

Dr. Paul Ford resumes his study and reflection of the upcoming Sunday readings to prepare, understand scripture, and embody Jesus through living the liturgy in our everyday relations and actions.

Questions: paulfford@stjohnsem.edu Recordings are also available at www.padreserra.org/bible-study



We are All Children of the One God



Fr. Jim Clarke, Ph.D. Wednesday, September 14 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center

When we are solidly grounded in our Catholic faith, we can certainly enhance our spirituality by connecting with other religions and philosophies.

But how do we do this? In this talk with Fr. Jim Clarke, we explore this necessary work in our divisive times.

No cost. For more information and to RSVP visit www.padreserra.org/children-of-god Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team





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Sunday September 11, 18, 25 after Mass in the courtyard

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

Come learn more about opportunities for you or someone you know to be nourished, supported, and give your time and talent.

Find all participating ministries at www.padreserra.org/ministry-fair Contact teresa@padreserra.org

Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples



GATHERING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

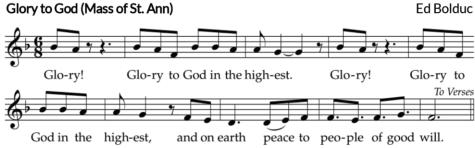
Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman



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.
- 3. 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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Sing like nev-er be-fore,

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.

Glory! Glory to God in the highest...

Reading 2 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Gospel Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

Reading 1

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68: God. In Your Goodness

Michel Guimont, Gather #1157



God, in your good-ness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing. O sing to God, make music to his name. The Lord is his name.

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place.

God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads forth prisoners forth into prosperity.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;

when your people languished, you restored their inheritance.

It was there that your flock began to dwell.

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, "Mass of a Joyful Heart"

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek



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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.

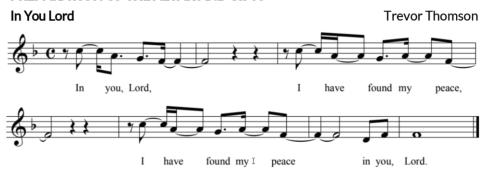
Amen.

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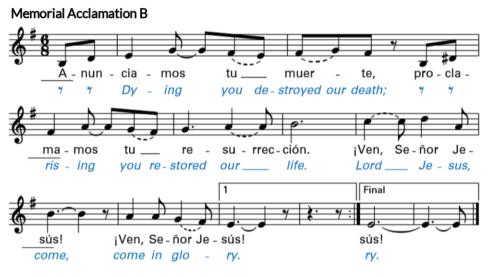
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₹ Bless'd is he who comes __

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

"Misa del Pueblo Immigrante" **Bob Hurd** Santo/Holy (Bilingual) San - to, san - to, san - to, Se - ñor, san - to es el (English) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly Lord, Heav en and earth u ni - ver - so. God of pow'r and might. full of your glo-ry. Но in the na san est. Ho - san en el lo. na Ho - san in the high na est. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el nom-bre del Se - ñor. Но



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Lamb of God Steven Janco, #388 "Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. **Have mercy on us.** (2x) Lamb of God.

you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace. **Grant us peace.**

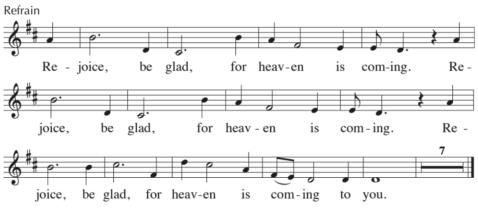
LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

COMMUNION SONGS

Blessed Are the Poor (Rejoice, Be Glad)

Adam M. L. Tice & Kate Williams

- Blessed are the poor the people who live in God's holy reign.
 Blessed are the sad, for comfort is yours through sorrow and pain.
 Blessed are the meek fr you will inherit what long was denied.
 Hungry, thirsty ones, your longing for justice will be satisfied.
- Blessed are the kind the merciful ones shall mercy receive.
 Blessed are the good your heart shall see God because you believe.
 Blessed children, come: grow peace for a planet still choking with hate.
 Persecuted ones, for you all the blessings of heaven await.
- 3. You are salt and light let earth taste and see God's glory revealed. Let your goodness shine; the lost are restored, the broken are healed. All will be fulfilled — the law and the prophets have shown us the way. Heaven comes to earth; rejoice and be glad for creation's new day.



Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b.1979 Tune: Kate Williams, b.1986 © 2021, GIA Publications, Inc.

We Are One Chris de Silva, #913

We are one, one in the body, one in the spirit of the Lord. Here we become food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty. At this table of love, by faith we are all made one.

Beyond the bread we break, we live the promise of new life. Beyond the cup we take, we share our lives with one another: Then we'll know the presence of God.

We are one...

