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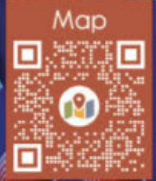
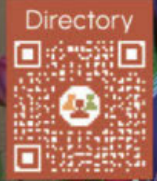
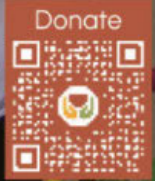
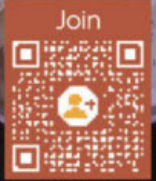
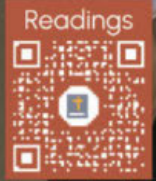
Encounter Jesus. Be Disciples

DECEMBER 10, 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12
6:00 pm in the church
Fiesta to follow in the courtyard

Join us for a prayer service. Begins with the novena and retell the story of her apparitions to San Juan Diego. There will a Danza Guadalupana "Mensajeros de Maria," tamales, 'champurrado' (hot chocolate), and crafts for kids!



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

For more info and to RSVP visit www.padreserra.org/guadalupe



Advent Bring a Friend!

Advent allows those seeking to join the Church to immerse themselves more deeply into the Catholic way of life.

There are many opportunities where they can experience our joyous and welcoming community.

Often all it takes for someone to consider the possibility of becoming a Catholic is an invitation from us. Bring a friend!

For information about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact becomingcatholic@padreserra.org.

www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic



Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 17
11:00 am Mass
Reception to follow in Serra Center

Halina't Tayo'y Magsaya!

The Padre Serra Filipino Ministry invites everyone to celebrate Simbang Gabi! A Filipiniana or any multicultural attire is encouraged.



Volunteers also needed. Contact: Deacon Roy & Ana Gacasan (805) 236-6840, gggacasan@gmail.com. Freewill donations accepted.

RSVPs appreciated:
www.padreserra.org/simbang-gabi



Christmas Concert

Friday, December 15
7:30 pm

Tickets available now!
Concert reserved seat: \$15
Concert General: \$10



Celebrate Advent with a festive community meal and joyous music in the beautiful ambience of the church.

Visit padreserra.org/christmas-concert



GATHERING

Lead Us To Your Light

Carol E. Browning

Refrain

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain: Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark-ness.

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain: Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

Verses

Musical notation for the beginning of the verses.

- 1. Lord, we a - wait your com - ing to our world;
2. Lord, you are hope and heal - ing for our world;
3. Come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.
4. Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slum - ber,
5. Child of the light and love be - yond all tell - ing,

Musical notation for the end of the verses, marked D.C.

bring us the gift of sal - va - tion.
come, now, and bring us your good news.
Come with us on earth here to dwell.
ban - ish the dark - ness of night.
fill our hearts with won - der and praise.

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Tune: Carol E. Browning, b.1956
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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service John Schiavone

Musical notation for the first Kyrie: 1st: Cantor; 2nd: All. (petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

(Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

Musical notation for the second Kyrie: 1st: Cantor; 2nd: All. (petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.

(Christ, _____ have mer - cy.)

Musical notation for the third Kyrie: 1st: Cantor; 2nd: All. (petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

(Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

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Reading 1

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading 2

2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3:4,6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Marty Haugen

Musical notation for the first line of the psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and

Musical notation for the second line of the psalm: we shall be saved.

- 1. Lord, we are present here, show us your kindness and love, O speak Your word of peace unto Your people.
2. Lord, let salvation rain, shower down Your justice and peace, the earth shall bring forth truth, the skies Your love.
3. See, Lord, we look to You, You alone can bring us to life, O walk before us to light our pathways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411



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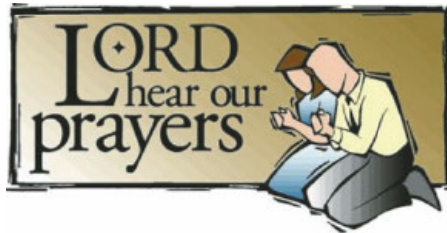
INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love"

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



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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.

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Mass of the Incarnate Word"

Bob Hurd


Holy, Holy, Holy



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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.*

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.

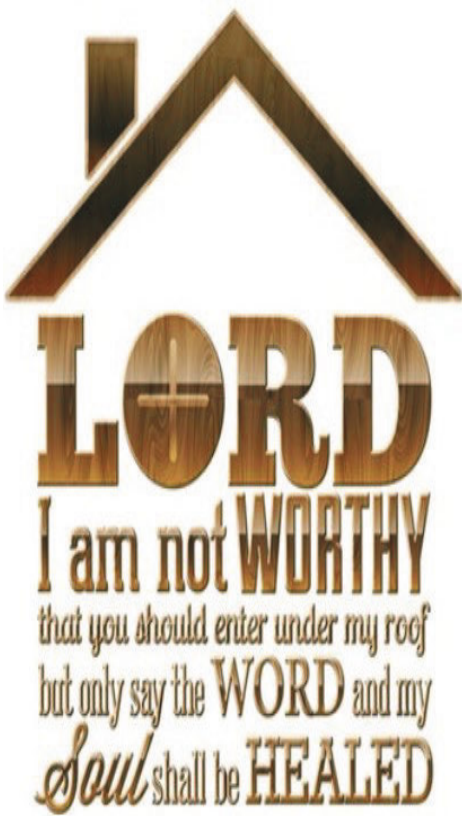
Lamb of God


 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

 world, have mer-cy on us.

 world, grant us peace.


