



Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 5, 2021 · SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith!

Drew Rochelle Brooks
Daughter of Richard Brooks
& Gloria Toraya

Shay Francis Brooks
Daughter of Richard Brooks
& Gloria Toraya

Miguel Angel Hernandez
Son of Pablo Hernandez
& Guadalupe Gamboa

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Daughter of Nickey
& Desiree Dioquino

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Son Edgar Juarez
& Mayra Nunez

Cesar Luis Morales
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& Melanie Banez

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Son of David Medina
& Patricia Salinas

Dylan Patrick Medina
Son of David Medina
& Patricia Salinas

Ava Grace Bachelor
Daughter of Keegan
& Ashley Bachelor

Dean Fitzgerald Almero Fernandez
Son of Don & Vera-Rose
Fernandez

Emerson Patricia Marien
Daughter of Matthew
& Heather Marien

Love

Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
Visit www.padreserra.org/advent



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8
7:00 pm
Livestreamed Mass
in the church

A holy day of...opportunity to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary who, by the grace of God, was born free of original sin, and kept free from sin her whole life. She was the first and most perfect disciple of Jesus, and is a model for all of us!
Ora pro nobis, Maria!




Advent Reconciliation Service

♪ Let every heart prepare him room ♪

Wednesday, December 15
7:00 - 8:00 pm, in the church

There will be hospitality at the bell tower after confession.

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.




Christmas Concert

Friday, December 17, 7:30 pm

\$15 reserved, \$10 general

Celebrate with Padre Serra choirs, instrumentalists and soloists as they bring you joyous music in the beautiful ambience of the church.

Ticket sales begin November 29.
Tickets will be available exclusively online at
www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert

Questions:
michelle@padreserra.org




Embracing Hope Writers Group Anthology

Available for purchase in the courtyard after Mass during Advent.

The Padre Serra Writers have published an anthology of their writing in time for Christmas. This beautiful book with a foreword by Father Patrick, is inspired by the parish mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe and looks to a positive future.

\$15 (\$25 for two or \$30 for three copies)

The Writers Group meets every Friday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando Room and always welcomes new people.

We gather. We pray. We write.
Visit www.padreserra.org/writers



GATHERING

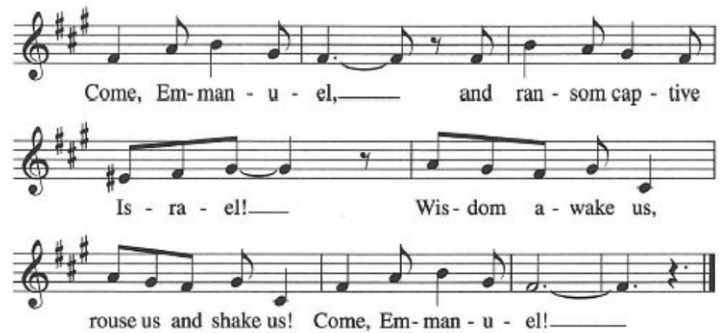
Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate

To a world awaiting the break of day, **Come, Emmanuel!**
 To a wand'ring people who've lost their way, **Come, Emmanuel!**
 Lord of heaven, yet Virgin's child, King by prophets foretold,
 To shepherds and wise men, to a manger of hay, **Come, Emmanuel!**

Only you can soften our hearts of stone! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 You are here among us, and yet unknown! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 In our des'late and weary land, come and bloom like a rose.
 As light in the darkness for the lost and alone, **Come, Emmanuel!**

All the deaf shall hear and the blind shall see! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 And the mute shall speak and the lame run free! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 Sun of Justice and Prince of Peace, you are light of the world,
 who was and who is, and who ever shall be! **Come, Emmanuel!**

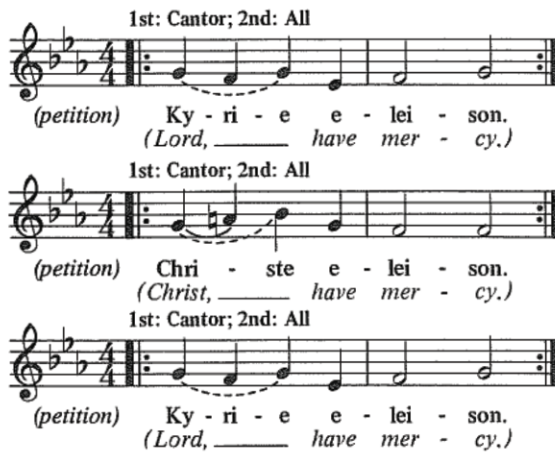


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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service

