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Celebrate Mom!

Mother's Day Corsages Today in the courtyard.

Beautiful orchid corsages are perfect gifts for your mother, grandma, or that special "mom" in your life, or donate a corsage to a mom in a local nursing facility!

Your purchase supports the life-giving work of Life Centers of Ventura County, which provides much-needed help and support for moms-to-be. \$5 each.

Order online by Friday, May 12; visit www.padreserra.org/mothers-day



Care & Prepare

A Series on the End of Life

Tuesday, May 16 7:00 pm, Serra Center

What is Church teaching about the difficult choices that can occur near the end of life? How can I best care for my loved one and myself? What documents are important to have in place and why? Who do I call after my loved one dies? How can my parish help?

This third session's focus is on the importance of planning and documentation. Teri Helton, MSN, RN, will explain the Advanced Directive and Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) forms.

Free. Registration helpful, visit www.padreserra.org/care-prepare



Dominic MacAller
PIANO



Alexander Tseitlin
STRINGS

Chamber Music Concert Dialogues Miniatures

Saturday, May 20 7:00 pm in the church

Join Alexander Tseitlin, Dominic MacAller, family, and friends in a delightful evening playing Bach, Debussy, Dvorak, Schumann, and more.

Learn more at www.padreserra.org/spring-concert



Boy Scout Troop 257 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 11 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Serra Center

\$5 per individual or \$20 per family tickets will be sold May 27, 28, and June 3, 4, after Mass in the courtyard.

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast while helping our scouts pay for summer camp and other activities.

For more information, please contact Michelle Weyek michelleweyek@gmail.com

Visit www.padreserra.org/scouts



Hallelujah HALLELUJAH Hallelujah
 Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
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GATHERING

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

VERSE 1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
 VERSES 2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh Full - ness of
 light, my strength, my song. This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid -
 God, in help - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous -
 ground Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that
 love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, The will of God was sa - tis -
 cease, My com - fort - er, my all in all, Here in the
 fied. For ev - ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the
 1,2.
 love of Christ I stand. 2. In Christ a -
 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.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 this is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man
 can ever pluck me from his hand.
 'Til he returns or calls me home,
 here in power of Christ I'll stand

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Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)

Ed Bolduc

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
 To Verses
 God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
 We give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
 You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

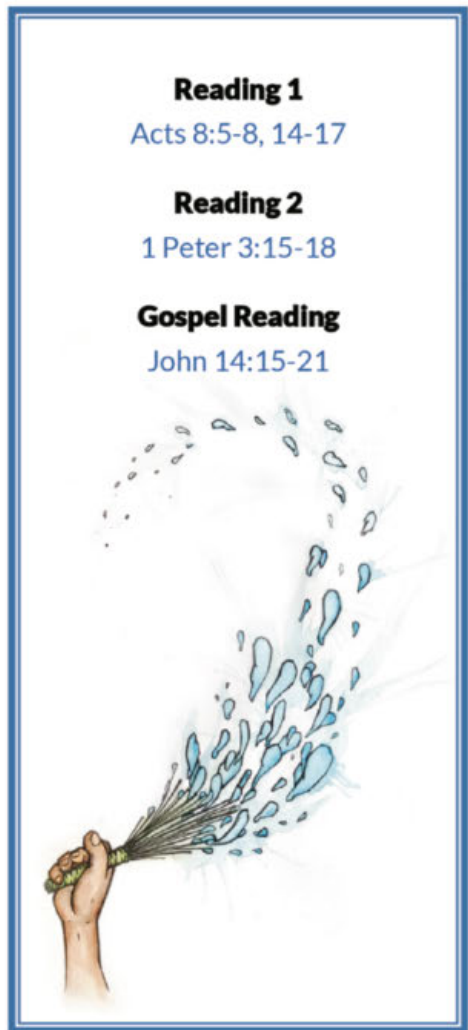
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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Reading 1
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Reading 2
 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading
 John 14:15-21



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66: Let All the Earth Cry Out

Marty Haugen

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord;

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the

Lord! Lord! to the Lord!

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth, sing to the praise of God's name, proclaiming forever, "tremendous your deeds for us."

Leading your people safe through fire and water, bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory, your love is eternal.

Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord, who answers he prayer of my heart. God leads me in safety, from death unto life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Paul Prochaska

REFRAIN

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

to Verses Last time

ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Whoever loves me
will keep My word,
says the Lord,
and my Father will
Love him and we will
come to him.

