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**Fourth Sunday of Easter,
Sunday, April 26, 2026**



Dear Friend of Carmel Mission,

Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where in the Gospel we encounter the iconic image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for the sheep, who, in turn, know and follow His voice. This would have been a particularly relevant image in Jesus' time, where so many were personally familiar with the role and the duties of the shepherd, and the habits and inclinations of the sheep. In our modern day, it endures as a poignant analogy because it portrays Jesus as our caregiver and protector with whom we have such an intimate relationship that we cannot be separated by the interference of bad actors.

In the Gospel Jesus also says He is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the security of the sheepfold through Him, where they are safe and secure, where their needs are met, where they can rest from all the cares of their world. Rested and fed, the sheep are ready to follow the Shepherd through that same gate, out into the world where He continues to protect and guide them, always leading them back through the gate to the safety of the sheepfold.

It is fitting on this Good Shepherd Sunday that we also pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Our world needs shepherds, people who can lead their flock out into the world to do God's work, guarding and protecting them, and also guide them back to the safety of the sheepfold, through the gate that is Christ Himself. Please pray for an increase in vocations, that more people may hear and courageously answer the Good Shepherd's call to this unique form of service to God's people and God's church. Please pray for our shepherd, Pope Leo, that God will continue to strengthen him to bravely proclaim the message of the Gospel in a hostile world. Please pray for our shepherd, Bishop Ramon, that he may have the wisdom and discernment to lead our Diocese into the future with hope in our hearts. Please pray for me, that I may continue to serve you as shepherd, following the example of this community's first shepherd, St. Junipero, moving always forward, never back.

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

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



April 17, 2026

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace in the Risen Lord and fraternal affection to all.

As we continue to pray and work for vocations, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your communities for your unwavering support, especially for those discerning a call to the priesthood in our diocese.

This coming April 26, 2026, is **Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the goodness of our Divine Shepherd and to ask Him for more shepherds to serve the Church today.

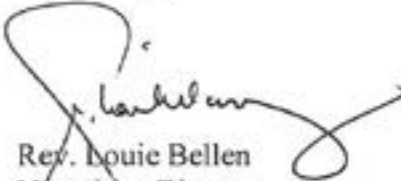
In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo emphasizes the role of local communities in nurturing vocations, noting that the journey of discernment develops within and as part of the Christian community.

As a Church, it is incumbent upon us to cultivate a culture of welcome and openness. By extending hospitality and encouragement to those in discernment, we help them encounter the depth of charity and the joy of service at the heart of our faith. Let us continue to nurture vocations among our youth and exemplify faith in all our undertakings.

This celebration also provides an opportunity to share our own vocation journeys as priests, deacons, and laypeople. **For this year's observance, I would like to ask our pastors, if possible, to recognize and honor the altar servers of each parish.**

Thank you for your dedicated service and ongoing support of our seminarians and vocations. May divine grace accompany you throughout this year, and may our Blessed Mother Mary intercede for us.

Fraternally yours in the Risen Lord,



Rev. Louie Bellen
Vocations Director
Diocese of Monterey



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LITURGY

Today's Readings

Reading I: There is no salvation through anyone else. (Acts 4:12)

Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22)

Reading II: See what love the Father has bestowed on us. (1 John 3:1)

Gospel: I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11)

