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Saint Isidore

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter,
Sunday, May 3, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today's Gospel is one often chosen for Funeral Masses, with the comforting image of the Father's house and a personally selected and prepared room for each one of us. Our God knew us before we were conceived, (Jeremiah 1:5) and knows the exact number of hairs on our heads (Luke 12:7 and Matthew 10:30). It is not a stretch to imagine that this God would have a plan for our eternal home that is as personal and intimate as the care He offers all our lives. Jesus promises the disciples that He is going ahead of them to make these preparations, and that they should not be alarmed or upset.

We can only imagine Jesus' human frustration with His disciples at times. Faithful as they are, and committed to following Him, there are moments when they simply do not get it. Despite His clear teaching, Thomas and Philip ask questions that show their lack of understanding. With patience, Jesus gives an even more direct instruction. Like any master teacher, He does not just tell His disciples where to go. Rather, He says, "I am the Way. Come, follow me."

Jesus tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He does not say, "do not let your lives be troubled." Trouble comes into our lives however we may try to avoid or circumvent it. We will suffer pain, loss, illness, anxiety, and sadness – these are part of the human condition. Our journey will not always be easy, but we are not abandoned to make it alone. Jesus goes ahead to prepare the way, and comes back to walk it beside us. There will be difficulty, and even death, but we are traveling with Jesus, towards the perfect home with the Father that is promised to each of us. Jesus wants us to share the joys and the challenges of our journey with Him. Jesus Himself is our path. We know the way into the untroubled and untroubling heart of God. Whatever trouble comes into our lives, our hearts can be certain of God's love and encouragement, and of our ultimate destination – home with God forever.

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

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 *(within twenty 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: So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, (Acts 6:1-7)

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19)

Reading II: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, (1 Peter 2:4-9)

Gospel: Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. (John 13:34)

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 4

Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5

Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 6

Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7

Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
John 15:9-11

Friday, May 8

Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12
John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9

Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5
John 15:18-21

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus not only exhorts His disciples to have untroubled hearts, but He helps them know how to find the way there. The setting is the Last Supper, and the disciples have plenty of good reasons to be distressed. Jesus has been speaking of going away and being handed over, and being denied by two of His closest friends. The disciples are confused and anxious. Where is He going and how can they know the way to be with Him? Unlike the Gospel of Mark where a central question is Who is this? (2:7, 4:41, 8:29) throughout John's Gospel the prime concern is "where." The first potential disciples want to know "where are you staying?" (1:38). Jesus knows where He has come from and where he is going, but his enemies do not (7:27, 8:14, 9:29). In the Jesus' trial, Pilate demands to know, "Where are you from?" (19:9) At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene's distress focuses on Jesus' whereabouts: "we don't know where they have put Him." (20:2 and 20:13). Throughout John's Gospel, where does not refer to a geographic space but refers to inner communion with Jesus that rests on belief in God and belief in Him. Jesus desires for His followers the same kind of indwelling that He enjoys with the Father, as He prays, "as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, that they also may be in us" (17:21). If we are to follow the call of Jesus, we must allow His grace to change us. As Jesus says in the Gospel, "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do." Peter's letter encourages us to "let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." In the first reading from Acts, the Twelve gather to pray over the seven commissioned to care for the Gentile widows. Prayer is the means by which we begin to follow Jesus, who is "the way, the truth, and the life." Today's responsorial psalm provides an example of how we might ask God for things. The response is clearly a petition, but the psalm text itself does not carry the same urgency. The first stanza invites praise of God. The second stanza acknowledges who God is: upright, trustworthy, just and kind. Only in the third stanza do we find an implicit petition - God delivers those in need. God desires to care for us and to answer our prayers, but another necessary part of our prayer is to enter into a relationship with God and become closer to the likeness of God in which we were created.



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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

Special Mass for Saint Isidore Day

Mass in the Basilica on May 15 at 10:00 AM.

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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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:



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,
James M. Fremgen,
Patricia Maaske,

... 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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AMA 2026 - A Safe Path of Travel

Thank you for your continued support,

We are currently at

\$57,042

Reports for the week ending on 04/19/2026:

