



Spark! Christmas party, Faith Formation Minister Mrs. Tere Delgado, baby Jesus craft made by little Sparklers!



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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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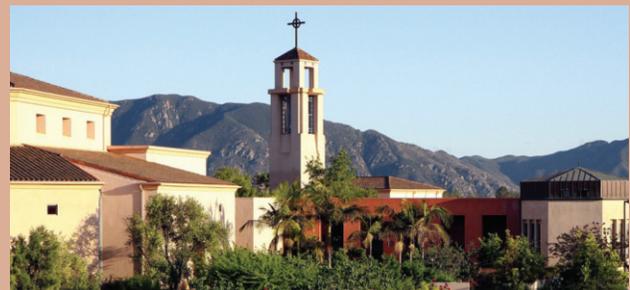
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Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

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

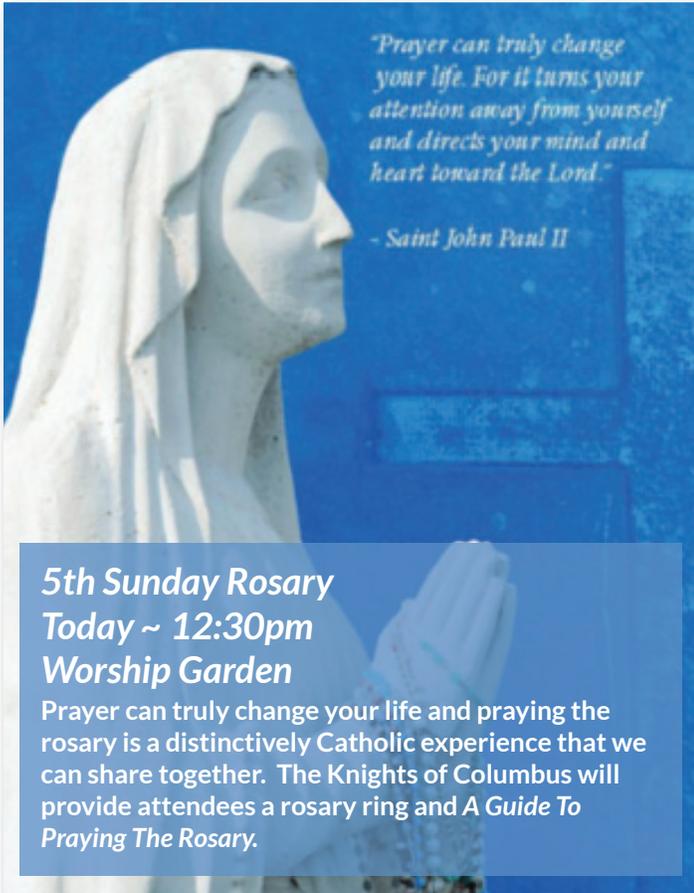
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### ***Behind the Scenes: Leaders' Leaders***

This team reviewed nearly thirty applications and conducted interviews to select the critically important small group leaders for this year's Confirmation Year Two Retreat.

## *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.





## 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 rejoin their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer.
12. Ministry Matters! Friendly parishioners share highlights and answer questions.

*Blessed New Year!*

**GATHERING**

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Gather #424

**GLORIA**

**Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)**

Ed Bolduc

Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

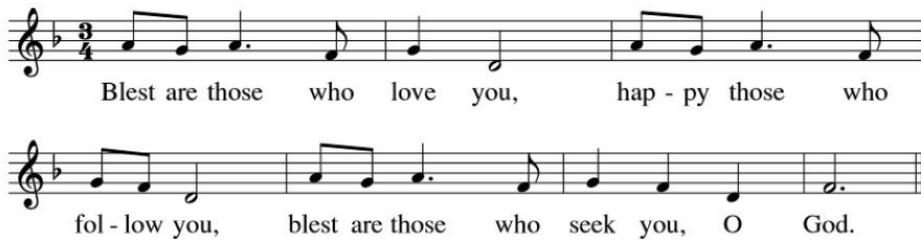
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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.

Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
Amen.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps. 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You** Marty Haugen, *Gather #86*


Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who  
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Text: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 5; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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Let the peace  
of Christ  
control your  
hearts;  
let the word  
of Christ  
dwell in you  
richly.

Colossians 3:1 5a,16a

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia (Jubilation Mass)** James Chepponis


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

*Gospel Acclamation from Jubilation Mass* by James Chepponis  
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**DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES****Go In Peace** Dominic MacAller


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

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

“Mass of the Father’s Love”

