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NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Christmas Concert & Dinner Friday, December 15

Kindle your Christmas spirit with a festive meal in the Serra Center, followed by our choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists' joyous music in our beautiful church. Ticket sales begin Monday, December 11! Visit [padreserra.org/christmas-concert](http://padreserra.org/christmas-concert)

Readings



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# The Promises of Advent

Fr. Parker Sandoval  
Tuesday, November 28  
6:00 pm Soup supper  
7:00 pm Reflection  
Serra Center



The Old Testament readings of Advent are filled with promises of the coming Messiah. As we prepare to celebrate his coming at Christmas, join us as we explore how God has already kept his promises through his Son and how Jesus promises us still more. Come for a simple soup supper at 6:00 pm. \$5/person suggested donation. RSVP at [www.padreserra.org/adventpromises](http://www.padreserra.org/adventpromises)  
Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.



Jason Stoll  
PIANO

Micah Wright  
CLARINET

## Jason Stoll & Micah Wright Saturday, December 2 7:00 pm, in the church

Join us for a delightful evening of music by Poulenc, Carl Maria von Weber, Bernstein, and Kenji Bunch.

Free admission - freewill offering.  
Visit [www.padreserra.org/fall-concert](http://www.padreserra.org/fall-concert)



## Advent Daily Inspirations

Begins Sunday, December 3  
Sign Up Today!

Enter into this season of holy waiting with daily inspiration, activity, prayer, and some fun to prepare you and your family spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Sign up now to receive a daily email!  
Visit [www.padreserra.org/advent](http://www.padreserra.org/advent)



## La Posada

Monday, December 4  
6:30 - 8:30 pm, in the church  
Fiesta to follow in the courtyard

Prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming with a fun, interactive, and enriching Advent celebration. Learn how to continue this joyful faith tradition in your homes. Fiesta with piñatas for the kids and goodies for the adults will follow. Everyone is welcome!



Suggested donation \$5.00.  
Donations are welcome at the front desk (checks payable to Padre Serra, 'Posada' in the memo) or scan the QR Code.

Learn more and RSVP at [www.padreserra.org/posada](http://www.padreserra.org/posada)



**GATHERING**

**In Christ Alone**

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

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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**Reading 1**  
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

**Reading 2**  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 25:31-46

**Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)**

Ed Bolduc

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Ed Bolduc  
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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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God**

Marty Haugen, Gather #35

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

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

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

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

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Mark 11: 9,10

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Easter Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Refrain

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

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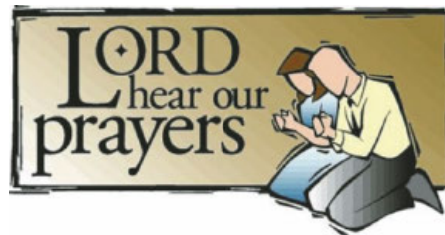
**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

In Memory We Hold You

Bob Hurd

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Your light will come, Je-ru-sa-lem; for on you will dawn the glo-ry of the Lord, and all na-tions will walk in your light, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

(Lent) and all na-tions will walk in your light.

Verses

1. Christ is the light of the world, a light dis-pel-ling the dark-ness. May we, his bod-y, re-flect that ho-ly light.

2. His light is mer-cy and peace, a peace sur-pass-ing all tell-ing. May we, his be-in-stru-ments of peace.

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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.

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.



**EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

"Mass of the Incarnate Word"

Bob Hurd

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Memorial Acclamation**

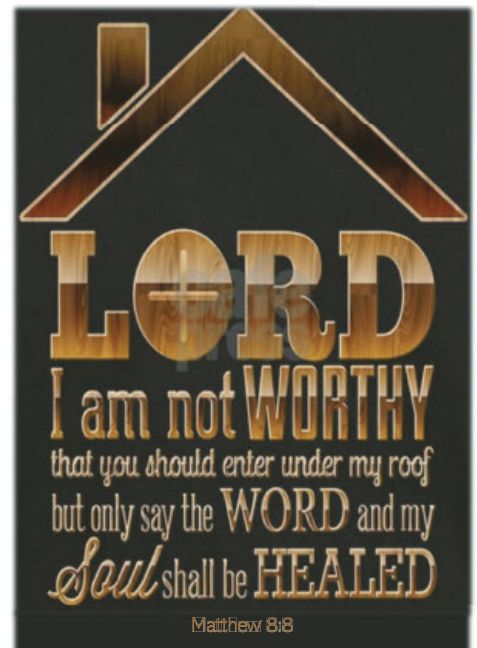
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy on us.  
world, grant us peace.



