



## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 24, 2017  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

 Turn on t-coil



### A Wonderful Advent Season!

What do Fr. Patrick's return home, Las Posadas, confession hospitality, Serra Seniors lunch, Simbang Gabi, and the Christmas dinner and concert (shown) all have in common? Joy! True, heart-warming love and joy! Merry Christmas Church!

### Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

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### Liturgies

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am



### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

### Parish Office Hours

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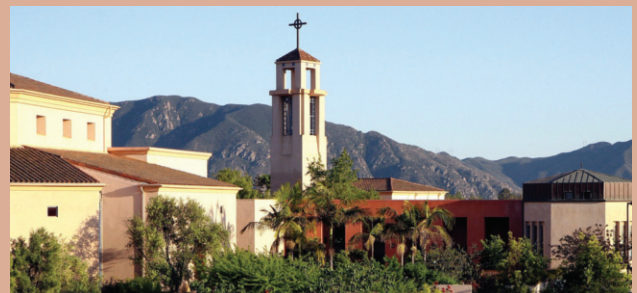
Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 6:15pm

Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

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### Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

First Friday Adoration 2:00pm - 7:00pm

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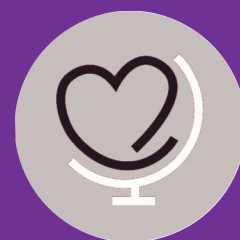
## Love All

*Love the forgotten, the poor, marginalized and sick in the ways Jesus asked us to*

It all boils down to love. Love from a savior. Love to a neighbor in need. By spending just a little less on gifts we free up our resources to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who really need help. It's not that there's something wrong with the shopping mall—it's that the better story is about loving all.

*Be a disciple this Advent by your gift of time or treasure to ...*

- Your favorite parish or ministry, Angel Tags, St. Vincent De Paul, RAIN Transitional Living, Life Centers, Catholic Charities, or a local food pantry, homeless shelter
- Cancer or other medical research and awareness organizations
- Parish youth ministry, youth organization or pet rescue



*Whatever it is, wherever it is you can be Jesus' disciple by being Jesus for others.*

## Welcome Home

If you are an inactive Catholic, returning Catholic or attend mass infrequently you might consider Landings. We are a group of "recycled" Catholics who, for different reasons, were away from or had issues with the church and came back to regular attendance and active participation. We share our faith journeys and want to hear your stories. We also discuss contemporary Catholic themes and have resources available for questions about the Catholic faith and the Church.

The next Landings series:

Thursdays, January 25-March 15, 2018

7:00pm, San Juan Bautista Room

We invite you to come and explore the possibilities!

Information: 482-6417 x341 or

teresa@padreserra.org.





## GATHERING

## Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light &amp; Paul A. Tate

## VERSES

1. 4. Come, Em-man - u - el! \_\_\_\_\_

1. 4. Come, Em-man - u - el! \_\_\_\_\_

1. 4. Come, Em-man - u - el! \_\_\_\_\_

## REFRAIN

Come, Em-man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el! \_\_\_\_\_ Wis - dom a - wake us,

rouse us and shake us! Come, Em-man - u - el! \_\_\_\_\_

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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.  
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Ps. 89: For Ever I Will Sing

Marty Haugen, Gather #64

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord, the goodness of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

Reading 1 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

Reading 2 Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38



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## DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES

May the Word of God Strengthen You

Christopher Walker

## INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love" Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

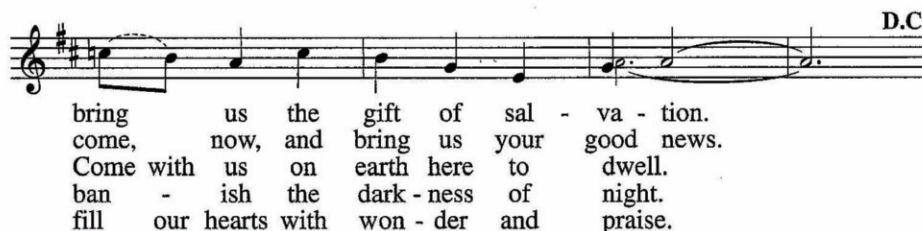
## Led Us To Your Light

Carol Browning

## Refrain



## Verses



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Behold,  
I am the  
handmade of  
the Lord.  
May it be  
done to me  
according to  
your word.