John 14:23

INTERCESSION RESPONSE

Prayer of the Faithful

Donna Pena, Gather #349

O Lord hear our pray'r. Lord hear us, O Lord hear our pray'r.

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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Baptized In Water

Gather #903

If You Love Me

Philip M. Young

Spirit of God

James E. Moore, Gather #554

Spir - it of God, who dwells in me, O - pen my

eyes that I may see. Come fill my heart

and make me whole. Spir - it of God, I am yours.

This is the spirit of the living God, who hears every single prayer.
 O this is the spirit of the living God, who is always right there.

Come, Holy Spirit, and set me free to do the best I can.
 O come, Holy Spirit, and set me free to be all that I am.

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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

"Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante"

Bob Hurd

Santo/Holy

Musical score for the Eucharistic Acclamations. It consists of five staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: (Bilingual) San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor, (English) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Dios del u - ni - ver - so. Heav - en and earth are God of pow'r and might. full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -

Memorial Acclamation B

Musical score for Memorial Acclamation B. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: A - nun - cia - mos tu muer - te, pro - cla - ma - mos tu re - su - rrec - ción. ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je - sus! ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je - sus! sús! come, come in glo - ry. sús! ry.

Amen

Musical score for the Amen. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: A - mén, a - mén. A - mén, a - mén.

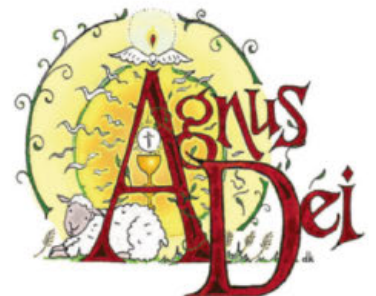
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Agnus Dei IX

Plainchant

Musical score for Agnus Dei IX. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ag - nus De - i qui tol - is pec - ca - ta mun - di mi - se - re - re no - bis Ag - nus De - i qui tol - is pec - do - na no - bis pa - cem. ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.



Agnus Dei, qui tollis 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

Come and Eat This Living Bread

Rob Glover, Gather #942

Come and eat this liv-ing bread, take and drink this wine.
 Come be nour-ished, healed and fed, shaped in - to God's sign.
 Gath - ered 'round as fam - i - ly, man - y are made one.
 Form - ing love's com - mu - ni - ty, one we now be - come.

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Saint and sinner welcome in to this meal of harmony.
Lonely people, next of kin journey toward the glory tree.
Gathered strangers, scattered sheep, at this table all are fed.
Blood and body bonds run deep as your kingdom feast is spread.

May we see the Christ revealed in the breaking of the bread.
Living stories, holy meals, we become what we are fed.
Broken shattered, fragile life, now received by you and me.
Eating, drinking, joy and strife, Gospel living sets us free.

See the Christ in saddened sighs, blood poured out in every land.
Wounded people, wailing cries lie upon our outstretched hands.
Jesus is the way through death; truth beyond the present rage.
Life unfolding, healing breath now enfleshed in youth and age.

Bless us, Lord, and these your gifts, fruit of vine and human hands.
With our hearts and minds we lift all the goodness of these lands.
Praise and thanks we shout and sing, from your bounty we are blessed.
Joyfully all gifts we bring to receive our Lord and guest.

Death and life in water meet, drenching us in floods of light.
Marking us with oil so sweet, clothing us in glorious white.
Priest and prophet, spirit led, we are God's new living sign.
Feeding on this holy bread, drinking of this holy wine.

Witnessing to love and peace, hands of blessing we remain.
Helping fear and hate to cease, we bring forth God's wondrous reign.
Strength and power here we find, given in this kingdom feast.
We go forth to heal and sign everyone, both great and least.

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

arr. Dominic MacAller, Gather #902

O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love
And do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
My will to yours incline,
Until this selfish part of me
Glow with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
Of your eternity,

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.
 D.C.

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The Reason for Your Hope

Dear Faith Family,

It is still Easter! Celebrate accordingly.

No, I'm not speaking in a general way to express our joy in salvation, but according to our Liturgical Calendar, we are still celebrating Easter. We are still rejoicing in the gates of heaven being flung open.

