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Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

JULY 23, 2023 · SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Live a Life of Faith, Understanding and Love...

We have faith formation programs for ages preschool through grade 12.
Register your child today! Visit www.padreserra.org/registration

Recycle Sneakers Retreat Fundraiser



The women's retreat team is looking for your used sneakers! They've partnered with Got Sneakers, whose mission is to alleviate landfills by reusing and recycling sneakers.

Each pair of donated sneakers raises funds to help offset the costs of our women's retreat in January 2024. It's a win, win!

Please bring your donations to the parish office. Contact Julie Kurowski, julieskigirl@gmail.com

Visit www.padreserra.org/retreats



SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE

JUNE 19 - AUGUST 18

San Juan Capistrano room

NEW YOUTH LOUNGE

Monday - Friday, 1:00 pm,

Feel free to bring video games, movies, board games, etc.

PEER LEADER MEETINGS

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY & PIZZA

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

📍 Follow our Instagram @pspyouth for other announcements and updates throughout the summer. Contact youth@padreserra.org www.padreserra.org/youth-summer



Cherubs Music Program

Returning this Fall on Saturdays!

Preschool through K: 9:30 - 10:20 am

K through 2nd grade 10:30 - 11:30 am

Give your child the opportunity to discover music through faith-based songs, playing rhythm and tonal instruments, and dancing while having creative fun with other children. Register your child today!

For more information, contact Lisa at cherubs@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/cherubs



Pro-love Share the Love Event

Sunday, July 23
12:30 pm, Carmel room

Join our new Pro-Love Ministry in creating Love Boxes, a gift box for a young woman considering her options containing a letter of hope, resources for a support group, and other surprises.

The packages will be available in our parish and at Life Centers. Your helping hands to assemble and/or financial contributions are appreciated.

For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/pro-love



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.

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.

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

Refrain

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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Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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Glory to God

Jason Stoll

REFRAIN:

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

VERSE 1:

We praise You, - we bless you - we a-dore you - we glo-ri-fy you,
we give - you - thanks - for Your great glo - ry -
Lord God hea - ven - ly King O - God al - migh - ty Fa -
- ther Lord Je - sus - Christ - on - ly be - got - ten Son -
Lord - God Lamb of God Son of - the - Fa - ther

VERSE 2:

You take aw-ay - the sins - of the world have mer - cy - on - us.
- You take a - way - the sins - of the world re - ceive our - prayer
- You are sea - ted at - the - right - hand - of the Fa -
- ther - have mer - cy - on - us -

Continued...

Reading 1
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading 2
Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading
Matthew 13:24-43

Blessed are you Father.
Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

Matthew 11:25



Glory to God continued...

VERSE 3: For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One You a-lone are the Lord
 You a-lone are the Most High Je-sus Christ
 With the Ho-ly Spir-it in the Glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 86: Lord, You Are Good and Forgiving

Kathleen MacAller

Lord, you are good and for-giv-ing.

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
 abounding in kindness to all who call on you.
 Lord, hear my prayer;
 listen and hear my cry.

You, O Lord, are a God of mercy
 Full of kindness and faithfulness.
 Turn to me, have pity on me.
 Give me your strength.

All the nations you've made have come.
 They worship you and glorify your name.
 You are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
 you alone are God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, Gather #334

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

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

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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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

soul. _____ Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
 do. _____ Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
 made, _____ show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;
 thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
 church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to
 Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
 works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
 face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

- "Mass of Creation" Marty Haugen
- Holy, Holy, Holy #198
- Memorial Acclamation #199
- Amen #202
- Lamb of God #204

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.

COMMUNION SONGS

Blessed Are the Poor (Rejoice, Be Glad)

Adam M. L. Tice & Kate Williams

Blessed are the poor — the people who live in God's holy reign.
 Blessed are the sad, for comfort is yours through sorrow and pain.
 Blessed are the meek for you will inherit what long was denied.
 Hungry, thirsty ones, your longing for justice will be satisfied.

Blessed are the kind — the merciful ones shall mercy receive.
 Blessed are the good your heart shall see God because you believe.
 Blessed children, come: grow peace for a planet still choking with hate.
 Persecuted ones, for you all the blessings of heaven await.

You are salt and light — let earth taste and see God's glory revealed.
 Let your goodness shine; the lost are restored, the broken are healed.
 All will be fulfilled — the law and the prophets have shown us the way.
 Heaven comes to earth; rejoice and be glad for creation's new day.

Refrain

Re - joice, be glad, for heav - en is com - ing. Re -
 joice, be glad, for heav - en is com - ing. Re -
 joice, be glad, for heav - en is com - ing to you.

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 Tune: Kate Williams, b.1986
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COMMUNION SONGS**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

Ed Bolduc

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

There is welcome for the sinner,
And a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in Christ's blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We would know the living Word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving
In the kindness of the Lord.

