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DECEMBER 18, 2022 · FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill.

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See's Candies

December 18

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.

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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



Seeds of Faith

Monday, December 19

7:00 - 8:30 pm

San Miguel room

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.

For more information, please contact Gwen gwendolynjoyl@hotmail.com

Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds



Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 24
4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 10:00 pm

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

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Bring your family, your friends, and neighbors. All are welcome!



GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gather #395

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d' rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.



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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Come, Emmanuel!

Panginoon Maawa Ka

Presider **Panginoon maawa Ka sa amin.** (Lord, have mercy.)
 then ALL **O Kristo maawa ka sa amin.** (Christ, have mercy.)
Panginoon maawa Ka sa amin. (Lord have mercy.)

Reading 1
 Isaiah 7:10-14

Reading 2
 Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Reading
 Matthew 1:18-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24: Let the King of Glory In

Keil, Gather #37, Refrain II

O - pen wide your gates; let the King of Glo - ry in!

O - pen wide your gates; let the King of Glo - ry in!

1. All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell in it. You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
2. Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place? Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth.
3. They shall receive your blessings, God, their Savior shall reward them. Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob.

Text: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Kevin Keil. © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain 1 trans. © 1969, ICEL. Music: Kevin Keil. © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Virgin
shall conceive,
and bear a son,
and they shall
name him
Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:23

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

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

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd

O God, hear, us; Hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

My Soul In Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen, Gather #415

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;
tru - ly my hope is in you. *To verses* you. *Last time*

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory.
Your radiance shines in all who look to you;
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word;
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
An in your advent, draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage;
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;
Open to us the pathway of your peace.

Come, let us bow before the God who made us;
Let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
For we are all the people of his hand.

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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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.
world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1: 29

Koredero Ng Dios Fr. M. V. Francisco

Kordero ng D'yos na nag-aalis ng manga kasalanan ng mundo
Maawa Ka sa amin;
Kordero ng D'yos, ma awa Ka
Kordero ng D'yos na nag-aalis ng manga kasalanan ng mundo
Maawa Ka sa amin;
Kordero ng D'yos, ma awa Ka
Kordero ng D'yos na nag-aalis ng manga kasalanan ng mundo
Ipagkaloob Mo sa amin ang kapayapaan

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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Tune: Deanna Light, b.1967, and Paul A. Tate, b.1968
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Ang Katawan ni Kristo Ricky Manalo

Gabriel's Message arr. Tony Alonso



Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit Levi Cordero

Ang Pasko ay sumapit
Tayo ay mangagsiawit
Ng magagandang himig
Dahil sa ang Diyos ay pag-ibig
Nang si Kristo'y isilang
May tatlong haring nagsidalaw
At ang bawat isa
Ay nagsipaghandog ng tanging alay

Bagong taon ay magbagong buhay
Nang lumigaya ang ating bayan
Tayo'y magsikap upang makamtan
natin ang kasaganaan

Ang Pasko ay sumapit
Tayo ay mangagsiawit
Ng magagandang himig
Dahil sa ang Diyos ay pag-ibig
Nang si Kristo'y isilang
May tatlong haring nagsidalaw
At magbuhat ngayon
Kahit hindi Pasko ay magbigayan

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,
to Refrain
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
to Refrain
2. and read-y the way for you, Lord.
3. as we

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A God with skin on...

Dear Friends,

Our Advent focus turns from the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time to his birth into our world, our history, our joys and our sorrows. It is right that we should celebrate that arrival – and we are good at it, aren't we, in our culture?

We begin our masses this weekend singing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” and “Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.” In our first reading the prophet Isaiah says “Therefore the LORD himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.” The reading from Matthew's gospel makes clear that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of that prophecy and tells us that the name Emmanuel means “God is with us.”

What does this mean and why is it such good news? In the 4th Eucharistic Prayer we pray: “And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time, you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior. Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, *he shared our human nature in all things but sin.*” (emphasis mine)

Thinking back to the story of the little child who repeatedly woke his mother with bad dreams and was told to pray who then answered that he needed a God “with skin on,” we have been given just such a savior. Everything we experience in our humanity – love, anger, fatigue, joy, heartbreak, calm, worry, hunger, thirst, illness – has also been experienced by Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus Christ. When we pray, he knows our hearts, our weakness, our trials because he is one of us, one with us. This is truly something to celebrate and it is much more than a cute baby in a manger – as adorable as that baby is.

In Matthew's gospel that we hear today the angel in Joseph's dream who tells him to go ahead and take Mary as his wife because the child she's carrying was conceived through the Holy Spirit and that “... you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

That we are all “his people” is made clear in the second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, *among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also*, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ ... called to be holy.”

Yes, called to be holy. All of us. No one is exempt. The Universal call to holiness was recently affirmed in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A tall order, perhaps. But worth it. And the One who calls us to holiness is Emmanuel – God with us, who knows our need and has shown us the way to get there – nourishing us along the way with his body and blood, and guiding us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let's pray for one another this last week before Christmas!

