

Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 26, 2021 · FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH





New Year's Day
The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Saturday, January 1
10:00 am, Mass

Begin the New Year celebrating Mass. It is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the World Day of Peace, and the first day of New Year's resolutions. Visit www.padreserra.org/new-year





Military Family Ministry

We accompany active duty members, reserve military members and your families for as long as you're here. Our ministers will welcome you, help you connect with the parish and ministries, discern any particular needs, support your family while you're here or deployed, and be of assistance in any way possible.

If you're an active or reserve member of any branch of the military, we'd love to meet you and your family.


Contact Dave Gutierrez at militaryministry@padreserra.org

Blood Drive
Sunday, January 9
8:30 am - 1:45 pm
Serra Center
You can save a life!

There is a critical blood shortage, but you can help by donating blood at our next drive.

Register at www.padreserra.org/blood-drive




Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

Mass Times
Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours
Sunday - Friday, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday, 2:00 - 9:00 pm

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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GATHERING

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

*Adéste fídeles, laeti triumphántes,
Venite, venite in Bétlehem.
Natum vidéte Regem angelórum.
Venite, adorémus, venite, adorémus,
venite adorémus Dóminum.*



Joy to the world



Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)

Ed Bolduc

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

To Verses

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.
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
Amen.**

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Gather #439

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gather #430

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.

Christmas Readings

Reading 1

Isaiah 62:11-12

Reading 2

Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Holy Family Readings

Reading 1

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading 2

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Ps 96: Today Is Born Our Savior C. Browning & R. Hermann

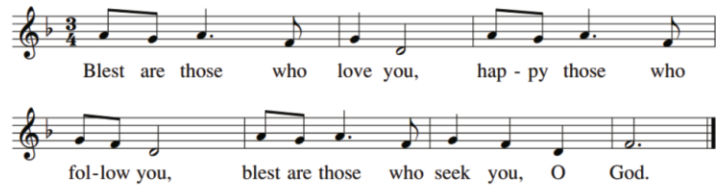


Sing to the Lord; sing a new song! Day after day, announce salvation.
Sing to the Lord, all you lands. Tell of God's power and might.
Sing to the Lord, sing a new song! To all the nations, all Gods people.
Sing to the Lord, bless God's name. Tell of God's wonderful deeds.

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice.
Let the sea and what fills it resound.
Let the fields be joyful and all therein.
The trees of the forest sing for joy!

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Ps 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You Marty Haugen



Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
You will find what you long for: the riches of our God.
Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life, may the
peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Text: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 5; Marty Haugen
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Jubilation Mass" James Chepponis



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love" arr. Carol Browning

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

O Little Town of Bethlehem Gather #446

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

GLORY to God
in the highest
and on earth
Peace to those
on whom his
favor rests.



Luke 2:14

What Child Is This Gather #466

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him,
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Mass of Creation"

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gather #198

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

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Invitation to Communion

Priest: *Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

ALL:
 Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION SONGS

Silent Night

Gather #441

1. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, All is calm,
 2. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, Shep-herds quake
 3. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, Son of God,
 all is bright Round yon Vir-gin Moth-er and Child,
 at the sight; Glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far,
 love's pure light Ra-diant beams from thy ho-ly face,
 Ho-ly In-fant so ten-der and mild, Sleep in heav-en-ly
 Heav'n-ly hosts sing al-le-lu-ia; Christ, the Sav-ior, is
 With the dawn of re-deem-ing grace, Je-sus, Lord, at thy
 peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav-ior, is born!
 birth, Je-sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
 Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

Memorial Acclamation A

Gather #199

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

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Amen

Gather #202

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

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Lamb of God

Gather #204

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
Assembly:
 world, have mer-cy on us.
To repeat
 world, have mer-cy on us.
Last time
 world, grant us peace.

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Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor, Gather #442

1. Cold are the peo-ple, win-ter of life, We
 2. Voice in the dis-tance, call in the night, On
 3. Spir-it a-mong us, shine like the star, Your
 trem-ble in shad-ows this cold end-less night,
 wind you en-fold us, you speak of the light,
 light that guides shep-herds and kings from a-far,
 Fro-zen in the snow lie ros-es sleep-ing,
 Gen-tle on the ear you whis-per soft-ly,
 Shim-mer in the sky so emp-ty, lone-ly,
 Flow-ers that will ech-o the sun-rise,
 Ru-mors of a dawn so em-brac-ing,
 Ris-ing in the warmth of your Son's love,
 Fire of hope is our on-ly warmth,
 Breath-less love a-waits dark-ened souls,
 Star un-know-ing of night and day,
 Wea-ry, its flame will be dy-ing soon.
 Soon will we know of the morn-ing.
 Spir-it we wait for your lov-ing Son.