John Schiavone



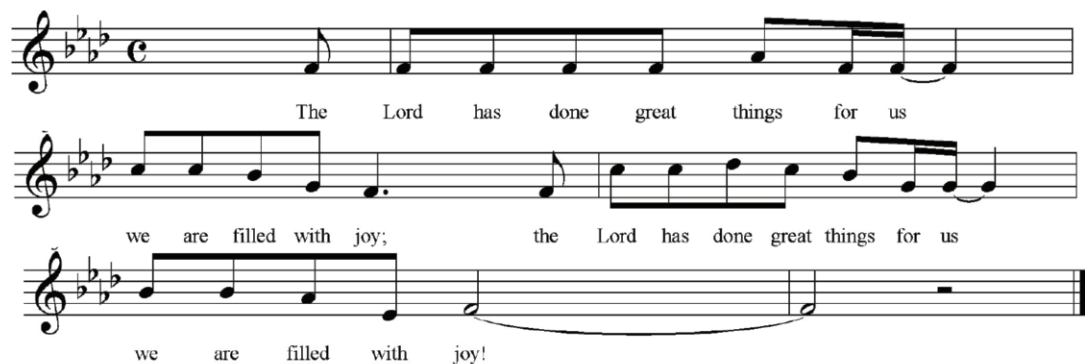
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126: Filled With Joy

Kathleen MacAller



1. When the Lord brought back the captives from Zion they were like those in dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, our tongue with rejoicing.
2. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.
3. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, With their sheaves, they'll come back rejoicing.

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Reading 1

Baruch 5:1-9

Reading 2

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

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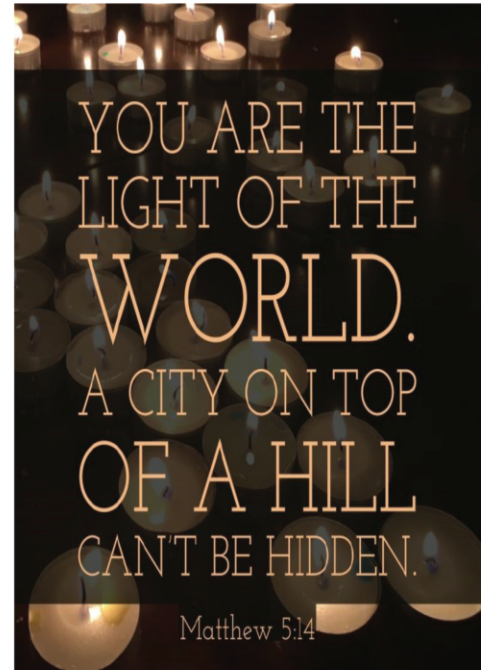
INTERCESSION RESPONSE

In Memory We Hold You

Bob Hurd

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Be the Light

Ed Bolduc

We are waiting in the darkness.
Our souls still long for the light.
Your very promise is a candle
that leads us through the night.

As we await the birth of Jesus,
help our busyness recede.
Turn our dark days into brightness;
peace and joy the gifts we need.

Be the light— shin - ing bright. Turn our nights back
in - to day. Be the peace we want to know.—
Son of God, — Love Di - vine,
come in - to our lives and be the light.—

Meek and humble we await you.
Our hearts are open, we long to receive.
Come, Lord Jesus, dwell among us.
Guide us in the lives we lead.

O come, O come Emmanuel,
the love of God Emmanuel.
Come, O come Emmanuel.
Our God is with us.

Be the light..

Be the light..

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

The Glendalough Mass

Liam Lawton

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Memorial Acclamation A

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

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Amen

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

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Lamb of God
 "Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Steven R. Janco, Gather #388

Cantor: Have mer - cy on us. *All:* Have mer - cy on us.
Cantor: Grant us peace. *All:* 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.



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

SENDING FORTH

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
 of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
 1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
 and read-y the way of the Lord.

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
 3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
 2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
 3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace
 and } read-y the way for you, Lord.
 as we }

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

Luke 3:4, 6



Joy

Dear Faith Family,

I always need reminders of what Christmas is about. Apparently I am a walking version of a “Charlie Brown Christmas.”

In the second week of Advent, the Gospel of Luke has no problem setting me straight. The author of the Gospel quotes the Old Testament Book of Isaiah and asks us to “prepare the way of the Lord.”

