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# Sunday, November 6 After Mass, in the courtayrd

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We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true; good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern. - Pope Francis

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# Fall Concert

# Dialogues Miniatures

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#### **GATHERING**

#### In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



In Christ alone, Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The will of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the tomb His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again. And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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## Reading 1

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

## Reading 2

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 20:27-38





## 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 17: Lord, When Your Glory Appears



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Malcolm Kogut

Here, O Lord, a just suit; attend to my outcry; hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.

My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my word.

Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me in the shadow of your wings. But I in justice shall behold your face;

on waking I shall be content in your presence.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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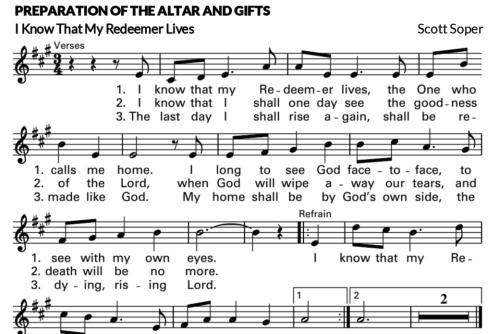
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is near call on Him Psalm 145:18

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deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

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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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**





Memorial Acclamation A Gather #264

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen Gather #267

Lamb of God Gather #269

# LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

#### **COMMUNION SONGS**



The King shall come
when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray:
Come quickly, Kings of kings.
Come quickly, King of kings.

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### Center of My Life Paul Inwood, #679

O Lord, you are the center of my life: I will always praise you, I will always serve you., I will always keep you in my sight.

Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord, "You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone; my happiness lies in you alone."

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord every in my sight: since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even in safety shall my body rest. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

### **SENDING FORTH**

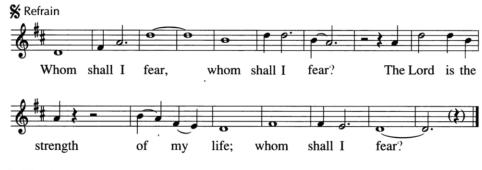
#### The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble, he shall hide me, O in the time of trouble, he shall hide me, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, wait on the Lord and be of good courage, wait on the Lord and be of good courage. He shall strengthen thine heart.

Lillian Bouknight, arr. Daniel Houze, Gather #690



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# Can we only imagine?

Dear Friends,

Today's Scripture readings show us that our human curiosity is nothing new. Even in Old Testament times, people were wondering if there was an afterlife, and what it was like for those in it. The seven brothers in today's reading from 2 Maccabees were convinced that there was and that it would be good. Their trust in God's faithfulness was strong enough that they willingly endured torture and death rather than betray God's law — in the hope that life, limb and more would be restored to them in the Resurrection.

But even for faithful Jews, the question was not yet settled in Jesus' time. The Sadducees, those who deny that there is a Resurrection, tried to trap Jesus into making some kind of foolish statement in contradiction of settled doctrine by asking him whose wife a widow who married seven brothers in succession would be once they were all in heaven. I can imagine Jesus putting his hand to his forehead, shaking his head, sighing and thinking, "Oi vey — they just don't get it," and going on to explain that everything is different in the Resurrection. So different, in fact, that we can't even picture what it would be like. But Jesus assures us, and our faith tells us, that all will be well because we will be with him forever, and with those who have gone before us, in a place that he has prepared for us in his Father's house. He further promises that we can get there through him — "I am the way, the truth and the life." Some may think that this means they've got a guaranteed spot in heaven, and that therefore there's no need to do anything in this life to prepare except enjoy ourselves. I see it differently. I think that the promise of eternal life means that everything we do in this life matters greatly — that every choice we make has cosmic significance. St. Paul tells the community at Thessalonica in today's second reading that his hope is that the Lord may "... encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." And then there is that image in Matthew's Gospel of Jesus the judge separating sheep and goats according to how they treated one another (and therefore treated him) on earth. It seems that what we do matters very much indeed.

Still, speculating about what heaven may be like can be a beautiful prayer. You may be familiar with Bart Millard's song, "I Can Only Imagine." The refrain lyrics say:

"Surrounded by your glory, what will my heart feel? Will I dance for you, Jesus, or in awe of you be still? Will I stand in your presence, or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing 'Hallelujah'? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine, I can only imagine."

Siempre Adelante,

Dominic MacAller

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Director of Liturgy and Music



#### Children

12 months to Grade 8.

#### Little Church ~ November 6, 13, 20

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass.

