







A pastoral series integrating faith into everyday living with Teresa Runyon

Tuesdays, June 15 - July 20 7:00 pm, via Zoom*

Have you ever asked yourself any of these questions: How can I be more holy? How can I pray more or better? How can I live out what I hear at Mass? How can I get through grief and loss or when relationships are difficult? Is there more to life than this? How can I live a more meaningful life? This six-part series is designed to address these questions through learning, stories, reflection, and conversation.

Attend one, two, or more of these sessions:

- · June 15 Living a sabbath life
- · June 22 Living a prayerful life
- · June 29 Living through suffering
- · July 6 Living and loving when people are difficult
- · July 13 Living in a secular world
- · July 20 Living a meaningful life



Register at www.padreserra.org/between-sundays

*Maybe moved to in-person.

Teresa Runyon is the Faith Life Minister at Padre Serra Parish and is working toward her master's degree in pastoral ministry from St. John's Seminary. This series is the integration project that will complete the degree.





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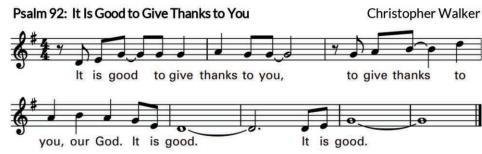
Reading 1 Ezekiel 17:22-4 Reading 2 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed is the WORD OF GOD,

CHRIST is the sower

All who COME TO HIM will LIVE FOREVER.



- It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning light, and your truth in the watches of the night.
- 2. And the just like the palm tree will grow, they will flourish like Lebanon cedar, and planted deep in the house of God, they will thrive in the temple of our God.
- They bear fruit even when they are old; in old age they will stay fresh and green to proclaim to all that our God is just. In our Rock no injustice can be found.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia
"Mass of a Joyful Heart"

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE



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.

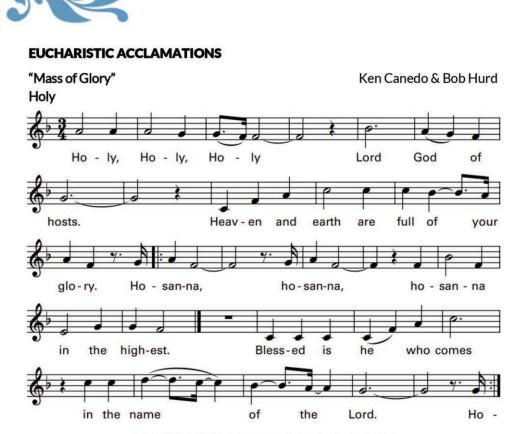
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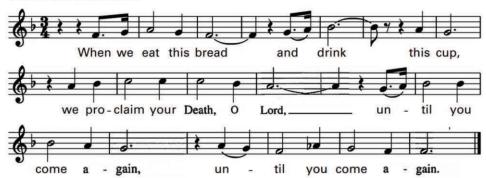


May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of His name,
for our good and the good of
all His holy Church.



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Memorial Acclamation



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Amen



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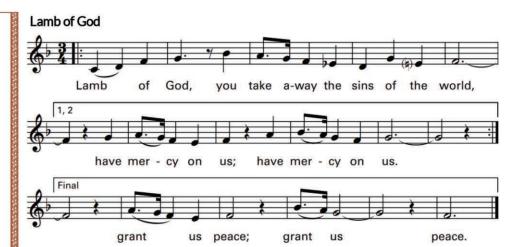
Spiritual Communion

