



Parish Retreat

75 people spent the day diving into the Greatest Commandment to love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

Readings



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Dominic MacAller
PIANO

Dave Reynolds
GUITAR

Spring Concert

Sunday, April 28
3:00 pm, in the church

Join pianist Dominic MacAller and guitarist Dave Reynolds for music in varying styles by Bach, Carulli, Handel, Haydn, Metheny, Mays, and more.

Learn more at
www.padreserra.org/spring-concert



Celebrate Mom! Mother's Day Corsages

Preorder online today!
Pick up on May 11 and 12
after Mass in the courtyard

Beautiful orchid corsages are perfect gifts for your mother, grandma, or that special "mom" in your life, or donate a corsage to a mom in a local nursing facility!

Visit www.padreserra.org/mothers-day

Your purchase supports the life-giving work of Life Centers of Ventura County, our local pregnancy resource clinic that provides much needed help and support to parents as well as moms-to-be. \$5 each.



Mother's Day Novena

First Mass Saturday, May 11

Novena Cards will be available after April 26 in the church lobby for those who wish to enroll their mother, living or deceased. Please pick up an enrollment envelope and leave your offering.

Your mom will be prayed for in a community of love for nine consecutive Masses.

Questions: srlana@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/mothers-day

Need a gift idea
for your mom or wife?

Women's Silent Retreat

June 7 - 9

Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center Sierra Madre
Register in the courtyard May 11 - 12.

*The Crucified One Lives:
Finding Comfort in the Passion of Christ*

We will consider ways to find comfort in the Passion of Christ, which brings us closer to God, invites us to a deeper knowledge of ourselves, and impels us to respond to the needs of others.

Learn more and register online at
www.padreserra.org/retreats

GATHERING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name
 — Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.—

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
 It's time to sing Your song again.
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
 The end draws near, and my time has come;
 Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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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. —

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.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM


Psalm 22: I Will Praise You, Lord

Julie Smith & Tim Smith

Cantor I will praise you, Lord. *ALL:* I will praise you, Lord.
Cantor I will praise you, Lord, I will praise you, Lord,
Cantor in the as - sem - bly of the peo - ple, your peo - ple,
ALL: All in the as - sem - bly of the peo - ple, your peo - ple.
 2-3 to Verses Final
 peo - ple. peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord.

1. My vows I will make before the ones who fear the Lord. The poor shall eat and have their fill. They will serve the Lord, all who bless the Lord, hearts filled with joy and lasts forever.
2. Proclaim to a people who are yet to be born the justice, the faithfulness of God. My soul shall live for the Lord, my children will serve the Lord, faithful in ev'ry generation.

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Reading 1
 Acts 9:26:31

Reading 2
 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading
 John 15:1-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Paul Prochaska

REFRAIN

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in me as I remain in you,
says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me
will bear much fruit.

John 15:4a, 5b

INTERCESSION RESPONSE

Prayer of the Faithful

Donna Pena, Gather #349

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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 t' he body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

I Am the Vine

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Verses

1. If you love, then you must root your - self in me;
2. If you give, then you must give your - self to me;

to Refrain

1. For the branch will fail and die with-out the tree.
2. For the well will soon run dry with-out the sea.

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante”

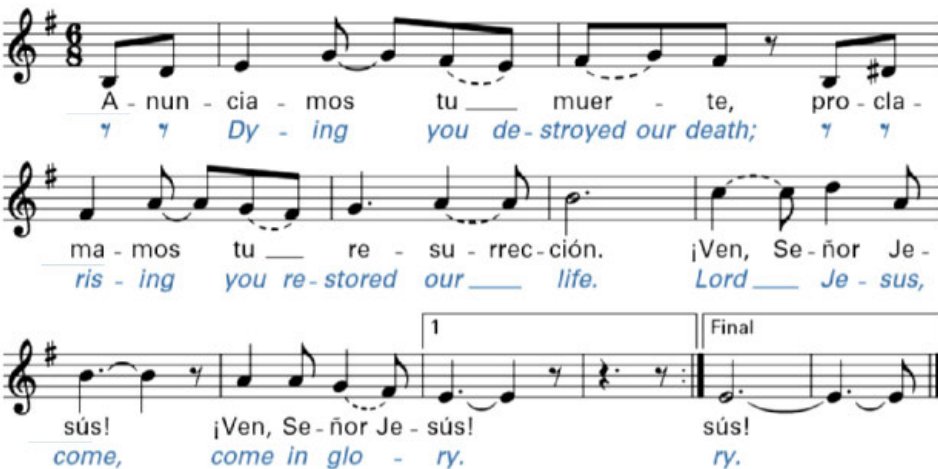
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Santo/Holy



