



## A few helpful things...



1. Restrooms
2. Stay and Play free toddler care for 12-36 month olds, during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses
3. Little Church, Sunday preschool for 3 years and older, visitors welcome
4. Sound loop technology in church works with t-coil equipped hearing aids
5. Welcome and Information gazebo
6. Bell Tower Café fresh donuts, fruit and coffee!
7. Parish Office friendly staff, open Sundays 8am – 1 pm
8. Blessed Sacrament Chapel quiet, prayerful time with Jesus
9. Prayer Garden peace and tranquility, mass may be heard through loud speakers
10. Bride's room available for nursing moms if needed, mass may be heard through loud speakers
11. Liturgy of the Word for children in grades 1-5 (visitors welcome) hear the readings at their level. Children rejoice their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer.
12. Ministry Matters! Friendly parishioners share highlights and answer questions.

### This week:

See's Candy for St. Vincent de Paul

Simbang Gabi Luncheon, Serra Center  
Everyone welcome to this traditional Filipino meal

### Next week:

Merry Christmas!

## Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

5205 Upland Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

[www.padreserra.org](http://www.padreserra.org)

## 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

(805) 482-6417 [parish@padreserra.org](mailto:parish@padreserra.org)

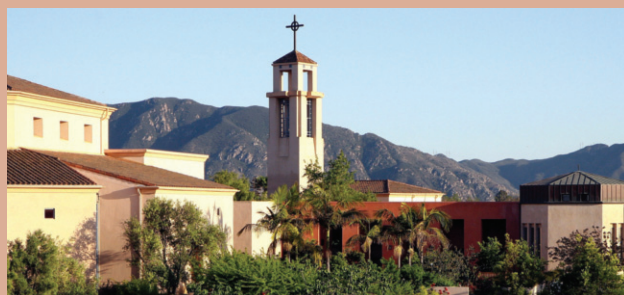
Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 6:15pm

Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

After Hours Emergency (805) 512-3208



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

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

Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

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

## Serra Center

(805) 482-6417 x323 [serracenter@padreserra.org](mailto:serracenter@padreserra.org)

## St. Mary Magdalen School, TK-8

2534 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, 93010

(805) 482-2611 [www.smmschool.net](http://www.smmschool.net)



Over 200 people attended our first-ever traditional Las Posadas. See more pictures at [padreserra.org](http://padreserra.org), home, gallery.



## Contact Us

Please know our parish staff is available via email using their [firstname@padreserra.org](mailto:firstname@padreserra.org)

We want to answer your questions about:

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Baptism             | Jane               |
| Sunday Pre-School   | Tere               |
| Sunday Toddler Room | Eve                |
| First Communion     | Tere               |
| Children            | Tere               |
| Middle School       | Tere               |
| High School         | Tere, Brett        |
| Young Adults        | Brett              |
| Becoming Catholic   | Catherine          |
| Marriage & Weddings | Teresa             |
| Ministries          | Teresa             |
| Seniors             | Teresa             |
| Liturgy and Music   | Dominic            |
| Funerals            | Jane               |
| Ask                 | Jane, Deserie, Eve |
| Help                | Jane, Teresa       |
| Join                | Deserie            |
| Give                | Pam                |

# ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Let's conspire together to change the way we celebrate Christmas! Every Sunday of Advent we'll focus on four simple ways to worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all.

This week we focus on the second principle of the Advent Conspiracy:  
**Give More**

*Give relationally to offer one another presence, rather than merely presents*

We know what you're thinking. "Wait, didn't you just say I should spend less, and yet here you're telling me to give more? What gives?" The most powerful, memorable gift you can give to someone else is yourself. And nobody modeled this more than Jesus.

*So what could this look like for you...*

- Tickets to a ball game, the theater, a day trip to a museum or local festival
- A movie, game or puzzle night
- A road trip up the coast with a picnic at the beach
- Christmas concert and dinner on December 15 at Padre Serra

*The main point is simple: When it comes to spending time with those you love, it's all about quality, not quantity.*



Prelude (11)—Nasilayan (*Beheld*)

