




The Scrutinies

The newly Elect are in their final preparations to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please hold them up in prayer and support throughout the weeks of Lent.

See page 9.



Orchestral & Choral Concert


**Sunday, March 12
7:00 pm, in the church**

The Conejo Valley Youth Orchestra Virtuosi and Chorus Caritas present Dialogues - an evening of stories and music (including sacred choral works) celebrating the profound and the beautiful.

Music by Mendelssohn, Rameau, Mozart, Fauré and more.

Donations to support CVYO and Padre Serra Music are encouraged.

Please RSVP
www.padreserra.org/chorus-caritas




New Chronic Pain Support Group

**Monday, March 13,
10:00 am, Santa Barbara room**

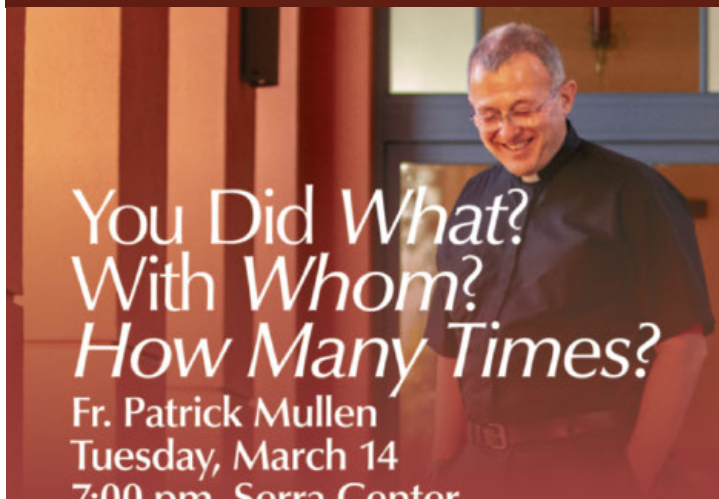
Are you living with chronic pain?

That journey can be lightened by those who understand. Join us for our first meeting, as we share our stories, resources, and other life tips, we will offer one another comfort, hope, and support, journeying toward God's loving peace.

Contact Marcia Galles mjgalles@gmail.com
or Dave McCormick

dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

Visit www.padreserra.org/chronic-pain


You Did What? With Whom? How Many Times?

**Fr. Patrick Mullen
Tuesday, March 14
7:00 pm, Serra Center**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can seem hard...but it doesn't need to be. It's intended to be a loving grace in our lives. Hear Fr. Patrick speak on the Scriptural roots, the Divine plan of forgiveness, and the place confession has in our spiritual growth and family life.

Free. Registration appreciated.
Visit www.padreserra.org/aff

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Friday, March 17, 6:00 pm
Msgr. Hughes Hall,
St. Mary Magdalen Church**

Enjoy a traditional Irish dinner of corned beef or fish, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soup, and dessert. Eat in or take out.

**\$20 Pre-Sale tickets are available after
Mass in the courtyard on March 11 and 12
or at www.padreserra.org/st-patrick**

Questions: Brian Keliher,
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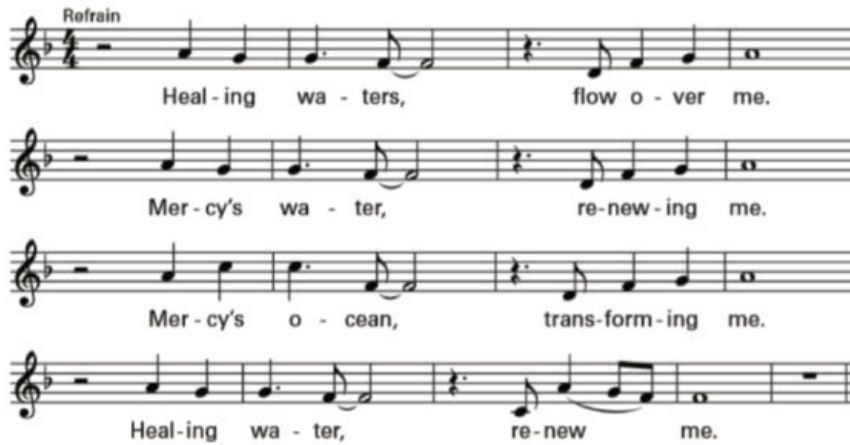


GATHERING

Healing Waters

Trevor Thomson

Refrain



Heal-ing wa-ters, flow o-ver me.
 Mer-cy's wa-ter, re-new-ing me.
 Mer-cy's o-cean, trans-form-ing me.
 Heal-ing wa-ter, re-new me.

Renew my heart, O God,
 come change my hardened heart
 Come fill my hardened heart with mercy
 You are the water of life.
 You are the breath of heaven
 Come fill my hardened heart with mercy, Lord.