Luke 1:38



## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

## "Walking in the Air" Mass

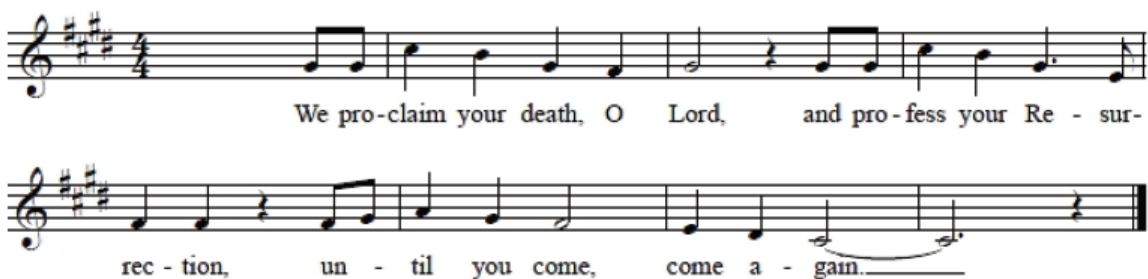
Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller &amp; Dan Houze

## 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, ho-  
 san-na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_ *Fine*  
 Bles - sed, \_\_\_\_\_ bles - sed is he,  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho

## Memorial Acclamation A



We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re - sur-  
 rec - tion, un - til you come, come a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_

## Great Amen



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

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## Lamb of God, "Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

*Cantor, then all:* *Repeat ad lib.*



## Christmas 2017

When politics are intense, and contentious, when hillsides and homes are burning, when the news sources offer a steady stream of grim stories, how do we lift our spirits? How do we find joy? Where do we find peace? We always need to have an answer to these questions because every year, every age, has its own agony.

Jesus chose just such a time to enter into our human history. Rome had conquered everyone in the known world. Millions had been forced into slavery, and most others lived at the margins of hunger, making only just enough to get by, from hand to mouth, day by day. Good farmland was hard to come by; so much of it had been depleted. Lives for peasants were hard and short. Judea was just a tiny kingdom, subject to the whims of Roman emperors and governors. Both Nazareth and Bethlehem were tiny backwaters.

It was *that very moment and place* of desperation that the Lord chose to enter into human history. In dark times, He is the unfailing light. In uncertainty, He is the Unchanging Word of God. In your struggle, He is strength. In poverty, He is the richness of the Father. In your loneliness, He is God with you and for you. He knows your story. He can feel your pain. He shared in it in His own time, and walks with you now.

I encourage you to place your burdens at the foot of the manger, where the Creator of All reveals Himself in the helplessness of a baby. I also invite you to take from that simple gathering, birthed by Mary and sheltered by Joseph, renewed commitment to foster the Lord in your own life.

May this Christmas time bring you hope, the real hope that endures all changes and human problems. May this New Year find you and all you love, richly blessed with all you truly need. May the Infant of Bethlehem be reborn in your home and life.



I wish you and all you love a Merry Christmas, and joy in the New Year!

*Fr. Patrick*

Fr. Patrick  
Pastor

## Families

### New Year's Eve Potluck! ~ December 31

Celebrate at 9:00pm with Fr. Patrick! The parish provides space, music, paper goods, champagne and sparkling apple cider as well as a cash bar. We will dance and enjoy the New York Times Square count down live streamed on our big screens. You provide table decor, noisemakers and a dish to share. See page 12 for details.

## Adults

### Men's Ministry ~ December 27

*Illuman* is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Monthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. 7:00pm. Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com.

### 5th Sunday Rosary ~ December 31

Prayer can truly change your life and praying the rosary is a distinctively Catholic experience we can share together. The Knights of Columbus will provide a rosary ring and *A Guide to Praying the Rosary*, 12:30, Worship Garden. John Verosko 587-1210.