COMMUNION SONGS

Remembrance

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery? say, "Take this bread, take this wine"? Now the simple made divine for anyone to receive.

Matt Maher & Matt Redman

See his body, his blood, know that he has overcome every trial we will face. None too lost to be saved, none to broken or ashamed. All are welcome in this place.

By your mercy we come to your table...

BRIDGE:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord, Jesus, come in glory. Lord, Jesus, come in glory. Lord, Jesus, come in glory. Lord, Jesus, come in glory.

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By your mer - cy we come to your ta -

1, 2. - ble, by your grace you are mak - ing us faith - ful.

Refrain

Lord, we re - mem - ber you, and re - mem - brance leads

us to wor - ship. And as we wor - ship you,

our wor - ship leads to com - mun - ion. We re - spond

1 to your in - vi - ta - tion; we re - mem - ber you. 2 to Verse 2

Go in peace to

Love & Serve

the Lord

SENDING FORTH

God Sends Us Forth

Tony Alonso, Gather #759

1. God sends us forth to love and serve,  
 2. Nour - ished by Christ, our Word and Bread,  
 3. Called to the ones the world ig - nores—  
 4. So, with the cross to lead the way,

Make known God's name and live God's word,  
 Burn - ing with love and Spir - it - led,  
 Hun - gry and thirst - y, weak and poor—  
 Let us go forth in peace to - day,

Mir - ror God's love, re - flect God's grace Till  
 Sent to em - brace a world in need, To  
 Let us bear Christ, who heals all pain And  
 And to the ends of earth make known The

all have seen the Sav - ior's face.  
 make God known in word and deed.  
 com - forts those bowed down by shame.  
 sav - ing love our God has shown.

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## Pray, Act and Be Jesus

Dear friends on the journey,

Today's solemnity and readings paint various images of God. The solemnity, established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, focuses on Christ the King who reigns in our hearts as well as the entire world and all people for all time. The first reading and responsorial psalm illustrate God as a tender shepherd who protects his flock and seeks the lost. In the second reading, Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks of Christ who has existed from the beginning of time, concurred death, secured our salvation, and will reign until the end of time. The gospel describes the Son of Man who, in the final judgment, will be like a shepherd separating the sheep from the goats. The goats will be on his left and the sheep on his right. His judgment is based on very simple, yet challenging, criteria, and what is now our Corporal Works of Mercy.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.*

This is what we are called to do as Christian disciples. This is precisely how God is imaged in our world, communities and families. This is how we are to be Jesus' heart, feet, and hands today. Throughout the gospels, Jesus is teaching through his words and demonstrating by his actions who needs us the most: (not the stable, the put together, the righteous) the most vulnerable, pained, weak, the outcast. As we enter the season of Advent and prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming at Christmas, I invite you to use the Corporal Works of Mercy for your preparation:

**Food for the hungry** As you eat a meal or snack, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for its abundance in your life and the nourishment of your body. Then donate food to St. Vincent de Paul for the food pantry or cook a meal for Many Meals.

**Drink for the thirsty** As you fill your glass with water, wash dishes, bathe in warm water, offer gratitude for the convenience of running water. Then buy water bottles to give to someone who is homeless or donate to an organization like Catholic Relief Services who help developing nations.

**Welcome the stranger** As you attend holiday gatherings, praise God for the gifts of friends and family who love you. Call to mind a time when you felt alone or lonely and pray for those who are estranged from loved ones and long for the feeling of belonging and security of relationships. Then consider baking goodies for the lonely neighbor or inviting a newly widowed person to the Christmas concert or Mass.

**Clothe the naked** As you fold your laundry, ask God to clothe your loved ones in God's loving, secure embrace. Pray for those who are naked and vulnerable, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Then donate clothes for a woman or man seeking employment or give clothing and diapers to Mary's Closet.

**Care for the ill** If you are currently feeling healthy, call to mind a time when illness or injury consumed you and be grateful for healing. Pray for all those battling cancer, other diseases, and those listed in the bulletin. Then make a care package for an ill friend, send a Christmas card with note of encouragement to a child in the hospital, a fire victim in a burn center, or a senior at Atria or AlmaVia.

**Visit the imprisoned** As you enjoy Christmas festivities, give thanks for freedom and pray for those imprisoned by government, war and violence, addiction, mental illness, the incarcerated especially moms and dads. Then make an effort to educate yourself about these issues and help in a concrete way.

