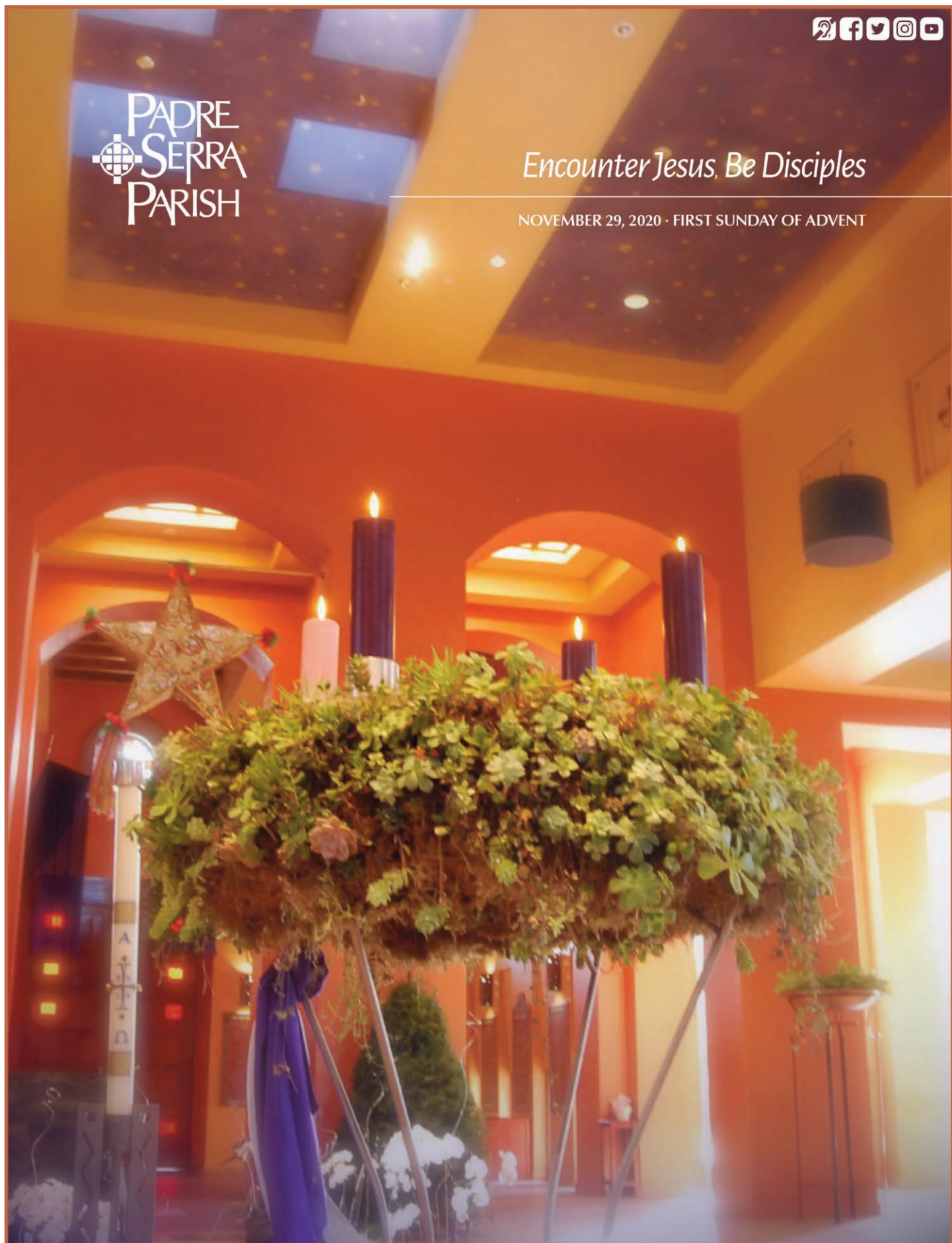




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*Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples*

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 · FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# Waiting

*At times there seems to be nothing worse. We wait for the results of medical tests. This can be the most excruciating kind of waiting. Our lives seem “on hold” as we wait and wait and wait for some news. We wait for the elevator, in the checkout line in the supermarket. We wait for the birth of a child, or grandchild. Nine months can seem an eternity. We wait endlessly for this pandemic to be over, or get through it somehow, so that we can get back some sense of balance and harmony, some easing of the dis-ease of waiting.*

