



## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

JANUARY 5, 2020 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Baptisms *Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith!*

**David Maurice Qualls II**  
Son of Lashane Martinez Qualls Jr.  
& Nancy Rios

**Desire Rose Rodriguez**  
Daughter of Edgar Rodriguez  
& Ilene Castellanos

**Nathan Michael Vasquez**  
Son of Michael & Yvonne Vasquez

**Kehlani Leila Lemus**  
Daughter of Alberto Lemus  
& Katerin Solis

**Ivy Katherine Nicassio**  
Daughter of Jesse  
& Kelly Nicassio

**Jack Lu Perez**  
Son of Eddie Perez  
& Jacqueline Garcia

**Carolina Amada Diaz**  
Daughter of Jose  
& Joyce Diaz

**Liliana Lopez**  
Daughter of Roberto Lopez  
& Luz Sanchez

**Noah Gael Tran-Moo**  
Son of Bryan Tran  
& Anita Moo-Tran

**Zeke Rodriguez Cabral**  
Son of Rico  
& Deanna Cabral

**Sarah Elena Macias**  
Daughter of Rolando  
& Elidia Macias



Our awesome altar servers at the ready. See page 2 for new server training.



### Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

#### Mass Times

Monday - Friday 8:00 am  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45 pm

#### Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Saturday 3:00 - 9:00 pm

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday 3:00 - 6:15 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

(805) 482-6417

After Hours Emergency (805) 512-3208

#### Serra Center Rental

serracenter@padreserra.org x361

#### St. Mary Magdalen School, TK-8

2534 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo, 93010  
(805) 482-2611 [www.smms.pvt.k12.ca.us](http://www.smms.pvt.k12.ca.us)

# Change Your World!



**Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15 pm**  
**San Juan Bautista room**

*Want to learn to become a confident communicator, speak in public, and develop leadership skills? Come check out our Toastmasters anytime.*

*We provide a supportive and positive learning experience resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.*

*Visitors are always welcome with no obligation to join. Come see what all the "talk" is about.*

Contact Virginia Norris (805) 443-5186,  
[theunbreakableteacup@yahoo.com](mailto:theunbreakableteacup@yahoo.com)  
[padreserra.toastmastersclubs.org](http://padreserra.toastmastersclubs.org)

*"The only reason to give a speech is to change the world." - Nick Morgan*



## Altar Server Training

**Begins Sunday, January 12**  
**2:30 pm in the church**

*Boys and girls in grades five and up and high school teens are invited to join this truly special ministry. Intense training, offered only once a year, to learn the order of the Mass and all the basics of serving in seven 2.5-hour sessions.*

*Join this inspiring group!*

Contact Bob Shadduck (805) 987-4620  
or [robert\\_shadduck@msn.com](mailto:robert_shadduck@msn.com)  
[www.padreserra.org/altar-servers](http://www.padreserra.org/altar-servers)



## Scripture's FAQ

**Fr. Patrick Mullen**  
**Monday, January 13**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**St. Peter Claver Parish**

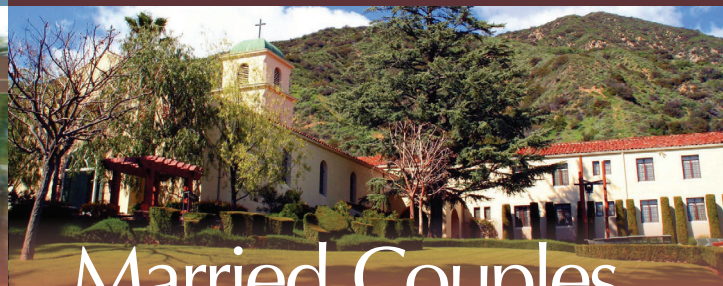
*The adult faith formation committee of St. Peter Claver invites you for an informative, uplifting, and interactive session with Fr. Patrick, who will address the many challenging and interesting questions about our sacred scripture.*

