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Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

JANUARY 8, 2023 · THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD







The Power of the Liturgy

Fr. David Loftus
Tuesday, January 17
7:00 pm, Serra Center

One must not underestimate the power of the liturgy in communicating the faith and introducing people to the experience of God.

In this session, we will reflect on the nature, quality, and human realities of our Eucharistic liturgies with an eye to the context within which we celebrate them.

No cost. RSVP appreciated.
 For more information visit
www.padreserra.org/power-liturgy
 Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.

Seniors Gathering




Wednesday, January 18
10:00 am, Serra Center

Named for its founding family of ranchers, Camarillo is steeped in small-town charm and rich agricultural history.

Step back in time with local historian and president of the Pleasant Valley Historical Society, Joy Todd, who will take us back to the early days of Camarillo and Springville.

Refreshments by AlmaVia begin at 9:45 am. All are invited.

Jan Pirkel, janpirkl@yahoo.com
 Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors


The Children's & Middle School Choir is back!

Saturday, January 21
1:00 - 3:00 pm
San Juan Capistrano room

All children grades 2 - 8 are invited to a meeting and initial rehearsal. No experience necessary!

For questions or to RSVP:
kathleen@padreserra.org or
michelle@padreserra.org

For more information visit
www.padreserra.org/cmssc




Christian Parenting Ministry

A new ministry to support the vocation of parenting.

Tuesdays, January 24 to March 28
7:00 - 8:30 pm, via Zoom

Learn more and register in the courtyard on January 7, 8, and 14, 15.

We invite you to meet with other parents and share this amazing opportunity to grow as a family rooted in our Catholic Christian faith.

Our meetings will be primarily done via Zoom to encourage the involvement of the widest number of families. The final session will be a family gathering at church. \$10 per person (workbook).

For more information, visit
www.padreserra.org/christian-parenting





GATHERING
We Three Kings

Gather #463

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God on high.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
"Alleluia, Alleluia!" sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won-der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau-ty bright;
West-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide us to thy per-fect light.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 88 44 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

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.

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.

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Reading 1
Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Reading
Matthew 2:1-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72: Every Nation On Earth

Marty Haugen

Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth, ev - 'ry na - tion on
earth, ev - 'ry na - tion a - dores you, Lord, yes,
ev - 'ry na - tion on earth.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son,
This one shall be the hope of the needy, the hope of the poor and oppressed.

May he reign while the sun endures for as long as the moon lights the sky.
Fresh as the rainfall that waters the earth, gifting his people with peace.

He shall reign from sea to sea to the farthest ends of the earth.
All of the nations shall praise and adore, all peoples will bring him their gifts.

He shall answer the poor when they call and shall hear the ones with no voice;
mercy and help to the ones who are weak and freedom to all those enslaved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, "Mass of a Joyful Heart"

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. lu - ia. lu - ia.

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We saw his star at its
 rising and have come
 to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2

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.

INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love"

arr. Carol Browning

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

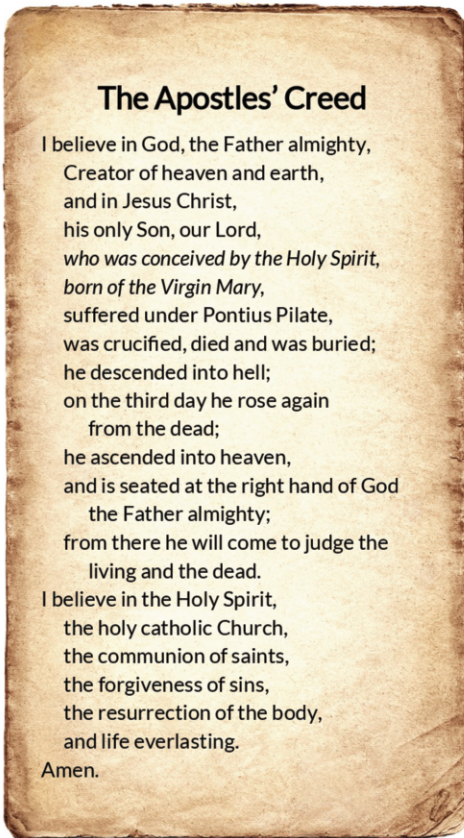
What Child Is This

Gather #466

Verses
 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to
 1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let
Refrain
 1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
 King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,
 haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837-1898.
 Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.