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#### Spark! ~ November 7 and 9

Grades 1 - 5. This week kids will learn about Faith amid the challenges of life. For more information, please contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

#### Three-Sixteen ~ November 6

The Middle School retreat meets at 10:30 in Serra Center. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

## **High School**

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

#### Confirmation Y1 ~ November 13

Mass at 11:00 am. Meet us for lunch at the San Juan Capistrano room (next to the bell tower); sessions conclude in Serra Center at 2:00 pm. Today's session, The Gift of Courage. For more info, youth@padreserra.org

#### 4:12 ~ November 9, 16, and 30

High school teens, join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 in San Juan Capistrano room. youth@padreserra.org

#### **Confirmation Y2**

The weekly ministry has begun, be sure to sign in every time. If you have not gotten started yet, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

### **Peer Leaders**

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#### Adults

#### Bible Faith Share ~ November 7, 14, 21, 28

In-person faith sharing group, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

#### Meditative Movement ~ November 8, 10

Women and men of any age are invited to join instructor Sheila Montgomery for meditative movement: Tai Chi Tuesdays, 2:00 - 2:45 pm \$5/class, and Yoga Thursdays, 2:00 - 2:45 \$10/class. Sheila Montgomery sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

#### Centering Prayer ~ November 9, 16, 30

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a method of contemplative, silent prayer that opens us up to experience God's presence within us. Both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Come and rest with God! Wednesdays at 6:45 pm, San Juan Bautista room. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377·0704, vpatv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

#### Knitting & Crocheting ~ November 10, 17

You are welcome to join us for conversation and socialize while engaging in our favorite pastime/hobby. If you don't know how we'd love to teach you. This holiday season, we are working on hats and scarves to donate to one of our favorite charities, RAIN. Please stop in to see what we are doing any Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel room. Contact: Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

#### **Cancer Support Group ~ November 10**

A ministry that provides hope, empowerment, love, and prayer in a comforting atmosphere of encouragement. It is a safe environment for people touched by cancer to connect with others in a productive and spiritual way. The next gathering is Thursday at 6:30 pm in the San Fernando room. Contact: teresa@padreserra.org

### Writers Group ~ November 11, 18

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome to share your work any Friday and listen to others' inspiring writing. Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando room. Linda Lowe calmest1@verizon.net. Visit www.padreserra.org/writers

## **Becoming Catholic**

#### **Various Paths to Becoming Catholic**

Becoming Catholic is different for everyone. Each seeker's religious background and experience are considered when discerning what path will best meet individual needs. If you would like to discuss what will work for you, please contact Mary Huebner; you will receive a warm and friendly welcome! (805) 482·6417 x321 or mary@padreserra.org

## In the Courtyard

**SVdP Cookie Time!** See page 2.



## **Faith Sharing Question**

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

## 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 ~ God strengthens us!

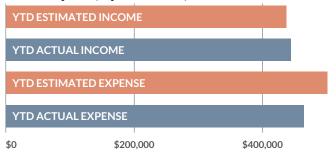
In today's second reading, Paul offers words of comfort. Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

## Giving

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#### Fiscal Snapshot (September 2022)



#### In the Community

## 40 Days for Life ~ November 6

Today at 2:45 pm, join in community for a bilingual Eucharistic procession, adoration, rosary, and prayer to end abortion, 1200 W. Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Learn more: www.40daysforlife.com/en/thousandoaks

#### **Divorce & Holidays ~ November 12**

The holidays are supposed to be a source of joy and excitement, but separation and divorce can bring some painful challenges to the season's revelry. Author of *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* Vince Frese will offer ways to approach conflicting schedules, complicated coordination, and raw emotions. 1:00 - 2:30 pm via Zoom. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego. Register: Janelle Peregoy, (858) 490·8292, jperegoy@sdcatholic.org

## Santa Clara HS Info Night ~ November 14

Santa Clara is a Catholic college preparatory high school in Oxnard committed to fostering an inclusive environment focused on spiritual, academic, emotional, and physical growth to guide and inspire students in faith, family, and tradition. Contact Michael Veltri at mveltri@santaclarahighschool.com (805) 483·9502 x147 or visit www.santaclarahighschool.com

## **Prayer Life**

#### Weekend Schedule

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- Saturday, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, 7:30 am
- Sunday, 9:00 am
- Sunday, 11:00 am Livestreamed. Visit www.padreserra.org/mass

#### Reconciliation

• Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org, (805) 482·6417 x324

#### Weekday Mass

• Monday to Friday, 8:00 am

#### **Pray for Our Sick**

Olga Arellano, Greg Cannon, Ben Fisco, Hyman Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Edwin Henderson, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Richard LeMar, Maria Luisa, Earlene McCormick, Dave McDonnell, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Binh Ninh, Sophia Pantoja, Ashanti Paumley, Sister Carol Quinlivan, Alice Redondo, Juan Andres Sanchez, Dorothy Simmons, Ken Solovy, Jackson Soyster and Melissa Yeager. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

#### Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Francis Cartaino, RIP Mike Correa, RIP Anunsacion M. De Jesus, RIP Daryl Robert Zarn, RIP May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

#### **Prayer Opportunities**

- Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org
- Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions
- Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime
   Bette (805) 482·0067 bette\_church@hotmail.com
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   or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests
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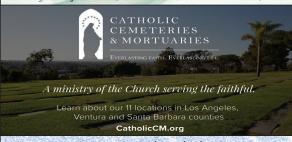
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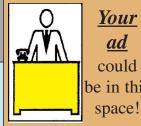


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**Proposition 1** is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars.

**Prop 1 isn't needed.** Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation, but with reasonable limits on late-term abortions
— which will still be allowed without the amendment for
the life and health of the mother. **Prop 1 destroys** this common-sense limit.

California does not limit state spending on abortion, and with thousands more traveling from other states, the cost will be in the hundreds of millions. **Don't hand lawmakers a blank check** to pay for abortions, and don't let them make California an "abortion sanctuary".



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