



The Rite of Reception into the Full
Communion of the Catholic Church

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READINGS

JOIN

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DIRECTORY







Children's & Middle School Choir

Registration is open!

Parent orientation meeting
Sunday, August 20, 12:15 pm.
San Juan Capistrano room.

Our Children's & Middle School Choir (aka CMSC) is open to kids in grade 3 thru 8. No experience is necessary – we will train you!

To join, contact
 kathleen@padreserra.org or
 michelle@padreserra.org
 Visit www.padreserra.org/cmsc


Faith Formation for Children and Teens

Parent Orientation Meetings


Little Church, Age 3 through Kindergarten:
Sunday, Sept 10, 10:15 am, Carmel rooms.

Grade 1 through High School:
Monday, Sept 11, or Tuesday, Sept 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center.

Register your child today!
 Scan the QR code or visit
www.padreserra.org/registration
 Contact tere@padreserra.org




-WANTED- CATECHISTS




REWARD

PERSONAL SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Help our team lead and teach children in grades 1 to 8.

Contact tere@padreserra.org
 (805)482-6417 x347




Cana in the Courtyard

A wine and food sharing party

Friday, August 25, 6:00 pm

Food and wine were often at the center of Jesus' ministry and friendships. Enjoy delicious appetizers, wine, coffee, dessert, and music.

Entry is an appetizer or dessert to share, enough for 20. The parish will provide the wine, coffee, and water.

RSVP: www.padreserra.org/cana



GATHERING

Ven al Banquete / Come to the Feast

Refrain

Bilingual *Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios.*

Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink. _____

1-6 to Verses

Ven a la ce - na de Cris - to, come _____ to _____ the feast.

Final

feast, _____ come _____ to _____ the feast.

Verses

1. Like the child whose fish-es and loaves fed the mul - ti -

1. tude, _____ in the Lord the lit - tle we have, _____

1. bro - ken and shared, _____ be-comes a - bun-dant food. _____ *to Refrain*

Bob Hurd, Gather #838

'Til the seed is given to earth, it is just one grain; but once sown its death brings new birth, the harvest is rich; what's lost is raised again.

In the stranger by our side, in the least and last, in the thirst for justice we share, Christ is here in the breaking of the bread.

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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 _____

Continued..

Reading 1

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Reading 2

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Reading

Matthew 145:21-28



Glory to God continued...

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.

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 67: Let All the Nations Praise You

Dominic MacAller

O God, O God, let all the na - tions praise you. O

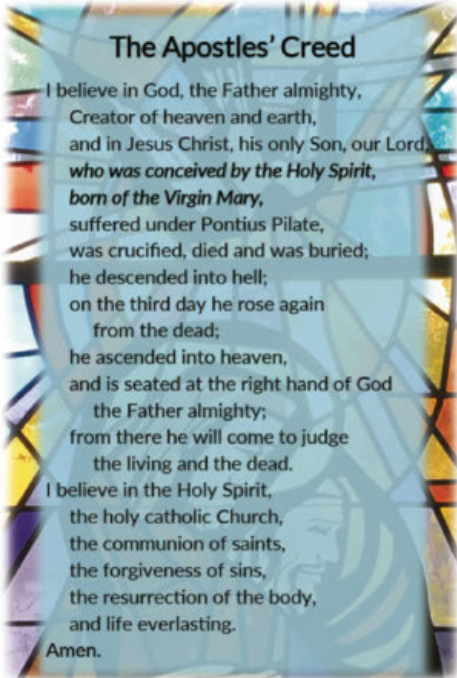
God, O God, let all the na - tions praise your name.

1. May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations your salvation.
2. May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.
3. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us, and may all the nations of the earth fear him!

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Jesus
proclaimed the
Gospel of the kingdom
and cured
every disease among
the people.

Matthew 4:23



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.

