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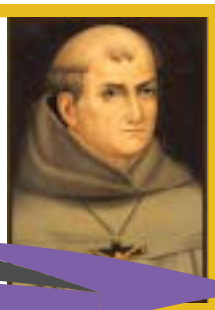

All Souls Day - We Remember

Monday, November 2 at 5:30 PM

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Solemnity of All Saints, Sunday, November 1, 2026

Pastor's Weekly Letter

Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a feast where we honor the holy men and women who have gone before us and are now recognized as saints of God. We also renew our own commitment to holiness following their example of faith. I want to share two of my favorite saints, and how, in their lives, they each reflected the attitudes we hear in today's Gospel, the Beatitudes.

We in the midst of a special Franciscan Jubilee Year, proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Leo, to mark the occasion of the 800-year anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi in 1226. Francis is certainly one of the best-known saints in our Catholic tradition, beloved by many for his love and respect of animals and the natural world. Francis lived the Beatitudes, renouncing his wealth and choosing to live in radical poverty. He founded the Franciscan order, and with St. Clare, co-founded the Poor Clares. He was the first recorded person in Christian history to receive the stigmata in 1224. He is recognized as the one of the first Italian poets for his "Canticle of the Sun" as known as the "Canticle of the Creatures." He traveled to Egypt during the Fifth Crusade in 1219 to meet Sultan Al-Kamil in an effort to bring peace. In his words and his deeds, he embraced poverty, humility, persecution, and peacemaking. His legacy lives on in the Franciscan order, and in all who are inspired to care for God's creation.

A little less than five hundred and fifty years after St. Francis' death, one of his followers, a Franciscan priest, left his comfortable teaching position in Mallorca, Spain to come to a New World. St. Junipero Serra came first to Mexico, and then California, founding Mission churches, including our own, and brought the Good News of the Gospel to everyone he encountered on his journey. He suffered physical pain, cold, hunger, unsympathetic military commanders, and the danger of death. But none of that dampened his zeal for the Gospel, or his commitment to the dignity of all human life. Called the Apostle to California, Junipero's legacy lives on in our state, and in the Missions he founded at great personal cost and with even greater love.

St. Francis and St. Junipero were not perfect people. They did not lead charmed lives, devoid of suffering. They lived the Beatitudes that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel during their lives on earth, and now they rejoice in gladness, for their reward in heaven is indeed great. As we set our own eyes on heaven, we ask their intercession and prayers. All you holy men and women, pray for us.

I wish you and your loved ones blessings of good health and great hope. May the example of our favorite saints continue to inspire us to practice the Beatitudes in our own lives,

Fr. Paul

Today's Readings

Reading I: After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. (Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14)

Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Psalm 24:1bc–2, 3–4ab, 5–6)

Reading II: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. (1 John 3:1–3)

Gospel: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1–12a)

Readings for the Week

Monday, November 2
Wisdom 3:1–9
Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6
Romans 5:5–11 (or Romans 6:3–9)
John 6:37–40

Tuesday, November 3
Philippians 2:5–11
Psalm 22:26b–27, 28–30ab, 30e, 31–32
Luke 14:15–24

Wednesday, November 4
Philippians 2:12–18
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14
Luke 14:25–33

Thursday, November 5
Philippians 3:3–8a
Psalm 105:2–3, 4–5, 6–7
Luke 15:1–10

Friday, November 6
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5
Luke 16:1–8

Saturday, November 7
Philippians 4:10–19
Psalm 112:1b–2, 5–6, 8a and 9
Luke 16:9–15

Scripture Reflection

Our readings for All Saints' Day paint a picture together of what it means to be a saint. Jesus offers us the Beatitudes as descriptors – poor in spirit, clean of heart, peacemakers. The First Letter of John tells us that the saint desires purity and lives in the hope of a life with God. The Book of Revelation describes the saint as the one who has "survived the time of great distress." The eight Beatitudes begin the Sermon on the Mount, the largest segment of Jesus' teaching in Matthew's Gospel, and they are at the heart of Jesus' ministry and teaching. Moses came down from the Mount Sinai with God's Ten Commandments; Jesus teaches from the mountain on His own authority as the Son of God. Where the commandments are things to do (or not do), the Beatitudes are largely a way of being. To follow Jesus is about growing into the person that God desires us to be. Rooted in Christ's freedom, we can love others as we are called and created for. With this love at the center, even when mourning or in times of persecution, following Jesus is a source of joy. When we share the good news of Jesus with others, it should be our joy that bears witness to our faith that the Kingdom of God is present here and now. Many of the saints did not live easy lives devoid of suffering; instead in the midst of their pain, they placed their trust and reliance in God. Even more so, many of them came to see their earthly pain as a blessing that drew them closer to Christ in His own suffering. Christ seeks to redeem the pain of our lives and allow us to rejoice in the gentle workings of the Spirit that allow one to be meek, merciful, and cultivators of peace. The saints are not lifted high because they were supernatural in their ability to imitate Christ – they are recognized and venerated because in their ordinary human circumstances, they habitually drew closer to Christ, and allowed Christ to work in and through them. In describing the saint as "one who is sinless, whose heart is clean," the responsorial psalm for this solemnity praises both those who are in eternity with God, and offers us a blueprint to follow. May we grow in desire for God, so we, too, may one day "stand in His holy place."

