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MARCH 19, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Diaper Drive

March 18 - 19
In the courtyard
One Box, Any Size

Our Racial Justice Ministry invites you to help young families in need by bringing in a new box of disposable diapers, any size, to Mass on March 18 - 19. The ministry collaborates with Friends of Fieldworkers, Inc, and Conejo Community Outreach's Community Diaper Bank.

Learn more about our ministry and these organizations at www.padreserra.org/racial-justice



The University Series



This Week March 19 - 25
 All sessions at 7:00 pm

SUNDAY AT ST. JULIE BILLIART

A Taize Musical Prayer Service

MONDAY, SERRA CENTER

Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Patrick Mullen

TUESDAY, ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

From Prodigal to Priest, Fr. Goyo Hidalgo

WEDNESDAY, SAN BUENAVENTURA MISSION

Biblical Foundations of the Mass,

Fr. Felix Just, SJ

THURSDAY, SACRED HEART

What Does Eucharist Really Mean?

Fr. Felix Just, SJ

FRIDAY, 12:15 PM AT PADRE SERRA

Collaborative Ministry, Noel Fuentes

\$10, includes a guest.

Visit www.padreserra.org/university




St. John's Seminary Open House

Saturday, March 25
1:00 – 4:00 pm

St. John's Seminary will open its doors for the annual Open House. If you have not visited before, the architecture is beautiful and worth the visit.

stjohnsem.edu




Community Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 29
7:00 pm, in the church

Prepare for the celebrations of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection by celebrating reconciliation, the sacrament of healing, grace, and mercy.

A beautiful service followed by the opportunity for individual confession with one a loving and understanding priest.

Bring a can for the food pantry and stay after for refreshments in the courtyard.

Visit www.padreserra.org/lent



GATHERING

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell, Gather #590

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Looking for truth, we turn to you,
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light...

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light...



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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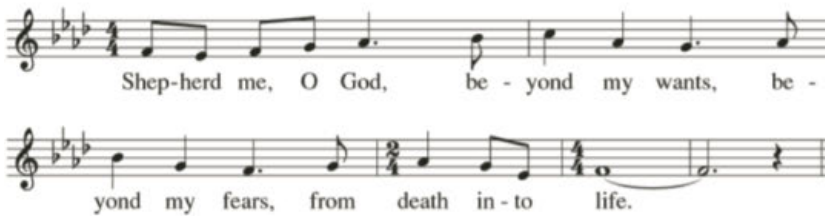


Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. Chri-ste, e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen, Gather #35



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadow of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore

Text: Psalm 23; Marty Haugen
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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 ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS


Amazing Grace
Amazing Grace

Gather #645
arr. Richard Proulx

Reading 1
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Reading 2
Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading
John 9:1-41



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.

Song of the Man Born Blind

Bob Hurd

Not in an instant, but through pain,
 did I find freedom and cast off my chains,
 did I break silence and boldly proclaim:
 one sent by God is calling my name.

Though this world may rage and terrorize,
 murder the prophets and turn a blind eye,
 the voice of love I shall never deny.
 His yoke, it is easy, his burden is light.

The Lord is my shepherd, leading me
 by flowing waters in meadows of green.
 Good shepherds lay down their lives for the sheep;
 so did the Lord for you and for me.

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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.*



EUCCHARISTIC 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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*I am the
light of the
world, says
the Lord:
whoever
follows me
will have the
light of life.*

John 8:12

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

Return to God

Marty Haugen, Gather #478

O Lux Beatissima Howard Helvey

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

*O lux beatissima
reple cordis intima
tuorum fidelium*

*Sine tuo numine
nihil est in homine
nihil est innoxium*

O Light most blessed
Fill the inmost heart
Of all thy faithful

Without your grace
There is nothing in us
Nothing that is not harmful

Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.

If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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*Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord*

SENDING FORTH

Awake, O Sleeper

Marty Haugen

Refrain

A - wake, O sleep - er, a - rise from death, a - ban - don the shad - ows of
night; the wind of the spir - it shall be your breath, and
Christ will fill you with light.

Verses 1, 2

1. Once you were dark - ness, once you were lost in the
2. Live as God's peo - ple, live as God's jus - tice and
shad - ows. mer - cy, Once you were dark - ness,
filled with com - pas - sion,
now you are chil - dren of light.
filled with the pow - er of love.

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Changed by Grace

Dear Faith Family,

Can you imagine being so impacted by grace, that others won't believe it?

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man. Obviously, since we are so versed in the life of Christ, that is no surprise to us. We know and believe of Jesus' miracles, so we don't doubt it. We also have people and a parish that supports our belief in Jesus Christ.

Some of the formerly blind man's neighbors though, who have seen that the man was healed from blindness, still could not believe Jesus was God. Even with the evidence being so striking.

When asked about who healed him, the man not only explained who did it, but also explained how it was done. He also explained who Jesus is. What was the response of some of the neighbors? Disbelief and admonishment of Jesus Christ. Not only that, some of the neighbors discredited his whole story.

We have been changed by grace. We were once blind, like the blind man was. If we were asked, do we have the courage to attribute our goodness to Jesus Christ, knowing that some people will still deny the obvious evidence of grace?

This Lent, are we able to reflect on the miracles of our lives, in light of the Resurrection? The man who was once blind was so obviously impacted by Jesus, do we believe we have been impacted in a similar way? We live in an era where self help and self reflection is on the forefront (justifiably), how many times have used that time to reflect on the tiny miracles of our lives. If we were to reflect on these miracles, how many of us are able to share them and attribute it to our Lord?

