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DECEMBER 11, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Joy
We are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.
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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tomorrow, Monday, December 12
4:30 pm

Join us for a prayer service in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Begins with the Danza Guadalupana (Matachines). We will conclude the novena and retell the story of her apparitions to San Juan Diego. There will be tamales, sweet bread, 'champurrado' (hot chocolate), and crafts for kids! For more info and to RSVP visit www.padreserra.org/guadalupe



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



Advent Bring a Friend!

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

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

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

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

www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic



Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 14
7:00 pm, in the church
Hospitality at the courtyard following confession.

Let every heart prepare him room!

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 & Dinner

This Friday, December 16!

Dinner 6:00 pm, Concert 7:30 pm

Concert: Reserved Seat \$15, General \$11

Visit www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert

Kindle your Christmas spirit with a festive meal in the Serra center followed by a joyous music in our beautiful church.



Program: Scan the QR code to access it.



GATHERING

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way

1 of the Lord. 2 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,
1. 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
2. and read-y the way for you, Lord.
3. as we

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service John Schiavone

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
(Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.
(Christ, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
(Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

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Reading 1

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Reading 2

James 5:7-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Timothy Smith

Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

1. The Lord is faithful forever,
giving justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.
The Lord frees all the captives.
2. The Lord restores the blinded
and straightens those bowed low.
The Lord protects the stranger;
the Lord loves the just.
3. The Lord guards widows and orphans,
but the way of the wicked he blocks.
The Lord shall reign forever,
for every generation.

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The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me
because he
has anointed me
to bring
glad tidings
to the poor.

Isaiah 61:1

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd



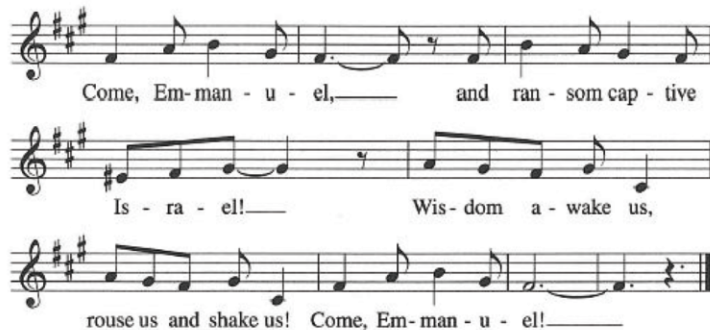
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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light & Paul 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!**
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!**
Come, Emmanuel...

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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

“Mass of the Incarnate Word”
Holy, Holy, Holy

Bob Hurd

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

Memorial Acclamation

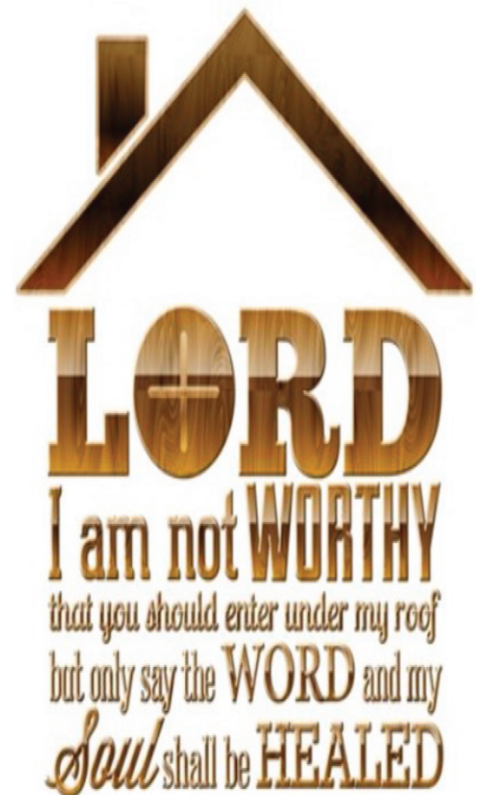
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us.
Final
world, grant us peace.



COMMUNION SONGS**Jesus, Hope of the World**

Refrain

Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our
dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.
Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:
Je-sus, hope of the world.