*Refreshments will be served.*

*Free will offering appreciated.*

*West hall of the parish center at  
2380 Stow St., Simi Valley, 93063.*

*Questions: Office of Faith  
Formation, (805) 526-0680,  
[adultfaithformation@saintpeterclaver.org](mailto:adultfaithformation@saintpeterclaver.org)*



## Married Couples Retreat

**February 14 - 16, 2020**  
**Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center,**  
**Sierra Madre**

**Registration is still open.**

**Reserve your spot now!**

*\$400 per couple / \$100 deposit required at registration.*

*All couples are encouraged to participate in this enriching opportunity. Visit*

*[www.padreserra.org/news/couples-retreat](http://www.padreserra.org/news/couples-retreat)*

*To see the beautiful retreat center visit*  
*[www.materdolorosa.org](http://www.materdolorosa.org)*



**GATHERING**

**We Three Kings of Orient Are**

Gather #463



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I  
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense  
 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a  
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

gifts, we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,  
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing,  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia,

Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.  
 Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with  
 roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,  
 still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.  
 Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 88 44 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

**GLORIA**

**Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)**

Ed Bolduc



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy  
 you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y



continued...

**Glory to God** *continued...*

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -  
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right  
 hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry!  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

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Ed Bolduc  
Music © 2011, WLP**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Psalm 72: Every Nation On Earth**

Marty Haugen

Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth, ev - 'ry na - tion on  
 earth, ev - 'ry na - tion a - dores you, Lord, yes,  
 ev - 'ry na - tion on earth.

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**Reading 1**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Reading 2**

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12



We saw his  
 star at its  
 rising and  
 have come to  
 do him  
 homage.

Matthew 2:2

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia (Jubilation Mass)

James Chepponis



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel Acclamation from Jubilation Mass by James Chepponis*  
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**DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES**

Go In Peace

Dominic MacAller



Go in peace to hear the word of God. Go in

peace to meet the ris-en Lord, the One who speaks to us in the

Gospel. Go in peace, go in peace, peace.

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**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd



O God, hear, us; Hear our prayer. \_

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**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

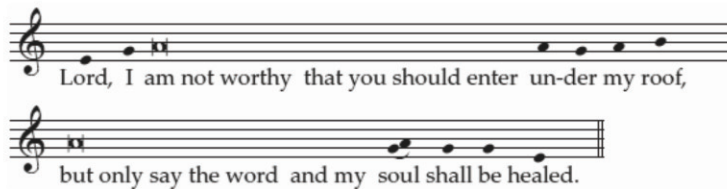
"Mass of Creation"  
 Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Memorial Acclamation A  
 Amen  
 Lamb of God

Marty Haugen  
 Gather #198  
 Gather #199  
 Gather #202  
 Gather #204

**Invitation to Communion**

Priest: *Behold the Lamb of God,  
 behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

ALL:

**COMMUNION SONGS**

The First Nowell

Gather #460



9:00—Ecce Novum

Ola Gjeilo

*Behold, a new joy,  
 Behold, a new wonder!  
 A Virgin, who knew not a man,  
 Bears a son.  
 She knew not a man,  
 But as the pear-tree bears the pear,  
 The flourishing papyrus brings  
 The lily from the soil.  
 See how nature Changes her laws!  
 A pure virgin bears the The son of God.*

11:00—What Child

Ruth Morris Gray

**SENDING FORTH**

Epiphany Carol

Gather #462

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Please return extra worship aids to exits; take home one bulletin. Thank you.