In this Sunday's second reading, the author boldly exclaims to, "Always be ready to give reason for your hope." What is our hope? Our hope lies fact that our Lord rose from the dead and conquered death to open the gates of heaven for us. There are many reasons for our hope, and most of these reasons are rooted in the Resurrection of our Savior.

I have mentioned the idea of the virtue of Hope before. It's not a virtue desiring the best outcome, but rather, Hope is knowing for certain that God's will is done. It's not trust in odds or probability, but Hope is the trust given by the Holy Spirit.

This brings us to Pentecost, which comes next week. When the Easter season ends next week, it doesn't mean that we cease celebrating. When we celebrate Pentecost, it is a great reminder that it is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to give the vibrant reasons for our hope. Things make some sense with evidence, but the Holy Spirit gives us the hyper clarity and courage to make disciples of all nations through our reasons for hope. With Pentecost, we use our celebration as the reason for our hope, to share with the masses.

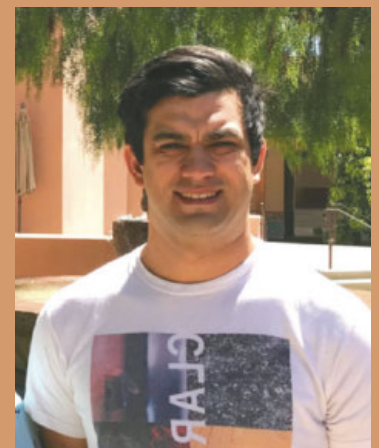
Reliance on the Holy Spirit is the reason for this upcoming season. The same Holy Spirit that descended on the Apostles, is the same one that dwells with us. The same Holy Spirit that gave clarity to the reason for Hope, also dwells with us. The same Holy Spirit that motivated the Apostles to change the world, also dwells with us. The funny thing is, that same Holy Spirit expects us to do the same. Not with self-righteousness, but with "gentleness and reverence."

Rely on the Holy Spirit and always give people the reason for your hope.

God Bless,



Bret Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Families

Scouts Pancake Breakfast ~ June 11

See page 2.

Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Little Church ~ May 28

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 Summer Break

Grades 1 - 5. We will return in the fall. We are looking for volunteers to join this beautiful ministry. No experience necessary. Please contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ May 15 and 17

Grades 1 - 5. No sessions this week; we will see you on May 22 and 24. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ May 17

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. We will gather in Carmel rooms at 6:45 pm. Don't forget your Bible. For more information, contact tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ May 3, 10, 17, 24

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 ~ June 11

The last session of the program year, teens will gather for a Mystagogia discussion and lunch. Confirmation certificates will be handed out at this session. Don't miss it! For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More ~ May 18

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

Saints Among Us ~ May 21

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. Questions: [rossporter@pointsite@aol.com](mailto:rossporter@pointsite.aol.com)

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ May 17

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. 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. Each session stands alone. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Healing after Divorce ~ May 2, 16

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

Camarillo Catholic Seniors ~ May 17

Returning speaker Jay Ziebert, a member of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM), will share about Blue Zones, regions in the world where people are reported live longer and healthier than average. She is also a nutritionist and will talk about her cooking show and weekly virtual nutrition program. Refreshments will be provided by AlmaVia at 9:45 am, followed by the presentation at 10:00, Serra Center. [Jan Pirkel janpirkl@yahoo.com](mailto:Jan.Pirkel@yahoo.com). Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors

Bereavement Support ~ May 18

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](mailto:BettyBright41@gmail.com), visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

PAX Christi ~ May 18

Grounded in the gospel and Catholic social teaching, our PAX Christi ministry seeks to model Christ's peace in our witness to nonviolence through prayer, study, and action rooted in justice for the common good of all God's children. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. [Gary gfreeberg@gmail.com](mailto:Gary.freeberg@gmail.com). Visit www.padreserra.org/peace-justice

Adults

Military Family Ministry

Military Appreciation Month is celebrated in May to publicly show our nation's appreciation for troops past and present. In addition to Memorial Day (May 29) which remembers those service people who gave the ultimate sacrifice of life, we celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 5) and Armed Forces Day (May 20). Our parish honors the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force, and National Guard, as well as the contribution of their spouses, especially all those military in our Ventura County community. Visit www.padreserra.org/mfm

Giving

Life Centers of Ventura

For over fifty years Life Centers of Ventura County have been supporting local women facing difficult situations concerning their pregnancies. Providing many free services like pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, baby supplies, and referrals for other helpful services, all at no cost, given professionally with great compassion. Prayerfully consider donating. For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/life-centers. Don't forget to celebrate Mom with a Mother's Day corsage available in the courtyard after Mass this weekend. \$5 each. Your purchase supports the good works of Life Centers of Ventura County. See page 2.