Deanna Light & Paul Tate, Gather #909

Verses

2 *All:*
Come, Lord Je-sus!

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Gaudete!

There Is a Longing

Anne Quigley

Refrain

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your-self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for
love we on-ly find in you, our God.

Verses

1. For jus-tice,

For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.
For wisdom, for courage,
For comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.
For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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SENDING FORTH**O, How I Long to See**

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN:

O, how I long to see your day of
glo-ry dawn-ing, when you will
wash a-way ev-'ry tear.

O, how long, how long will it take
'til the lion lie down with the lamb?
'Til we turn our swords into plowshares,
and peace like a river flows over the land?
In your death, you ended our dying;
in rising you brought us new life.
Quickly come in glory O Lord,
raise up your people to justice and right.
We who share the bread of this table
await the return of the Lord.
May he find us faithful and true,
watchful and ready to open the door.

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Courage + Patience + Faith = Hope

Dear friends on the journey,

Each of today's readings offer words of comfort. Isaiah's message is "courage, do not be afraid." In the second reading, James encourages us to "be patient, do not lose heart." In the gospel, Jesus' message to John the Baptist is "happy the person who does not lose faith in me."

Sitting in a dark prison awaiting death, John must have felt hopeless, his faith tested. Surely Jesus' words brought him comfort and strength. Well they're meant for us today too and we need to soak them in.

Throughout our life, we find ourselves in dark places when we experience personal crises like serious illness, death, addiction, or family discord. Perhaps the crises are not ours personally but are happening around us. I have been deeply saddened lately by news of the sudden death of a 35-year-old woman, a toddler hospitalized with pneumonia, RSV and influenza affecting babies and the elderly and everyone in between, and a longtime friend just diagnosed with a brain tumor. In these moments, we have Isaiah's words: *have courage, do not be afraid*. There is hope.

The news is filled with stories of continued senseless violence, anti-Semitism, racism, political division, war in Ukraine, natural disasters and we feel powerless and wonder if this world will ever experience true peace. Many of us worry about our children, especially in their adulthood, and their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. In these situations, we can look to James' comforting words: *be patient, do not lose heart*. There is hope.

We can be the most faith confident people, working hard, doing our best only to be sideswiped by unemployment, car trouble, and unexpected expenses. Throw in the added stress and work of the holidays, as joyous as they are. Feeling overwhelmed and unable to cope we can wonder why God let us down and doubt his love for us and even his existence. In these times we can look to the gospel message: *happy the person who does not lose faith in me*. There is hope.

This hope is Jesus. In the Old Testament, God promised a savior. God delivered that savior in the person of Jesus. Jesus conquered death through resurrection, allowing us eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. This is hope. In these dark places of fear, overwhelm, and doubt, we have only to look back in salvation history to see that courage, patience, and faith have always conquered darkness. This is hope that struggle does not last forever, that good will always come again.

This Christmas we celebrate the Jesus of history, the Jesus who is present in us and to us today, and the Jesus who will come again. This gives me great hope. How about you?

Siempre Adelante,



Teresa Runyon
Pastoral Associate



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ December 11, 18

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. Super fun to make friends and be at Church on Sundays! Children must be registered to attend; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ December 11, January 15, 21

Grades 1 - 5. Children at the 11:00 am Mass are invited to hear the readings and reflection at their level. No registration is required. Parents consider joining this ministry and leading a session. Please contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ December 14

Grades 1 - 5. This week's curriculum event for all Spark! groups is the Family Dinner and Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 14. For more information, please contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ December 14

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week families are invited to participate in the Advent Penance Service on December 14, 7:00 pm in the Church. Sessions resume on December 21. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ November 30

High school teens, join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 pm in San Juan Capistrano room. youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 14

This week teens will learn about the Gift of Wonder and Awe. We meet at the 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch and sessions in the Serra Center. For more info, youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2

The weekly ministry has begun, be sure to sign in every time. If you have not gotten started yet, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More ~ December 15

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

Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ December 12, 19

In-person faith sharing group, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Gospel Hangout ~ December 13, 14