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 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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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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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.

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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COMMUNION SONGS

The First Nowell

Gather #460

The first Nowell, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew night to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore and Spirit blest for evermore.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

Ecce Novum

Ola Gjeilo

Ecce, novum gaudium,
Ecce, novum mirum!
Virgo parit filium,
Quae non novit virum.
Sed ut pirus prium,
Gleba fert papyrum,
Florens lilium.
Ecce, quod natura
Mutat sua iura!
Virgo parit pura
Dei filium.

*Behold, a new joy,
Behold, a new wonder!
A Virgin, who knew not a man
Bears a son.
She knew not a man,
but at the pear tree bears a pear,
The flourishing papyrus brings
The lily from the soil.
See how nature
Changes her laws!
A pure virgin bears
The son of God.*

SENDING FORTH

Joy to the World

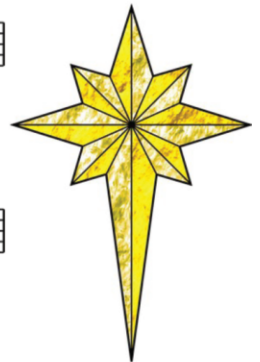
Gather #437

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.



Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

God is Pleased with our Discipleship

Dear Faith Family,

Today's Gospel helps me realize that I am not alone in this mission of discipleship.

I think it is safe to say that we are all trying to live good lives and a good amount of us pursue holiness. While it may be more simple for me to find a list of what is right or wrong and act accordingly, I need to remember that worship is vital for a life with Christ.

In my past I always struggled with the idea of what worship is. Is it simply prayer? As I've gotten older I've realized that worship is unselfish praise. The willingness to compliment our God, just because He is. The attempt to please the God we love. There are not many requirements or formalities to make worship authentic, but I would say the willingness to love God unconditionally is important.

How many times in our lives have we praised God without asking anything in return? There is nothing wrong with asking God for things, but how often do we talk to Him just to "compliment" Him?

In this Sunday's Gospel, God appears, descending like a dove, to affirm Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." How powerful of a statement is that? It lets us know that God isn't simply the one who holds all things together, but He loves us and is pleased with us when we do His will.

On the other hand, how many times have we heard God praise our commitment to Him? Are we willing to listen enough to hear how He is pleased with us? God is always willing to give us the affirmation needed to continue this life.

While we don't worship for our own affirmation, I guarantee that if we worship more often, we will know what God desires for us to do to strengthen His kingdom. Not only that, but we will also have more clarity on how God rejoices in our discipleship.

How does this Gospel passage help me in my journey? It helps me to know that this life that I've committed myself to, is not done simply because of a set of rules or an admiration for a certain culture or religion. Rather, when I do what he asks, it pleases Him. What more do we want to do, than please the ones that we love?

God Bless,



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ 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 ~ 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. For more information, please contact tere@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ January 9 and 11

Grades 1 - 5. This week kids will learn about "You are my servants; God wants our obedience." For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ January 11

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. We will gather in Carmel rooms at 6:45 - 8:00 pm. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

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 ~ January 14

Weekly ministry begins; if you have not yet signed up, please contact us for more information at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ January 22

Weekly sessions begin on January 22. We will gather for 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch at San Juan Capistrano rooms; sessions in the Serra Center conclude at 2:00 pm. For more information, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome!