JMCV, SJ &amp; EFH, SJ

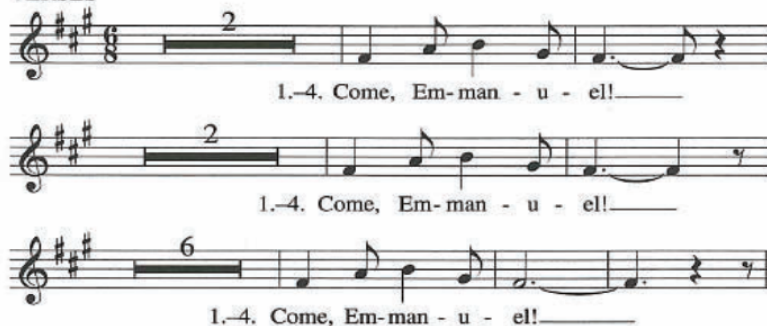
*Those walking in the dark beheld a Great Light. A blazing Star led those searching for the Way! Now is the time when the poor and the oppressed are blessed, when gold and silver lost their sparkle, when weapons lost their power. For a Babe is given to us, King of all from age to age! And his name is Power. And his dwelling place is Peace!*

## GATHERING

## Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light &amp; Paul A. Tate

## VERSES



## REFRAIN

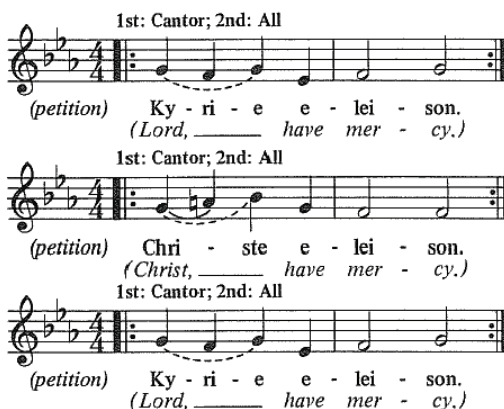


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## PENITENTIAL RITE

## Advent Wreath Service

John Schiavone



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## 11—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.)

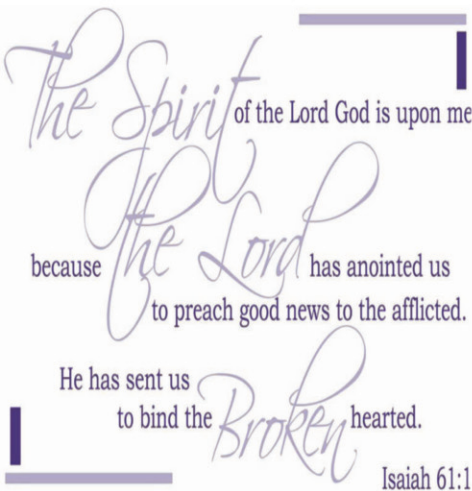


**Reading 1** Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11  
(proclaimed in Tagalog at the 11:00 liturgy)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

**Reading 2** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
**Gospel Reading** John 1:6-8,19-28



Isaiah 61:1

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You**

Marty Haugen



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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Advent Alleluia**

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

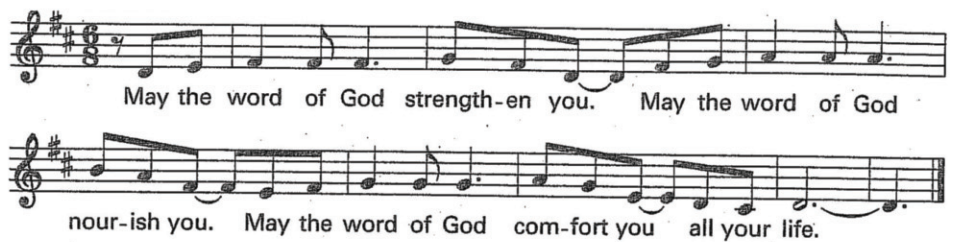


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**May the Word of God Strengthen You**

Christopher Walker

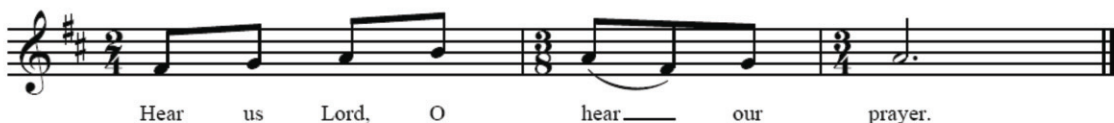


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**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

**"Mass of the Father's Love"**

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



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**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

**My Soul In Stillness Waits**  
11—Tanging Yaman

Marty Haugen, Gather #411



**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

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**Memorial Acclamation A**

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

**Great Amen****Lamb of God, "Mass of the Angels and Saints"**

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

**11—Kordero Ng Diyos**

Fr. Manoling 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

**Invitation to Communion**

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

## Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light &amp; Paul Tate, Gather #909

9—Jubilate Deo

11—People Look East

Peter Anglea

arr. James E. Clemens



## SENDING FORTH

## O, How I Long to See

Bob Hurd

11—Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit Levi Celerio

**REFRAIN:**

O, — how — I long to see your day of  
glo - ry dawn - ing, when — you — will *Fine*  
wash a - way — ev - 'ry tear.