So be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is
mer - ci - ful. — Be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is
mer - ci - ful to us. Let there be a wide - ness in our mer -
- cy. Let there be a kind - ness in our hearts.
Oh, may our lives — be mer - ci - ful. —

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

SENDING FORTH**Send Down the Fire**

Marty Haugen, Gather #557

Refrain

Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
Send down the rains of your love; Come,
send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
we shall be peo - ple of God.

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn in the fire of your truth.

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There is No Shame in Asking

Dear Friends,

If you had difficulty understanding this Sunday's Gospel, don't worry, you are in good company.

The parable is a confusing one. Without the proper wisdom, it is hard to decipher just what Jesus is trying to say. Who/What are the weeds? Who is the enemy that plants the bad seed? What is with all this wheat? Like I said though, if you are confused, you are in good company.

The good company I mention are the disciples. They were also confused about what Jesus was trying to teach. Within their confusion, though, they did not default to pride and try to decipher the parable on their own. Rather, they humbled themselves and asked Jesus what he meant. This may seem like an easy task, but for some of us, it's hard for us to ask God the clarifying questions.

Do you ever get discouraged about not fully understanding what God is calling you to do? The anxiety of asking a clarifying question can be difficult at times. But like any teacher would, Jesus would not shame you for asking the right questions. There is no shame in trying to ask God what he asks of you.

When the disciples asked Jesus to clarify the parable he just preached, he did not shame them one bit, because Jesus is a good teacher. This is why we have so much trust in our pursuit of discipleship; we have so much faith in our teacher, our Lord, Jesus.

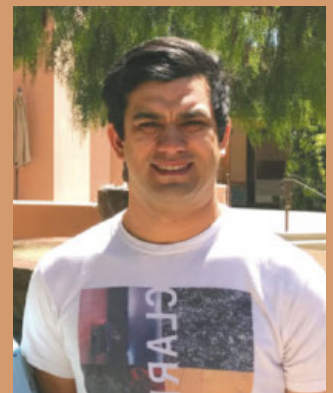
So when it comes to life's big questions, or the questions of what God is asking of you, the best way to find the answer is to be a good disciple and ask to Jesus for assistance in your understanding.

We aren't disciples simply because of the past, and the good things that happened in scripture. We are disciples because the living God wants us to learn and to teach in the present. The best way to get a grasp of this is to ask our God without shame, with full humility. He wants to provide, sometimes we just have to ask.

God Bless,



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Families

- **Friday in the Backyard ~ July 28, August 4, 11, 18**
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Serra Center patio; visit www.padeserra.org/friday
- **Serra Cinema ~ August 8**
Zootopia (PG), 6:30 pm, Serra Center. RSVP is appreciated; visit www.padeserra.org/serra-cinema

Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Live a Life of Faith, Understanding, and Love...
Children Faith Formation Registration for the 23/24 program is open! Register your child today! Visit www.padeserra.org/registration



Little Church ~ On Summer Break

Age 3 through Kindergarten Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Little Church will take a short summer break; we will continue sessions on August 13, 20, and 27. Children must be registered to attend. Registrations for the new program year are now open; visit www.padeserra.org/registration. **Save the date:** Parent orientation on September 10, at 10:15 am in Carmel rooms. For more information, contact soraya@padeserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ On Summer Break

Grades 1 - 5. We will return in the fall. Leaders needed! Consider joining this beautiful ministry. No experience necessary! Contact tere@padeserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ At Home

Grades 1 - 5. Jesus teaches us using parables (stories). He uses the example of growing a field where wheat and weeds grow together. The danger of cutting the wheat along with the weeds. We must be careful not to confuse the two. Another way of looking at it is "Don't judge a book by its cover."

Three-Sixteen ~ At Home

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. We judge things, and sometimes we even judge people based on first impressions and appearances. This is not the way that God judges. Jesus told a parable about this to teach us about God's judgment. In this parable, the sower makes a surprising decision. He allows the wheat and the weeds to grow together. This is an example for us to follow; when we are quick to judge, many times, we may be wrong.

Craft Camp ~ August 7 - 10

Campers Grades 6 - 12. Join us for one day or all week! Sign-up today at www.padeserra.org/craft-camp

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

Come join Brett and peer leaders for summer youth activities or to hang out in the youth lounge. Follow us on Instagram [@pspyouth](https://www.instagram.com/pspyouth) for more information, or contact brett@padeserra.org

Confirmation ~ Summer Gatherings Continue!

