP

Fr. Glenn Jaron, MSP is a missionary priest of the Mission Society of the Philippines. He previously served as an MSP missionary in South Korea and is currently serving in the United States on behalf of the Mission Society of the Philippines, continuing the Society's mission of sharing the Gospel and serving the Church beyond the Philippines.

MISSION SOCIETY
OF THE PHILIPINES

All Souls Day "We Remember" Mass

Monday, November 2, 2026

All are invited for the All Souls "We Remember" Mass in the Basilica on Monday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 PM, followed by a Soup Supper in Crespi Hall. Members of the Bereavement Ministry will assist those attending to enter the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead and to place photos of those who've died on tables near the altar during the Mass. The photos are to be taken home after Mass. Following Mass there will be a Soup Supper provided for us in Crespi Hall by the Knights of Columbus and members of the Bereavement Ministry.

Please join us as we remember all our deceased loved ones and especially those who've died in the past year.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

OCIA Classes are on Monday evening from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in Mac Mahon Center

We are happy to see the return of OCIA will be returning to the Mission this Monday. As many of you are aware, OCIA, formerly RCIA, is the process by which adults receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA) is the process whereby adults become full, active, participatory members of the Catholic Church. To that end, we will be integrating Church teaching and tradition with our lived, evolving relationship with God. Specifically, we will explore such topics as spirituality, ways of praying, Church history, morality and the seven sacraments.

If you would like more information about the program and/or the process of OCIA or if you wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact ocia@carmelmission.org, or call (831) 624-1271 ext. 307.

Knights of Columbus

Meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Crespi Hall at 7:00 PM.

For more information please email koc@carmelmission.org.

Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary

Meet on the third Tuesday of each month in Crespi Hall at 2:00 PM.

We are excited to remind the women of our parish that the second meeting for the Knights of Columbus Women's auxiliary will take place on Tuesday, October 20th at 2 pm in Crespi Hall.

Please attend and bring your friends. For more information please email your inquiries to: auxillary@kofc4593.org

Coffee and Donuts

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after each Mass (9 AM and 11 AM) every Sunday.

October 18

October 25

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.

Carmel Mission Book Club

Book Club meets on Friday at 1:30 PM in Crespi Hall

On October 16th, Book Club will begin reading **Twelve Ordinary Men** by John MacArthur. This book recounts what is known about each of Jesus' Disciples and discusses how together they became a force that forever changed our world. Everyone is welcome to attend and books are available at the meetings.

For information email BookClub@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.

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.

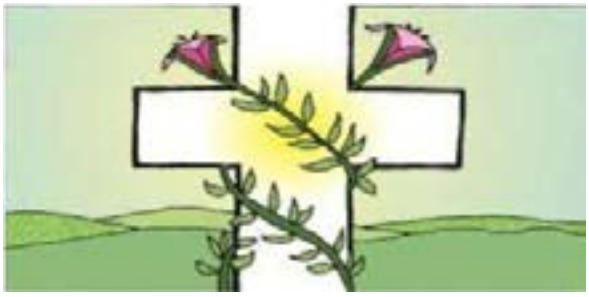
If you would like to join with us or learn more about our Ministry, please contact Laura Schwingle, liturgy@carmelmission.org.

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.

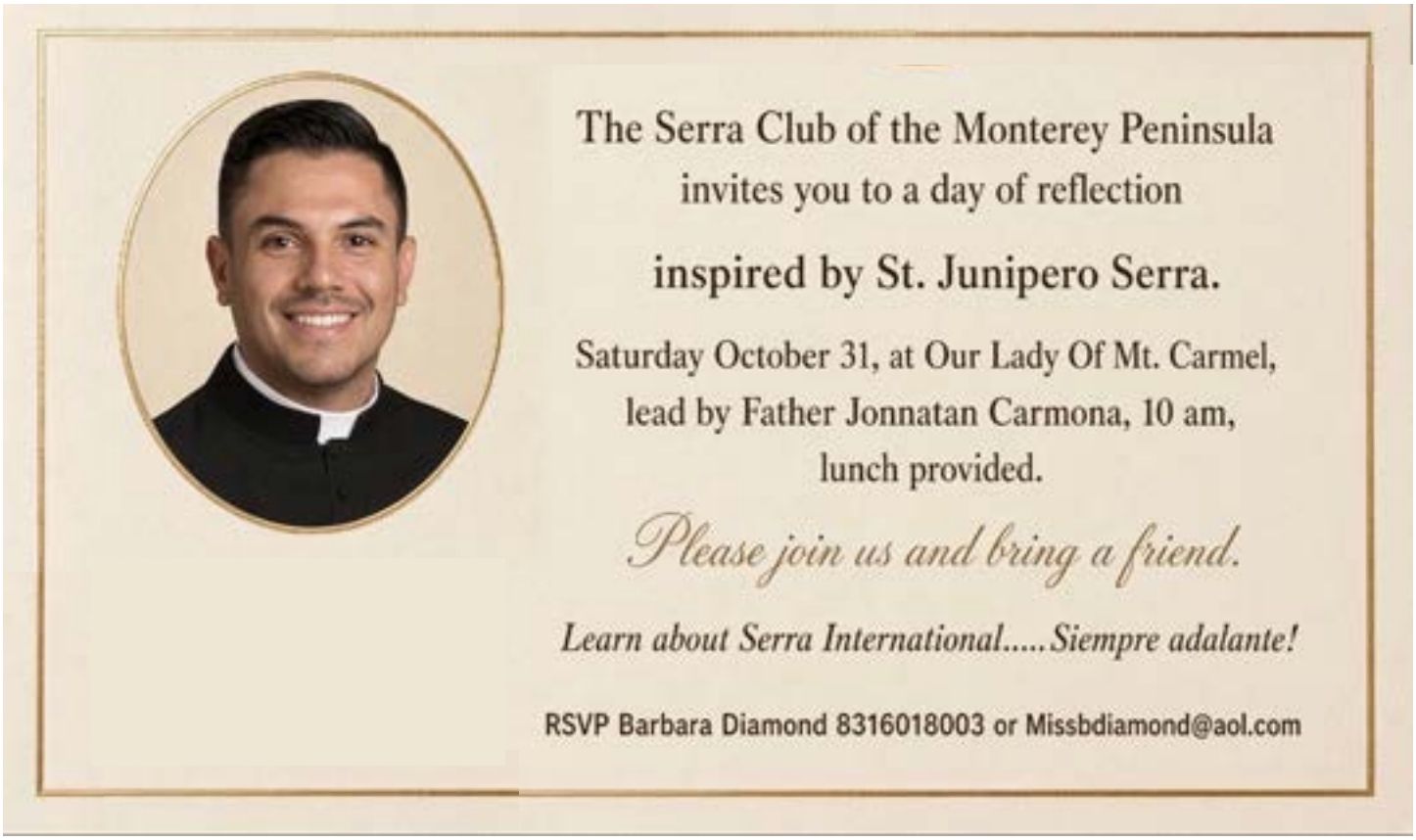
Homebound Ministry



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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OR

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St. Angela Merici Parish

Returners and Learners

St. Angela Merici parish will present a seven-week fall program for "Returners and Learners" – both practicing Catholics and persons who have been away from the Church – anyone who seeks to know more about being a Catholic in today's world.

Come and Explore

Mondays, September 28 - November 9

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in St. Angela's Parish Hall

9th Street and Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove

For more information,
please call the St. Angela Merici

Parish Office at (831) 655-4160.

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