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MARCH 20, 2022 · THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saints Among Us

Saints Among Us is 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! Visit www.padreserra.org/special-families



Men's Retreat

Embracing God's Gift of Hope

March 25 - 27
Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center

This year's theme will explore what hope means, covering a wide range of topics, including scripture, tradition, and the spiritual meaning of hope and how it affects our lives. Retreatants will enjoy a private room/bath, delicious meals, beautiful grounds, and inspiring conferences.

Learn more and register at
www.padreserra.org/retreats.html#men

Questions:
 Dave McCormick (805) 987-7629




Open Our Hearts

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, 11:30 am

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Take time this Lent to engage with scripture and reflect on different aspects of your spiritual life. Connect at a deeper level with the Sunday gospels and take time every day to reflect and pray. Each weekly one-hour small-group session includes scripture, prayer, and reflections along with concrete ways to live out our faith.

Register at www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

If you'd like to form your own group and need resources, contact Teresa Runyon, teresa@padreserra.org



Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 30
7:00 pm, in the church

Reconciliation, a sacrament of healing, grace, and mercy.

Prepare for the celebrations of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection by celebrating reconciliation (penance, confession) with your community – a beautiful service followed by the opportunity for individual confession with one of twelve loving and understanding priests.

Bring a can for the food pantry and stay after for refreshments in the courtyard.

Visit www.padreserra.org/lent



Pennies from Heaven

Together Again

Saturday, April 2nd

THE SERRA CENTER
 5205 UPLAND ROAD, CAMARILLO

6 TO 11 PM

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE
 MSGR. HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND
 RENOVATIONS TO STUDENT RESTROOMS.



RSVP via www.smmschool.net



GATHERING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name

— Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.—

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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Reading 1

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Reading 2

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9



1ST SCRUTINY (9:00)

Reading 1

Exodus 17:3-7

Reading 2

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Marty Haugen, Gather #75

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the

Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.

God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.

Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

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9:00—Psalm 95: If Today You Hear God's Voice

Jesse Manibusan

Refrain

If to - day you hear his voice, hard-en not your

hearts. If to - day you hear his voice,

hard-en not your hearts.

Joyfully sing unto the Lord, let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Into the presence of our God come with thanksgiving, joyfully singing psalms.

Come let us worship and bow down; O let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
We are the people of the Lord, the Lord our shepherd. We are the flock he guides.

Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert.
There your fathers tempted me, testing me, though they had seen my works.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Christopher Walker

Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Go in peace to hear the word of God.
 Go in peace to meet the risen Lord,
 the One who speaks to us in the Gospel.
 Go in peace, go in peace.

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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.

INTERCESSION RESPONSE

God Ever Faithful

Michael Joncas, Gather #344

God ev - er - faith - ful, God ev - er - mer - ci - ful,
 God of your peo - ple, hear our prayer.

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 Music: Michael Joncas
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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Turn Our Hearts

Barbara Bridge

*Ostinato Refrain
 Turn our hearts to you, O God. With you there is heal-ing,
 whole-ness and for-give-ness, free-dom from fear, last-ing peace.

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EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Mass of the Incarnate Word"

Bob Hurd

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Thrive Mark Hall & Matthew West

Just to know You and to make you known,
 we lift your name on High
 Shine like the sun
 make darkness run and hide
 We know we were made for so much more
 than ordinary lives
 It's time for us to more than just survive
 We were made to thrive



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

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Lamb of God



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

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Agnus Dei IX

Plainchant



Ag-nus De - i qui tol - is pec - ca - ta mun - di
mi - se - re - re no - bis Ag-nus De - i qui tol - lis pec -
do - na no - bis pa - cem.
ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi / Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world
miserere nobis / have mercy on us
dona nobis pacem / grant us peace

Repent,
says the Lord;
the kingdom
of heaven
is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

COMMUNION SONGS

Remembrance

Matt Maher & Matt Redman

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery? say, "Take this bread, take this wine"? Now the simple made divine for anyone to receive.

Musical score for 'Remembrance' with lyrics: By your mer - cy we come to your ta - ble, by your grace you are mak - ing us faith - ful. Lord, we re - mem - ber you, and re - mem - brance leads us to wor - ship. And as we wor - ship you, our wor - ship leads to com - mun - ion. We re - spond to your in - vi - ta - tion; we re - mem - ber you.