*Painful and nerve-wracking as it can be, waiting is the soil in which hope is born. Waiting is a wide-open space of longing, of anticipating, of expecting. And it is when we long and anticipate that hope may be born in us. The American poet Emily Dickinson describes hope as*

*The thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the song without the words  
And never stops at all.*

*She is describing something very deep in us: A light, wordless longing of the human heart that dwells in the depths of every human being. Without it we cannot take the next step, let alone fly free!*

*The readings of all four Sundays of Advent draw our eye and ear to something aborning, something yet to be. The disciple of Jesus Christ lives in hope. We hope in his word, in his promise of new and enduring life. We stake our lives on the hope that the power of love will one day prevail over all evil. We try to live this hope day in and day out, week by week, season by season. But Advent is the unique moment for Christians to look more deeply into the reason for our hope, and to discover – perhaps for the first time – the deepest hope we hold.*

*What are you waiting for?*

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# Advent Awakenings Take the Time

*A four-week small faith-sharing group opportunity to renew your experience of Advent.*

**Tuesday Mornings**      **Wednesday Evenings**  
December 1, 8, 15, 22      December 9, 16, 23  
9:00 - 10:30 am      7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Tuesday Evenings**      **Thursday Mornings**  
December 1, 8, 15, 22      December 3, 10, 17, 24  
7:00 - 8:30 pm      10:00 - 11:30 am

*Through scripture, reflection, sharing and prayer, we will journey through the season together, preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas.*

*All groups will meet via Zoom. Please RSVP  [padreserra.org/news/advent-awakenings](http://padreserra.org/news/advent-awakenings)*



# Drive-Thru Fundraiser Dinner

**Saturday, December 5**  
Pick up begins at 4:00 pm  
St. Mary Magdalen Church parking lot  
BBQ tri-tip and chicken meal with beans, salad, and garlic bread, packaged and ready for pick up.  
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Proceeds benefit the Catholic High School Scholarship Fund.

Visit [www.padreserra.org/news/knights](http://www.padreserra.org/news/knights)




**Jason Stoll Live**   
Sunday, December 13, 7:00 pm, online

The Music and Streaming Ministry present our very own Jason Stoll in a free livestream concert, visit [www.padreserra.org/jasonstoll](http://www.padreserra.org/jasonstoll)

Music by SCRIABIN, RAVEL, VILLEMEZ, SZCZEPANEK, KAPUSTIN and BEETHOVEN

No RSVP required.



**Advent Calendar  
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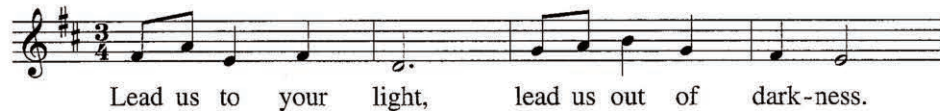
*Our parish Advent calendar can help you fully enter into this season of holy waiting with daily inspiration, activity, prayer, and some fun to prepare you and your family spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.*

Sign up now to receive a daily email!  
Visit [www.padreserra.org/advent](http://www.padreserra.org/advent) 

**GATHERING****Lead Us To Your Light**

Carol E. Browning

Refrain



Verses



1. Lord, we a - wait your com - ing to our world;
2. Lord, you are hope and heal - ing for our world;
3. Come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.
4. Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slum - ber,
5. Child of the light and love be - yond all tell - ing,



D.C.

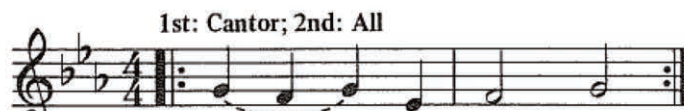
bring us the gift of sal - va - tion.  
 come, now, and bring us your good news.  
 Come with us on earth here to dwell.  
 ban - ish the dark - ness of night.  
 fill our hearts with won - der and praise.

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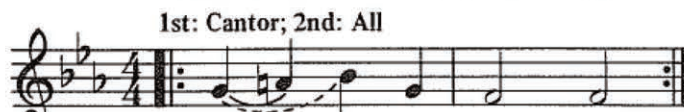
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**PENITENTIAL RITE****Advent Wreath Service**

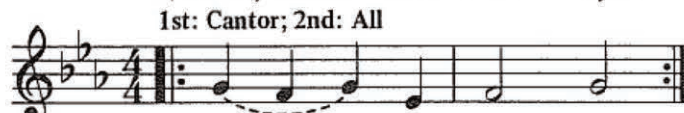
John Schiavone



(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 (Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.)



(petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.  
 (Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.)



(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 (Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.)



**Reading 1**

Sirach 50:22-24

**Reading 2**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 17:11-19

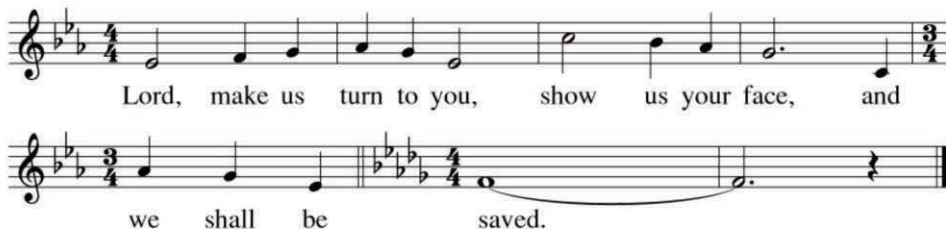
**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ,  
 his only Son, our Lord,  
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,*  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again  
 from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God  
 the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come to judge the  
 living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting.  
 Amen.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Marty Haugen



Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and  
 we shall be saved.

1. Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth, O rouse your power, and come to save us.
2. We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live, reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.
3. If you will dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love, O shine upon us, great Lord of life.

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Show us, *Lord,*  
 your *love:* and grant us your *salvation.*

Psalm 85:8

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas



Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,  
 hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

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**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

“Mass of the Father’s Love”

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

### The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

Verses 1, 2



1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And  
 2. O bright-er than the ris - ing morn When

1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the  
 2. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some

1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
 2. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.

1. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To  
 2. O bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall

1. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry  
 2. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in

1. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
 2. beau-ty comes, And we his face shall see!

Verse 3

3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-

3. - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy peo-ple pray: Come

3. quick - ly, King of kings. Come quick - ly, King of kings.

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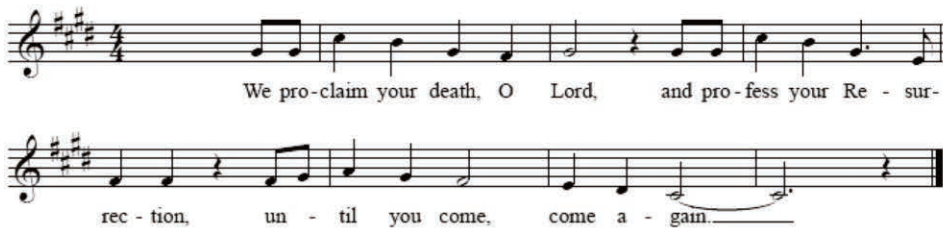
“Walking in the Air” Mass      Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze

**Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God of  
 hosts. heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho-san - na, ho-  
*Fine*  
 san-na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bles - sed, \_\_\_\_\_ bles - sed is he,  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho

**Memorial Acclamation A**



We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re - sur-  
 rec - tion, un - til you come, come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_

**Great Amen**



A - men, A - men, A - - -  
 men. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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**Lamb of God**

Bob Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:  
 1-2. have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
 7 grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord,  
to receive you  
with purity, humility,  
and devotion  
with which your  
most holy Mother  
received you,  
with the spirit  
and the fervor  
of the saints.  
Amen.

*Suggested by Archbishop Gomez*



## COMMUNION SONG

### Jesus, Hope of the World

Paul A. Tate

#### Refrain

Je - sus, hope of the world, Je - sus, light in our  
dark - ness, here we a - wait you, O Mas - ter Di - vine.  
Here we re - ceive you in Bread and in Wine:  
Je - sus, hope of the world.

#### Verses

*All:*  
Come, Lord Je - sus!  
*Cantors:*

1. Come to us, O Son of God!
2. Come to us, O Prom - ised King!
3. Come to us, O Ris - ing Sun!
4. Come to us, O Heart's De - sire!

Come, Lord Je - sus!  
Come to us, O Son of Man!  
Come to us, O Prom - ised Peace!  
Come to us, O End - less Light!  
Come to us, O Sav - ing Love!

Come, Son of God! Come, Son of Man!  
Come, Prom - ised King! Come, Prom - ised Peace!  
Come, Ris - ing Sun! Come, End - less Light!  
Come, Heart's De - sire! Come, Sav - ing Love!