Wash me in waters of love;
 cleanse me and purify me
 For only you can cleanse me, Lord
 Wash over me, O Lord.
 Refresh my thirsty soul
 For you alone can make me holy, Lord.

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Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. Chri-ste, e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95: If Today You Hear God's Voice

Jesse Manibusan

Refrain



If to-day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.
 If to-day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.

Joyfully sing unto the Lord, let us acclaim
 the Rock of our salvation.
 Into the presence of our God come with thanksgiving,
 joyfully singing psalms.

Come let us worship and bow down;
 O let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
 We are the people of the Lord, the Lord our shepherd.
 We are the flock he guides.

Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
 as in the day of Massah in the desert.
 There your fathers tempted me, testing me,
 though they had seen my works.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Christopher Walker



Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

God Ever Faithful

Michael Joncas, Gather #344



God ev-er-faith-ful, God ev-er-mer-ci-ful,
 God of your peo-ple, hear our prayer.

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 Music: Michael Joncas
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Reading 1
 Exodus 17:3-7

Reading 2
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading
 John 4:5-42

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.

*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.*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell, Gather #581

If Today

Bob Hurd & Joe Bellamy

Refrain: All

1-3 to Verses Final

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EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Mass of the Incarnate Word"

Bob Hurd

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

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

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Lamb of God

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

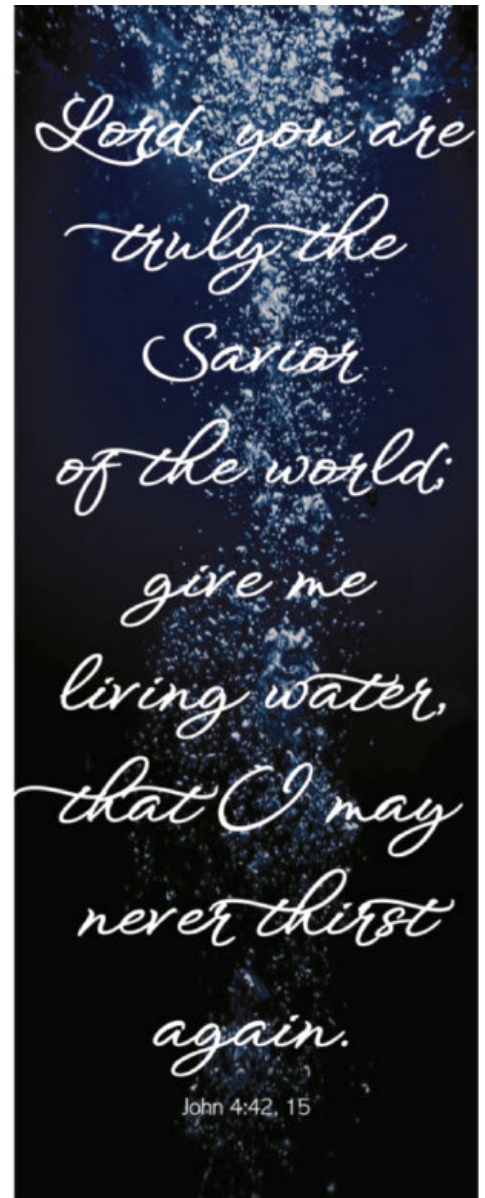
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Agnus Dei IX

Plainchant

Ag-nus De - i qui tol - is pec - ca - ta mun - di
mi - se - re - re no - bis Ag-nus De - i qui tol - lis pec -
do - na no - bis pa - cem.
ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

*Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi / Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world
miserere nobis / have mercy on us
dona nobis pacem / grant us peace*



COMMUNION SONGS

Flow River, Flow

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Flow riv-er flow, flow o-ver me. O liv-ing wa-ter,
poured out for free; O liv-ing wa-ter, flow o-ver me.

Verses

1. You will be mine and I will be your God,
2. The blind shall see, the mute shall find a voice,
3. Who - ev - er drinks the wa - ter I will give

1. for I will wash you clean. And a new
2. the lame shall leap for joy. Riv - ers will
3. will nev - er thirst a - gain. The drink I

1. heart, a heart of flesh and feel - ing, I will
2. flow in - to dry and bar - ren des - ert, flow - ers
3. give is an ev - er - flow - ing riv - er, well - ing

to Refrain

1. place with - in you for your heart of stone.
2. bloom in splen - dor, glo - ry fill the land.
3. up with - in you to give e - ter - nal life.

Sicut Cervus

G. P. da Palestrina

*As the deer longs
for streams of water,
so I long for you
O God*

Psalm 42:1

TAKE LORD, AND RECEIVE
ALL MY LIBERTY, MY MEMORY,
MY UNDERSTANDING,
AND MY ENTIRE WILL,
ALL THAT I HAVE AND POSSESS.
YOU HAVE GIVEN ALL TO ME,
TO YOU OH LORD I RETURN IT.
ALL IS YOURS,
DISPOSE OF IT WHOLLY, ACCORDING TO
YOUR WILL. GIVE ME YOUR LOVE AND
YOUR GRACE, THAT IS ENOUGH FOR ME.
-ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

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SENDING FORTH

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, O God;
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember your people...