**VERSES:**

1. O, how long, — how long will it take 'til the  
2. In your death — you end - ed our dy - ing; in  
3. We who share — the bread of this ta - ble a -

1. li - on lie down with the lamb?  
2. ris - ing you brought us new life.  
3. wait the re - turn of the Lord.

1. 'Til we turn our swords in - to plow - shares, and  
2. Quick - ly come in glo - ry O Lord, —  
3. May he find us faith - ful and true,

3 to Refrain

1. peace like a riv - er — flows o - ver the land?  
2. raise up your peo - ple — to jus - tice and right.  
3. watch - ful and read - y — to o - pen the door.

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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

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Nang si Kristo'y isilang  
May tatlong haring nagsidalaw  
At magbuhat ngayon  
Kahit hindi Pasko ay magbigayan



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## Point to Jesus

My Dear Parish Family,

In the Gospel today, John cried out in the desert, "Make straight the way of the Lord." John is pointing to Jesus and encouraging us to abandon our crooked ways, our self-centered paths. John points to Jesus in his statement, and then recedes into the background. His actions say, "It's not about me, it is about him." I wonder what percent of our actions say it is not about me. How do we point to Jesus? Daily. Do we recede into the background?

It is easy to see examples of when folks are behaving selfishly, in general we seem to be less trained or focused on when people get things right. I want to stay positive ... I love that we have 466 parking spots at church and six of them are dedicated to visitors. When I see them full, I rejoice! What a dishonor it would be if able-bodied parishioners used those spaces. We are all grateful to the wonderful hospitality ministers that brew fresh coffee, 275 pots a year, 5 every Sunday plus Christmas and Easter. What a dishonor it would be to grumble about one pot that is a little delayed. Take it from St. John, it is not about me, it is about our Lord Jesus. How can we point to him? Offer others good parking and hot coffee.

I have been talking with middle school children about growing up and growing into a deeper, more lived-out sense of Christian responsibility. I am proud to hear their ideas and even more proud to witness their actions such as hosting bake sales to raise money for hurricane and fire victims, picking up trash, saying 'hello' to people in wheel chairs, helping with Angel Tags.

There is so much goodness in the world! It seems it has to do with giving. Giving consideration to others ahead of myself. Giving to Angel Tags gifts. Giving time and so much talent at the Christmas concert. Giving prayers and words of encouragement to those in need. Giving the gift of ourselves, our time, to our loved ones. Consider going to a movie, mass or a ball game, baking cookies, helping to shop or wrap packages or decorate, whatever you are good at or want to be good at ... try doing it for someone you care about. When we empty ourselves of self-centeredness, we make space that fills up with the love of Jesus. We point to Jesus.

In a spirit of networking, I want to share that in January, we will be looking for a new Business Manager for the parish. We will advertise both in and outside the parish. We trust that God will bring us the right person to manage our business processes, connect with the people that God brings to our doors, and lead us in ways to Encounter Jesus and Be Disciples.

In a spirit of giving, I want to remind everyone, including my own family, tis the season! To remember our favorite charitable organizations and of course the parish in year-end giving. It is easy to get busy and postpone this task. It is so important to keep the parish not only going, but growing. The fruit of the gifts of our hands is immeasurable. I am convinced that God is working in and through the people of Padre Serra Parish to point to Jesus. Thank you.

God bless you and all those you love this Christmas,

*Eve Collier*

Eve Collier  
Parish Life Minister





## Adults

### See's Holiday Candy ~ Today

Give the gift of See's and support St. Vincent de Paul. Available in the courtyard.

### Masses for December 23-24

The mass schedule for the weekend of December 23-24 is 5:00pm Saturday and 10:00am Sunday. Please note there will only be the one mass on Sunday morning (no 7:30, 9:00 or 11:00). Visit page 12 for the Christmas eve and day mass schedule.

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

By the women of Padre Serra *for* the women of Padre Serra! Gift your mom, wife, sister or friend with a retreat or yourself with a New Year's spiritual 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](http://www.padreserra.org). Questions: [kelley@cfgteam.com](mailto:kelley@cfgteam.com).



### Knitters ~ Thursdays

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels are welcome. No experience? That's alright; we'll show you. Throughout the year we have projects for Get on the Bus, Life Centers and more. 10:00am-12:00pm, Carmel room. Donna [healthysneaker7@gmail.com](mailto:healthysneaker7@gmail.com).