(Bilingual) San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
(English) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Dios del u - ni - ver - so. Heav - en and earth are
God of pow'r and might.
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation B



A - nun - cia - mos tu muer - te, pro - cla -
Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death;
ma - mos tu re - su - rrec - ción. ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je -
ris - ing you re - stored our life. Lord Je - sus,
sús! ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je - sus! sú -
come, come in glo - ry. ry.



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Amen



A - mén, a - mén. A - mén,
a - mén. mén.

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Lamb of God (Mass of the Angels and Saints)

Steven Janco



Have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

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LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

COMMUNION SONGS

Come and Eat This Living Bread

Rob Glover, Gather #942

Come and eat this liv-ing bread, take and drink this wine.

Come be nour-ished, healed and fed, shaped in - to God's sign.

Gath-ered 'round as fam-i-ly, man-y are made one.

Form-ing love's com-mu-ni-ty, one we now be - come.

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Saint and sinner welcome in to this meal of harmony.
Lonely people, next of kin journey toward the glory tree.
Gathered strangers, scattered sheep, at this table all are fed.
Blood and body bonds run deep as your kingdom feast is spread.

May we see the Christ revealed in the breaking of the bread.
Living stories, holy meals, we become what we are fed.
Broken shattered, fragile life, now received by you and me.
Eating, drinking, joy and strife, Gospel living sets us free.

See the Christ in saddened sighs, blood poured out in every land.
Wounded people, wailing cries lie upon our outstretched hands.
Jesus is the way through death; truth beyond the present rage.
Life unfolding, healing breath now enfleshed in youth and age.

Bless us, Lord, and these your gifts, fruit of vine and human hands.
With our hearts and minds we lift all the goodness of these lands.
Praise and thanks we shout and sing, from your bounty we are blessed.
Joyfully all gifts we bring to receive our Lord and guest.

Death and life in water meet, drenching us in floods of light.
Marking us with oil so sweet, clothing us in glorious white.
Priest and prophet, spirit led, we are God's new living sign.
Feeding on this holy bread, drinking of this holy wine.

Witnessing to love and peace, hands of blessing we remain.
Helping fear and hate to cease, we bring forth God's wondrous reign.
Strength and power here we find, given in this kingdom feast.
We go forth to heal and sign everyone, both great and least.

If You Love Me

Curtis Young

Cantate Domino

(Sing to the Lord)

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni



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,

Make known God's name and live God's word,
Burn-ing with love and Spir-it-led,

Mir-ror God's love, re-flect God's grace Till
Sent to em-brace a world in need, To

all have seen the Sav-ior's face.
make God known in word and deed.

Called to the ones the world ignores –
Hungry and thirsty, weak and poor –
Let us bear Christ who heals all pain
And comforts those bowed down by shame.

So, with the cross to lead the way,
Let us go forth in peace today,
And to the ends of earth make known
The saving love our God has shown.

*Go in peace to
love and serve
the Lord!*

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God Loves Us

My mom loves her garden. For as long as I can remember and to this day you can find her in her garden clearing away weeds, removing withering or dying branches or pruning back flowers that have long since dried out. When she cannot be tending to her garden because of weather, wind, or illness she will be visibly sad. My mother has been known to water her flowers, while it is raining, in a thunderstorm. That's my mom, always loving her garden.

In this week's gospel, I am reminded of the love that God has for us and how He gently tends to the garden of our lives. As God cleans and prunes the branches to produce more fruit, we too must consider those items in our lives that may require a good cleaning or pruning? Are there things in your life that prevent you from spending quality time loving your family? Do you spend more time on devices than in conversation with others. Maybe, we do so much that we are not producing as well as we could.