*All:* Shep - herd your peo - ple in love!  
Come and be Lord of our hearts!  
Shat - ter the dark - ness of death!  
Ban - ish our doubt and our fear!  
*D.C.*



# BE THE light

MATTHEW 5:14

## SENDING FORTH

### Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

**Refrain**

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way  
of the Lord. of the Lord.

**Verse 1**

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and  
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,  
1. and read-y the way of the Lord.

**Verses 2, 3**

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk  
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-  
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you  
3. -pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace  
2. and read-y the way for you, Lord.  
3. as we

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## Waiting and Watching

Dear friends on the journey,

Waiting and watching. This seems to sum up 2020. For months now, we have been hunkered down, watching the worldwide devastation of Covid, government and medical leaders' response, and the reaction of our community. We've been waiting for the all-clear to go out again only to be tugged back in, for a cure and vaccine, and for life to return to normal. I can just imagine a world of maskless huggers partying for days! With patience and hope, this day will arrive. Of this, I'm confident.

How might we be better for this long season of pandemic waiting and watching? It's something to ponder as we enter into a real season of waiting and watching ... Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Advent literally means "coming," the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We know full well these four weeks are not about the gift buying, decorating, parties, stressing, cleaning, and hustling. Don't get me wrong, these can be joy-filled and fun, but I think we can get trapped by it all. I found that I can enjoy it more when the perceived necessity of getting it all done goes away and simply revel in the light of the truth of the Incarnation, the coming of God to us on earth in the person of Jesus as well as celebrate Jesus' presence now and his coming again.



A casualty of Covid may very well be the distracting hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation. I hope. Perhaps this Advent can truly be a season of waiting and watching with hope, love, joy, and peace. Just maybe this Advent can truly be the four-week journey of preparing or freshening up the home in our heart for Jesus. How can we prepare our hearts? How can we really embrace the gift that is Advent? I believe we'll find it in the intentional slowing down and looking inward to take stock of our readiness for the "Lord of the house" (Mk 13:25) to come.

I hope you consider using one or some of the following Advent resources to aid you on your spiritual journey of waiting and watching: [www.padreserra.org/advent](http://www.padreserra.org/advent):

- Advent Calendar ~ daily inspirational emails
- Advent Awakenings: Take the Time ~ weekly faith-sharing groups
- Weekly reflections by Dr. Michael Downey
- Angel Tags Christmas Giving
- Reconciliation Opportunities
- And much more ...

May this be your best Advent yet!

*Siempre Adelante,*

Teresa Runyon  
Faith Life Minister



## Children

12 months to Grade 8.

### Little Church~ Videos Resume December 6

Age 3 through kindergarten. Session videos by Ms. Soraya will resume on December 6. If you wish to receive videos, please contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)



### Spark!~ November 30

Grades 1 to 5. This week the children will learn about John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. [christine@padreserra.org](mailto:christine@padreserra.org)

### Three: Sixteen

Middle School Ministry. This week tweens will continue learning about the Works of Mercy. If you missed the Jr. High Retreat, [watch it here](#).

### Online Mass Activities

To be done at certain times during Mass, watch carefully! (see page 13)

## High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

### 4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship via Zoom. Ask [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org) to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated.

## Confirmation Y1 ~ Sessions Resume on December 6

How are you preparing yourself to receive Jesus this Advent?

## Youth Leadership

Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!

### Peer Leaders

Ask [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org) to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated. Peer leaders help engage our Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly Confirmation sessions, our annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

## Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! [www.padreserra.org/young-adults](http://www.padreserra.org/young-adults)

### Bible Study and More

We are gathering via Zoom twice a month on Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm until the current COVID-19 situation is resolved. We will be doing a Bible Study with some other activities mixed in. See our Instagram [@pspyoungadult](#) or Facebook [@PadreSerraYA](#) for other events! For more information please contact [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org)

## Adults

### Meditative Movement ~ December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Women and men, any age, can join instructor Sheila Montgomery for meditative movement using Tai Chi. 2:00 - 3:00 pm, courtyard. \$5/class. COVID requirements for participation: masks covering nose and mouth, sanitize hands, 6 feet distance, no socializing before or after.