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 27

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 28

Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 29

Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 30

Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
John 13:16-20

Friday, May 1

Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 2

Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
John 14:7-14

Scripture Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself as the door that leads to the most desirable gifts. At the beginning of the reading, Jesus speaks about Himself as the shepherd of the sheep who enters the sheepfold properly, through the gate. He contrasts Himself to the thief or the robber who scrambles into the sheepfold some other way and will have no success in getting the sheep to follow him out. The thief is a stranger, and the sheep will run away from him because they do not recognize his voice. Later in this chapter of the John's Gospel, Jesus elaborates further the image of Himself as the Good Shepherd, but in today's Gospel, the focus is on Himself as the gate for the sheep. An important aspect of this image, is that the gate swings in two directions. Not only do Jesus' followers come into the sheepfold through Him, they are also led out by Him. All who are led in by Him find in the embrace of the believing community a place of refreshment and rest, a space where wounds can be healed, and where all can be nourished by the Word, and at the table. But whoever enters is also led out to find pasture, the verdant space of mission. Jesus is the gate that opens in and out. Christian faith is a response to a call. Jesus the Good Shepherd invites us by name to follow Him – He is the gate to the Father. Peter articulates this call in the first reading from Acts: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ." The second reading from the First Letter of Peter urges patience in suffering as a response to the call of Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. The last time we heard this psalm, it was the fourth Sunday of Lent. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, it feels a bit different. Rather than taking on the dramatic imagery of the approaching Passion, it gives us the language to acknowledge the risen Jesus as the shepherd and the gate. In the journey from Lent to Easter, Jesus has guided us through the dark valley and placed the Eucharistic table before us. He calls us, and we know His voice and are secure in the goodness and kindness He offers to all.



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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 memory of Lucille Herman by Carlotta Mellon



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

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 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 we pray especially for:



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,
Tom Coble,

... 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

\$ 55,192

Reports for the week ending on 04/12/2026:

