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AUGUST 27, 2023 · TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings



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Pro-Love

A new safe place for young women and men experiencing a surprise pregnancy. Visit www.padreserra.org/pro-love



Invitation to Follow & Transform

Women's Retreat, January 19 - 21

Through prayer, talks, silence, sharing, music, social, and a beautiful retreat center grounds, we will listen for God's invitation and discover how best to follow and become who God intends us to be. Celebrate the 30th anniversary of our women's retreat and be spiritually nourished at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Registration opens August 26 and 27, after Masses, in the courtyard; it will be on a first-come basis, requiring a \$100 deposit with a completed form to reserve a spot.

Questions: Lisa Barra lisa@padreserra.org
 Visit www.padreserra.org/retreats




Step Forward IN FAITH

Ministry Fair


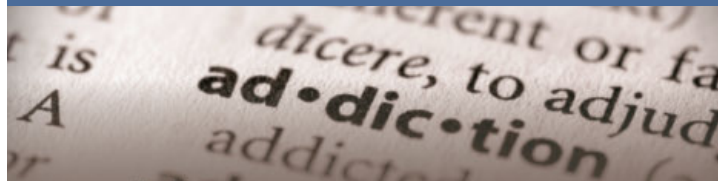
Sunday, September 10, 17, 24

After Mass in the courtyard

We will showcase the ministries our parish offers to encounter Jesus and follow him in our daily lives, and in response, become his disciples to bring others one step closer to God.

Take your next step forward in faith and learn more about opportunities for your spirituality or to give your time and talent. Also, take note of the ministries that might benefit a friend or relative.

Visit www.padreserra.org/ministry-fair
 Contact teresa@padreserra.org

Addiction: What It Is and How to Help

Saturday, September 16


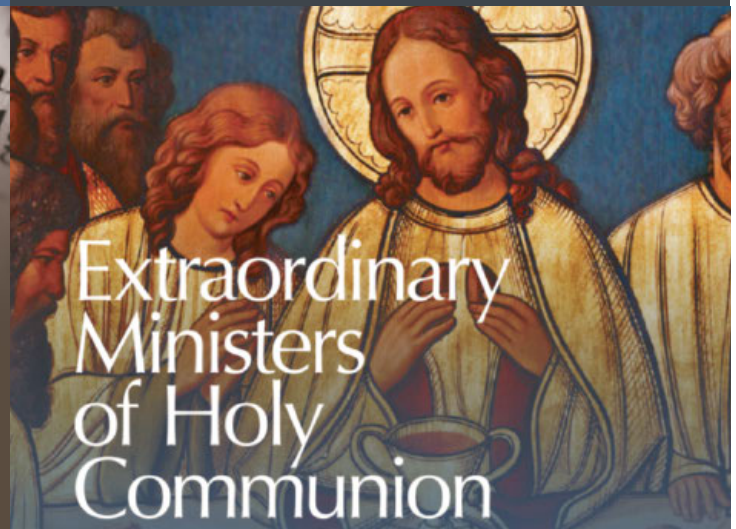
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Serra Center

Doors open at 8:30 am

Padre Serra is partnering with the Mental Health Ministry at St. Julie Billiart to bring speakers Sharon Volner, LMFT, and addiction medicine specialist Joe Cabaret, MD, who will provide overviews of addiction risk factors, warning signs, treatment options, co-occurring disorders, medical aspects, and the 12 step program.

Questions:
mentalhealthministry@stjulieschurch.org or
Teresa Runyon teresa@padreserra.org


No cost; registration required:
www.stjulieschurch.org/mentalhealth

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There has been a wonderful and enthusiastic response to the restoration of communion in the Blood of Christ, and we need more ministers to serve Jesus' body and blood to communicants at Mass.

If you feel called to this way of serving God's people, please contact Michelle Hatch, michelle@padreserra.org
www.padreserra.org/eucharistic-ministers



GATHERING

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

VERSES

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
 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

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 *Continued...*

Reading 1

Isaiah 22:19-23

Reading 2

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20



Glory to God continued...