### Healing from Divorce ~ December 1, 15

We offer a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with severe changes, or through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, online. Contact Cynthia [cjonescampbell@yahoo.com](mailto:cjonescampbell@yahoo.com)

### Social Spanish Group ~ December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

We meet each week to share the Sunday Psalm's faith and proclamation in English and Spanish, discern its meaning, and learn more vocabulary by focusing on key Spanish words in the Psalm. Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am, via Zoom. Patricia Quezada (805) 827-5903, [patty.g.q14@gmail.com](mailto:patty.g.q14@gmail.com)

### Senior Exercise ~ December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Our weekly adaptive exercise class returns on Wednesdays from 8:45 - 9:30 am, Serra Center patio. COVID requirements for participation: masks covering nose and mouth, sanitize hands, 6 feet distance, no socializing before or after. Marg (805) 405-9901

## Adults

### Bereavement Support Group ~ December 3, 17

We offer support to those who have lost a loved one. 10:00 am, via Zoom. Contact Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, [bbright41@verizon.net](mailto:bbright41@verizon.net)

### Knitting Ministry ~ December 3, 10, 17

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome. Thursdays 9:30 - 11:30 am Serra Center patio. COVID requirements for participation: masks covering nose and mouth, sanitize hands, 6 feet distance, no socializing before or after. Donna [healthysneaker7@gmail.com](mailto:healthysneaker7@gmail.com)

### Writers Group ~ December 4, 11, 18

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome any Friday to share your work and listen to others' inspiring writing. Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, via Zoom and in the courtyard. COVID requirements for participation: masks covering nose and mouth, sanitize hands, 6 feet distance, no socializing before or after. Linda Lowe [calmestl@verizon.net](mailto:calmestl@verizon.net)

## Becoming Catholic

### Advent and Catholic Inquiry

Those of us who have been Catholics all our lives take the symbols and rituals of Advent for granted. But for those who are seeking to join the Church, the pre-Christmas season presents an opportunity to immerse themselves more deeply into the Catholic way of life. They catch the spirit of joyful anticipation as they worship with us. They are full of questions about the Advent wreath, the liturgical colors, and the meaning of the scriptures chosen for Advent. They learn the Catholic way of preparing for Christmas by watching online Mass and participating in works of charity like Angel Tags. The Catholic-seekers among us can be models of wonder and awe for those of us who may have become a little less enthusiastic about the season. Invite your non-Catholic Friends and relatives to attend Mass on the Grass or watch it online with you. It may refresh your sense of this meaningful time of year. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org)

## In the Community

### Mary: A Perspective on Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 10

OL of Guadalupe appeared at a time of very difficult, socio-cultural turmoil of division and hatred. Her motherly love, wisdom, and healing changed the course of history, calling the world to create a civilization of unity and love. 7:00 pm, via Zoom. [Info/register here](#)

### Family Advent Retreat ~ December 13

Bring your family to the manger! This free mini-retreat offers families a fun and meaningful way to prepare us for Jesus' birth. Each family will receive a kit with all the items needed to participate. 5:30-7:00 pm, via Zoom. [Register here](#)

## Faith Sharing Question

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table*

### Mark 13:33-37 ~ Be Ready!

The author of Mark's Gospel wrote for a community greatly concerned with the end of time. Today's passage repeats two ideas. First, no one, but God, knows the time of the end. Second, the proper response of the faithful disciple is to watch and be ready at all times. Only those who persevere in watching will be saved. When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Casey Allen, Lisa Alonzo, Shirley Brown, Katie Ceurvorst, Thomas Collins, Liesa Comeau, Lori Conley, Baby Wyatt Davis, Kalei Durand, Noelani Durand, Claire Estes, Joe Flores, Sharon Garcia, Tawfik Haddád, Stephanie Hooper, Mary Hopple, Mary Ann Kratochvil, Barbara Layton, Sue Leahy, Rosemary Maldonado, Evelyn McMillion, Glenn Mingay, Lolita Reyes, Connie Rigney, Mike Robles, Jackson Soyster, baby Penelope Swartz, Linda Vesey and Tom Vesey. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

### Remember Our Dead

*Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:*  
Michael Pompilio, RIP  
Beloved father of Maria Waggoner & Frank Pompilio  
*May he enjoy peace in his life with Christ Jesus.*

### Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)  
Parish Book of Intentions: [www.padreserra.org/intentions](http://www.padreserra.org/intentions)  
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)  
or visit [www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests)  
Stations of the Cross: [www.padreserra.org/stations](http://www.padreserra.org/stations)  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: [www.padreserra.org/news/olph](http://www.padreserra.org/news/olph)  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel: [www.padreserra.org/prayer](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer)