## Searching for God Beyond Ourselves

I have to admit that I like daylight savings time. Pictures of snowy landscapes capture the feeling of winter much better. Winter is associated with snow and freezing temperatures and death is a real possibility if you find yourself stranded on a highway in the middle of a winter storm as in my home state of Montana. The changing of the seasons to being colder and getting dark much earlier can be disorienting, even here in California. There is a redeeming quality, however, to this darkness. I like to spend time looking at night sky. There is a sense of wonder in being able to experience the expanse and beauty of the cosmos. The darkness broken by the starlight captures the sense of this season. Cosmology is the story of birth, development, and destiny of the universe and it is told with the aim of assisting us in our task of identifying our roles within this great drama. A Belgian physicist and priest postulated that there was a beginning to the universe and this became known as the Big Bang. Scientists have been able to calculate the age of the universe with a fair amount of accuracy, 13.7 billion years. Because all life is part of this single cosmic event, all life is connected at its most basic level. Our solar system came about as the result of a supernova explosion, the death eruption of a primal star. Death is integral to life. Yet from the very beginning the trajectory of the universe has been toward life.

Epiphany is a time to reflect on the meaning of Incarnation, God here and with us now and make the journey ourselves. God emptied himself to become like us so that we might become more like God. This is our hope, to enter more fully into this relationship. The metaphor of the magi following a star, risking their survival and traveling a great distance to discover this is fitting. The idea of relationship is central. The wisdom of the Catholic tradition is that salvation is possible in and through the community. We say as Catholics that we are saved in community that includes everybody. This idea is not necessarily even something we long for.

I really believe that our experience of Epiphany must be more than just hearing about the Magi. We must be willing to encounter God in this season by risking our own journey, as difficult as it may be, so that we can honestly experience the self-revelation that we need in order to see God beyond ourselves. Epiphany reminds us that the trajectory of creation is toward life. Epiphany is about searching for God beyond ourselves in order that we might enter more fully into the mystery of the Incarnation, God here and with us now. We are called to be active participants in this great drama and search for what it means when we say that salvation is possible in and through the community. May your Epiphany be one of discovery.



Deacon Bob Fargo



## Sign-up Time!

**Altar Server Training** (see page 2)

**Married Couples Retreat** (see page 2)

**LA Congress** (see page 12)

**Fairways to Heaven** (see page 12)

## Children

*12 months to Grade 8.*

### Stay and Play ~ January 5, 12, 19, 26

Miss Nicole and Miss Andrea lovingly care for your little one (12 - 36 months) while you go to Mass. Stop by to see all the toys and fun. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled. No-cost service. Sundays during the 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Masses. San Juan Bautista room. [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

### Little Church ~ January 5, 12, 19, 26

Sunday preschool (age 3 through kindergarten) during Sunday Mass time. Register your child as soon as they turn 3. [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)

### Spark! ~ January 13, 15

Grades 1 to 5. This week the children will learn about Jesus the Lamb of God. [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

### Three:Sixteen ~ January 15

This week middle school will learn about Jesus the Lamb of God. [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!*

### Confirmation Year 1 ~ January 5

In today's session, teens will learn about the gift of wonder and awe. What does this gift mean; how and when do I use this gift?

### 4:12 ~ January 8

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm in San Juan Capistrano room.

## Youth & Young Adults

*Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!*

### Peer Leaders

Happy New Year! Sessions re-start this Tuesday, January 7. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team, contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org). Learn more at [www.padreserra.org/news/peer-leaders](http://www.padreserra.org/news/peer-leaders)

## Young Adults

*Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome!*

### Young Adults Gathering ~ January 9

Join the Young Adults' Bible Study. Bring your Bible! Come read and talk about scripture! 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Carmel room. Questions: [youngadults@padreserra.org](mailto:youngadults@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/young-adults](http://www.padreserra.org/young-adults)

## Adults

### Bible Study ~ January 7, 14, 21, 28

Dr. Paul Ford leads a weekly reflection and study of the Sunday scriptures so we can better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. Resource books are available for purchase or bring your Bible or smart device. Tuesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am, San Juan Capistrano room.