See his body, his blood, know that he has overcome every trial we will face. None too lost to be saved, none to broken or ashamed. All are welcome in this place.

By your mercy we come to your table...

BRIDGE:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Lord, Jesus, come in glory. Rising you restored our life. Lord, Jesus, come in glory. Lord, Jesus, come in glory.

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SENDING FORTH

Return to God

Marty Haugen, Gather #478

Musical score for 'Return to God' with lyrics: Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

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Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Lord, I Need You

M. Maher, D. Carson, C. Nockels, J. Reeves & K Stanfill & Matt Redman

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest. And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Musical score for 'Lord, I Need You' with lyrics: Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev - ery hour I need you. My one de - fense, my righ - teous - ness; oh, God, how I need you.

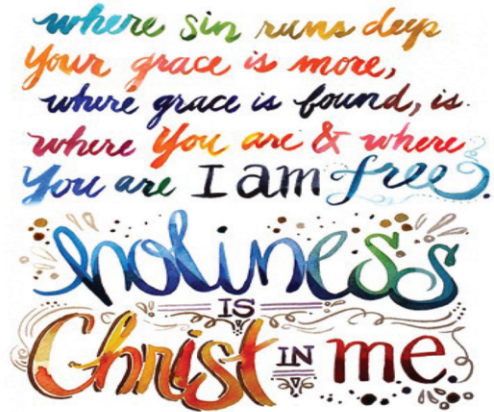
Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found is where you are. And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need you...

So teach my song to rise with you when temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord I need you...

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Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation; come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you, a heart of compassion and love.

If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free; if you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost; give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst, then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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Whoever thinks they are standing secure should take care not to fall

Dear Friends,

Today's scripture readings (Exodus 3:1-81, 13;15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9 and Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11) are full of messages from God to his people. Moses' message to the Israelites is one of deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

Paul's message to the Corinthians, and Jesus' to his disciples is one of repentance and accountability. "Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." Paul looks back at the followers of Moses who were struck down in the desert because God was not pleased with "most of them."

Jesus cautions his disciples not to think that victims of tragedies (Galileans whose blood Pilate mixed with their sacrifices and eighteen people killed by a falling tower in Siloam) are somehow guiltier than everybody else: "By no means! But if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did." Jesus continues by telling of a gardener who pleads with an orchard owner to spare a non-producing fig tree: "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down."

Who is the orchard owner? Who is the gardener? Could **both** be Jesus? One the King of the universe who comes to judge the living and the dead and the other the loving, patient, pleading Savior and advocate, who sends the Spirit to make us fruitful?

Inevitably, we will fail. Repeatedly. But Psalm 103 reassures us: The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all our iniquities, heals all our ills, redeems our life from destruction, and crowns us with kindness and compassion. I read this crowning with kindness and compassion two ways: 1. The Lord's kindness and compassion to us, redeeming us from destruction and 2. The Spirit working within **us** to make us ever more kind and more compassionate.

The scriptures are clear. It isn't enough just to be members of the tribe, or of the "club." We are accountable to God for being fruitful where we are planted.

One way we can bear fruit is by supporting relief efforts for those suffering in Ukraine. Catholic Relief Services is a wonderful organization there and around the world, on the ground, working directly with those who are suffering.

Siempre Adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Worship Minister



Families

Lenten Reconciliation Service ~ Wednesday, March 30

See page 2

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ March 20

Age 3 through Kindergarten. No session today. Because of the pandemic, only registered children may attend sessions; spaces are still available. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ March 21 and 23

Grades 1 - 5. No sessions this week. Save the date: Wednesday, March 30 at 5:30 pm, for the Family Event "Journeying through Holy Week." For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three:Sixteen ~ March 23

Grades 6 - 8. This week kids will participate in the stations of the cross. Please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org for more information.

Living Faith

Please share how you live out your faith at home with your kids. Send your pics to photo@padreserra.org

High School

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

Confirmation Y1

Teens are doing weekly ministry; if you have not yet signed up for a ministry, contact youth@padreserra.org for a ministry assignment.

Confirmation Y2 ~ March 20

In-person gathering at 1:00 pm, make sure you are signed up to GroupMe for up-to-date information. Contact youth@padreserra.org

4:12

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](#).