### Women's Retreat ~ January 5-7

By the women of Padre Serra for the women of Padre Serra! Make a new year's resolution to spiritually recharge at our retreat, *There is a Star Inside of Me*, with Sr. Edith Prendergast, at Serra Retreat in Malibu. Open to all women. Registration forms in office or www.padreserra.org. Questions: kelly@cfgteam.com.

### First Friday Adoration ~ January 5

Come spend time with our Lord between 2:00 and 7:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Caregivers Support Group ~ January 16

*Caritas* offers support to those who are caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Monthly, 7:00pm, Carmel room. Patricia Sentianin sentclan@gmail.com.

### Cancer Support Group ~ January 23

*Embracing Your Journey* provides hope, empowerment, love and prayer in a comforting, safe environment to connect with others touched by cancer in a productive and spiritual way. We take a break in December. Meets fourth Tuesdays, 7:00pm. Lou Ann 551-8014.

### Toastmasters ~ Mondays

Want to learn to become a confident communicator, speak in public and develop leadership skills? Come and see Toastmasters at 7:00pm, San Juan Bautista room. Janis 346-0669.

### Meditative Movement ~ Tuesdays

Women and men, any age, join instructor Sheila Montgomery for Tai Chi. 1:30pm in the Serra Center. \$5 donation /class.

### Centering Prayer ~ Wednesdays

Join this small faith community committed to living the contemplative dimension of the gospel in everyday life through the practice of Centering Prayer. 6:45pm, church bride's room. Contact: Vivian vpatv@outlook.com.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Wednesdays

Come join us for an hour of prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Every week, 6:30pm, church. Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com.

### Kids in Foster Care

Support and care for children in the foster care system from birth to transitioning young adults and their families. There are many ways to get involved. Become a: prayer companion, business partner, donor, volunteer, respite caregiver, mentor, foster family. Contact Aubrey aubster07@gmail.com or teresa@padreserra.org.

## Children

### Stay and Play!! Toddler Room ~ Every Sunday

Miss Nicole lovingly cares for your little one (12-36 months) while you go to Mass. This no cost service is available during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses in San Juan Bautista room on the right side of the courtyard. Stop by and see all the toys and fun and meet Nicole.

You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled.



### Little Church ~ January 7, 21, and 28

Sunday preschool and kindergarten during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Info: Soraya@padreserra.org. Be sure to register your child as soon as they turn 3.

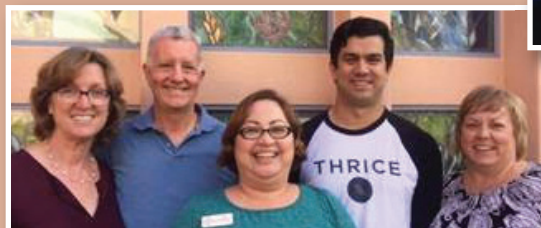
### Spark! ~ Merry Christmas, Centers resume January 8

At home: It is Jesus' birthday! What will your gift for Jesus be?

### Three:Sixteen ~ Merry Christmas, Centers resume January 10

At home: This week's Advent theme is Love; God so loved the world he gave his only Son. This Christmas give Jesus a gift of love.

## Christmas Blessings from your parish Pastoral Team





## Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

### Fires

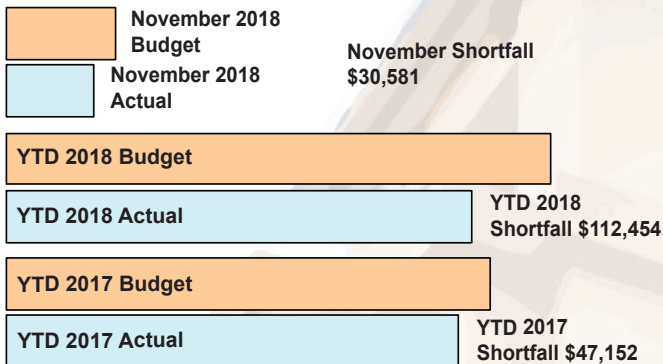
Archbishop Gomez asks all people of faith to offer prayers and support for those affected by wildfires in our community. The Archdiocese is helping through Catholic Charities of Los Angeles and our local parishes. Please make donations at [www.archla.org/fires](http://www.archla.org/fires).