O God, you are my God, it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, in the land parched, lifeless and without water. I look to you in the sanctuary to see your power and glory. For your love is better than life, my lips shall ever praise you. I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands, calling on your name. My soul shall be filled, as with choice food, with joyous lips my mouth shall praise you! I think of you upon my bed, I remember you through the watches of night. You indeed are my savior and, in the shadow of your wings, I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you;

your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63:2-9





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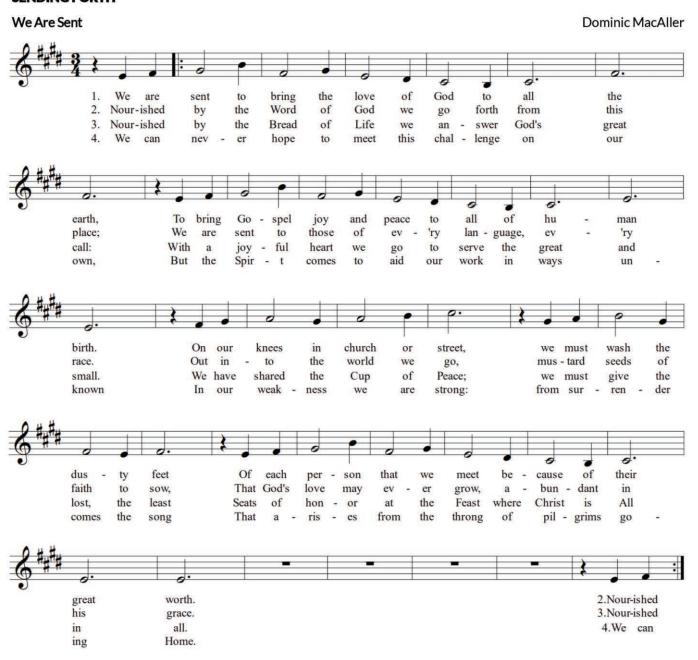


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SENDING FORTH



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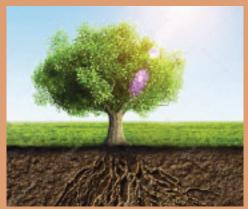
Seeds of Hope

Dear friends on the journey,

My husband Don and I have recently taken up gardening. We're no Underwood Farms but we've successfully grown and enjoyed our own corn, zucchini, tomatoes and pumpkins. Sadly though the berries are mostly enjoyed by the critters in our yard. We have used both starter plants as well as seeds with hope of someday seeing a producing plant. We're amazed every day at the incremental growth of our plants. But the joy and satisfaction does not come without a lot of work. We have to know the right season to plant, till the land, add the right soil and amendments, determine the water schedule and protect them from the critters. It's all worth it for nothing tastes better than your own harvest!

In today's gospel, Jesus offers two parables about the kingdom, using the image of seeds. The second one is

about a mustard, the "smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." For those gathered around Jesus that day, and for us today, this parable is one of hope. If God's kingdom can begin from a seed so miniscule and grow to a size that is strong and sturdy and can provide respite and shelter to the many birds, there is hope that God can do anything. With time, and their patience and dedication, Jesus assures his disciples that God's kingdom will grow into a place for everyone, where all are welcome for rest, comfort and care from the world that is often cruel and harsh.



So, too, can this parable be a sign of hope for our faith journeys. When we arrive in this life, we come with a mustard seed of faith that has the potential to grow into a strong and safe life. But our faith will only grow if we tend it. Like the vegetable seeds that need soil, water and care, our seed of faith needs the right environment. Are we providing the right soil? Are we feeding and watering it properly? Are we protecting it from the elements of the world around us? In order to provide sturdy roots, we need the Word and Eucharist, the sacraments, positive role models, community, support, trust, fortitude, patience, hope and so much more. When we cooperate, God can do anything.

I encourage you to nourish your mustard seed of faith in all the ways our parish has to offer. Whether you need spiritual food, pastoral care, friendship, or to give of yourself to others, we have it. In a special way, I invite you to *Between Sundays*, a six-week series that will hopefully provide a bit of respite, nourishment, learning, and connection. We begin this Tuesday evening at 7:00 via Zoom. You can learn more and register:

www.padreserra.org/between-sundays.html. I'd love to see you.

Siempre Adelante,

Teresa Runyon
Faith Life Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Faith Formation Registration for the 21/22 program year is now open. Online Registration available on our parish website, www.padreserra.org/registration

Little Church ~ June 13

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Ms. Soraya is putting together a video for Little Church families. Children will have so much fun learning through Bible stories and songs. Spaces still available to join Little Church. To receive videos, please contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark!