Electronic Donation: \$ 8,674.01

Mailed Donation: \$ 4,698.50

Weekend Masses: \$ 7,163.00

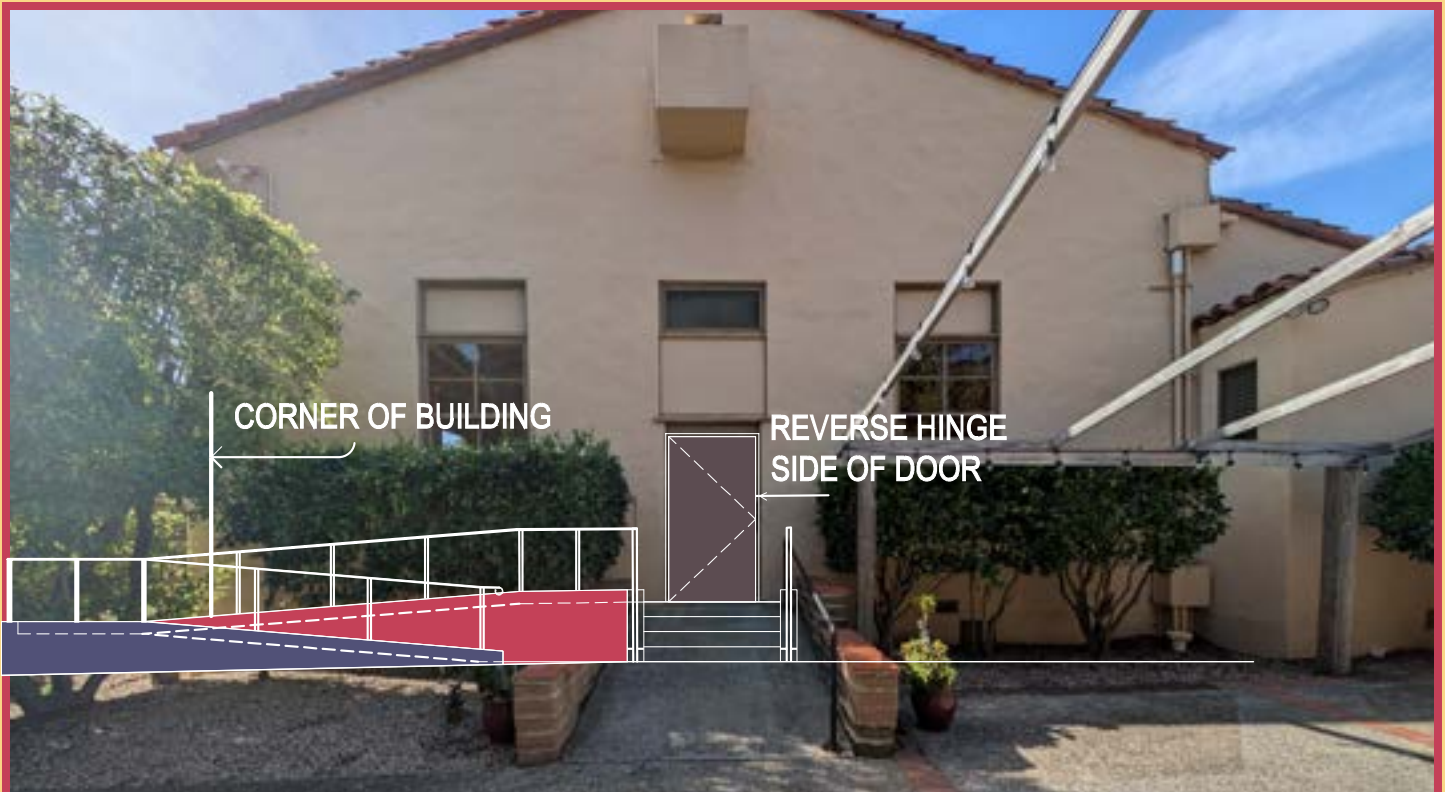
TOTAL \$20,535.51



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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RUN *for the* ROSES



Saturday, May 2nd at 1:30 PM
InterContinental Clement Hotel Monterey, CA.

A Kentucky Derby Event Benefiting Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey

The spirit of the Kentucky Derby is coming to the Monterey Bay, and you're invited to the starting line!

Saturday, May 2nd | 1:30 PM

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Special Guest & MC. Dan Green

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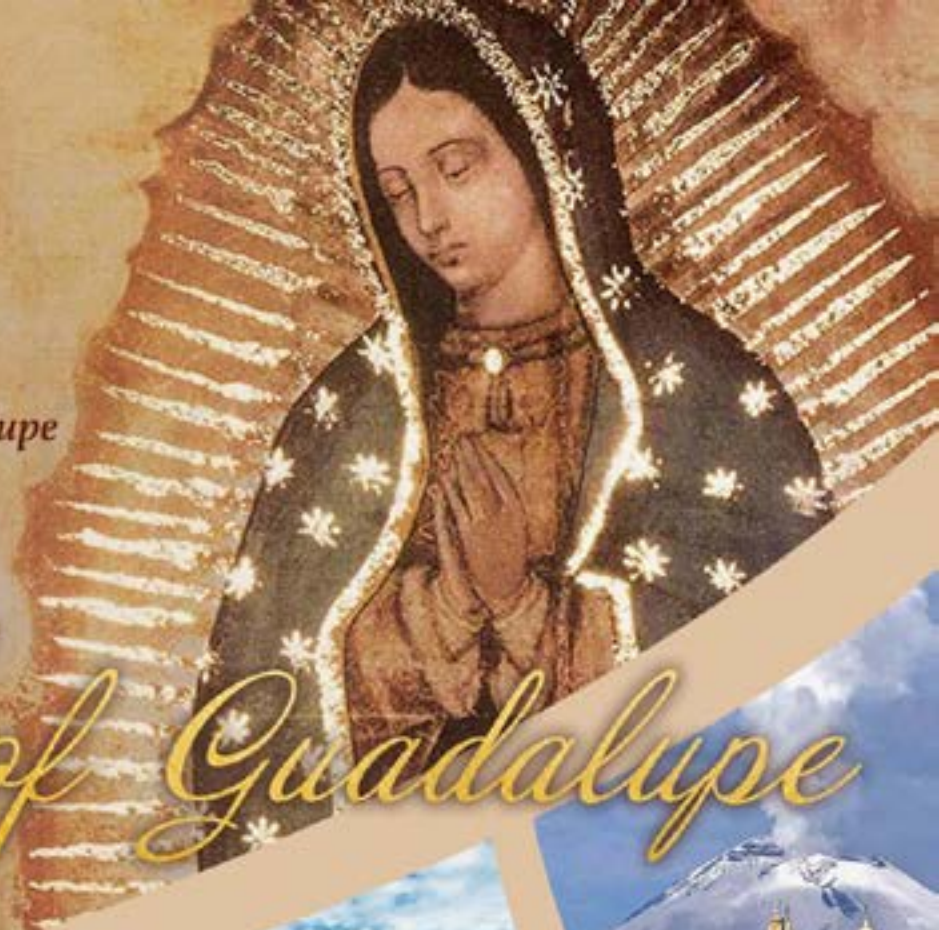
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preparation for the

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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.

April 26

May 3

04/26/2026





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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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