These are just ideas. Find something that speaks to you then pray and act and be Jesus for another this Advent.

*Siempre Adelante,*



Teresa Runyon  
Pastoral Associate



## Families



### Christmas Concert ~ December 15

Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm, Serra Center. Christmas Concert, 7:30 pm, in the church. Ticket sales begin December 1! For more information, visit [www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert](http://www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert)

## Children

Age 3 to Grade 8.

### Stay and Play ~ December 3, 10, 17

12 - 36 months. Stay and play will take a short break this Sunday, November 26. Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. We return on Sunday, December 3. For more information, contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)



### Cherubs Music Program ~ We are back!

For kids in Preschool through Grade 2. Did you know that the most critical age for a child's music development is from birth to age 9? Preregistration is required. Please email Lisa at [cherubs@padreserra.org](mailto:cherubs@padreserra.org) for more information. Visit [www.padreserra.org/cherubs](http://www.padreserra.org/cherubs)

### Little Church ~ December 3, 10, 17

Little Church will take a short break this Sunday, November 26. Have a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving. We return on Sunday, December 3. Registrations for the new program year are now open; visit [www.padreserra.org/registration](http://www.padreserra.org/registration). For more information, contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)

### Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ December 3, 10, 17

Grades 1 - 5. Offered during 11:00 am Mass. Children are invited to listen to the readings and Gospel, read and explained at their level. No preregistration is required. **Leaders Needed!** No Experience Necessary; contact [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org) for more information.

### Spark! ~ November 27 and 29

Grades 1 - 5. This week, the children will learn about our "Be Alert! The Messiah is Coming." For more information, contact [jennifer@padreserra.org](mailto:jennifer@padreserra.org) or [christine@padreserra.org](mailto:christine@padreserra.org)

### Children's & Middle School Choir

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](http://www.padreserra.org/cmssc)

## Three-Sixteen

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. No session this week; we will gather for our family and parish events during the month of December. For more information, please get in touch with [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

## High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

### 4:12 ~ Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

Youth group gatherings return! Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in San Juan Capistrano rooms. Follow us on Instagram [@pspyouth](https://www.instagram.com/pspyouth) for more information, or contact [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org)

### Confirmation Y1 - December 3

No sessions today. Year 1 will gather once again on December 3 for liturgy at 11:00 am, followed by lunch, and conclude with our sessions in the Serra Center. For more information, contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

### Confirmation Y2

Weekly Ministry has begun. If you have not yet gotten started or have any questions regarding sessions, please get in touch with [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org) or [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

## Adults

### Advent Inspirations ~ Sign up today!

Enter into this season of holy waiting with daily inspiration, activity, prayer, and some fun to prepare you and your family spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive a daily email beginning December 3. [www.padreserra.org/advent](http://www.padreserra.org/advent)

### St. Vincent de Paul ~ November 28

Looking for a way to give back? Want to make a difference in someone's life? Consider St. Vincent de Paul, our parish's outreach ministry to the poor, hungry, homeless, and needy in our midst. Visit their meeting the second and fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm Carmel room. [svdp@padreserra.org](mailto:svdp@padreserra.org)

### Caregivers Support Group ~ November 28

Caregiving often calls us to lean into love we didn't know possible (Tia Walker). It can also be tiresome and lonely. Don't do it alone. Our *Caritas* group supports those caring for an aging parent, spouse, relative. Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm, San Fernando room. Contact Patricia [sentclan@gmail.com](mailto:sentclan@gmail.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/caritas](http://www.padreserra.org/caritas)

### Illuman ~ November 29

Founded by Fr. Richard Rohr, *Illuman* exists to help men do their inner spiritual work to become healthier and more authentic human beings. Our chapter offers personal growth and spiritual transformation opportunities, a liberating environment, support and brotherhood, and contemplative spirituality. Last Wednesday, 7:00 pm, San Miguel room. Dave [dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com](mailto:dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/men](http://www.padreserra.org/men)



**Writers Group ~ December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

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 [calmestl@verizon.net](mailto:calmestl@verizon.net). Visit [www.padreserra.org/writers](http://www.padreserra.org/writers)

**First Friday Adoration ~ December 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](mailto:adoration@padreserra.org), visit [www.padreserra.org/adoration](http://www.padreserra.org/adoration)

**Poinsettia Pick Up ~ December 2, 3**

All poinsettia pre-orders can be picked up from the Knights of Columbus next weekend.