Come hang out (virtually) as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus is intersecting with our lives at this moment. 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 ~ December 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 & Crocheting ~ December 15, 22, 29

You are welcome to join us for conversation and socialize while engaging in our favorite pastime/hobby. If you don't know how we'd love to teach you. This holiday season, we are working on hats and scarves to donate to one of our favorite charities, RAIN. Please stop in to see what we are doing any Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel room. Contact: Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com

PAX Christi ~ December 15

Grounded in the gospel and Catholic social teaching, our PAX Christi ministry seeks to model Christ's peace in our witness to nonviolence through prayer, study, and action rooted in justice for the common good of all God's children. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. Gary gfreeberg@gmail.com.

Seeds of Faith ~ December 19

SEEDS (Sisters ~ Embracing ~ Enlightening ~ Daughters of Faith) is a monthly evening of spirituality for women who want to grow deeper in faith and affirm our mission and worth as God's daughters and Jesus' disciples. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Healing from Divorce ~ December 20

Our healing from divorce support group offers 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, Zoom. Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

Ladies' Night Out ~ December 21

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

Adults

Pastoral Care

We care about you. Pastoral Care is available with Teresa Runyon, Faith Life Minister. She will work with you to help discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy, and other resources, including therapists and local support groups. Contact Teresa teresa@padreserra.org

Giving

Retirement for Religious

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Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Rene Marion Cinque

Julie Cinque Land

Welcome!

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

- Oscar Valles
- Alyssa Valles
- Jordan Gonzalez
- Amaya Valles
- Kaiya Valles
- Julio Rocha
- Marlene Rocha
- Bri Ryder Rocha
- Noe Rocha
- Julio J. Rocha
- Deirdre McDermott
- Jennifer Macias
- Vic Briones
- Juliza Ramirez
- Elaine McCaslin
- Phan Nguyen
- Thu Nguyen

If you are not yet registered or have moved, dropped your landline, added a cellphone or email, or have adult children who have moved out, please keep us updated. If you live alone, provide us with an emergency contact. Contact Mary (805) 482-6417 x321 or mary@padreserra.org

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 11:2-11 ~ Radical Transformation

In today's gospel, John points out the difference between his ministry and that of Jesus. Both proclaim that the kingdom/reign of God is right at hand. But only Jesus can bring radical transformation to the hearts and lives of his disciples. Only he can give us, by baptism, the power of his Spirit. How has Jesus already healed and empowered you? What within you is making you still resist the Spirit's transforming power? To whom is Jesus sending you to be the messenger of good news and transformation?

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

Pray for Our Sick

Mike Acosta, Bob Amantia, Olga Arellano, Nancy Brooks Smalle, Mary Butler, Greg Cannon, Michael J. Dilley, Ben Fisco, Alice Fisher, Asher Flores, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Letitia Heiter, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Baby Lucia Lalieu, Doreen Learned, Mark Maidel, Earlene McCormick, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Mary Mullen, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrietta, Donna O'Neil, Sister Carol Quinlivan, Alice Redondo, Juan Andres Sanchez, Dorothy Simmons, Ken Solovy and Melissa Yeager. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Dave Bannatz, RIP Theresa Kaiser, RIP
Richard Dunlap, RIP Ted Maggay Jr., 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
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

In the Courtyard

Writers Group Anthologies ~ Today

Our Writers Group Anthologies make lovely Christmas gifts and are on sale in the courtyard this Sunday morning. Get your copy, meet our writers, and learn more about the ministry. 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

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Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 17
5:00 pm Mass
Followed by Dinner in the Serra Center

Halina't Tayo'y Magsaya!

The Padre Serra Parish Filipino Ministry invites everyone to celebrate Simbang Gabi, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Serra Center and encourages Filipiniana or any multi-cultural attire. Please RSVP for dinner at www.padreserra.org/simbang-gabi

You are called to volunteer! To help, contact Deacon Roy Gacasan, (805) 236-6840, gggacasan@gmail.com

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4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 10:00 pm

Sunday, December 25
9:00 am, 11:00 am

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