Electronic Donation: \$ 7,104.01

Mailed Donation: \$ 7,703.00

Weekend Masses: \$12,264.00

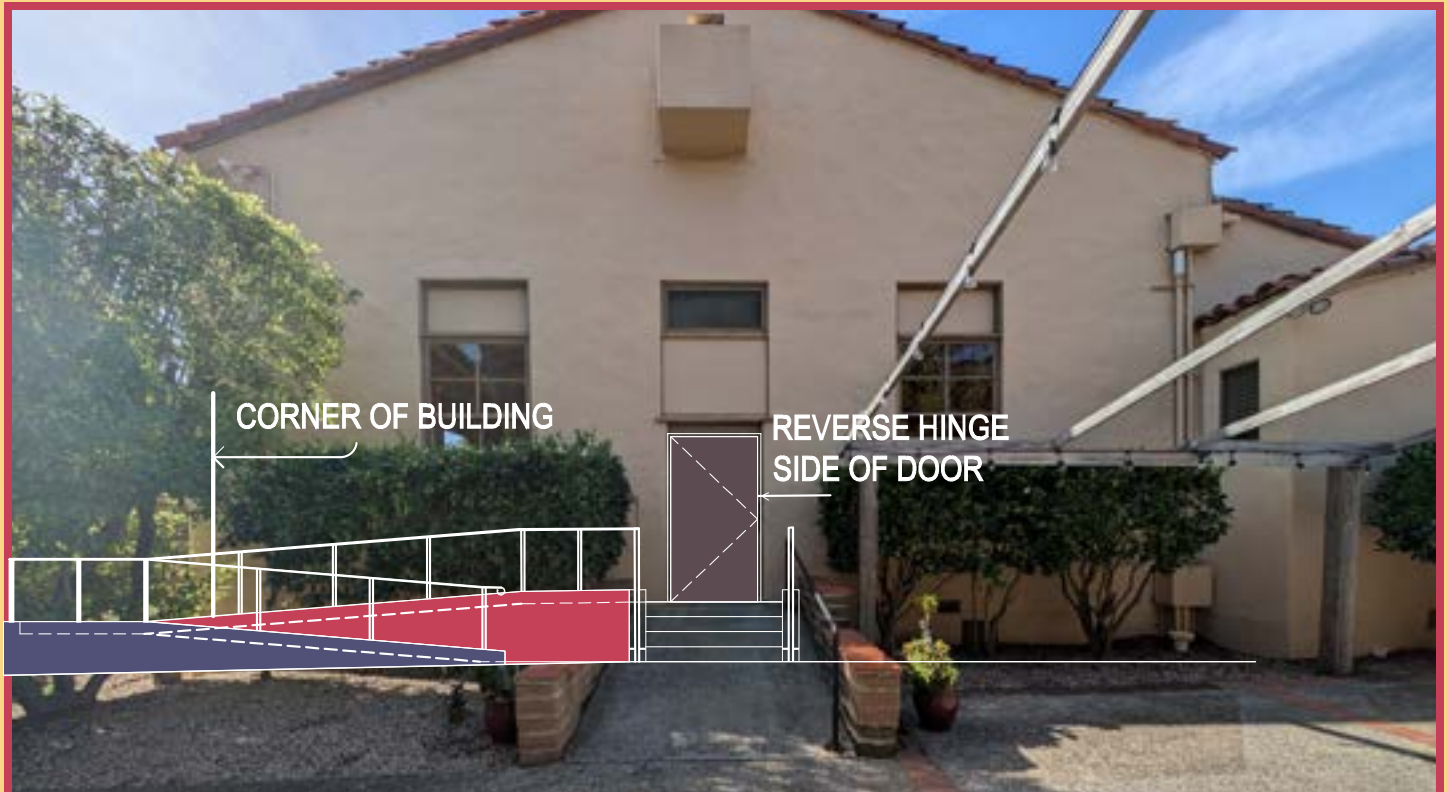
TOTAL \$27,071.01



A SAFE PATH OF TRAVEL

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

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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RESTORATION: AT THE HEART OF OUR IDENTITY

**Please Watch this Video Message from Fr. Paul:
An Update on Our AMA Projects & the Story They Tell**



From the earliest days of Carmel Mission's history, restoration has never been simply a practical necessity — it has been an act of faith. Since its foundation, generations of parishioners, benefactors, clergy, and staff have poured their hearts into caring for and preserving this sacred place. Today, we are proud to share that we are living through one of the most significant periods of restoration in Carmel Mission's modern history.

Thanks to your generous support of our Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA), more conservation, preservation, and restoration work has been completed than in any other period of the Mission's history. The last 12–15 years mark the beginning of what we believe will be remembered as Carmel Mission's Modern Restoration Era, a time during which we all witnessed the canonization of St. Junipero.

Every dollar you have given to our AMA designated projects has gone — and will continue to go — directly toward this work.

A LIVING LEGACY OF STEWARDSHIP

Did you know that virtually every building at Carmel Mission, outside of the Basilica itself, has changed its purpose over the centuries? Crespi Hall once stood in the middle of our central courtyard. Each of these historic spaces has a story — one of adaptation, resilience, and the faithful care of those who came before us.

Under the leadership of Fr. Paul, our Mission has entered a new chapter of this story. His stewardship, combined with your support, has made it possible not only to restore what exists but also to develop a comprehensive vision for the future — one grounded in structural integrity, faithful preservation, and thoughtful planning.

EXPLORE OUR RESTORATION STORY ONLINE

We have created a dedicated Restoration website — the living home for Carmel Mission's preservation history. There you'll find architectural timelines, notable benefactors, the stories of our pastors and parishioners, and updates as our work continues to grow. This is your history, too.

Visit: www.carmelmissionrestoration.org



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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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FEAST DAY OF ST. ISIDORE

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Join us and Bishop Ramon Bejarano for the Feast Day of Saint Isidore, patron saint of farmers and farm workers.

We will have a special Mass at 10:00 AM in the Basilica.





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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

Book Club is reading **The Lamb's Supper** by Dr. Scott Hahn. This book aims to deepen our understanding of the Catholic Mass by exploring its connection to the book of Revelation.

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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