



Thank you Lectors Team!

“Thank you for your time, energy, and spirit. We are continuously grateful for your dedication to our parish community as people of faith and lovers of scripture.” — Laurie Nichols, Lectors Coordinator

Visit www.padreserra.org/lectors

Ministry Fair

Sunday
September 25
after Mass in the courtyard

We will showcase the ministries our parish offers to encounter and follow Jesus in our daily lives, and in response, become his disciples to bring others one step closer to God.

Come learn more about opportunities for you or someone you know to be nourished, supported, and give your time and talent.

Find all participating ministries at www.padreserra.org/ministry-fair
Contact teresa@padreserra.org

Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples



Piano Concerto

in A Minor by Edvard Grieg

Saturday, October 1
7:00 pm

Jason Stoll, piano soloist, and his colleague Ornella Ervin playing the orchestral parts on a second piano.

This concert is open to the public, free of charge.

Visit www.padreserra.org/jasonstoll



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Santa Barbara Regional Congress

Saturday, October 15
St. Bonaventure High School

A day to learn, discuss and share our Catholic faith. Find featured sessions under Adults on page 8.



\$35/person. Register by October 7, visit www.padreserra.org/regional-congress



-WANTED- CATECHISTS



PERSONAL SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Help our team lead and teach children in grades 1 to 5, Mondays and Wednesdays afternoon.

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GATHERING

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell, Gather #590

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed.



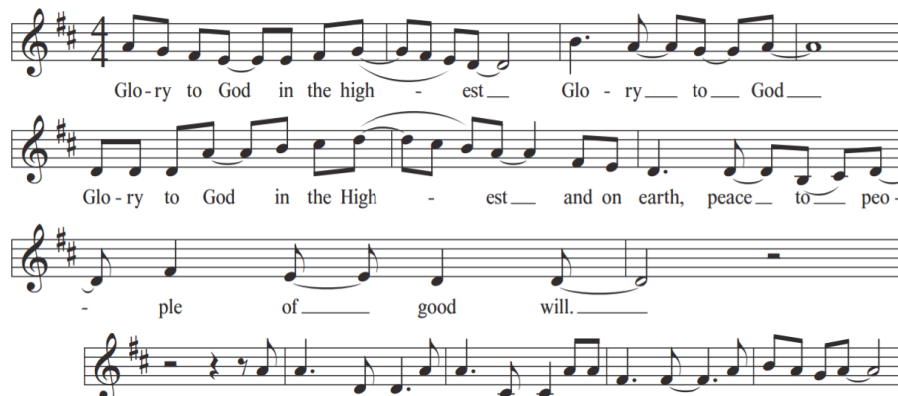
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

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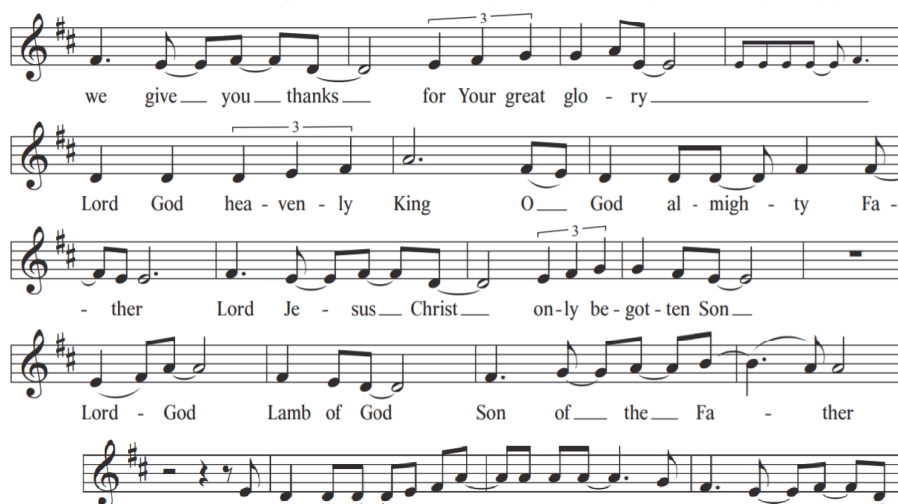
Glory to God