Grades 1 to 5. Congratulations to the children who have received Communion for the first time this year. Enjoy the beautiful photo video collage at www.padreserra.org/children

We are looking for Catechists to join The Faith Formation Ministry. If you are fully vaccinated and love sharing your faith with children, we need YOU! Please contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Three:Sixteen

Middle School Ministry. Registration is now open www.padreserra.org/registration

Online Mass Activities

To be done at certain times during Mass, watch carefully! (see page 15)

Proclamation of the Gospel

Watch a children's video here.

Living Faith

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home with your kids! Please send your pics to photo@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ June 27

Confirmation sessions are now in-person gatherings. We will gather once again on June 27 at 2:00 pm in the backyard (behind Serra Center). Safety guidelines strictly enforced, mask and social distancing. For more information, please contact youth@padreserra.org

4:12

Join Brett and Peer Leaders for fun and fellowship on most Wednesday nights in the Serra Center's backyard. Teens make connections, share insights and concerns, and grow in faith. Masks and social distancing are required. Ask brett@padreserra.org or follow us on Instagram to keep updated.

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ Summer Break

Our women's spirituality group is taking a break this June and July. Connect back with us in August. Hopefully we will be together in person once again. Learn more.

Gospel Hangout ~ June 15, 16

A weekly one-hour get-together to read and discuss the previous Sunday's gospel. We share our thoughts and experiences as inspired by scripture, but equally important, we share friendship and laughter. Grab your favorite beverage and join us Tuesday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm or Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm. RSVP: teresa@padrserra.org

Divorce Support ~ June 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

Meditative Movement Ministry

Join instructor Sheila Montgomery for an hour of prayerful, meditative movement using the practices of Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Yoga on Thursdays. Both classes are 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the courtyard. Tai Chi is \$5 and Yoga is \$10.

Bereavement Support ~ **June 17**

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

Let Us Dream ~ June 17

Our PAX Christi community welcomes you to our study of Pope Francis' book Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future. This month we'll focus on Part One: A Time to See. Join us on Zoom to pray, study and act for justice and peace. 7:00 - 8:30 pm. RSVP for link: Deacon Papillon lucpapillon@gmail.com. Our greatest power is not in the respect that others have for us, but in the service we can offer others. - Pope Francis

In the Community

Help & Hope for Single Parents ~ Summer Series

Single parents face unique challenges. You deeply desire to do what's best for your kids, but sometimes it's all you can do to survive each day. Single and Parenting is a weekly group that will bring hope to your life. Wednesdays, June 23 - September 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. Follow this link for details and to register.

Merry Hall Tree Thrift Store Reopens

The Sisters of Mary Health of the Sick are happy to share that beginning June 21, you can once again visit their store filled with great items and bargains galore or donate your gently used items. Shop Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, 2929 Theresa Dr., Newbury Park.

Becoming Catholic

Catholic Inquiry's Summer Schedule ~ Begins June 22

Have you been considering becoming Catholic, or do you just want to inquire about the Catholic Faith before you decide to join our community? Summer is a good time to begin! During the summer, Inquiry continues to meet but only twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We are currently meeting on Zoom, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Our summer gathering dates will be June 22, July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 14 and 28. In October, we will resume our weekly meetings. During the summer, we watch a series of DVDs on various Catholic themes followed by a discussion in a relaxed atmosphere. Come join us! For information on the process of becoming Catholic or of receiving Confirmation and First Communion if you are already a baptized Catholic adult, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

Giving

Retirement for Archdiocese Priests

Have you ever wondered what happens to our priests after they retire from teaching, preaching, and serving? Who takes care of them? Like us, they desire to rest, need care and medical treatment as they grow older. Unlike us, their modest salaries were not meant to provide for them in retirement. Our gifts to this fund are a meaningful investment and a true blessing for the care and comfort of our retired spiritual fathers.