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COMMUNION SONGS


Bread of Life


Bernadette Farrell


 Refrain
 Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth-er:

 feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an-oth-er.

Alternate Verses: for Advent/Christmas


 Adv. 1. Be with your peo-ple, Lord, send us your sav-ing Word: Je-sus
 Adv. 2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear: Je-sus
 Chr. 1. A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us, In our
 Chr. 2. With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear The sal-
 Chr. 3. You are the hope of all, our prom-ise and our call, Ra-diant


 to Refrain
 1. Christ, light of glad-ness, come a-mong us now.
 2. Christ, hope of a-ges, come to save us now.
 1. midst, Christ, our Lord and God comes as one who serves.
 2. va-tion of all the world, God's in-car-nate Word.
 3. light in our dark-ness, truth to set us free.

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COMMUNION SONGS

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain Carolyn Jennings, adapted from Isaiah 40

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world, Lift up your voice, shout the good news: behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth, Hope of the nations, light of all the world. He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a little child. Behold, your Lord comes to you.



SENDING FORTH

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

Musical score for 'Ready the Way' including Refrain, Verse 1, and Verses 2, 3 with lyrics and musical notation.

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Ready the way, the LORD is coming

Dear Parish Family,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... beautiful Christmas music and decorations everywhere, long-awaited warm drinks, and sweets. Busy making plans for gatherings with friends and family, and making sure we did not leave anyone out of our gift list. Oh what a busy season ...

In our daily reminders everywhere of the season we have entered, it can be hard not to get lost in all the consumer portions of the season. Which can fill us with the stress of it all, which can lead us to frustration. Fortunately for us, we have the Advent season which helps focus us and reminds us of God's incredible love for us. It invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus.

Our readings this Sunday are filled with the Good News. In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah's message to the people of Israel is that the LORD will come and lead them back to the Promised Land since the people have repented of their sins. Our psalm speaks of the attributes that accompany the LORD's coming: peace, kindness, truth and justice. In our second reading, Saint Peter explains that the Lord Jesus is not delaying His Second Coming, but giving time to as many people as possible to reorient their lives and prepare themselves for His coming. In our Gospel, Mark makes John the Baptist's role clear; to prepare the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. John the Baptist did not get lost in the attention of his followers. He did this not on his own accord but to prepare the people for the coming of our Savior.

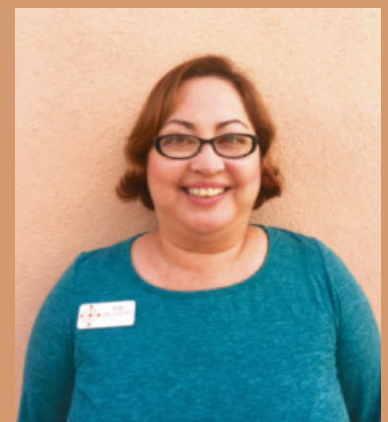
This should fill us with hope and comfort! Through our Baptism we are commissioned to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus.

I invite you this Advent season as you gather with family and friends, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be a more faithful follower of Jesus. Just like John the Baptist, how can you make straight the path for the Lord Jesus to come? Perhaps inviting back to church this Christmas, a friend or family member. Even if it's just ONE.

Blessings,

Tere Delgado

Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister



Families

Saints Among Us ~ December 17

A Sunday school program for specially-abled young adults. They meet the third Sunday of the month for fun and fellowship through reading scripture, art projects, music and snacks. All are welcome! Third Sunday, 1:30 pm. Questions: Ross Porter pointsite@aol.com

Children

Age 3 to Grade 8.

Stay and Play ~ December 10, 17

Sundays during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Ms. Soraya and helpers will lovingly care for your little one (12- 36 months) while you attend Mass. Stop by to see all the toys and fun. You are welcome to stay to make sure your toddler is settled — no-cost service. Gather in Carmel rooms.



Little Church ~ December 10, 17

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! Registrations for the new program year are now open; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ December 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 for more information.

Spark! ~ December 11, 13

Grades 1 - 5. This week, the children will learn about "The Almighty has done great things." For more information, contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ December whole family events

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. There are no Wednesday sessions this week; we will gather for our Family and parish events during December:

12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00 pm

12/21 Resume sessions, meet in Carmel room.

For more information, please get in touch with tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

Confirmation Y1 - December 10

Teens will gather for liturgy at 11:00 am, followed by lunch, and conclude with our sessions in the Serra Center. Contact youth@padreserra.org for more information.

Confirmation Y2- Weekly Ministry

Weekly Ministry has begun; if you have not yet started, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org with any questions regarding sessions or weekly ministry.