I feel like I write this often, but I feel like it’s a good reminder. When we experience all the good things during Christmas (family, gifts, Starbucks holiday line, etc.) it is to help us to truly prepare for our God coming again in glory. Joy might be the most appropriate response when we experience our loving God. We should prepare our souls to react in this way.

Subconsciously, the idea of the new heaven and the new earth can cause some apprehension. We’ve seen so many movies and heard many songs with themes of the end of the world. These things are meant to make us uneasy. The unknown can be terrifying. But to experience change with joy is truly how we are preparing during Advent.

While we may not know details, or when it will happen, we do know for certain that Christ will come again to make all things new, because He loves us.

During Christmas, we not only celebrate the Incarnation of our God (which bears extreme celebration), but we also prepare for our future celebration of the second coming of Christ. Sometimes I forget that this beautiful season is not just meant to celebrate the past, or to revel in the present joys in our lives, but this season also urges us to prepare ourselves for the joys of the future.

So yeah, Advent and Christmas is a big deal. There is a reason why millions of us travel just to spend time with family for Christmas. And I would say that when we immerse ourselves in the joys of family and friends, that it is actual preparation for our Lord coming again. If we really focus on why we celebrate, it will equip us to celebrate His second coming. Jesus coming home to us, again.

I know this week we aren’t wearing pink (I’m sorry, rose), but the joy of the season should be pursued throughout this time. Because of this, we are also responsible to help others who are struggling to experience this joy. Let’s be disciples and make disciples with the joy of the Incarnation and the future joy of our Lord coming again.

Happy Advent,



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ December 5, 12, 19

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Little Church has returned to in-person sessions on Sundays during the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Because of the pandemic, only children who are registered may participate. Limited spaces are available. Register today: www.padreserra.org/registration. Contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! Grades 1 - 5 ~ December 6, 8

This week children will learn, the Lord is near.

Three:Sixteen ~ Grades 6 - 8 ~ December 8

Middle School Ministry. This week children will participate in the Feast of The Immaculate Conception; this is a holy day of opportunity. We will gather in the church.

High School

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

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 5

This week teens will learn about the Gift of Right Judgment. Contact youth@padreserra.org for more information.

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Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship on most Wednesday nights. Teens make connections, share insights and concerns, and grow in faith. Ask brett@padreserra.org or follow us on [Instagram](#).

Adults

Little Blue Books for Advent ~ Available Now

Little Books are beautiful daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons designed to be insightful, inspiring, simple, and easy to read. Suggested donation of \$2 each, available in the church and office.

Bible Faith Share ~ December 6, 13, 20

A study of the previous Sunday's readings. Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, Carmel room. Masks required. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com

Divorce Support ~ December 7, 21

We offer a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with severe changes, or through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, online. Contact Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

Meditative Movement Ministry ~ December 7, 9

Join instructor Sheila Montgomery for an hour of prayerful, meditative movement using the practices of Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Yoga on Thursdays. Tai Chi is \$5, and Yoga is \$10. Both classes are 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Serra Center. Masks required.

Senior Exercise ~ December 8, 15, 22, 29

All adults are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class from 8:45 - 9:30 am, San Miguel room. Masks required. Marg (805) 405-9901.

Centering Prayer ~ December 8, 15, 22, 29

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a method of contemplative, silent prayer that opens us up 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. Questions: Vivian Patrick (805) 377-0704, vpatv@outlook.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 8, 15, 22, 29

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Due to the holy day 12/8 and penance service 12/15, we will meet from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the San Fernando room. Then return to our normal time and location: 6:30 - 7:30 pm, in the church. Contact Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

Knitting Ministry ~ December 9, 16

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

Ladies Night Out ~ December 15

Lemons on the Loose is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand. 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center. Masks required. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com

Women's Spirituality Group ~ December 20

Seeds of Faith, our women's faith sharing group, invites you to a special gathering for some Christmas cheer, sharing of traditions, and to learn more about our next series beginning in January. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Masks required. Contact Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com

Becoming Catholic

Dismissal of the Catechumens

Every Sunday at 9:00 am Mass, a group of children, teens, and adults are called forward to the presiding priest's chair after the homily. These are our catechumens, those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They are sent forth from the church as the assembly sings, "May the word of God strengthen you ..." They follow the Book of the Gospels, held high by a catechist, to small meeting rooms (one for the adults, another for the children) to reflect more deeply on the readings they have just heard. They talk about the significance of the scriptures, especially the Gospel, in their own lives. It is an encounter with Jesus, and they are strengthening their resolve to live as his disciples. Please pray for our six catechumens as they journey toward the sacraments. If you would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