Speaking from personal experience, we can sometimes resist the need for change. We want to hold tight to those things that we believe have some value or that satisfy a need we have. Our thoughts, beliefs, and human needs are not God's and when we put our faith in Jesus, He will provide the nourishment we need to look at those areas of our lives that require change and make those hard decisions. Change can be painful, but God meets us where we are. A good place to start is in prayer. How much time do you spend in the silent presence of God?

My mom sends me pictures of her flowers that have pushed through the winter's snow marking the beginning of spring. She sends me pictures of those flowers that have grown in abundance due to her tender care or those that have returned after a long absence. My mom loves her garden and I know God feels the same way about each of us.

Siempre Adelante,

Dave Gutierrez

Dave Gutierrez
Parishioner



Children

Age 12 months to Grade 8.

Stay and Play ~ April 28, June 2

Age 12 - 36 months. Mrs. Soraya and helpers will lovingly care for your little one while you go to 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. We gather in the Carmel rooms.



Little Church ~ April 28, June 2

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 program year are open; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Will you join us for the Summer?

**Stay & Play and Little Church:
We want to hear from you!**

Please scan the QR code and take 2 minutes to answer the Stay and Play and Little Church questionnaire.



Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ April 28

Offered during 11:00 am Mass. Grades 1 - 5. Children are invited to listen to the readings and Gospel, read and explained at their level. No preregistration is required. ***Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on break during the summer; we will resume in the fall.***

As always, we are in need of Leaders, especially as we wish to offer this ministry during the 9:00 am Mass, too. No experience is necessary. For more information, contact tere@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ April 29 and May 1

Grades 1 - 5. This week, children will learn about Jesus teaching us to "Love one another." We resume on April 8 and 10. For more information, contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ May 1

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week, kids will learn about Jesus, who is the Vine, and we are the branches. For more information, please get in touch with tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ May 1

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

Confirmation Y1

Weekly ministry has begun. If you have not yet signed up or need more information, please contact youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ April 28

We will gather for 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch in SJC. Another great session is planned; see you there. For more information, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More ~ May 2 and 16

We gather on the first and third Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. We do a Bible study on the first Thursday, and on the third Thursday, we play a game. See our Instagram [@pspyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/pspyoungadult) for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Seniors Adapted Exercise ~ May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

All seniors are invited to a weekly class of adaptive exercise that is gentle and easy, focuses on balance, involves using chairs for support, and alternates standing and sitting. Bring your own hand weights if you wish. Wednesdays, 8:45 - 9:30 am, Santa Barbara room. Call/text Marg (805) 405-9901. Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Come join us for an hour of prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the church. Madel filipinoministry@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/filipino-ministry

Centering Prayer ~ May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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 San Juan Bautista room. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377-0704, vpatv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Knitting & Crocheting ~ May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome; if you don't know how, we would love to teach you. Thursdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel rooms. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com; visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Writers Group ~ May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

Becoming Catholic

The Journey That We All Share

Anyone who asks about our faith can start the process of becoming a Catholic at any time. No one size fits all; every seeker is unique in their search for grace. For adults who want to complete their sacraments with Confirmation, contact confirmation@padreserra.org. For adults who seek the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, contact adultinitiation@padreserra.org. For children age 6 and older who have yet to be baptized, contact childreninitiation@padreserra.org. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

John 15:1-8 ~ I am the true vine

John uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches to illustrate the vital connection believers must maintain with Jesus. Just as branches can bear fruit only when attached to the vine, Christians can thrive spiritually only when they remain in Jesus. Reflect on the metaphor of the vine and the branches. How connected do you feel to God in your daily life? What practices help you remain connected? What might be some “pruning” you need to undergo to bear more fruit?