Text: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
 Tune: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
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It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Gather #433

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing.
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

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.

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. 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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Let the peace of *Christ* control your hearts: Let the word of *Christ* dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:15a, 16a

SENDING FORTH**Joy to the World**

Gather #437

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

Gather #424

Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Were they perfect? Must we be?

Dear Friends,

Today, with all the sounds, sights, smells and tastes of Christmas fresh in our minds, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and well we should. Never has there been such a family where dad is a saint (but he did consider divorce), mom is the (unwed) mother of God, and Jesus – well, he is divine (and an illegitimate child by the human standards of the time). The scriptures tell us that Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor. Today's Gospel tells us of the wrenching experience for Mary and Joseph of discovering that their precious boy has somehow gone missing on the trip back from Passover in Jerusalem. They find him in the temple back in Jerusalem after searching for an entire day among their relatives and acquaintances and three more days in Jerusalem. Can you imagine their anxiety? And Jesus response to them seems markedly un-apologetic (though the Gospel also says that he went with them back to Nazareth and was obedient).

I think most of us have heard something like “God writes straight with crooked lines.” That idea is often (rightly, I think) invoked as reassurance that our weakness, lack of courage, and sinfulness will not ultimately frustrate God's loving plan. But I also think it can help us get a more balanced view of the Holy Family when we think about Jesus' human ancestry. [See the beginning of Matthew's gospel](#). Jesus' human forbears included wonderful people, but also included ordinary people, and some bad people: thieves, adulterers, murderers, and the like. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, writing about Jesus and the Holy Family as an example of God writing straight with crooked lines, quotes theologian Raymond Brown:

“The God who wrote the beginnings with crooked lines also writes the sequence with crooked lines, and some of those lines are our own lives and witness. A God who did not hesitate to use the scheming as well as the noble, the impure as well as the pure, men to whom the world harkened and women upon whom the world frowned – this God continues to work through the same mélange. If it is a challenge to recognize in the last part of Matthew's genealogy that totally unknown people were part of the story of Jesus Christ, it may be a greater challenge to recognize that the unknown characters of today are an essential part of the sequence.”

So I'd like to suggest that on this Feast, we find encouragement and the inspiration, perhaps, to re-commit ourselves to our baptismal promises, conscious that not only can God save humanity in spite of all our imperfections, but that God can – and will – create something new and beautiful. Even with us. Even in our families with all of their beauty and all of their ... everything else. For a long time, it has been Catholic church teaching that we are all called to holiness, nothing less. The call is universal and the call is irrevocable. No one is exempt, no matter how humble or exalted they may be. It's rooted in our baptism and in the Paschal Mystery that we celebrate at every Mass.

So instead of seeing the Holy Family as something ideal to gaze upon from afar, something we can never aspire to, let's instead take courage and ask them to guide us on the path that ultimately leads us to a part of the eternal whole that is God, all of us, together.

Siempre adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Worship Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Happy New Year! No sessions this week, we resume on January 9. Because of the pandemic, only children who are registered may participate. Register today: www.padreserra.org/registration. Contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark!

Grades 1 - 5. Happy New Year! No sessions this week, we resume sessions on January 3 and 5. Share with us your pictures of how you live your faith at home. tere@padreserra.org

Three:Sixteen

Grades 6 - 8. Happy New Year! No sessions this week, we resume sessions on January 5. Share with us your pictures of how you live your faith at home. tere@padreserra.org

Living Faith

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home with your children this Christmas season. Send your pics to photo@padreserra.org



High School

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

Confirmation Y1

Happy New Year! No sessions this week, we resume on January 9. Share with us your pictures of how you live your faith at home. tere@padreserra.org

4:12

Happy New Year! Join Brett and peer leaders, January 5 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](https://www.instagram.com/).