## Giving

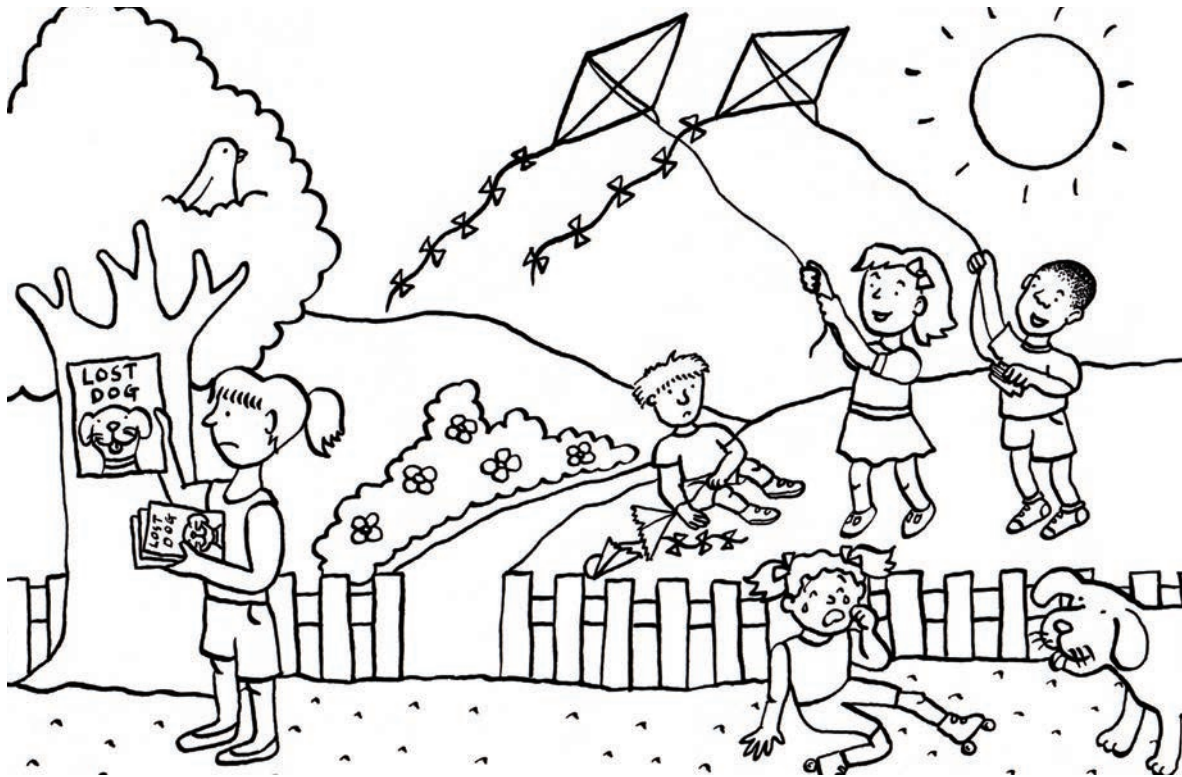
### Thank You from Concern America

Gratitude to Fr. Patrick and all of you at Padre Serra for supporting our virtual craft sale where handcrafted textiles, baskets, ceramics, and wood products were sold on Concern America's online marketplace. As a community of the faithful, you were generous in purchasing handcrafts valued at \$541.00. Through your generosity, you have helped to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries throughout the world. Thank you!  
[www.concernamerica.org](http://www.concernamerica.org)

## First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

**“Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come”**



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**Look at the illustration. It is very busy with lots of things going on. Can you spot:**

- The person who needs someone to be kind to them?
- The person who needs someone to share with them?
- The person who needs some help?

Think about what you would do to help one of these people and draw yourself into the picture.

### Advent wreath

Make your own Advent wreath as one way to remember that we are getting ready to welcome Jesus.

1. Cut a hole in the middle of a paper plate
2. Draw around your hands on green recycled paper and ask others to do the same
3. Stick the cut-out hands around the outside of the paper plate to make the leaves
4. Make four candles by rolling paper into tubes (3 purple and 1 pink)
5. Attach a paper flame to one candle on each Sunday of Advent

Use our online Advent calendar for children: [cafod.org.uk/familyadventcalendar](http://cafod.org.uk/familyadventcalendar)



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