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
And all Your people sing along.

So remember your people...



So re-mem-ber your peo-ple, re-mem-ber your chil-dren,
re - mem - ber your prom - ise, O God.

Refrain

Your grace is e-nough, your grace is e-nough, your
grace is e-nough for me.

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If you can find a better offer ...

Dear Friends,

Near the end of this weekend's gospel account of the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at Jacob's well, John the evangelist writes: "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman ..."

This passage strikes me as encouraging. Let me try to explain. For a long time, and with greater intensity since the election of Pope Francis, we have been hearing that the Church's mission — our mission! — is to evangelize. In other words, we are all called, required, commanded to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ. No one is exempt. It's not just the job of Pope Francis, nor of the bishops, nor the clergy, nor lay people like me employed by the Church. We are all expected to do this; in fact, it has to be done for the Church to continue.

I don't know about you, but I find that a little intimidating. Knowing my faults and weaknesses so well, I question how I can possibly be an effective evangelizer. I guess the reason I find the passage about the Samaritan woman's success in leading people to belief in Jesus encouraging is because, let's face it — she had her issues. Never mind her domestic history (Jesus points out that she's had five husbands — and Fr. Patrick has explained to us that it's entirely possible she was quite innocent). She also seems a bit obtuse. When Jesus offers her living water she responds with a protest about his lack of a bucket. When he repeats his offer, she again narrows the focus to plain old H₂O: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

It was only then that Jesus broached the subject of her personal history and interestingly it was that—sharing her experience of Jesus in her own brokenness—that brought her community to him: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified "He told me everything I have done."

So let's all take courage. If the Lord can use the Samaritan woman, the Lord can use us. Let's share our experiences of Jesus. They may be hidden where we least expect—in the most broken parts of our lives. And let's not worry about looking foolish. Moses in the first reading might have looked foolish striking a rock with a stick. But it was the Lord who caused water to flow from it for the people to drink. He will bless our good faith yet imperfect efforts to trust him too, we can be assured.

Fr. Eugene Walsh, SS put it this way: "Jesus promises you two things: Your life has meaning and you're going to live forever. If you can find a better offer, take it."

Siempre Adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Director of Liturgy & Music



Families

Saints Among Us ~ March 19

A Sunday school program for specially-abled young adults. They meet on the third Sunday of the month for fun and fellowship through reading scripture, art projects, music, and snacks. Our parish is grateful to Ross and Jenni Porter for their dedication and leadership. All are welcome! 1:30 pm, Carmel rooms. Dr. Ross Porter pointsite@aol.com

Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Little Church ~ March 5, 12, 19, 26

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Children learn so much! From the Sign of the Cross to the Bible stories, songs, and more. Super fun to make friends and be at Church on Sundays! Children must be registered to attend; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ March 12, 19, 26

Grades 1 - 5. Children at the 11:00 am Mass are invited to hear the readings and reflection at their level. No registration is required. Parents consider joining this ministry and leading a session. Please contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ March 13 and 15

Grades 1 - 5. This week the children will learn Christ is the true light. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ March 15

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. We will gather in Carmel rooms from 6:45 - 8:00 pm. For more information, contact tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

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 Y1

The weekly ministry has begun; make sure to sign in every week. If you have not yet signed up, please get in touch with us at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ March 19

Confirmation sessions resume on March 19. For more information, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Adults

Gospel Hangout ~ March 14, 15

Come hang out (virtually) as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus is intersecting with our lives at this moment. Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For Zoom link: Teresa teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Adapted Exercise Class ~ March 15, 22, 29

All are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class Wednesdays, 8:45 - 9:30 am, San Miguel Room. Contact Marg (805) 405-9901. Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors

Camarillo Catholic Seniors ~ March 15

A magical surprise is in store for you this month with the return of a favorite entertainer. Refreshments will be provided by AlmaVia at 9:45 am, followed by the presentation at 10:00, Serra Center. Jan Pirk janpirkl@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors

Ladies' Night Out ~ March 15

Lemons on the Loose is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research and help through Alex's Lemonade Stand. 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/women

Knitting & Crocheting ~ March 16, 23, 30

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome; if you don't know how we would love to teach you. Thursdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel rooms. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Bereavement Support ~ March 16

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support group offers mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

PAX Christi ~ March 16

We continue our series centered on the spirituality of the nonviolence of Jesus. Walking together to embrace the spirituality of nonviolence, we begin with Ephesians 3:17: *May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of your life. Then may you grasp fully, with all the saints, the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's Love, and experience this love which surpasses all knowledge, so that you may attain to the very fullness of God.* 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. Deacon Luc Papillon lucpapillon@gmail.com or Gary Freeberg gfreeberg@gmail.com (805) 236-1953. Visit www.padreserra.org/pax