Young Adults

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

Friday Night Live ~ March 25

All young adults (18 to 39ish) are invited to stations of the cross, reconciliation, adoration, and a social at 7:00 pm at San Buenaventura Mission, Ventura. Contact: Elwin Arroyo, youngadults@sanbuenaventuramission.org

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](#) or Facebook [@PadreSerraYA](#) for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Stations of the Cross ~ Anytime

Come to our beautiful Stations of the Cross garden to journey with Jesus through the last hours of His life to the Resurrection on Easter. Stations can be done alone, with family, or with friends. Find the traditional, scriptural, and family prayer versions at www.padreserra.org/stations

Seeds of Faith ~ March 21

God Gives You Strength. This session features the stories and lessons of Judith and Delilah. God gives each of us gifts, and he provides uniquely feminine gifts to every woman. So open your heart now to hear how God gives you unique strength and how he wants you to use that strength to do his work, to love and care for others. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups ~ March 22, 23

Open Our Hearts are weekly small virtual groups that meet Tuesdays at 11:30 am and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during Lent to connect deeper with the Sunday gospels through prayer, reflection, and discussion. RSVP: www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Illuman ~ March 23

Illuman is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Bimonthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. Last Wednesday, 7:00 pm. San Miguel room. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/men.html#illuman

Knitting Ministry ~ March 24, 31

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. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Social Spanish ~ March 25

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and to learn a new language and experience the benefits in mind and spirit. 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish

Writers Group ~ March 25

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome any Friday to share your work and listen to others' inspiring writing. Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando room. Contact Linda Lowe calmest1@verizon.net. Visit www.padreserra.org/writers

Becoming Catholic

Rites of Sending and Election

Our parish is currently blessed to have 6 catechumens: those adults, teens, and school-age children seeking to be initiated into the Catholic Church. Today at the 9:00 am Mass the parish will officially send them to Sacred Heart Parish in Ventura for the Rite of Election with Bishop Barron. During this vital rite, the bishop will officially declare that the Church has chosen them, along with the many other catechumens in our region, to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 16. They will then be called The Elect and enter into their final, intense phase of preparation for initiation. Please pray for our Elect throughout Lent as they prepare for baptism and as we prepare to renew our own baptismal promises at Easter. For more information about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

Giving



Ukraine Disaster Collection

Over 1.5 million Ukrainians have fled their homes from the ongoing fighting into nearby countries, over two thousand lives have been lost, and thousands more are injured. Given the recent events and devastation that our brothers and sisters have had to face since last month, we are asking for your help. Ukraine is in solemn need of our prayers and support; to donate: mail/bring a check payable to Padre Serra Parish to the parish office with "Ukraine Disaster" in the memo line. Contact **Pam Kingsley**, (805) 482-6417 x330. "In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no 'generous effort' will ever be lost." - Pope Francis.



All Creation Belongs to God

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



Other Notes

At-home Free COVID-19 Tests Still Available!

Limited supply. The only information needed is zip code. Maximum two per household (one box). Pick up in the parish office.

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 13:1-9 ~ Lent calls us to conversion

Today's gospel tells a parable of a man looking for fruit on his fig tree. Finding none, he wants to have the tree cut down, but the gardener persuades him to give the tree another year to produce fruit. Isn't that like Jesus? He remains hopeful in us and believes we can produce. What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

Prayer Life

New Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, 5:00 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, 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

Mia Aceves, Manny Alandy, Sean Badon, Sylvia Chang, Joe Ciccari, Kristi Colell, Bruce Colell, Thomas Collins, Paul Davis, Wyatt Davis, Jess Gonzalez, Tim Graf, Martin Guillen Sr., Sally Harrington, Patricia Holden, Therese Kaiser, Shirley Koval, Lala Mejia, Sheila Montgomery, Abby Pizzo, Tracy Reason-Kerkhoff, Dorothy Simmons and Kylie Wilson. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently. 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 Community

Spiritual Pilgrimage ~ April 2

Archbishop José Gomez invites everyone on the streets of Los Angeles to walk, pray, and witness our faith in and love for Christ. *Camino: A Walk with Jesus* begins at 9:00 am at Mission San Gabriel Arcángel and ends at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles. Lunch will be provided, as well as shuttles for the return trip to the mission. Details/registration forwardinmission.com

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