Stop by the youth lounge to play games, watch movies or just hang out with Brett and peers for summer fun and fellowship. Lots of summer service and event opportunities available: Summer Camp counselor and parish picnic; contact us for more information at youth@padeserra.org or tere@padeserra.org

Young Adults

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

Food Truck Thursday ~ July 27

Join the Young Adults for the #TBT Food Truck Festival. The group meets at 7:00 pm at the Camarillo Ranch House. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact brett@padeserra.org

Adults

Meditative Movement ~ July 25, 27

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.padeserra.org/meditative-movement

Caregivers Support Group ~ July 25

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

Knitting & Crocheting ~ July 27

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. To see our projects from this past year, visit www.padeserra.org/knit

Writers Group ~ July 28

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.padeserra.org/writers

Care of the Sick & Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers will bring Communion, thereby bringing Christ through faith and charity on behalf of the whole community, to someone who is ill and/or homebound. Deacon Luc Papillon deaconlucp@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

We care about you. Pastoral Care is available with Teresa Runyon, Pastoral Associate. She will work with you to help discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy, and other resources, including therapists and local support groups. Contact Teresa, teresa@padeserra.org

Adults

Benedicts Books

Spiritual reading can help you grow in your faith life and knowledge of our Catholic tradition. Our lending library has books to expand your knowledge, deepen your faith, and grow in your relationship with God. Stop by the church lobby, pick up a book, return when you're done, or pass it on to someone else. Visit www.padreserra.org/benedicts-books

Save the Date

- **College Blessing ~ August 13**
Visit www.padreserra.org/college
- **Day of Prayer and Reflection ~ August 14**
Visit www.padreserra.org/day-of-reflection
- **Holy Hospitality ~ August 15**
Visit www.padreserra.org/assumption-mary
- **Cana in the Courtyard ~ August 25**
Visit www.padreserra.org/cana
- **Faith Formation Parent Meetings ~ September 10 - 12**
Age 3 through Kindergarten ~ September 10
Grade 1 through High School ~ September 11, 12
Visit www.padreserra.org/registration

Giving

Together In Mission 'Shine His Light'

Goal: \$143,830

Year to Date: \$43,789 donated by 128 households

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"All of us are being called to step up and open every door for Jesus Christ, to **Shine His Light** into every area of our culture and society, to bring every heart to a new encounter with the living God." — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. Prayerfully, we ask for your support to help schools and parishes continue their ministries and missions. For questions, please contact pam@padreserra.org. Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

In the Community

Position Open

St. Julie Billiart in Newbury Park has a part-time position open for facilities maintenance. This person is responsible for the general maintenance of the parish campus, which includes the church, hall, meeting rooms, offices, parking lot and grounds, and parish residence. Details: www.stjulieschurch.org/news/job-openings

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to patients on Wednesdays and Fridays. Current qualified ministers are encouraged. Orientation and training provided. Questions: Liz Leung eksleung@aol.com

Funerals

- **Carmen Marquez ~ July 25, 10:00 am**
- **Bob Tuleya ~ August 16, 11:00 am**

For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 13:24-30 ~ The Wheat and the Weeds

The parable of the wheat and weeds in today's gospel challenges us to reflect on our hearts and choices, recognizing our moments of goodness and weakness, love and selfishness. It urges us to protect the wheat within us and uproot the weeds. By embracing this process, we create space for God's grace to transform us, bearing abundant fruits of love, mercy, and compassion. How can I actively protect and nurture the "wheat" in my heart and the world around me? What am I doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that needs to be weeded out?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Mary Ahearn, Kurt Basco, Sharon Berg, Wyatt Biggs, Marianne Brooks, Mary Butler, Ryan Carrigan, Marie Coop, Susan Craddock, Bob Dickie, Shari Edie, Ben Fisco, Jennifer Flores, John Goblisch, Tim Graf, Jasna Haller, Barbara Humphrey, Maria Maldonado, Dave McDonnell, Janet McPike, Leticia Melendez, Carole Mingay, Donald Mingay, Robert Moody, Mary Mullen, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, Lorna Pajo, Mel Pajo, Jeffrey Paoella, Dina S. Pascual, Dave Proett, Diana Reed, Michael Robles, Bill Rumble, Zion Salatan, Hector Victa Sanares, Francisca Saucedo, Dorothy Simmons, Shelly Stiven, Louis Wolters, Rita Wronkiewicz and Jerry Zins Sr. (*Names are refreshed monthly.*)

Remember Our Dead

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

Jeanne Gaffney, RIP
Carmen Garcia Marquez, RIP
Pedro Gomez, RIP
Patrick Hair, RIP
James Purpura, RIP
Patricia Rosales, RIP
Lorna Stevens, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Becoming Catholic

Catholic Inquiry's Summer Gathering Dates ~ July 25, August 8, 22, September 5, 19

Have you considered becoming Catholic or want to inquire about the Catholic Faith before joining our community? Summer is a good time to begin! During the summer, Inquiry continues to meet but only twice a month; we watch DVDs on various Catholic themes, followed by a discussion in a relaxed atmosphere, or we enjoy guest speakers or field trips! In October, we will resume our weekly meetings. Join us! For information on the process of becoming Catholic, or if you are a Catholic adult already baptized and want to receive First Communion and Confirmation, please get in touch with Mary Huebner at (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

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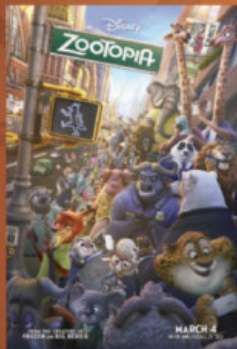
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