Jason Stoll

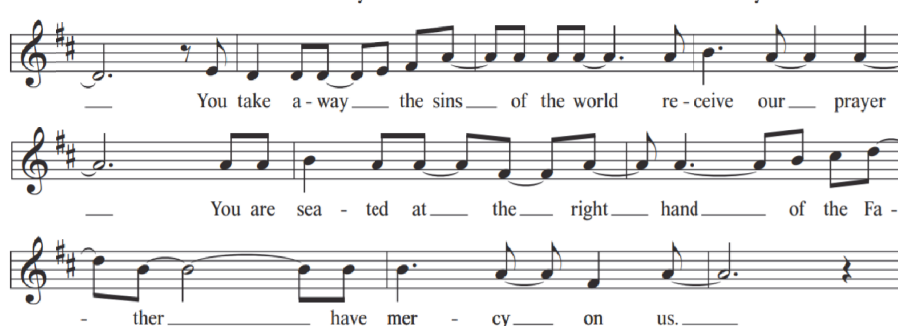
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VERSE 1:



VERSE 2:



Continued...

Glory to God continued...

VERSE 3: For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One You a-lone are the Lord

You a-lone are the Most High Je-sus Christ

With the Ho-ly Spir it in the Glo-ry of God the Fa-

ther.

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Reading 1
Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Reading 2
1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Reading
Luke 16:19-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146: Praise the Lord My Soul

T.R. Smith

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

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

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

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

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*Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 8:9

INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God Hear Us

Bob Hurd

*Refrain

O God, hear us; hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

God of Day and God of Darkness

Marty Haugen, Gather #859

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;
As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might,
When the sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;
Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping, so our hearts cannot ignore
All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

*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.*



EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Glendalough Mass”

Liam Lawton

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gather #263

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

Memorial Acclamation A

Gather #264

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Gather #267

Lamb of God

Gather #269

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

LORD,
I am not worthy
 that you should ENTER UNDER MY
 ROOF, BUT ONLY SAY
the word
and my soul
 SHALL BE HEALED.

COMMUNION SONGS

Ubi Caritas

Bob Hurd, Gather #696

Refrain: All

*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve-ra, est ve-ra: De-us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir

est, De-us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your

1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the

to Refrain

1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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Poor Man Lazarus

Hommerding

SENDING FORTH

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my

light, my strength, my song. This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid

ground Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of

love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings

cease, My com - fort - er, my all in all, Here in the

1,2.

love of Christ I stand. 2. In Christ a -

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
 The will of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry in on Him was laid,
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the tomb His body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain.
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 up from the grave He rose again.
 And as he stands in victory,
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine,
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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Be Persuaded

Dear Faith Family,

This weekend's Gospel is obviously very challenging. It always is when there is a discussion of the afterlife. Lazarus, the poor man, was more open to the idea of heaven than the rich man who lived an extravagant life. While this is a message that we often hear about in scripture, there is one line that really stuck out to me regarding our lives as Catholics.

At the end of our Sunday's Gospel, the rich man implores Abraham to send a message to his brothers to avoid "this place of torment." He claims that if a ghost appears to them, it will scare them straight and convince them to live holy and humble lives. Abraham's reply is quite powerful:

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded should someone rise from the dead."

Is Abraham's statement true for us at times? I think so. I don't know about you, but sometimes I have the urge to rely on a personal miracle for me to change or understand God's will for me. When we rely only on personal miracles, we forget about the most important message. Jesus is the Resurrected God and we need to let people know.

Through the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, we sometimes forget to be persuaded by God's rising from the dead. Yes, we can experience miracles and intercession from the heavens, but they mean nothing unless we get to know who Jesus is. This is why our parish motto of "Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples" is so powerful. Without that encounter of Jesus, even the most groundbreaking miracle can mean nothing to a person's life.

This rings true on the other hand, as well. Our goal of discipleship is not to meet a quota. While it would be nice to have an official number of souls that we have impacted, we will never know the number of people we have evangelized. We have to remember that we are simply planting seeds and those seeds are the message of the Resurrection. While we may be prophets, our work means nothing until they are persuaded by it.