4:12 ~ Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

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 [@youthpsp](https://www.instagram.com/youthpsp) for more information, or contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Chronic Pain Support Group ~ December 11

Living (or suffering) with chronic pain is a challenge that can strain both spirits and relationships, but that journey can be lightened by those who understand. Join us as we share our stories, resources, and other life tips. We offer one another comfort, hope, and support, journeying toward God's loving peace. Second Monday, 10:30 am. Marcia mjgalles@gmail.com or Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/chronic-pain

Meditative Movement ~ December 12, 14

Women and men of any age or ability are invited to join instructor Sheila Montgomery for one-hour sessions of meditative movement: Tai Chi Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, \$5/class. Yoga Thursdays, 2:00 pm, \$10/class. Sheila sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

Contemplative Prayer ~ December 13, 20, 27

Silence is God's language, and Centering Prayer is a contemplative, silent prayer that allows us 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, Santa Clara room. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377-0704, vpstv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Knitting & Crocheting ~ December 14, 21, 28

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome. Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel room. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Cancer Support Group ~ December 14

We provide hope, empowerment, love, and prayer in a comforting atmosphere of encouragement. It is a safe environment for people touched by cancer to connect with others in a productive and spiritual way. Second Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, San Fernando room. Contact teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/cancer

Writers Group ~ December 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 calmest1@verizon.net. Visit www.padreserra.org/writers

Senior Adapted Exercise

Our Wednesday morning adapted exercise class will take a break in December. We'll see you in the new year!

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Mary Ahearn, Blanca Alegria de Rivera, Ronald Anthony, Nicole Barrera, Myra Beltran, Mary Butler, Chris Cartaino, Fermin Cortes, Ben Fisco, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, Joanie Forte, Helen Galang, Jose Galvan, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Jasna Haller, Lisa Hiatt, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Eric Johnson, Michael Johnson, Amber Lewing, Matthew Lewing, Sheila Lewing-Floyd, Mary Ellen Massman, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Thomas Mingay, Ed Morera, Mary Mullen, Ruben Nieva, Maria Luisa Orelan, Daniel Orr, Dave Proett, Mike Robles, Matthew Savage, Laurie Schulze, Irene Siddons, Dorothy Simmons, Bill Stevens, Andrew Tamayo, Mark Vanvakaris, Silvia Venegas, Terri Vosper, Rita Wronkiewicz, Amanda Yeager and Jerry Zins Sr. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Diana Chan, RIP

John Papillon, RIP

Beloved father of Deacon Luc and Diana Papillon

Larry Rigonan, RIP

Loreto Vitor, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- Dorothy Kierstyn ~ December 12, 11:00 am
- John Papillon ~ December 18, 11:00 am
- Dr. Alicia Bryant ~ January 9, 10:00 am

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

Welcome!

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

- Karen Partow
- Sherwin & Catherine Jose and Family
- Rod & Helen Fujita
- Mike & Carolin Wygant, Matteo and Emilia
- Anthony & Elise Boston and Guinevere

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

In the Community

Homeless Persons Memorial ~ December 21

Last year 1,462 individuals experiencing homelessness died on the streets of Los Angeles. Come acknowledge, honor, and pray for our sisters and brothers who lost their lives. 7:00 pm, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. [Details/RSVP at lacatholics.org/event/homeless-persons-interreligious-memorial](http://lacatholics.org/event/homeless-persons-interreligious-memorial)

Becoming Catholic

Various Paths to Becoming Catholic

The process of becoming a Catholic is not one-size-fits-all. It always considers each person's unique background, circumstances, and needs. Have you been thinking about investigating becoming Catholic but have not yet taken the step to email or call the parish? Now is the time to meet Mary to explore the possibilities and create a plan for you. Or perhaps you want to learn more about your spouse's faith. It's OK to "test the waters" by attending an Inquiry meeting or two to see what it's like. We meet every other Tuesday evening in a relaxed setting where you can ask all your questions without judgment or pressure to join the Church. Call or email Mary Huebner today for more information: (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Prepare the Way!

Today's readings tell us of John the Baptist and his call to repentance. The first reading foretells the coming of John the Baptist. The second reading encourages us to grow in holiness. And in the gospel, John the Baptist is baptizing people in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. As you prepare for Christ's coming, what areas of your life require transformation, and how can you actively work toward this change during Advent and beyond? How can you ensure that your journey of transformation and alignment with God's will extends beyond the Advent season into your everyday life?

Giving

Blood Drive Thank You!

Vitalant extends gratitude to all those who donated much-needed blood on Sunday, November 26. Forty donors gave 44 pints that will help the lives of 132 patients! Mark your calendars for our next drive on Sunday, June 2. Thank you!

Retirement for Religious

Give to those who have given a lifetime – nearly 25,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to this fund will make a profound difference by providing essential care, medicine, and other necessities. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help those who have given so much. Contact pam@padreserra.org. Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit www.retiredreligious.org

St. Vincent de Paul ~ December 12

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 on the second and fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm Carmel room. svdp@padreserra.org

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10:00 am

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4:00, 6:30, and 10:00 pm, in the church
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