### Social Spanish ~ January 7, 14, 21, 28

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish, to learn to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and to learn a new language and experience the benefits in mind and spirit. Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, San Juan Capistrano room. [Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.patty.g.q14@gmail.com)

### Illuman for Men ~ January 8, 29

A ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Bimonthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. 7:00 pm, San Miguel room. [Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com](mailto:Dave.dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com)

### Camarillo Special Families ~ January 14

We provide community and spiritual support for transitioning special needs teens and young adults (16+), their families, and friends. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Santa Barbara room. Monica Spooner (805) 484-8379, [monicaspooner@twc.com](mailto:monicaspooner@twc.com)

### Serra Seniors ~ January 15

As we begin this New Year, parishioner and nurse Ann Mulligan will present on wellness of mind, body and spirit through tapping. 10:00 am, Serra Center. Bring a friend and come for refreshments at 9:45.

### Scripture with Fr. Szkredka ~ January 21

Mark your calendars for an evening of scripture with Fr. Slawomir Szkredka, professor of biblical studies at St. John's Seminary. 7:00 pm, Serra Center. Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.

### Returning Catholics Welcome ~ Begins January 23

If you are an inactive Catholic or know someone who's been away, consider Landings. We are a group of Catholics who, for any number of reasons, were away from the Church and came back to regular attendance and active participation. Landings is a 10-week series that offers a safe place to tell one's story, discern a place in the Church, and find a way home. Join us, we welcome you. Questions: [Gwen landings@padreserra.org](mailto:Gwen.landings@padreserra.org)



### Clergy Appreciation Dinner ~ January 31

Save the date to celebrate our local clergy and religious, Friday 6:00 pm in the Serra Center. Watch the bulletin for details. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

### Men's One Day Retreat ~ February 8

From Jason to Job, Jonah to Jesus, there are universal themes to the twists and turns of life's journey. Join us for *Living the Hero's Journey: A Path for Male Spiritual Growth* to explore the depth and wisdom of the ancient ways. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Serra Center lawn. Suggested donation: \$20, includes lunch, coffee and light refreshments at 8:30. Questions/registration: Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

### Marriage Enrichment Series ~ Starts February 28

Are you in need of a tune-up for your marriage. *United in Love, United in Christ* is a 6 week series that will enrich your marriage and explore God's plan for your marriage. Your marriage is worth it! Fridays, February 28 - April 3. 6:45 - 8:45 pm. Child care provided. Registration begins January 18 - 19. Questions: Robert and Susan Evans ssevans54@gmail.com

## In the Community

### Unplanned ~ January 16

A screening of the film *Unplanned* with actress Maura Corsini who will also present a brief, powerful testimony of her involvement with *Unplanned*. Rated R for topic and scenes of abortion; appropriate for teenagers. 7:00 pm, St. Rose of Lima, 1305 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley. [www.unplannedfilm.com](http://www.unplannedfilm.com). RSVP: Leonore Schuetz (805) 527-4444

### Healing the Family Tree ~ January 18

Conference to learn and pray for breakthroughs in healing for you and loved ones, living and deceased. Day includes workshops and Mass. Saturday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm at St. John Eudes, Chatsworth. \$25/person. Info/register: [www.scr.org](http://www.scr.org)

## Safeguard the Children

### Discussing Dating with Your Teenager

If you're thinking about letting your teenager date, start by having a conversation about expectations, your teen's, and yours. Speak about values upheld in every relationship. These talks will arm your child with critical moral checkpoints and safety information. Consider talking about your own experiences and choices, about bad decisions, and their consequences. For more conversation topics, visit "Talking With Your Teen About Dating Safety" at [www.padreserra.org/uploads/1/0/7/2/107289629/teen\\_dating\\_safety.pdf](http://www.padreserra.org/uploads/1/0/7/2/107289629/teen_dating_safety.pdf)

## Other Notes

### Locking Cars

Our parking lot is not immune to theft so please be sure to always take valuables with you, or secure out of sight, and lock your car doors.

## Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

### Matthew 2:1-12 ~ Jesus, the Star, and the Magi

The magi find the newborn king they seek not in a palace but in a humble house in Bethlehem. When have you been moved to action by a star, a dream, a hunch, an impulse? Where have you seen Jesus present in the ordinary events and people of my life.

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Abel August, Muriel Bannatz, Bruce Colell, Chris Comeau, Liesa Comeau, Baby Wyatt Davis, Bob Dickie, Jack Doody, Berta Garcia, Sandeep Ghrcha, Debbie Greiman, Nicholas Guillen, Reeta Gupta, Berta Julia, Lloyd Kelly, Floy Laquidara, Tom Laquidara, Erena Leonard, Adele Marietta, Baby Coco McCoy, Akemi Saito McLaren, Mark Medina, Carole Mingay, Michael Mingay, Tricia Mingay, Les Moore, Henry Moraga, Jeff Nisbet, Mike Ricci, Aundria Romero, Kelly Ryan, Berta Segundo, Dorothy Simmons, Jackson Soyster, David Taft, Blaine Taylor, Tommy Trego, Marcia Vivirito Bowman and Kylie Wilson. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

### Remember Our Dead

*Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently. May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.*

### Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday 7:45 am, Church

Rosary: Monday - Friday 8:30 am, Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Church

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45 pm, Santa Clara room

First Friday Adoration: 3:00 - 7:00 pm, Chapel

Prayer Chain: prayers anytime

Bette (805) 482-0067 [bette\\_church@hotmail.com](mailto:bette_church@hotmail.com)

Shirley (805) 482-2617 [brownshehorn@gmail.com](mailto:brownshehorn@gmail.com)

Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

## Giving

### St. Mary Magdalen School

Our beautiful town is blessed to have a lively Catholic community that is served by two Catholic parishes and an excellent Catholic elementary school. Half the students are from Padre Serra Parish, and half are from St. Mary Magdalen Church. We love our school. For more information or to contribute, contact: [pam@padreserra.org](mailto:pam@padreserra.org)

**All Creation Belongs to God**, including everything we are and everything we own. Strive to be loving and giving, just as God is.

## Becoming Catholic

### New Year's Resolutions

Have you or someone you know been thinking about joining the Catholic Church but not yet taken that next step to inquire? Make it one of your New Year's resolutions! For more information: Catherine at (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org).



# LA Congress

February 21 - 23  
Anaheim Convention Center

The largest Catholic convention in the world is right in our backyard! Come for one, two, or three days of inspiring workshops, speakers, liturgies, and concerts.

Make your reservations now for our hospitality suite: Friday lunch, evening social, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner. Deadline, February 11. Contact [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

For workshops and speakers visit [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org)




# Fairways to Heaven

Monday, March 16

Padre Serra's annual golf classic and evening extravaganza. For information, to donate or volunteer please contact [evcollier@verizon.net](mailto:evcollier@verizon.net)




## Celebrate True Sabbath

Sunday is a fun day for families, a day to spend time with God and friends. Enjoy the lovely fellowship and conversation in the courtyard, prayer gardens, chapel, and a myriad of ways to connect the kids. Plan to spend a couple of hours.

- Restrooms**
- Stay and Play**  
Free toddler care (12-36 months) during 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses
- Little Church**  
Sunday preschool (3 years through kinder), visitors welcome
- Sound loop technology**  
In church works with t-coil equipped hearing aids
- Welcome and Information Gazebo**
- Bell Tower Café**  
Fresh donuts and coffee!
- Parish Office**  
Visit our friendly staff
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel**  
Intimate time with Jesus
- Prayer Garden**  
Peace and tranquility, Mass may be heard through speakers
- Bride's Room**  
For nursing moms, Mass may be heard through speakers
- In the Courtyard**  
Friendly parishioners share ministry highlights and answer questions

**Liturgy of the Word**  
Children in grades 1-5 hear the readings at their level. Children rejoin their families during the Eucharistic prayer. Visitors welcome.