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 138: Lord, Your Love Is Eternal

Kathleen MacAller

Lord, your love is e - ter - nal; do not for - sake the work of your hands.

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels, I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.
2. I will give thanks to your name because of your kindness and truth. When I called, you answered me; You built up your strength within me.
3. The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees. The proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever. Forsake not the work of your hands.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

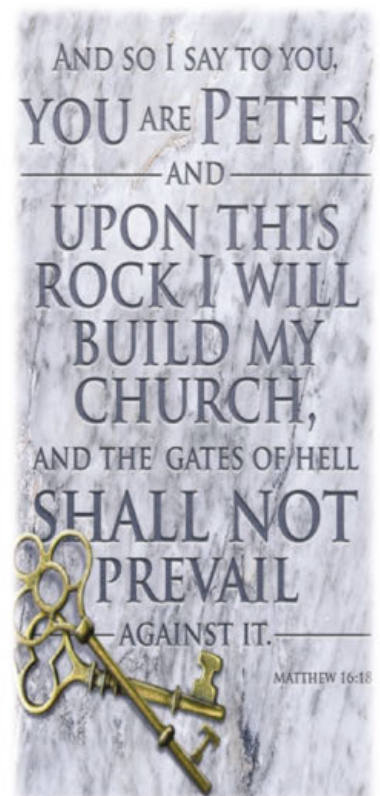
Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, Gather #334

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

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

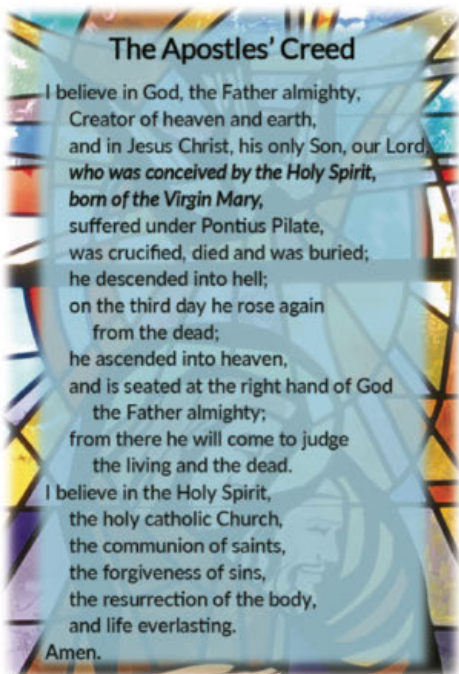
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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

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

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.



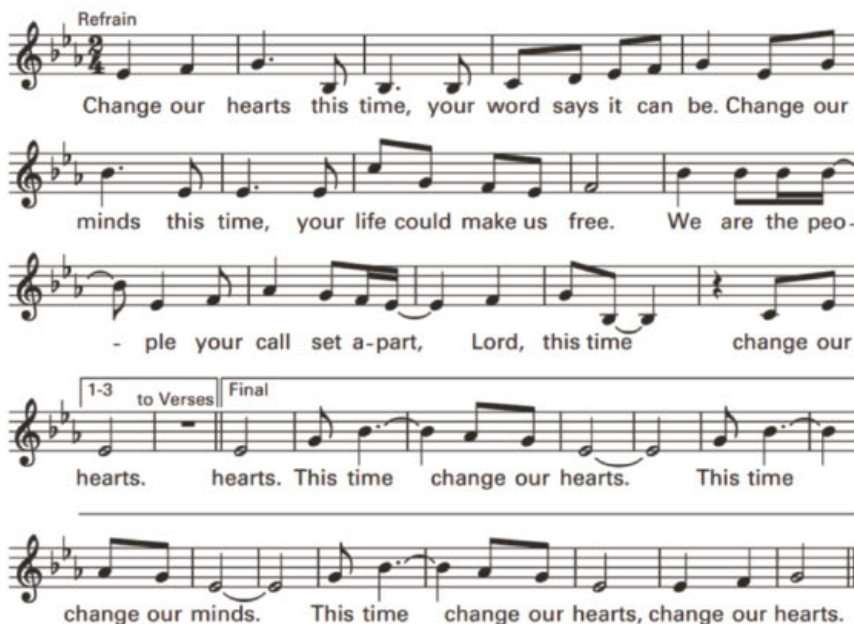
So be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is
 mer - ci - ful. — Be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is
 mer - ci - ful to us. Let there be a wide - ness in our mer -
 - cy. Let there be a kind - ness in our hearts.
 Oh, may our lives — be mer - ci - ful. —