Miracles do happen and they certainly aren't reserved for believers. But this is why knowing Jesus is so vital; it opens our eyes to the miracles of our lives. I pray that we continue to be disciples, so we can always be impacted by the miracle of the Resurrection.

God Bless,



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Faith Formation Registration ~ Spaces are still available; register today!

Online Registration is open for programs for children from preschool through grade 12. Grades 1 & 2 are now full; please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org to be added to the waiting list. Visit www.padreserra.org/registration



Little Church

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

Spark! ~ Begins September 26, 28!

Kids in Grades 1 - 5 will learn about "Jesus welcomes the children." For more information, please contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen Middle School Ministry ~ Begins September 28!

Grades 6 - 8. Middle School kids have a blast reading scripture, playing, praying, and being crazy. They have an equal focus on Bible study and building community with one another. For more information, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

High School

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

Confirmation Y2

Have you registered for the new program year? Online interviews will be held during September; make sure you are signed up to receive the link. Register online today at www.padreserra.org/registration

Adults

Gospel Hangout ~ September 27, 28

Virtual hangout to read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus and his message intersect with our lives. 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

Caregivers Support Group ~ September 27

Caritas supports those caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm, in the San Fernando room and via Zoom. Contact Patricia at sentclan@gmail.com Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

Contemplative Prayer ~ September 28

Silence is God's language, and Centering Prayer is a method of

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, Santa Clara room. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377-0704, vpatv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Knitting Ministry ~ September 29

A fellowship and service ministry. All skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome. Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel room. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Writers Group ~ September 30

We gather. We pray. We write. 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

Siempre Adelante! Always Forward! ~ October 15

Santa Barbara Regional Congress, register online by October 7! A day to learn, discuss, and share our Catholic faith. Featured sessions:

Session 1, 11:20 am – 12:35 pm

- Finding Healing in an Anxious World, LMFT Adam Cross (repeated at session 2)
- Pope Francis on the Eucharist, Fr. Juan Ochoa
- Praying with Mary and the Saints, Terri Palmer

Session 2, 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

- The Presence of God in the Eucharist, Fr. Leon Hutton
- I was Hungry Not Just for Food, Kathy Regalado
- Towards a Mature Spirituality, Giovanni Perez
- Called to Serve, But I'm Not Sure Where! Dana Couso
- Latinos: The Present & Future of the Church in America, Dn. Charlie Echeverry

\$35 per person. St. Bonaventure High School. 3167 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003. See the listing of sessions and register at www.padreserra.org/regional-congress

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 individual seeker is unique in their search for grace. For adults who want to complete their sacraments with Confirmation, contact Martha x331, adultinitiation@padreserra.org. For children age six and older who have not yet been baptized, contact Jennifer x346, childreninitiation@padreserra.org. For adults who seek the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, contact Mary x321 adultinitiation@padreserra.org. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

In the Courtyard

- **Ministry Fair ~ September 25**

Save the Date

Cana in the Courtyard ~ October 21

Save the date for another evening in the courtyard. Visit www.padreserra.org/cana

Three Evenings in Narnia ~ October 11, 18, and 25

Mark your calendar for a three-part series with Dr. Paul Ford, a leading expert on C.S. Lewis. See page 12.

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 16:19-31 ~ God cares for the poor and the oppressed, and we should too!

In the gospel readings prior to today's gospel, the religious leaders had rejected Jesus' teachings about possessions. This parable addresses their attitude. The rich man was oblivious to the needs of the poor beggar, not realizing the seriousness of his complacency. The indifference of the rich man led him to an eternal situation worse than that of Lazarus on earth. What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor, and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this gospel inform you about that?