Becoming Catholic

The Sacraments

The seven sacraments are essential to the Catholic way of life. They are marvelous gifts from God and might be described as blessed, grace-filled moments along our earthly journey. Each sacrament is an encounter with the risen Jesus. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are called the Sacraments of Christian Initiation because they incorporate us into the saving, death, and resurrection of Jesus (the "Paschal Mystery"). Padre Serra is blessed to have 14 neophytes — newly initiated Catholics — who inspire the whole church to holiness and openness to God's call. If you would like to investigate receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, please get in touch with us at (805) 482-6417 x320 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Don Atwater

Kathy & Jon De Forge

In loving memory of David Murphy

Carolyn Menne

In loving memory of Ann Brown

Fred Brown

In loving memory of Donald Atwater

Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry
Rick & Gerry Hesse, Knoxville TN

In loving memory of Juanita & Raul Contreras

Burl Lovell & Family, Paris KY

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

John 14: 15-21 ~ The Holy Spirit

In today's gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who will be with them forever. The Holy Spirit is important in the life of a believer, as the Spirit guides and empowers us to live out our faith and remain connected to Christ. What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit? How am I open to the Holy Spirit's presence and action in my life? In what areas of my life do I need the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength right now?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Olga Arellano, Marianne Brooks, Mary Butler, Carlos Calvo, Hector Cicta Sanares, Theresa Clemons, Catherine Enerio, Ben Fisco, Jeanne Gaffney, Dorothy Gilmore, Tim Graf, Patrick Hair, Jasna Haller, Arlene Harris, Leticia Heiter, Fr. Bill Lowe, Dave McDonnell, Carole Mingay, Mary Mullen, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, Catherine Pierce, Diana Reed, Derrick Rosal, Eric Sams, 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.

Dr. Wilbert Jordan, RIP

Frank Le Grove, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- **Karena Gutierrez ~ May 13, 10:00 am**
- **Byron Hithe ~ June 1, 10:00**
- **Linda Madden Hapgood ~ June 17, 10:00 am**
- **Kathleen Forgette ~ July 15, 10:00 am**

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

In the Community

How to Avoid Scams ~ May 20

Kellie Tyndall, victim advocate with the VC District Attorney, will share about being safe on the internet, phone, and social media and protecting yourself from fraud, scams, and theft. Open to all ages. 1:00 - 3:00 pm, St. Columba's Episcopal. RSVP (805) 312-1631, teri@terihelton.com

Summer Enrichment

La Reina invites boys and girls in grades 5 - 10 for summer enrichment classes from June 19 - July 7. Our courses offer a balance of academic enrichment and social activities to set your student up for success in the next school year. The morning of instruction can be followed by an after-enrichment sports camp for students entering grades 5 - 8. Limited enrollment, so reserve your spot today at www.lareina.com

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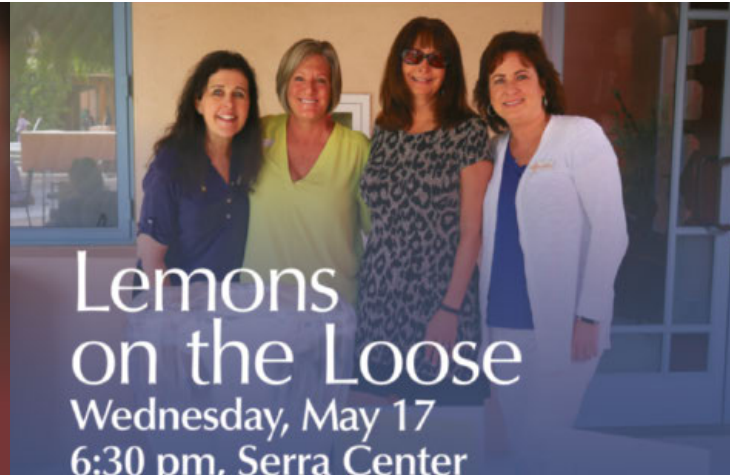
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