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Change Our Hearts

Rory Cooney, Gather #493



Refrain
 Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be. Change our
 minds this time, your life could make us free. We are the peo -
 - ple your call set a - part, Lord, this time change our
 hearts. hearts. This time change our hearts. This time
 change our minds. This time change our hearts, change our hearts.

1-3 to Verses Final

Brought by your hands to the edge of our dreams,
 one foot in paradise, one in the waste; drawn by
 your promises, still we are lured
 by the shadows and the chains we leave behind.
 But change our hearts this time...

Show us the way that leads to your side, over the
 mountains and sands of the soul.
 Be for us manna, water from stone, light which
 says we never walk alone.
 And change our hearts this time...

Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
 off'ring abundances, fullness of joy.
 Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal,
 when we have bread and water in our hands.
 But change our hearts this time...

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COMMUNION SONGS

I Received the Living God

Brett Ballard

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my
heart is full of joy. I re - ceived the
liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

VERSES

1. Je - sus said: I am the Bread
2. Je - sus said: I am the Vine,
3. Je - sus said: I am the Way;

1. Knead-ed long to give you life;— You who will
2. And my branch-es you shall be;— Come and drink
3. And my Fa - ther longs for you;— So I come

To Refrain
1. par - take of me Need not ev - er fear to die.—
2. the sav - ing cup, Till the King-dom you shall see.—
3. to bring you home To be one with us a - new.

Bernard Geoffroy
Vs. 2: Alan J. Hommerding
Vss. 6-9: Brett Ballard

Brett Ballard
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Jesus said: I am the Truth;
If you follow close to me,
You will know me in your heart,
and my world shall make you free.

Jesus said: I am the Life;
Far from whom no thing can grow,
But receive this bread and cup,
And my Spirit you shall know.

Jesus said: I am the light
Shining for eternity;
Go an be the light of life
Shining for the world to see.

Jesus said: I am the gate,
Gentle shepherd of my sheep;
I will give my life for them,
Show them love that runs so deep.

Taste and see, come bless the Lord;
Let your voice be filled with praise;
Glorify the Lord with me,
Give him glory all your days.

In my grief, I called the Lord;
In his love he answered me;
You will know the love of Christ
if you will but taste and see.

SENDING FORTH

All You Works of God

Marty Haugen, Gather #575

All you works of God, ev - 'ry moun - tain, star and tree, bless the One
who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to
be one great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient, ev - er
new. Raise your voic - es, all you works of God!

Sun and moon: **Bless your Maker!**
Stars of heaven: **Chant your praise!**
Showers and dew: **Raise up your joyful song.**

Winds of God: **Bless your Maker!**
Cold and winter: **Chant your praise!**
Snowstorms and ice: **Raise up your joyful song.**

Night and day: **Bless your Maker!**
Light and darkness: **Chant your praise!**
Lightnings and clouds: **Raise up your joyful song.**

All the earth: **Bless your Maker!**
Hills and mountains: **Chant your praise!**
Green things that grow: **Raise up your joyful song.**

Text: Based on Daniel 3:57-65; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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The Rock of the Church

Dear Friends,

My ability to quote chapter and verse from the bible is limited, but I've always remembered this short verse from today's gospel: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my church." This verse was firmly planted in my mind at an early age in the same way other historical facts take root in a young person's mind. My understanding of the verse was not deeply theological or spiritual in my early life, but I knew it meant that Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church.