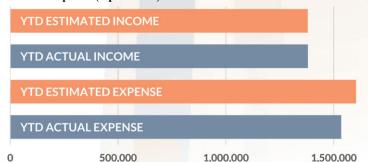
Volunteer Opportunity

Help is needed in our Stations of the Cross to maintain roses and with general pruning, watering, and the Advent wreath. Families and teens welcome! Contact: Winifred (805) 603·0412. Thank you!

Quarterly Focus: St. Mary Magdalen School

Thank you for your generous support during the first quarter of this year. Currently, donations to assist St. Mary Magdalen School total \$4,820. Students develop their faith daily. They enjoy daily religion classes, weekly Mass, and many other opportunities to grow. Also, St. Mary Magdalen students put their faith into action by contributing hundreds of service hours to community organizations such as Many Meals, Operation Christmas Child, Get on the Bus, and Life Centers of Ventura County. For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/news/smms

Fiscal Snapshot (April 2021)



Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Autumn Amantia, John Barra, Marie Berkovich, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Katie Ceurvorst, Bruce Colell, Thomas Collins, Rodolfo Cruz, Wyatt Davis, Roy Farmer, Sharon Garcia, Arlene Leonard, Mary Little, Henry Moraga, Rufina Moraga, Fran Moss, Dennis Perrin, Sue Powers, Chuck Purcell, Chris Reed, Maureen Rider, Marty Saine, Jessie Trevino, Mary Welasek, Kylie Wilson and Shirley Witlin. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Stephen Maulhardt, RIP
Beloved husband of Leslie Maulhardt
Beloved father of Beth, Victoria and Tessa
Dorothy Rosenfeld, RIP

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org

Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

Bette (805) 482 · 0067 bette_church@hotmail.com Shirley (805) 482 · 2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests

Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Mark 4:26-34 ~ Seeds of Hope

Today's gospel includes two parables about growth from seed to full blooming plant. Sower and harvester are the same. The Kingdom of God develops quietly yet powerfully until it is fully bloomed. What are ways in which I keep the soil of my life cultivated so that it's a healthy, growing medium for the Word of God? Are there things I could do differently?

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Gertie McMasters, mother of Ann Mulligan Jerry & Margaret Hanlon

In loving memory of Daniel Cravens, grandparents to Daniel

Linda & Wally Cravens

In loving memory of Tom Hawkins
Mike & Georgia Robles

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed.

Even though it is the smallest seed,

it grows to be the largest plant.

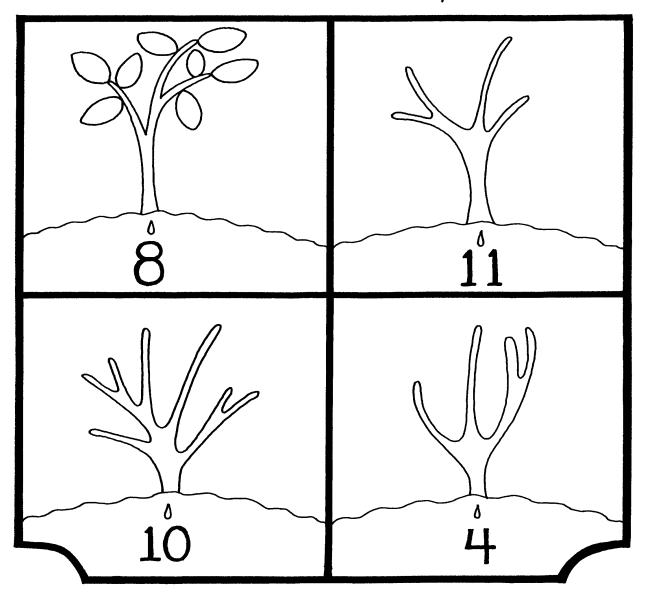
Let's remember to be good "gardeners"

and help God's kingdom grow!

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Then draw that many leaves on the plant stem above it.

The first one is done for you.



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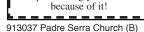
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