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



**Refrain*
 O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Many and Great

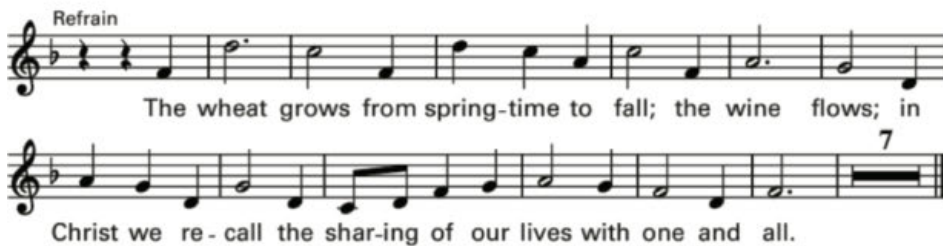
Ricky Manalo, Gather #911

Many and great are bearers of the Word: the Christ speaks; the heart seeks.
 Gathered as one, we listen to the Word and share the meal of new birth.

Many and great are seeds upon the field: the hand sows; the seeds grow.
 Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled, the bread of promise and life.

Many and great are voices of despair: the rain falls; the voice calls.
 Take now and drink the wine of hope and care; our cup of blessing we share.

Many and great are pebbles in the sand: the sun glows; the wind blows.
 Take now and spread the Word to ev'ry land, the Word of goodness and hope.



Refrain
 The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the wine flows; in
 Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and all.

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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.*

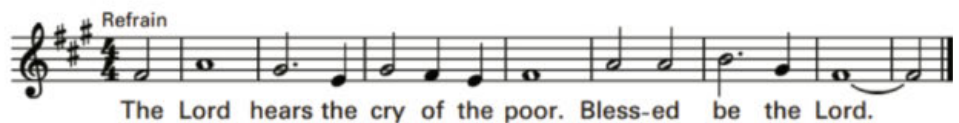


"Mass of Creation" Marty Haugen
 Holy, Holy, Holy #198
 Memorial Acclamation #199
 Amen #202
 Lamb of God #204

COMMUNION SONGS

The Cry of the Poor

John Foley, Gather #47



Refrain
 The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.

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COMMUNION SONGS

Lord, I Need You M. Maher, D. Carson, C. Nockels, Reeves, & K. Stanfill



1. Lord, I come, I con-fess. Bow-ing here, I find my rest. And with-out



1. you, I fall a - part. You're the one that guides my heart.



Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev - ery hour I need you. My



one de-fense, my righ - teous-ness; oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Lord I need you...

So teach my song to rise with you when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
Lord I need you...



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SENDING FORTH

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name



REFRAIN: Ev - ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.



When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say,



"Bless-ed be the name of ___ the Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your name. Bless-ed be the



name of ___ the ___ Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." ___

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

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Living the Mission

Dear friends on the journey,

On July 29, I attended a jubilee Mass and celebration to honor four Sisters of Notre Dame (SND) for their collective 240 years of service to their religious order! The afternoon turned out to be a happy reunion with several sisters who taught me in elementary and high school. This joyous occasion also included the ceremony of commitment for three associates of the Sisters of Notre Dame, one of whom is my friend and our fellow parishioner, Patricia Guzman.

Did you know our parish has several lay associates of religious orders? Do you know what an associate is? An associate is a layperson (man and woman, married or single) who, after formation and a formal non-vowed commitment, embraces the order’s particular mission, charism, and spirituality, and lives them out in their respective jobs, families, and faith communities.

Patricia joins Padre Serra parishioners and associates Sherry Reynolds, Bruce and Heidi Kelly, Caroline Waltman and Pat Yost, all who live and serve the Sisters of Notre Dame mission to proclaim God’s goodness and compassionate love for people of faiths and cultures. These good folks are involved in a variety of parish ministries that include adult formation, Catholic education, feeding the hungry, visiting the homebound, prayer and adoration, and more.



The Sisters of Mercy have influenced parishioner Julie Ames’ life, first in her education from kindergarten through nursing school in San Francisco and then as an associate since 1985. She lives out their charism to “serve the poorest of the poor” in volunteer ministry and in her nursing career in Ventura County.