I often turn to The Catechism of the Catholic Church for greater understanding, and I love what Paragraph 748 of The Catechism ends with, "The church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun." As the Catechism often does, it helped my understanding by tapping my imagination. To see the light of Christ reflected by the Church is a beautiful image.

The Church provides the introduction and the infinite path to grow in our relationship with Christ. In 2006, Benedict XVI spoke to the youth in Krakow. He encouraged them to meditate on the themes of building their life on a foundation of rock and not to be swayed by the shifting sands of their own worldview. This message of encouragement from Benedict XVI is applicable across time: "There is only one rock on which it is worthwhile to place everything. This rock is the one to whom Christ said: You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church (Mt 16:18)."

The worldwide Catholic Church has many beautiful church buildings (including our own Padre Serra), but the Church is not our beautiful buildings; it is the people who gather to encounter Jesus in our Catholic faith. We are the Church, and Christ calls us to reflect his light on the world around us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church has assembled a rich body of work that authoritatively proclaims Christ's teachings. To be Catholic is to be part of the body of Christ. As members of the body of Christ, we are each called to bring the light of Christ to the world.

Siempre Adelante,

Manuel Leon

Manuel Leon
Business Manager



Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Cherubs Music Program ~ Returning September 9!

For kids in Preschool through Grade 2. Saturdays, 3 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

Children's & Middle School Choir ~ Registration is open!

All children grades 3 to 8 are invited! No experience is necessary. Weekly Rehearsals, every Wednesday, 5:00 pm. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/cmssc

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.padreserra.org/registration



Little Church is Back! ~ August 27 and September 3, 10, 24

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; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. **Parent Orientation Meeting:** Sunday, September 10, 10:15 am, Carmel rooms. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ Returns October 1, during 11:00 am Liturgy

Grades 1 - 5. Leaders needed! Consider joining this beautiful ministry. No experience necessary! Contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ At Home

Grades 1 - 5. Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" God helped Peter see that Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord, and Savior. Jesus gives Simon a new name, Peter because it means "rock." Peter was a rock because he had faith in Jesus. Peter will be the rock (solid foundation) on which Jesus will build his Church. The foundation of our Church community around the world is our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus continues to build his Church with people like Peter who love and have faith in him. **Parent Orientation Meeting:** Monday, September 11, or Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center.

Three-Sixteen ~ At Home

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. God the Father gave Simon the insight to recognize Jesus' true identity. So, Jesus renamed Simon "Peter," which means "rock." Peter had a strong personality; this trait would be a strong foundation for the Church. If you had to choose a name that you think Jesus might give you if he was describing your strengths as a disciple. What name could it be, and why? **Parent Orientation Meeting:** Monday, September 11, or Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center.

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

Stop by the youth lounge to play games, watch movies, or hang out with Brett and peers for fun and fellowship. Follow us on Instagram [@youthpsp](https://www.instagram.com/youthpsp) for more information, or contact brett@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1 ~ Weekly Sessions begin on October 1.

Confirmation Y2 ~ Weekly Ministry returns September 24.

Please contact brett@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org with any questions regarding your weekly ministry. **Parent Orientation Meeting:** September 11 or 12 at 6:30 pm in the Serra Center.

Adults

Gospel Hangout ~ August 29, 30

Come hang out virtually as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus is intersecting 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

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

Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ September 5, 12, 19, 26

Tuesdays with Paul Ford return! Dr. Ford leads a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday readings, which helps us better understand scripture, the Gospel message, and how it applies to our lives. Resource books are available for purchase, or bring your Bible or smart device. 8:30 -9:30 am, Serra Center. Contact Paul Ford paulfford@stjohnsem.edu

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 it when you're done, or pass it on to someone else. Visit www.padreserra.org/benedicts-books

Pastoral Care

We care about you. Our Pastoral Associate, Teresa Runyon, will meet with you to help discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support groups, ministries, clergy, and other resources, including therapists and local support groups. Contact Teresa, teresa@padreserra.org

Save the Date

- **Ministry Fair ~ September 10, 17, 24; see page 2**
- **Addiction: What It Is and How to Help ~ September 16; see page 2**
- **Soul Centered Spirituality with Fr. Jim Clarke ~ September 19**
- **Women's Day of Reflection Registration ~ September 24**

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 16:13-20 ~ Who is Jesus for you?

Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, demonstrates a significant act of faith. This confession reveals Peter's recognition of Jesus' divine nature and purpose. How do I perceive my relationship with Jesus? Am I approaching him with certain expectations, like a divine vending machine or an accountant? How might these perceptions influence my understanding of faith and prayer?

Giving

Food Pantry Donations

Many thanks to all who have provided food for the hungriest in our community. Please continue to use the collection bins in the church for your donations of non-perishable food and small toiletries. St. Vincent de Paul members regularly transport your donations to the food pantry at St. Mary Magdalen. God bless you for your compassionate caring of those less fortunate in our midst.

Together In Mission 'Shine His Light'

Goal: \$143,830

Year to Date: \$47,044 donated by 134 households

Gap: \$96,786 to reach our goal

As one Catholic community of faith, let's be rooted in prayer and reflect on how we can continue to help our struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles well into the future.

Prayerfully, we ask for your continued support to share Christ's light, love, and hope with everyone. For questions, please get in touch with pam@padreserra.org. Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

Funerals

- **Rochelle Hithe ~ September 14, 11:00 am**
- **Therese (Tish) Hearne ~ September 16, 10:00 am**
- **Marie-Ruth Willcox ~ September 16, 11:00 am**
- **David Legerski ~ September 23, 10:00 am**
- **Susan Craddock ~ September 30, 10:00 am**

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

Safeguard the Children

What is Doxing?

Doxing is publicly sharing someone's private information, like a home address, phone number, or social security number, as a form of punishment or revenge, putting them at risk of hacking, identity fraud, or other violence. If someone is doxed, they may have their phone number swamped with spam or explicit texts and messages, or if their address is shared, they may be unsafe in their home. For more information about doxing, read the VIRTUS® article "Doxing: What is that?" at lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Sept-30-Oct-1-doxing.pdf

Becoming Catholic

Catholic Inquiry's Summer Gathering Dates ~ September 5, 19

Have you considered becoming Catholic? 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

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Don Absey, Julieann Adriano, Ronaldo Adriano, Patrick Bair, Clinton Baker Jr., Joanne Blaney, Mary Rose Boral, Ryan Carrigan, Cheryl Cohn, Stephanie Cruz, Shari Edie, Mike Eliason, Ben Fisco, Mary Margaret Freese, Tim Graf, Jasna Haller, Don Horcher, Kate Johnson, Jane Joubert, Rowan Lepore, Maria Maldonado, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Leticia Melendez, Carole Mingay, Donald Mingay, Mary Mullen, Binh Ninh, Maria Luisa Orelan, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, David Padberg, Dave Proett, Edward Quila, Renee Ramonette, Michael Robles, Bill Rumble, Dominick Savo, Dorothy Simmons, Fr. Stephen Szeman, Martha May Velasquez, Rita Wronkiewicz and Jerry Zins Sr. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:
Cynthia Gutierrez Fuentes, RIP
Barbara Place, RIP
Joe Voigt, RIP
Steven Walker, RIP
Elizabeth Young, RIP
May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

In the Community

Mass for All Immigrants ~ September 17

Presided by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, this annual celebration brings us all together in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters. 3:30 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Info: (213) 637-7484, immigration@la-archdiocese.org

Viva! Havana! ~ September 23

Enjoy a night in old Havana and support the good work of Life Centers of Ventura County who care for women with unplanned pregnancies by providing testing, ultrasounds, counseling, and other services. The gala begins at 5:00 pm at the Commemorative Air Force Museum and includes dinner, drinks, entertainment, auctions, and more. Sponsorships are available. \$125/person. Details: www.vclifecenters.com/events

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