As we receive your love, we look to give love in return, and we believe your love will change our hearts to end division: Then we'll know the presence of God.

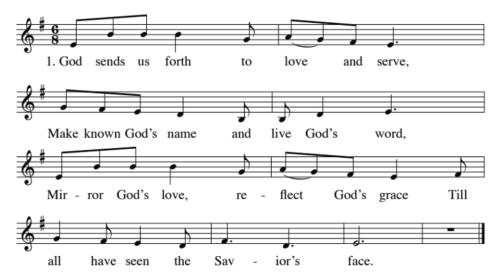
We are one...

Summoned as food for all, we take to gospel to the world. When we do good for all, we hear the call to choose compassion: Then we'll know the presence of God.

We are one...

SENDING FORTH

God Sends Us Forth



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Nourished by Christ, our Word and Bread, Burning with love and Spirit led, Send to embrace a world in need, To 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.



"Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins."

Our first reading has such a pithy ending, and is so pertinent for those of us who live in California. The double threat of wildfire and insufficient water constantly confront us. If only our careful husbanding of water in our homes, even if it's only a small portion of the overall water use in the state, could preserve us from wild fires into the future. But that's off message.

The real point here is the effect of water on burning flames, blotting out access to oxygen and extinguishing the fire, while dissipating its lingering heat. It's a lovely metaphor for the parallel effects of the generous support of the poor blotting out, literally wiping away our offenses. What a gift it is to have God's pardon. What could we possibly do to earn it?

In Sirach's time, sacrifices were possible if sins were committed unwittingly (Lev 4), but there was no confession or reconciliation, no rituals for the forgiveness of deliberate sin, except to stone the sinner. Even Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement (Lev 16), seems directed at ritual impurity, rather than moral offenses. So what is a poor sinner to do? – Well, give alms.

So, as we now have the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins, should we still give alms? Absolutely!

Many passages in the New Testament actively encourage almsgiving. When speaking on the value of doing good acts and praying in secret, Jesus simply presumes we are giving alms for the poor (Matt 6:2-4). When addressing the evils and bad inclinations that can pour forth from the heart, He directs us, "Give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you" (Luke 11:41). When encouraging us to rely with greater trust on God, He instructs us to sell our belongings "and give alms" (Luke 12:33). In Acts 10:2, Luke recounts for us a story about a good man, Cornelius, a Gentile who is judged devout and God-fearing, in part because of his generous distribution of alms (Acts 10:2). Later in Acts (24:17), Paul defends himself to the governor, Felix, detailing his motive for returning to Jerusalem, which was to bring alms.

There are so many ways to give alms. The parish's special collections all aim at the care of different poor

populations. Giving to the United Way also counts, as does supporting health care exploration – I'm thinking breast cancer research, in particular, but there are many other worthy efforts. Boys and Girls Clubs, scouting and youth sports are worthy recipients. And there is always our own St. Vincent de Paul Society and Many Meals to support. As always, be as generous as you are able!

Siempre adelante,

r. Patrick

Fr. Patrick Pastor

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Faith Formation Registration ~ Register today!

Online registration is open for programs for children preschool through grade 12. Register as early as possible to reserve your child's spot. Visit www.padreserra.org/registration



Little Church's Parent Orientation Meeting ~ September 11

Sunday Preschool Parent Orientation meeting will be on Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 am, in the Carmel room. Come see what Little Church is all about! Children must be registered to attend; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For information, contact Soraya soraya@padreserra.org

Three:Sixteen, Middle School Ministry's Kick-off \sim September 10

Kids entering grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join us. Make new friends or get reacquainted; we have many fun activities and games planned. Bring a friend! Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Cost: \$20.00. Contact Tere tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1

The weekly ministry continues during the summer; if you have not yet signed up for a ministry, contact youth@padreserra.org for a ministry assignment. Register online for the new program year at www.padreserra.org/registration

Youth Leadership

Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!

Peer Leaders ~ Tuesdays

Peer leaders help engage our youth and Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly Confirmation sessions, annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. We meet Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team, contact Martha youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More

We gather on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. On the first Thursday, we do a Bible study, and on the third Thursday, we play a game. See our Instagram @pspyoungadult or Facebook @PadreSerraYA for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Gospel Hangout ~ August 30, 31

Virtual hangout to read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus and his message are 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

Bereavement Support Group ~ September 1, 15

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support group offers mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407·3000, bettybright41@gmail.com, visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

Knitting Ministry ~ September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Writers Group ~ September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Conversational Spanish ~ Returns September 6

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community. We'll also learn about prayers, songs, and traditions in the Mexican Catholic culture. Tuesdays, 9:45 - 10:45 am, San Fernando room. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish

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 mary@padreserra.org. For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/rcia

Safeguard the Children

Meet all of your child's teachers this year

As children head back to school, parents should make every effort to meet the people their children will come in contact with — from their classroom teachers to those who teach special subjects like art, music, or other extracurriculars. Make the effort to have a face-to-face meeting with these people and know the school's policies on abuse prevention and awareness. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "Three Things that Simply Must Be Done," at lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Back-to-school



Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Luke 14:1, 7-14 ~ Give as God gives - in humility and love.