Rooted in the Franciscan spirituality, Gary and Chella Freeberg are associates with St Camillus Spiritual Care Center in Los Angeles with Fr. Chris Ponnet and other Catholic chaplains whose “mission is to accompany people in the midst of suffering with holistic healing and hope.” They can be found at our parish’s monthly Pax Christi gathering and other ministries devoted to living the corporal works of mercy.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) are very active here at Padre Serra with Sisters Carol, Barbara, Pat, Lois, Jill, Lana and Barbara and associates. Denise Ginty has been an associate for seventeen years and currently serves as the CSJ Director of Associates. Gwen Ripplinger has been an associate for six years. In the Camarillo Associate group, Denise and Gwen are mentoring three candidate to live out the CSJ charism “to achieve unity—of neighbor with neighbor and of neighbor with God.” You might know Denise or Gwen from their ministry to neighbors like Landings, our ministry for returning Catholics, or in women’s ministries.

Please join me in thanking these lay associates who go beyond the parish to live their baptismal call and Jesus’ mission in this way and then bring those spiritualities and charisms back here for the betterment of our community and ministries. If you were or currently are an associate with a religious order, I’d love to hear from you.

Siempre Adelante,



Teresa Runyon
Pastoral Associate



Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Cherubs Music Program ~ Returning September 9!

For kids in Preschool through Grade 2. Saturdays, three years to K, 9:30 am; K to Grade 2, 10:30 am; Carmel room. Please email Lisa at cherubs@padreserra.org for more information. Visit www.padreserra.org/cherubs

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

Children Faith Formation Registration for the 23/24 program is open! Register your child today! **Parent Meetings:** Little Church, Sunday, September 10, 10:15 am, Carmel rooms; Faith Formation Grade 1 through High School, Monday, September 11, and Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center. Visit www.padreserra.org/registration



Little Church is Back! ~ August 20, 27

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. It's super fun to make friends and be at Church on Sundays! Children must be registered to attend. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.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@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ At Home

Grades 1 - 5. In today's Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28, we learn how Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith. As disciples of Jesus, we are called not to exclude or leave anyone out. Being left out can hurt, and we don't want others to hurt. We are kind to everyone.

Three-Sixteen ~ At Home

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This Sunday's Gospel Matthew 15:21-28 presents us with a woman who recognized Jesus as Lord and did not want to be left out because she was not Jewish. Jesus heals her daughter because of her great faith. Christ came for us all; we are all God's chosen ones.

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

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@padreserra.org

Confirmation ~ Summer Gatherings Continue!

Stop by the youth lounge to play games, watch movies, or hang out with Brett and peers for summer fun and fellowship. Lots of summer service and event opportunities are available; contact us for more information at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ August 21

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. Third Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Gospel Hangout ~ August 22, 23

Come hang out virtually as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus intersects with our lives. 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

Meditative Movement ~ August 22, 24

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. Serra Center. Sheila Montgomery sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

Caregiver Support Group ~ August 22

Caritas provides support to 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.padreserra.org/caritas

Centering Prayer ~ July 5, 12, 19, 26

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a 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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ August 23, 30

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church. Madel, omphnovenapsp@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

First Friday Adoration ~ September 1

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time — even just 10, 20, or 30 minutes — adoring the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Come rest in silent prayer with our good and gracious God. 2:00 - 7:00 pm. Or commit to a holy hour: adoration@padreserra.org, visit www.padreserra.org/adoration

Bible Study ~ Begins September 11, 13

Our deanery Bible study will read and discuss *Holy Is His Name* by Scott Hahn, who seeks to define the term in order to help us better understand our relationship with holiness as transmitted by God through scripture, creation, worship, and more. **In-person sessions** on Mondays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Paschal, beginning September 11; **Zoom sessions** on Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, beginning September 13, hosted by Padre Serra Parish. Questions: Rita DaCorsi, (805) 484-2414, ritadacorsi@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/bible-study