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More

We gather 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](https://www.instagram.com/pspyoungadult/) or Facebook [@PadreSerraYA](https://www.facebook.com/PadreSerraYA/) for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Little Blue Books for Christmas

Did you know the Little Blue Books include the Christmas season? The busyness and rush have subsided so take these next 15 days to sit in quiet reflection with Emmanuel. Available in the church and office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 29

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, in the church. Masks required. Contact Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

Illuman ~ December 29

Illuman is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality, and help guys become better, more authentic men. Last Wednesday, 7:00 pm. San Miguel room. Masks required. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

Knitting Ministry ~ December 30

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

Winter Bible Study ~ Begins January 3

Facilitated by Rita DaCorsi, this multi-parish 11-week Bible study will focus on Mary, with two ways to participate:

In person: Mondays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Paschal Baylon (Thousand Oaks). January 3 - March 14

Virtual: Wednesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm via Zoom. January 5 - March 16

Questions/register: ritadacorsi@yahoo.com

Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ January 4, 11, 18, 25

We're back in person for Dr. Paul Ford's weekly reflection and study of the Sunday scriptures, which helps us better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. Resource books available for purchase or bring your Bible or smart device. Tuesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am, Serra Center. Masks required.

Becoming Catholic

Adult Confirmation Course Begins January 6

Classes for adults seeking the sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Thursday, Jan. 6. Classes will continue every Thursday evening, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, through the end of May. This course is for baptized Catholics who have already received First Holy Communion. For more information and to register, please contact Catherine Shaddock at (805) 482-6417 ext 331 or catherine@padreserra.org; or contact Martha Rodriguez at martha@padreserra.org

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 2:41-52 ~ Young Jesus in the Temple

In today's gospel, the Holy Family is on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, one of the high feast days on which devout Jews came to the temple to celebrate. Luke stresses in the story of Jesus in the temple that even Jesus' parents only come to know Jesus' divinity and his connection to his heavenly Father, through the gift of faith. What can you learn from the children, teens, and young adults in your family? How do they speak the message of faith to you?

Giving

Together in Mission Update

Goal: \$139,726

Year to Date: \$84,350 donated by 205 households

Gap: \$55,376 to reach our goal

Together in Mission, the archdiocesan annual appeal, is an opportunity for us to make a sustainable commitment to parishes in need. We believe in the hope that will be given through classrooms, from pulpits, on the streets, and the blessed sacraments. Envelopes are in the church lobby or visit 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.



Safeguard the Children

Tips to Get Your Children Talking About Their Days

Ever been met with silence when you ask, "How was your day?" Your communication efforts with your children, especially school-age children, may need some tweaking. Try asking concrete questions, like "Who did you sit next to at lunch?" or, "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?" If your child is struggling with sharing their emotions, it might be helpful to ask about other feelings you see around you. Find opportunities to get children talking about how they feel by focusing on other people: "Why do you think that girl and her dad are hugging? What made that boy on the playground mad earlier?" You may be surprised by the results! For more tips, read the VIRTUS® article "Communicating with School-Age Children" at www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=849

Other Notes

Holiday Office Schedule

Closed: December 26 - 28, January 1 - 3

Open: December 29, 30 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, December 31 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gluten-Free

If you are having problems with gluten that are affecting your ability to receive the Body of Christ in Communion, contact Jane (805) 482-6417 x320 or jane@padreserra.org and give her your name, and the Mass you usually attend.

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

Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Elsa Casillas, Brianna Castillo, Thomas Collins, Wyatt Davis, Jeanne Gaffney, Frances Garcia, Sharon Garcia, Tim Graf, Jennifer Henderson, Tina Herford, Tom Keens, Chuck Menerey Sr., Sheila Montgomery, Chuck Purcell, Dorothy Reason, Eric Salas, Jeannie Wilkes and Kylie Wilson.
(Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

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

Julita G. Gonzales, RIP

Elsa Hocson, RIP

Bibiana Rodrigo Magsambol, RIP

Reinfrido Nepomuceno, RIP

Jose Rivas, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their 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

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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

In the Community

Nun Run ~ February 5

Sisters of Notre Dame and La Reina High School & Middle School invite runners and walkers of all ages and ability levels to their Nun Run 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run. Registration includes 5K chip timing, race medals for all finishers, and a post-race pancake breakfast. The day will feature a community service fair of non-profits from Ventura and Los Angeles counties who will share their organizations' mission, programs and volunteer opportunities. Proceeds will support the spiritual, educational and social outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame, locally and around the world. Visit: nun.run or Jen Coito jcoito@sndusa.org

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2 Meanings for CMB: names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and
Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for *May Christ Bless this House*

The + signs represent the cross

- Gather all in the household at the front door.
- Read an Epiphany scripture passage (Is 60:1-6, Ps 72, Mt 2:1-12, or Rev 21:22-26)
- Pray: “Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Chalk the door, door frame, or plaque with 20+C+M+B+21
- Pray the Our Father
- Sing an Epiphany song