Volunteer

Volunteers Needed

Mary Health of the Sick is seeking volunteers to assist with the staffing of the Merry Hall Tree Thrift Store, an upscale thrift store that supports the mission of the Sisters of Mary Health of the Sick in Newbury Park. Volunteers needed Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday to welcome donors, sort, clean, stage, and cashier. If you have a desire to put your faith into action, contact (805) 498-7886, thriftstore@maryhealth.com

In the Community

Mental Health Retreat ~ October 1

Peace in the Storm is a Catholic Mental Health Retreat focusing on prayer, discussion, and healing. Speakers Adam Cross LMFT and Michael Gasparro LMFT will highlight real tools for navigating and healing anxiety, depression, and religious scrupulosity in the light of faith. Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Poverello Retreat Center in San Fernando Valley. \$85 with lunch. [Register at adamcrossmft.com/retreats](http://adamcrossmft.com/retreats)

Safeguard the Children

Tips for Talking to Your Children About School Safety

Most children will participate in school safety drills when they head back to the classroom this year, from active shooter drills to weather emergencies. As a parent, you can help your child cope with any anxiety or distress they experience during these drills. Talk to your children about school safety and address any concerns. Remind them that the school and their teachers are working to keep them safe. For more tips, visit www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/Actions-Schools-Are-Taking-to-Make-Themselves-Safer

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

Reconciliation

- Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org,
(805) 482-6417 x324

Weekday Mass

- Monday to Friday, 8:00 am

Pray for Our Sick

Kevin Benn, Mary Castillo, Theresa Clemons, Mary Doyle, Ben Fisco, Jeanne Gaffney, Tim Graf, Jessica Haff, Ethan Jordan, Edna Jost, Andres Julian, Hank Koval, Maria Luisa, Martin Marin, Dave McDonnell, Jesus Mendoza, Hector Navarrete, Nancy Newton, LouAnn Paoella, Juan Andres Sanchez, Nicolas Sanchez, Lety Schafer, Louise Sconce, Dorothy Simmons, Danny Slider, Greg Smith, Bobby Stiles, Sue Wientjes, Cliff Williams and Melissa Yeager. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Samuel Gonzales, RIP
Joseph Khan Dinh, RIP
Don Rogers, RIP
Don Waunch, 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

Giving

Together in Mission "Forward with Faith" Update!

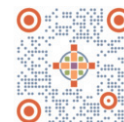
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"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith not only with words but with our actions." – Pope Francis



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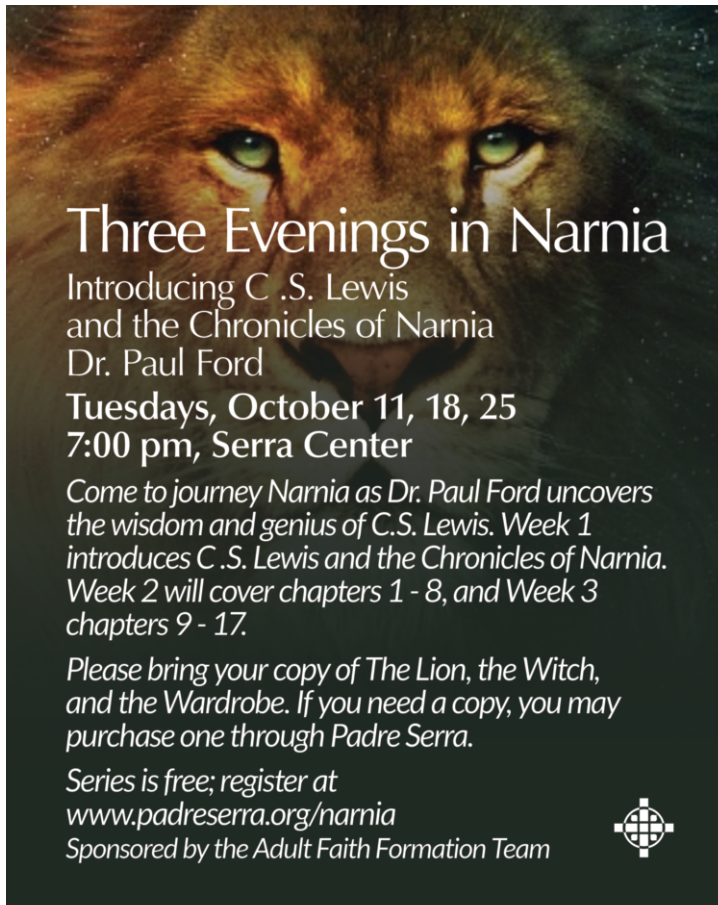
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