Becoming Catholic

Reception into the Catholic Church: A Sign of Unity

On July 29, at the 5:00 pm Mass, Maria Tejada was received into the Catholic Church through a beautiful ceremony called “The Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.” We do not re-baptize validly baptized Christians; they are asked to profess their faith by saying the Creed with us and stating their belief in Catholic teaching with an “I do.” They then receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The high point of the rite is when they receive Holy Communion for the first time as the Eucharist is a sign of unity not just with Jesus but with each other who are the Body of Christ. If you would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Huebner at (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

In the Community

Bingo

Play bingo and support the students at Santa Clara High School. Thursdays 5:30 - 10:00 pm. 2121 Saviers Rd., Oxnard. Info: Theresa Valenzuela tvalenzuela@santaclarahighschool.com

Retreat for Widowed, Separated, Divorced ~ September 8 - 10

A Beginning Experience Weekend retreat is led by trained peer ministers to support and guide adults on their grief journey after the loss of a spouse through death, separation, or divorce. Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino. \$75 deposit at registration. Need-based financial aid may be available. Register Maria (909) 592-0009, beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com. Details: www.beginningexperience.org

Welcome!

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

- Michael & Christine Araiza & Maliya
- Michael & Erin Winters and Emma & Lily
- Diane Ugarte
- Carolina Ugarte
- Barry & Delena Mulingtapang
- Joshua Middleton & Bailey Murphy
- Rochelle Hithe
- Andrew & Cecilia Ledesma Greenwood & Maia

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 Sister Lana at (805) 482-6417 x320 or srlana@padreserra.org

Save the Date

- **Ministry Fair** ~ Sunday, September 10, 17, 24
- **Addiction: What It Is and How to Help** ~ September 16
- **Adult Formation with Fr. Jim Clarke** ~ September 19

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 15:21-28 ~ Faith Beyond Borders

Although Jesus initially seemed distant, his encounter with the Canaanite woman teaches us a vital lesson about faith, especially when it goes beyond borders. The woman was not part of the Jewish community and didn't follow their religious laws, making her an outsider. It is easy to see how Jesus' disciples sought to dismiss her due to their cultural norms, but Jesus recognized the depth of her belief — reflecting on your own experiences and interactions, who might you have unintentionally excluded or overlooked in your community? How can you be more attentive to those who seek to encounter Jesus but may face barriers? How can we proactively reach out to those who might feel like outsiders in our church communities and offer them genuine support and acceptance?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Don Absey, Julieann Adriano, Ronaldo Adriano, Mary Ahearn, Patrick Bair, Kurt Basco, Sharon Berg, Wyatt Biggs, Mary Rose Boral, Marianne Brooks, Mary Butler, Ryan Carrigan, Cheryl Cohn, Marie Coop, Stephanie Cruz, Bob Dickie, Shari Edie, Mike Eliason, Ben Fisco, Jennifer Flores, Mary Margaret Freese, John Goblisch, Tim Graf, Jasna Haller, Don Horcher, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Jane Joubert, David Legerski, Rowan Lepore, Maria Maldonado, Dave McDonnell, Janet McPike, Leticia Melendez, Carole Mingay, Donald Mingay, Robert Moody, Mary Mullen, Binh Ninh, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, David Padberg, Lorna Pajo, Mel Pajo, Jeffrey Paoella, Dina S. Pascual, Dave Proett, Renee Ramonette, Diana Reed, Michael Robles, Bill Rumble, Zion Salatan, Hector Victa Sanares, Dominick Savo, Dorothy Simmons, Shelly Stiven, Fr. Stephen Szeman, Martha May Velasquez, 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:

Baby Timothy Aguirre, RIP
Linda Ford-McCaffrey, RIP
Rochelle Hithe, RIP
Dorothy Hrabovsky, RIP
Helen Tyko, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Memorial & Honorarium

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Kathleen van Daalen Wetters

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Al & Betty Martinez

In loving memory of Carmen Marquez

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In loving memory of Achille Jean Verbeck Jr. USMC

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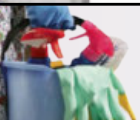
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