**Becoming Catholic****Various Paths to Becoming Catholic**

Becoming Catholic is not a one-size-fits-all process. Each seeker's religious background and experience are considered when discerning what path will best meet individual needs. If you would like to discuss what will work for you, please contact Mary Huebner. You will receive a warm and friendly welcome! (805) 482-6417 x321 or [becomingcatholic@padreserra.org](mailto:becomingcatholic@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic](http://www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic)

**Giving****Together In Mission 'Shine His Light'**

Goal: \$143,830

Year to Date: \$68,799 donated by 169 households

Gap: \$75,031 to reach our goal

Since 1993, your support to Together in Mission has helped thousands of students, families, and parishioners in underserved communities in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Because of you, they continue to be thriving communities of faith – vibrant, alive, and rooted in the love of Christ. Prayerfully, we ask for your support to share Christ's light, love, and hope with everyone. For questions, please get in touch with [pam@padreserra.org](mailto:pam@padreserra.org). Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit [www.padreserra.org/tim](http://www.padreserra.org/tim)

**All Creation Belongs to God**

... including everything we are and everything we own. Strive to be loving and giving, just as God is.

**Save the Date**

- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception ~ December 8**  
Visit [www.padreserra.org/immaculate](http://www.padreserra.org/immaculate)
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 12**  
Visit [www.padreserra.org/guadalupe](http://www.padreserra.org/guadalupe)
- **Simbang Gabi ~ December 17**  
Visit [www.padreserra.org/simbang-gabi](http://www.padreserra.org/simbang-gabi)

**Faith Sharing Question**

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table*

**Matthew 25:31-46 ~ The Lord is My shepherd**

Today's readings tell us God is a caring shepherd who longs for us to live together in harmony. Jesus says that acts done to "the least of these" are done to him, suggesting a deep spiritual connection between God and those who suffer. How do you experience God as a "shepherd" in your own life? In what ways can you extend God's shepherding care to others? Spend some time this week reflecting on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

**Prayer Life****Pray for Our Sick**

Mary Ahearn, Blanca Alegria de Rivera, Hector Alvarado, Ronald Anthony, Angela Aparicio, Calvin Apodaca, Nicole Barrera, Myra Beltran, Mary Butler, Joaquin Cardonez, Michelle Cervantes, Fermin Cortes, Tere Delgado, Ben Fisco, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, Rita Fonseca, Joanie Forte, Helen Galang, Jose Galvan, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Jasna Haller, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Michael Johnson, Amber Lewing, Matthew Lewing, Sheila Lewing-Floyd, Max Lippel, Maria Maldonado, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Thomas Mingay, Amy Moeller, Mary Mullen, Ruben Nieva, Binh Ninh, Maria Dave Proett, Steve Ridley, Mike Robles, Laurie Schulze, Irene Siddons, Dorothy Simmons, Bill Stevens, Andrew Tamayo, Kimberly Valentine, Terri Vosper, Rita Wronkiewicz and Jerry Zins Sr. (*Names are refreshed monthly.*)

**Remember Our Dead**

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

Dr. Luis Blando, RIP

Dr. Alicia Bryant, RIP

*May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.*

**Funerals**

For more information, visit [www.padreserra.org/funerals](http://www.padreserra.org/funerals)

**Safeguard the Children****Holiday hugs and boundaries**

As children get older, they need to understand not just the rules of social interaction but why people act (or don't act) these ways. Children need to know how to set their boundaries. The approaching holidays are a great time to discuss how to express them politely. Talk to your children about whether they would like to hug family members or want to give or receive any other forms of affection. For more information, read the article "Teaching Kids about Boundaries" at <https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-boundaries-empathy>

**Other Notes****Winter Travel Plans?**

- Find Mass wherever you go! Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)
- Bring back bulletins from your trip to share with Fr. Patrick!
- Take a selfie with a PSP bulletin and send it to [photos@padreserra.org](mailto:photos@padreserra.org)
- Stay updated on giving! Visit [www.padreserra.org/giving](http://www.padreserra.org/giving)

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Wednesday, December 6  
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Hospitality to follow in the courtyard  
*Let every heart prepare him room!*

We decorate our homes for Christmas. Even more important is readying our hearts, both for the Lord's return at the end of time, and to celebrate His birthday.

Examine your life. Confess your sins. Trust the Lord's mercy. Celebrate with joy.




## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8  
8:00 am and 7:00 pm  
In the church  
Refreshments to follow in the courtyard  
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Wednesday, December 13  
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