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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 St. Junipero Serra 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 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

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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Carmel Mission Legacy

Report for the week ending on 10/18/2026:

Electronic Donation:	$ 9,514.10
Mailed Donation:	$ 5,034.00
Weekend Masses:	$ 6,280.00
Secind Collection — Maintenance:	$ 2,364.00
TOTAL	$23,192.10

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?

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.

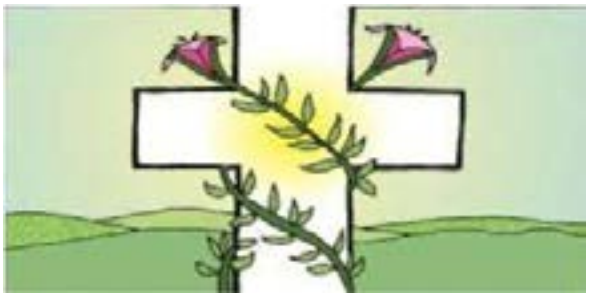
If you would like to join with us or learn more about our Ministry, please contact Laura Schwingle, liturgy@carmelmission.org.

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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Advent Spirituality Discussions

What are you waiting for?

Beginning Decmber 2nd, Deacon Warren will lead weekly discussions aout a more spiritual approach to Advent. We'll meet Wednesday evening from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Crespi Hall.

No need to pre-register – join us for any or all sessions!

More details to come!

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Returners and Learners

St. Angela Merici Parish

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.

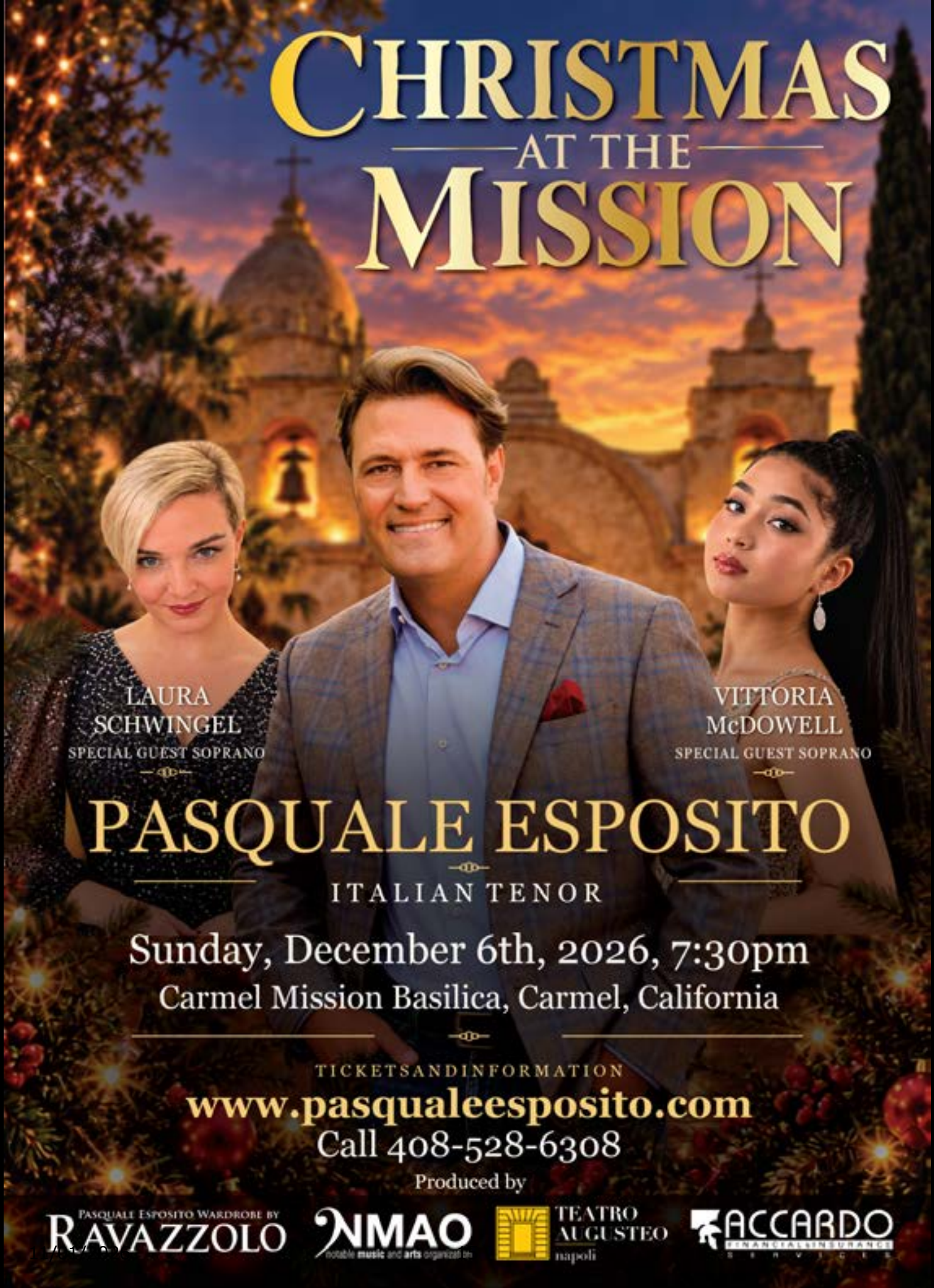
Come and Explore

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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