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ March 20

We continue with *Unleashed: A Catholic Women's Walk with Scripture* by Sonja Corbitt, in which she weaves the Word of God with her life experiences to illustrate how the Holy Spirit flows through our relationships, suffering, and prayer. SEEDS (Sisters ~ Embracing ~ Enlightening ~ Daughters of Faith) is a monthly evening of spirituality for women who want to grow deeper in faith and affirm our mission and worth as God's daughters and Jesus' disciples. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Becoming Catholic

The Scrutinies

Lent is an important time for the Elect, who are in their final period of preparation for initiation into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and first reception of the Eucharist. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, they celebrate three important rites called scrutinies. The purpose of the scrutinies is to uncover and then heal the sin in the Elect ... and us. The scrutinies also are meant to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. Please continue to pray for our Elect as they draw nearer to the sacraments. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

In the Community

Bowls of Hope ~ March 26

Bowls of Hope raises awareness for the need for affordable housing in our community and funds for Many Mansions' programs that serve the formerly homeless, veterans, seniors, and families of very low income. Designed like a soup kitchen, you will select a handcrafted bowl and choose from an array of soups donated by local restaurants, along with salad, bread, and desserts. All proceeds from this event support our continued work to provide affordable housing and life-enriching services to families that call Many Mansions home. **By attending Bowls of Hope, you're investing in your community!** 11:00 am, California Lutheran University. Tickets: www.manymansions.org

Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to our newest registered parishioners! May you find faith, fellowship, love, and peace.

- Toya Banks
- Tony Duffy
- Candy Duffy
- Luke Duffy
- Aida L. Knowles
- Daniel Andrade
- Hope Andrade
- Danielle Andrade
- Skye Andrade
- Mike Milkovich
- Peggy Milkovich
- Ann Posakony
- Jorge Rodriguez
- Barbara Rodriguez

If you are not yet registered or have moved, dropped your landline, added a cellphone or email, or have adult children who have moved out, please keep us updated. If you live alone, provide us with an emergency contact. Contact Mary (805) 482-6417 x321 or mary@padreserra.org

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

John 4:5-42 ~ Jesus is the Living Water

In the story of the Samaritan woman, Jesus uses water as a symbol of God's revelation and God's Spirit. When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Jesus? Through what means do you experience Jesus' power in your life: sacraments, scripture, prayer, others?

Prayer Life

Lenten Friday Adoration

2:00 - 7:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. To commit to one hour, contact teresa@padreserra.org

Pray for Our Sick

David Alstot, Tina Alvarado, William Berg, Rick Bergman, Tim Bernett, James Biggs, Erlinda Boral, Chuck Bueker, Cathy Busch, Cassandra Cliona Bravo, Catherine Doles, Ben Fisco, David Flood, Mark Garcia, Dalia Gettings, Tim Graf, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Esther Hughes, Mark Jackson, Jeanette Lotz, Edwina Manalang, George Martinez, Freddie Masaoy, Dave McDonnell, Rosita McKnight, David Minkin, GERALYN MOODY, Mary Mullen, Dave Murphy, Leonardo Nieva, Delia Quintana, Chris Ramirez, Renee Ramonette, Derrick Rosal and Dorothy Simmons. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:
 Delia Guadalupe Price, RIP
 Mercedes Villaruel, RIP
May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- **Peter Conway ~ March 14, 10:00 am**
- **Carmela Grossberger ~ March 18, 10:00 am**
- **Alice Fisher ~ March 21, 10:00 am**
- **Belinda Peres ~ March 29, 10:00 am**

For more information about Funeral & Memorial announcements, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

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Other Notes

Daylight Saving Time Starts

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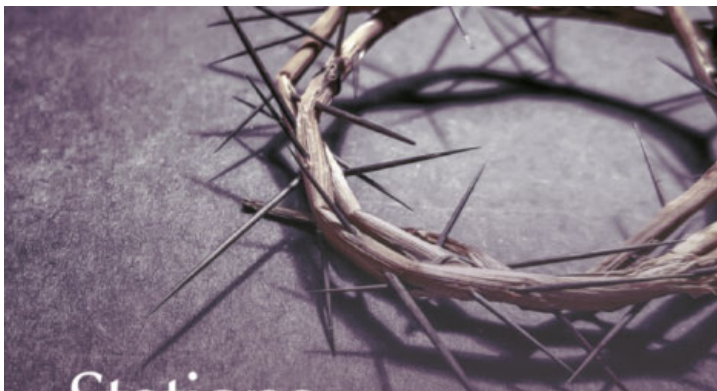
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