Siempre adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Worship Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ December 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29

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 18, January 15, 22, 29

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 19 and 21

Grades 1 - 5. This week's message, "Rejoice and be Glad," celebrating Jesus' birth. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ December 21

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week is movie night; we will watch The Star. Parents are welcome to join us. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ December 21

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

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 18

This week teens will learn about the different weekly service opportunities, don't miss this important session! 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 continues, 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

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

Peer Leaders

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, 14 to 39 years old, and interested in joining, contact brett@padreserra.org. To sign up, scan the QR Code or visit www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders



Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ December 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 20, 21

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, and Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For Zoom link: Teresa teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 21, 28

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, in the church. Madel omphnovenaps@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Illuman for Men ~ December 28

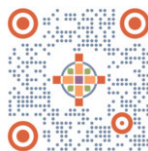
Founded in 2012 by the Franciscan mystic and teacher Richard Rohr, *Illuman* exists to help men do their inner, spiritual work to become healthier and more authentic human beings. Our chapter offers personal growth and spiritual transformation opportunities, a liberating environment, support and brotherhood, and contemplative spirituality. Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, San Miguel room. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

Giving

Helping Someone in Need

If you are approached by a stranger at church asking for money, please refer them to the office for information about assistance from St. Vincent de Paul. Our outreach ministry has volunteers on call Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Someone in need needs to call (805) 504-4753.

“It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith not only with words but with our actions.” – Pope Francis



In the Community

Our Mission is Love ~ January 21

OneLife LA is an annual event to promote the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. This family-friendly event begins with a solidarity-building walk through downtown Los Angeles, ending with a festival, live music, food trucks, entertainment, and inspiring speakers who share powerful stories of what they have overcome in life and how they use that struggle to help others in areas such as beginning life, homelessness, end of life, racism, immigration, environment, the disabled and more. Learn more and participate at onelifela.org

Other Notes

Locking Cars

Our parking lot is not immune to theft, so please be sure always to lock the doors.

Gluten-Free

If you are having problems with gluten that affect your ability to receive the Body of Christ in Communion, contact Sr. Lana, (805) 482-6417 x325 or srlana@padreserra.org and give her your name and the Mass you usually attend.

Need a Helping Hand?

If you or someone you love struggles to get from the parking lot to the church or have any difficulties with seating in the church, contact Teresa (805) 482-6417 x322 or teresa@padreserra.org

Name Badge

God knows you by name; so let's get to know one another by name. We build family and relationships when we get to know others, starting with our name. Wear your work, or any name badge, to church. To order a Padre Serra name badge, email parish@padreserra.org or call or stop by the parish office. They are \$10.

St. John's Hospital Chapel

The Chapel at St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital will be a place of reflection, prayer, and healing. All are welcome and encouraged to utilize this quiet space, whether patient or visitor.

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 1:18-24 ~ **Jesus is God made flesh.**

Jesus is Emmanuel = God is with us! God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What experiences do you have of God “speaking to you” and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

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](http://www.padreserra.org/mass). 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, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Baby Lucia Lalieu, Doreen Learned, Earlene McCormick, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Geralyn Moody, Mary Mullen, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Rodney Nichols, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrieta, 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:

Shirley Baele, RIP Robert Olavarrieta, RIP
John Biner, RIP Ann Owings, RIP
Mark Maidel, RIP James Parsons, 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

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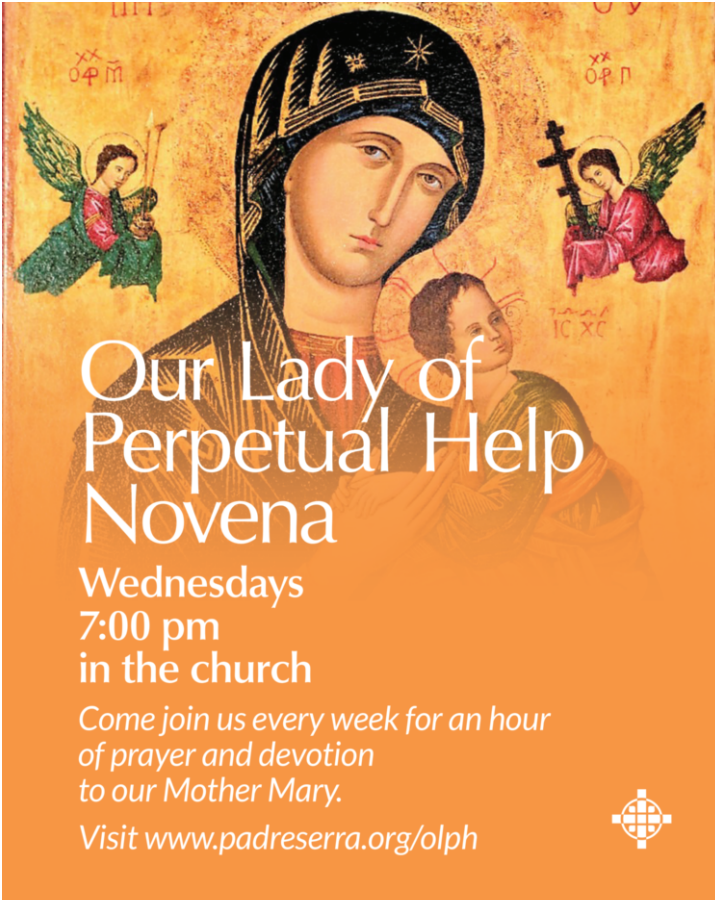
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