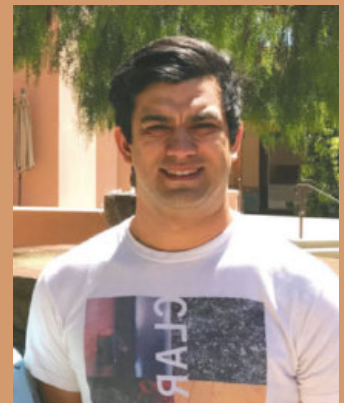
The truth is, some people won't believe us when we attribute the goodness of our lives to Jesus. Are we prepared to share that same testimony with those who don't believe? Are we prepared to be disciples in the face of rejection?

I ask this question, knowing that discipleship is in the forefront of our culture at Padre Serra. I ask this question, knowing confidently that you have already said yes.

God Bless,



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Families

Community Lenten Reconciliation ~ March 29

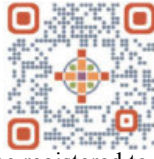
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Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Little Church ~ March 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 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 22

Grades 1 - 5. This week is a family event, Lenten dinner, and Stations of the Cross in the Serra Center. Please RSVP. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ March 22

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. Middle school kids will lead the Shadow Stations of the Cross. 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 contact us at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ March 19

Teens will gather at 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch in SJC. The session concludes in the Serra Center at 2:00 pm. For more information, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! www.padreserra.org/young-adults

Bible Study and More ~ April 6 and 20

We gather on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. On the first Thursday, we do a Bible study, and on the third Thursday, we play a game. See our Instagram [@pspyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/pspyoungadult/) or Facebook [@PadreSerraYA](https://www.facebook.com/PadreSerraYA/) for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ March 20, 27

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

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

Healing after Divorce ~ March 21

Our healing from divorce support group offers 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, Zoom. Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

Writers Group ~ March 24, 31

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

Caregivers Support Group ~ March 28

Caritas supports those caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Meets fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm San Fernando room and via Zoom. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

Illuman ~ March 29

Founded in 2012 by the Franciscan mystic and teacher Richard Rohr, *Illuman* exists to help men do their inner/spiritual work to become healthier and more authentic human beings. Our chapter offers personal growth and spiritual transformation opportunities, a liberating environment, support and brotherhood, and contemplative spirituality. Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, San Miguel room. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/men

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 Courtyard

Diaper Drive ~ Bring in a new box of disposable diapers!

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Giving

SMMS ~ Scholarship Fund

Over 108 Padre Serra children are students at St. Mary Magdalen School, and of those students, 8 receive financial aid totaling over \$13,000. Help our Padre Serra parents give their children the gift of Catholic education. For more information, please contact pam@padreserra.org or visit www.padreserra.org/smms

Catholic Relief Services – Reveal Christ’s Love

This collection helps to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in more than 100 countries. Funds provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, hope to families trying to stay intact, and Jesus’ love to all people. Your compassion helps those most in need. Envelopes are in the church lobby. For more information: www.crs.org

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

Job Opening: Business Manager

St. Jude the Apostle parish in Westlake Village is looking for a business manager, a position responsible for all administrative functions of the parish, including accounting, personnel, facilities, maintenance, general communications to church members, and clerical functions. Full-time/salaried/exempt. Contact Fr. Jim Stehly, frjim@saintjudetheapostle.org, (818) 889-1279. Visit www.saintjudetheapostle.org

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

John 9:1-41 ~ Jesus gives us sight.

At the start of today’s gospel story of the man born blind, the disciples believe that sin is the cause of the man’s blindness. When Jesus gives the blind man sight, both the disciples and the blind man move from darkness into light. The Pharisees accuse Jesus of sin because he healed the blind man on the Sabbath. The man with new sight, however, sees more clearly; he calls Jesus a prophet. The Pharisees refuse to believe; they are truly blind. Jesus helped a blind man see — and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

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

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:

Alex Hvolka, RIP

Isidro B. Parducho, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Hank Koval

Grace Pugliese

On the occasion of Grace Martinez’s Retirement

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Paul Rockenstein

Funerals

- **Alice Fisher ~ March 21, 10:00 am**
- **Belinda Peres ~ March 29, 10:00 am**
- **Arlene Amantia ~ April 1, 10:00 am**
- **Raul Contreras ~ April 26, 11:00 am**
- **Karena Gutierrez ~ May 13, 10:00 am**

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

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Please help and encourage one another to contribute to our parish directory. It's so important to get to know each other!

Please submit a separate form and picture for each adult member of your household at www.padreserra.org/parishioners-form

Pictures of parishioners will be displayed by individuals and by family. In the interest of their safety, we will not publish children's photographs or information.

For questions, please get in touch with gaby@padreserra.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Fridays during Lent
February 24 through March 31
2:00 - 7:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

This devotional prayer practice allows us to praise and adore Jesus, and also for our gracious Lord to reach out and adore us.

Spend some time for quiet prayer before our Lord Jesus. Come for 10, 20, or 30 minutes or commit to one hour.

Contact teresa@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/lent

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross in the garden
March 24, 7:00 pm
In the church

These Stations of the Cross reflect the experiences of people who unjustly simply because of the color of their skin or their national origin. We will pray together, acknowledging the sin of racism and working to combat it in our social structures, institutions, and our hearts.

Hosted by the Racial Justice Ministry
Visit www.padreserra.org/stations

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Saturday, April 1 5:00 pm	Good Friday April 7, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday April 6, 7:00 pm	Easter Vigil Saturday, April 8, 7:30 pm
	Easter Sunday April 9, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, in the church 9:15 am, 11:15 am, in the Serra Center

Take part in these liturgies as we travel to the hope of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For more information visit www.padreserra.org/holy-week