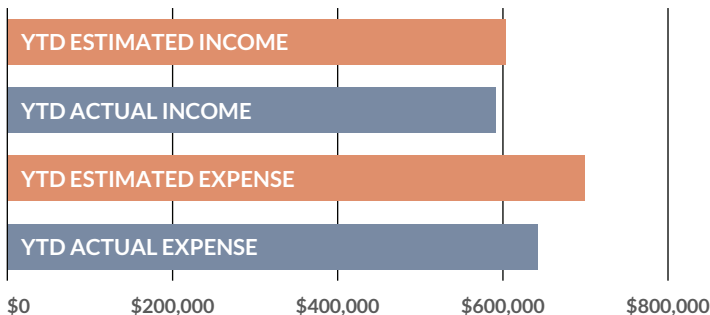
In the Community

A Year of Jubilee: Regional Mass ~ December 19

Archbishop Gomez and Bishop Barron invite you for a procession, Mass, and reception to commemorate Mission Basilica San Buenaventura and the diocesan jubilee year, beginning at 5:00 pm at the Chumash Hutash site. Learn more: www.forwardinmission.com

Giving

Fiscal Snapshot (October 2021)



All Creation Belongs to God

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



In the Courtyard

Poinsettia Pick Up ~ Today

Embracing Hope: Writers Group Anthology

See page 2

Other Notes



Phishing Alert

Fraudulent emails and texts are being sent by scammers posing as Fr. Patrick. Perpetrators use various techniques to gain your trust and may provide specific instructions, which, if followed, could result in monetary loss. Do Not Become a Victim. Fr. Patrick, or any other member of Padre Serra Parish, will never request money from any parishioner by email or text. Please do not email or text with these individuals, divulge any personal information, or provide money/credit card/gift card payments. When in doubt, contact us to authenticate the text message. Please forward any questionable emails/text screenshots claiming to be from Fr. Patrick to gaby@padreserra.org Visit www.padreserra.org/news/scams

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 3:1-6 ~ Preparing the way

In today's gospel, Luke sets the story of Jesus in historical context for his Gentile audience by listing the important figures of the time. At the end of the list, he concentrates on John the Baptist, who preaches the arrival of God's salvation in Jesus. He was a herald, preparing the way for Jesus. How can you "prepare the way of the Lord" in your own heart and for your household or family?

Prayer Life

Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, 7:30 am Mass in the church
- Sunday, 9:00 am Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, 11:00 am Mass in the church and livestreamed

Reconciliation

- Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org (805) 482-6417 x324

Weekday Mass

- Monday to Friday, 8:00 am in the church

Pray for Our Sick

Bob Alexander, Michelle Alexander, Kevin Benn, Rich Bergman, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Pearl Canon, Maeve Castillo-Reyes, Maria Castillo-Reyes, Thomas Collins, Morton Cook, Wyatt Davis, Roy Farmer, Toni Farmer, Jeanne Gaffney, Frances Garcia, Sharon Garcia, Esper Divina Gracia, Tim Graf, Jun Grey, Eugene Hatton, Jennifer Henderson, Tina Herford, Salvador Jimenez, Edna Jost, Tom Keens, Shirley Koval, Tom McAleer, Chuck Menerey Sr., Sheila Montgomery, Minerva Ortiz, Chuck Purcell, Dorothy Reason, Cristina Reyes, Esther Reyes, Lolita Reyes, Hilda Soller, Jeannie Wilkes and Kylie Wilson. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:
Henry Flores, 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
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or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests
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Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 12
12:00 pm
Serra Center Patio

Come enjoy tacos and music on the lawn to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, who appeared here on our continent. She is our Lady, our Madonna.

Learn more and RSVP at
www.padreserra.org/guadalupe



See's Candies

December 12, 19
In the courtyard

Double your giving this season! Your See's Candies purchase for friends, family, and coworkers will benefit the good work of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Visit them in the courtyard after Mass today!




Camarillo Catholic Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 15
11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Serra Center

Celebrate the joyous season with friends, enjoying a catered meal, 50/50 raffle, and musical entertainment!

Tickets are \$25/person (includes meal and one glass of wine). Available in the parish office or in courtyard December 5.

The deadline is December 8.

Contact teresa@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors



Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 18
4:00 pm, Mass

All are invited to this celebration of preparing our hearts, minds and lives to welcome and receive Jesus at Christmas.

Learn more about Simbang Gabi at
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