Today's gospel presents a scene with Jesus in the home of a Pharisee where he offers a parable warning against self-exaltation. This lesson comes soon after the disciples were reprimanded for vying for position. Jesus' words to the host point out that the kingdom is for everyone, and our hospitality is to embrace all, especially those who are overlooked. God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Looking ahead, who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Giving

Together in Mission "Forward with Faith" Update!

Goal: \$128,384

Year to Date: \$57,619 donated by 139 households

Gap: \$70,765 to reach our goal

Together we turn to Christ and gather as one family of faith to support our parishes and schools that face great challenges. Your generosity gives much-needed hope. Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

Mission Co-op Appeal Special Collection

Thank you to Fr. Pat Travers, SS.CC., who shared with us about the Tijuana Mission Outreach. We learned how this outreach in Tijuana is helping those in need by building homes, churches, classrooms, and community centers, providing food, first aid kits and clothing to the needy. Your gifts may be shared using the green Mission Co-op envelopes in the church lobby. Thank you for your generous consideration.

Stewardship Means Sharing

Give God the first serving, the first portion of our gifts. Giving is not based on the church's need for money, but on our need to give back to God as a way to say 'thank you.'



In the Community

Healing Weekend ~ September 9 - 11

Beginning Experience is for people who have suffered the loss of a spousal relationship through death, divorce, or separation. Trained facilitators accompany participants in taking steps toward a brighter, more hopeful future after the pain of loss. Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino. \$275/shared room. Contact: Maria (909) 592·0009, beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com

Golf Tournament ~ September 16

Santa Clara HS invites you to the Pat McCarthy Memorial Golf Tournament at Buenaventura Golf Course. Friday, 1:00 pm, start followed by dinner and awards at 5:30. Learn more: www.santaclarahighschool.com/golf

Prayer Life

Weekend Schedule

All liturgies are celebrated inside our beautiful parish church:

- Saturday, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, 7:30 am
- Sunday, 9:00 am
- Sunday, 11:00 am Livestreamed. Visit www.padreserra.org/mass

Reconciliation

• Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org, (805) 482·6417 x324

Weekday Mass

• Monday to Friday, 8:00 am

Pray for Our Sick

Mary Ahearn, Donald Butler, Mary Castillo, Tim Graf, Allen Hooper, Nick Hooper, Ethan Jordan, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Linda Lowe, Dave McDonnell, Ron Metoyer, Derrick Rosal, Juan Andres Sanchez, Louise Sconce, Dorothy Simmons, Bobby Stiles, Sue Wientjes, Cliff Williams and Patricia Zarate Macias. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Guy Papillon, RIP

May he enjoy peace in his life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

- Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org
- Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions
- Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime
 Bette (805) 482·0067 bette_church@hotmail.com
 Shirley (805) 482·2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com
 or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests
- Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer

Other Notes

Some Good News

- Over 150 people attended Cana in the Courtyard on August 5
- 19 people received the Covid-19 vaccine at our clinic on August 7
- 42 people attended the estate planning seminars on August 9



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Marthas & Matthews

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am

Do you appreciate a clean home? Do you wonder how our worship spaces stay so clean? Have you ever used a vacuum or dust rag around your home?

Congratulations! You have all that is necessary to join the Marthas & Matthews Ministry. We vacuum, dust, and tidy the church and chapel. No experience is needed. All equipment is provided. Many hands make light the work. Please consider lending a hand.

Contact Neil Kingsley neil@padreserra.org Visit www.padreserra.org/marthas-matthews



Conversational Spanish

Tuesdays 9:45 - 10:45 am San Fernando room

We gather to share faith, fun and Spanish. Come learn and practice Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and conversation to help you gain confidence and feel more comfortable in everyday situations. All levels are welcome.

Contact Patricia Guzmán, patty.g.q14@gmail.com www.padreserra.org/spanish



Hospitality Ministers Needed

Love your neighbor as yourself - Matthew 22:39

Ushers welcome us as we arrive to worship, help us find our way around the worship space and into comfortable seats, facilitate our processions (especially at Communion), and hand out worship aids and bulletins. They also help us be responsible stewards by taking up the collection at the liturgy.

We need people willing to serve at all Masses. To volunteer for this ministry of service, please contact Paul Collier (805) 233·2810, paul@padreserra.org or Jim Nichols (805) 657·4291, jim@padreserra.org

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