Giving

Together In Mission ~ Be Imitators of Christ

Goal: \$153,613

Year to Date: \$30,599 donated by 80 households

Gap: \$123,014

In our unwavering commitment to mirror Christ’s life, we strive to follow His example by serving our underserved parishes and schools. Your generous donations have been instrumental in providing vital assistance for our Catholic faith communities across our five regions: San Fernando, San Pedro, Santa Barbara, San Gabriel, and Our Lady of the Angels. Together, as ONE Catholic family, we can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters and be an imitator of Christ. If you have questions, please get in touch with pam@padreserra.org. Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

Safeguard the Children

Bullying and Disabilities

A child with a disability, such as hearing loss, language impairment, learning disabilities, or physical disabilities, is often at increased risk for bullying. Children who struggle to understand social cues or control impulsive physical behaviors are also at increased risk, as bullies may see this behavior as aggressive, prompting an aggressive response. Children with learning disabilities are also sometimes easy targets for theft and vandalism. In schools, teachers and volunteers should be aware of these extra risks and watch for red flags. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization” at <https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Disabilities-May-4-5.pdf>

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Julianne Ross Adriano, Leonila S. Adriano, Blanca Alegria de Rivera, Celia Arenas, John Baltiz, Bill Battocchio, Sharon Behnken, Gordy Brooks, Mary Butler, Reiner Cargando, Brian Carrigan, Natalie Carrigan, Ed DaCorsi, Chaz DeCoteau, Najee Ellis, Beverly Fecundo, Ben Fisco, Luke Flagg, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, George Ford, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Nayeli Guerrero, Jasna Haller, Debbie Heredia, Lisa Hiatt, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Joseph Kuiken, Amber Lewing, Matthew Lewing, Sheila Lewing-Floyd, Linda Lowe, Paul Mahlmann, Theresa Martin, Corrina Martinez, Joan McConnell, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Maria Luisa Mendoza, Trinidad Mendoza, Barbara Miller, Ron Mongeau, Sheila Montgomery, Mary Mullen, Manny Namoc, Diane Olsen, Hank Ornelaz, Georgia Oropeza, Lorna Pajo, Aline Papillon, Melanie Partow, Olivia Pedraza, John Pinzel, Susan Porteus, Dave Proett, Anne Purcell, Edward Quila, Pat Robinson, Mike Robles, Jorge Antonio Rodriguez, Raymond Sihler, Dorothy Simmons, Glenn Smith, Sr. Vickie Smurlo BVM, Denise Thisault, Sally-Ann Thomas, Karen Wahrenbrock, Sharon Williamson, Rita Wronkiewicz, Margaret Zier and Jerry Zins Sr. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Maureen Gaffney-Lerman, RIP

Bety Loza, RIP

Frank Pasini, RIP

Lilia Ponesa, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- Joyce Cattanach ~ May 18, 10:00 am

- Bob Foster ~ June 22, 10:00 am

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

In the Community

Eucharistic Revival ~ May 4

St. Julie Billiart parish invites you to view and discuss *Alive: The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist*, a box office hit film that shares compelling testimonies of men and women whose lives were transformed by the Eucharist. Sr. Nancy Usselman, FSP, who was part of the Alive project, will lead, speak, and facilitate Q&A. 2:00 - 4:30 pm, St. Julie Billiart Parish Center, Newbury Park. Free event. Visit stjulieschurch.org/revival

Healthcare Professionals Conference ~ May 22

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites healthcare professionals to the diocesan Catholic Healthcare ministry, including their spring conference, where recent survey results will be reviewed and discussed. Lunch included. 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, Alemany HS, Mission Hills. RSVP required; visit lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/catholic-healthcare. While there, learn more about the ministry, which includes spiritual reading groups, the annual Mass, retreats, and more. Questions: Ann Sanders asanders@la-archdiocese.org, (213) 637-7655.

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To commit to one hour, contact teresa@padreserra.org
www.padreserra.org/adoration





Learn CPR. Save a Life. CPR Class

Tuesday, April 30
5:30 – 9:00 pm
Carmel rooms

CPR and First Aid two year certification is offered for volunteers and parishioners through the American Heart Association (AHA).

\$65 per person. Class size limited. Please RSVP today, visit www.padreserra.org/cpr



*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted"*
Matthew 5:4



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Thursday, May 2 and 16
Morning session 10:00 am
Afternoon session 2:00 pm
San Fernando room

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support groups offer mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death.

Contact Betty Bright Martinez,
(805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com
To learn more, please visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement



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