Saints Among Us ~ January 15

A Sunday school program for specially-abled young adults. They meet on the third Sunday of the month for fun and fellowship through reading scripture, art projects, music, and snacks. Our parish is grateful to Ross and Jenni Porter for their dedication and leadership. All are welcome! 1:30 pm, Carmel rooms. Dr. Ross Porter pointsite@aol.com

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

Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ January 9, 23, 30

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 ~ January 10, 11

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

Centering Prayer ~ January 11, 18, 25

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a 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, San Juan Bautista room. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377-0704, vpatv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Seeds of Faith ~ January 16

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

Lemons on the Loose ~ January 18

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. Visit www.padreserra.org/lemons

Become a Knight!

The Knights of Columbus is for everyday men who choose to live their faith in their homes, councils, community, and parish. Our programs and resources provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Information about Council 5272: www.padreserra.org/knights

Save the Date

RECongress ~ February 24 to 26

Plan ahead and take advantage of the special discount pricing available through January 23. Visit www.padreserra.org/recongress

Giving

Thank You from Concern America

As a community of the faithful, you were generous in purchasing handcrafts valued at \$3,012.50 at our Concern America sales display on November 13. We are very grateful to Fr. Patrick for his hospitality and support and to everyone who purchased handcrafts. Through your generosity, you have helped spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries worldwide. Thank you!

Welcome!

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

- Nancy Foley
- Cory Stanoszek
- Rachel Madden
- Guillermina Toledo
- Jim Howell
- Cindy Howell
- Frank Bogner
- Mary Ann Bogner
- Ray Siuta
- Carolyn Siuta
- Katie Lewandroski
- Ryan Winthrop
- Carlos Calvo
- Marta Calvo
- Celine Calvo
- George Koerner

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

In the Courtyard

- **Christian Parenting** ~ January 7, 8, and 14, 15
See page 2.

Becoming Catholic

The Journey That We All Share

Anyone who asks about our faith can start the process of becoming a Catholic at any time. No one size fits all; every seeker is unique in their search for grace. For adults who want to complete their sacraments with Confirmation, contact confirmation@padreserra.org. For adults who seek the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, contact adultinitiation@padreserra.org. For children aged six and older who have yet to be baptized, contact childreninitiation@padreserra.org. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Andy Carrillo

Vickie Carrillo

In loving memory of Mary Little

Randy Churchill

In loving memory of Jerry DeVillers

Gifted to RAIN

Laura & Chris Meissner

In loving memory of Katherine Elizabeth Evans

Mary Jean & Robert Rumer

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 2:1-12 ~ We see!

The Magi in today's gospel are the very few who see the new star and correctly interpret its meaning. They saw the star because they were paying attention. Their attentiveness brought them to the most exceptional moment, meeting the newborn King. How can you cultivate attentiveness in your life so you don't miss God's presence, actions, and signs?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Adrien Abare, Mike Acosta, Bob Amantia, Olga Arellano, William Berg, Nancy Brooks Smalle, Mary Butler, Greg Cannon, Denise De Caro, Theresa Clemons, Michael J. Dilley, Ben Fisco, Alice Fisher, David Flood, Asher Flores, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Tim Ellana Gilbert, Graf, Jay Graham, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Letitia Heiter, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Baby Lucia Lalieu, Doreen Learned, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Geralyn Moody, Mary Mullen, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Rodney Nichols, 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:

Connie Drago, RIP

Robert Gutierrez, RIP

Robert Heile, RIP

Maria Mien Dinh, RIP

Noriel Miranda, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

- Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org
- Faith Sharing Groups: www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing
- 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

Parish Covenant

We invite everyone to consider the commitments you make to yourself, your family, your friends, and your parish. Connect them with your New Years' Resolutions. Please bring your covenant to the altar before or after Mass on January 14 and 15. They are available in the lobby or online at www.padreserra.org/covenant

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20 + C + M + B + 23

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The numbers represent the new year

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+23
- Pray the Our Father
- Sing an Epiphany song