In-kind items for Ventura County fire victims may be sent to: Catholic Charities Ventura Community Services Center  
303 North Ventura Avenue  
(805) 643-4694 Contact: Rick Raine

### One Can Make a Difference

Remember our friends and neighbors served by our food pantry. All the items you place in the boxes in church are taken over to our centralized storage at St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday afternoon. Every Monday food is bagged and distributed to families in need.

### Fiscal Snapshot



## High School

Confirmation Y1~ Merry Christmas, Session resumes January 7

4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ January 10

High School Youth Ministry, Wednesdays. 7:00pm-9:00pm San Juan Capistrano room. Join the fun, something new every week.

## Other Notes

Feast of St. Stephen the Martyr ~ December 26

On this feast we pray for Christians throughout the world, who suffer hardship and persecution because of their faith.

### Office Closed for the Holiday!

The staff is enjoying a lovely Christmas holiday Sunday, Monday and Tuesday this week. For New Year's we will close at noon Friday, December 29 and all day Monday, January 1. Happy Christmas!

## Faith Sharing



*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

*God's Spirit comes to us in ways we least expect.*

### Listening to the Word: Luke 1:26-38

As you hear this reading about Mary today, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

### Looking into My Life

Gabriel's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us – he loves us just as we are. What are some of my personal strengths that God rejoices in? Name one area of my life where God has surprised me with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon me in this dimension of life?

## Our Prayer Life



### Pray for Our Sick

Dalia Amaya, Liesa Comeau, Judy Conroy, Michael Dilley, Connie Flores, Guy Ginty, Susan Houlihan, Nurit Holzmman, Anita Johnson, baby Geavana Johnson, Jong Kim, Chase Lichtenstein, Faith Liddle, Frank Lombardo Jr., Ailish McAlorum, Bob McDonough, Dorothy McNulty, Steve Mehr, Alice Morley, Frances Mullen, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason-Bailey, Arceli Sarino, Dorothy Simmons, Catherine Smith, Ellen Tyree, Tisha Vallejo, Connie Williams, Kylie Wilson and Carole Zuback. (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: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday 7:45am, Church

Rosary: Monday – Friday 8:30am, Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30pm, Church

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45pm, Brides Room

Adoration: First Fridays 2:00pm-7:00pm, Chapel

Prayer Chain: prayers anytime

Bette 482-0067 [bette\\_church@hotmail.com](mailto:bette_church@hotmail.com)

Shirley 482-2617 [brownshehorn@gmail.com](mailto:brownshehorn@gmail.com)

Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

## Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA



### Come and See

Have questions about the Catholic faith? Come meet our team and talk. Meetings are casual and comfortable, Tuesday evenings San Miguel room, 7:00pm. For information: 482-6417 ext 331 or [CatherineShaddock@padreserra.org](mailto:CatherineShaddock@padreserra.org) or just drop by.

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# New Year's Eve POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
6:00 – 10:00PM  
SERRA CENTER

The ball drops at 9:00pm, making this the first stop of your evening.

Bring your own table cloth, centerpiece, décor, games and most important a dish to share!!

You may reserve a table for 10 or join with others. All food is shared.

Provided: bar, music, NY Times Square activities live streamed and champagne or sparkling cider!

All ages welcome!



## Golf

- Texas Scramble
- Golf Registration 10:00am
- Putting Contest 10:30 am
- Shotgun Start 11:30am
- Hole-in-One, win a car!

Irish Corn Hole  
4:00pm

Silent Auction  
Opens 4:30pm

Helicopter  
Golf Ball Drop  
5:30pm  
Everyone can play!

Dinner

## Live Auction

- Wine Tasting Trip  
with Fr. Patrick
- Week at Marriott's  
Desert Springs Villas
- and much more



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