### Writers Group ~ Fridays

We gather. We pray. We write. 10:00am-12:00pm, San Fernando room. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome any Friday to share your own work and to listen to the inspiring writing of others. Linda [calmest1@verizon.net](mailto:calmest1@verizon.net).

### 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](mailto:aubster07@gmail.com) or [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org).

### Los Angeles Congress ~ March 16-18, 2018

The largest Catholic convention in the world is right in our own backyard! Come to Anaheim for one, two or three days of inspiring workshops, speakers, liturgies and concerts. Browse the catalog at [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org) or pick up one in the church lobby and be sure to check out Fr. Patrick's sessions (3-21 and 5-20). Padre Serra's hospitality suite at the Hilton is the perfect place to visit and share a meal with fellow parishioners or just to rest and recharge. Contact [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org) for details.

## 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 ~ December 17, January 7, 21 and 28

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

### Spark! ~ Enjoy Christmas Break, Centers Resume January 8

Spark! at home: This week's Advent theme is JOY, we are so happy for the coming of Jesus we can hardly wait. How will you share your joy with others?

### Three:Sixteen ~ December 20

This week kids will learn how through the sacraments we gain grace and happiness. They will test their knowledge playing a fun game of sacrament trivia.

## High School

### Confirmation Y1 ~ December 17

This week the teens will learn about the awesome privilege of receiving the Eucharist and the Gift of Reverence.

### 4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ December 20

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

## Other Notes

### Staff Takes a Holiday!! ~ December 24, 25 and 26

The parish office will be closed for three days. Please come by and see us on Wednesday, December 27. Prayers and Blessings!

### Padre Serra eNewsletter!

Thank you for the kind comments on our new monthly eNewsletter! We are working on the January issue. Please let us know what you would like to read about! Send pictures! Have a cute photo to share? Email it too! If you are not yet on the email list, please contact [gaby@padreserra.org](mailto:gaby@padreserra.org) to subscribe. She will love to hear from you. Share it with your friends and family!

### Thank You Christmas Card Donors!

More than 100 children transformed your old cards into beautiful ornaments.

## 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 CatherineShadduck@padreserra.org or just drop by.

## Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious.

### Fires

Archbishop José H. Gomez asks all people of faith to join in offering prayers and support for everyone affected by the wildfires in Ventura, Santa Barbara and LA Counties. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is helping through Catholic Charities of Los Angeles and our local parishes and schools. A special fund has been established to help those impacted by the fires. 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  
Ventura CA 93001-1936  
(805) 643-4694 Contact: Rick Raine

## Save the Date

**Fairways to Heaven all day Event ~ March 12**

## Protect the Children



### Pay Attention to Signs of Neglect

Neglect is a form of child abuse characterized by a failure to meet a child's basic needs for nourishment, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education and so forth. Be on the lookout for signs of neglect in the children you see on a daily basis because if these needs are not met, a child may be suffering physically and emotionally. Some signs of neglect include malnourishment, poor hygiene, and insufficient medical care. For more information, and a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Oft-Forgotten Type of Abuse: Neglect," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>, or call (213) 637-7508.

## Faith Sharing



*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

*God is doing great things for us.*

**Listening to the Word: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

Listen carefully to John's words. What do you hear John saying here? What single word or phrase catches your attention?

**Looking into My Life**

John tried to help people prepare their lives for the coming of the Messiah. What do I need to change about my life to be ready for Jesus' coming? Where do I see Jesus already in our midst today? How would I describe the joy that this knowledge brings me?

## Our Prayer Life



### Pray for Our Sick

Dalia Amaya, Liesa Comeau, Judy Conroy, Michael Dilley, Connie Flores, Guy Ginty, Susan Houlihan, Nurit Holzmman, baby Geavana Johnson, Jong Kim, Chase Lichtenstein, Faith Liddle, Frank Lombardo Jr., Ailish McAlorum, 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:*

Perry Paulson, RIP

Larry Spies, RIP

Beloved brother of Bill Spies

*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.

## Memorial & Honorarium Gifts for Building Fund



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Rosa Gaerlan

*In Loving Memory of Milo Sparacklen*

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## *Mass Schedule for December 23, 24 and 25*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, Saturday vigil 5:00pm

December 24, Sunday 10:00am only  
(no 7:30am, 9:00am or 11:00am today)

### Christmas Masses

December 24, Sunday Christmas Eve

4:00pm Church

4:15pm Serra Center

6:30pm Church

11:00pm Church, with caroling at 10:30pm

December 25, Monday Christmas Day

10:00am Church



## *New Year's Eve* POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:00 – 10:00PM

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