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

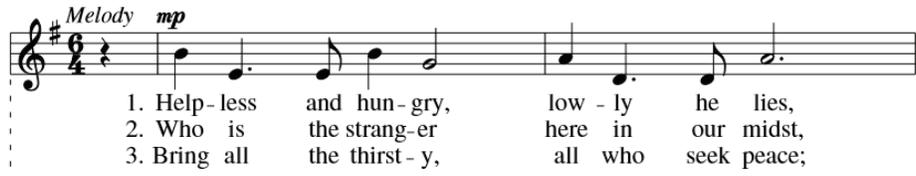
What Child Is This

Gather #466

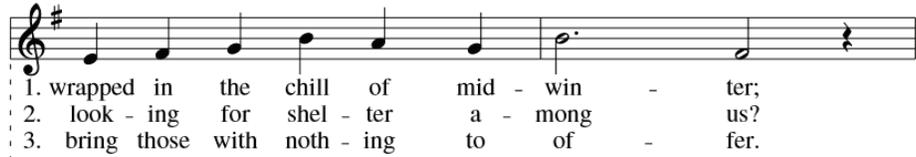
Child of the Poor (to be sung with counter-melody of *What Child Is This*)

Scott Soper

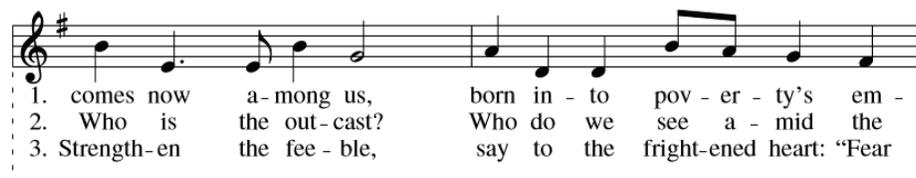
*Melody mp*



1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies,  
2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst,  
3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace;



1. wrapped in the chill of mid-win-ter;  
2. look-ing for shel-ter a-mong us?  
3. bring those with noth-ing to of-fer.



1. comes now a-mong us, born in-to pov-er-ty's em-  
2. Who is the out-cast? Who do we see a-mid the  
3. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the fright-ened heart: "Fear

*Refrain*



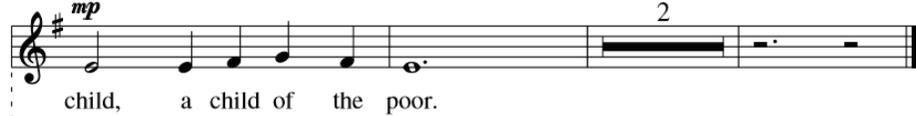
1. brace, new life for the world. } Who is this who lives with the  
2. poor, the chil-dren of God? }  
3. not: here is your God!" }



low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows, know-ing their hun-ger?



This is Christ, re-vealed to the world in the eyes of a



child, a child of the poor.

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## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Mass of Creation"

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation A

Amen

Lamb of God

Marty Haugen

Gather #198

Gather #199

Gather #202

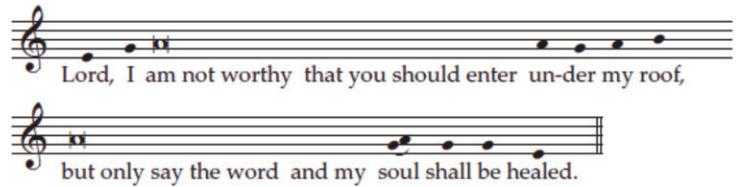
Gather #204



## 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:



## COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light &amp; Paul Tate, Gather #909

9:00—The Hands That First Held Mary's Child

Daniel E. Forrest

11:00—Holy Is Your Name

David Haas, Gather #102

## SENDING FORTH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gather #395



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## Sweets

Hello friends,

I remember the anticipation I felt as we drove to my grandparents' home each New Year's Eve. I so enjoyed the aroma of various meats, vegetables, dumplings and spices that filled the air as we arrived. Let's face it though, as a young boy I also loved sneaking sweets just before dinner. I always thought I got away with it but I had fooled no one. My parents just watched, smiled and said nothing. They had wisely realized that these were childhood moments to be cherished, appreciated and even 'hidden' at times. Little did I know that in their actions I was also being taught how to treat others and deal with relationships. Over time, the education also grew and became more challenging but always provided greater insights.

Considering the impact my parents had in my life, I cannot help but wonder how Jesus, Mary and Joseph interacted with one another as a family. We honor them as role models and share our innermost thoughts with them. In many ways we feel we know this family quite well yet questions remain. For example, aside from Jesus' early years and his time in the temple at age 12, little is known about him as a child, teenager or young adult. A single line in today's Gospel reads, "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom." Reflecting on this verse however, I now realize this may not represent a gap or an open question at all. It could rather be an invitation for us to consider how Jesus grew up and learned the ways of the world by watching Mary and Joseph. It could provide us with our own opportunities within our own families.

We might define our family unit as traditional, non-traditional or communal yet we all are part of the one family of God. Armed with this truth and in celebration of today's Feast of the Holy Family, I offer the following suggestions as we continue to hone our own ability to grow and participate more fully as active family members:

- Allow time for God – Father Patrick Payton said, "The family that prays together stays together." The presence of God within our families should be celebrated and shared to truly experience the gift we have received in Him and one another.
- Break bread together – Something special occurs at every meal spent with others. In both the silence and in conversation, there exists an undeniable bond that makes us feel more connected, somehow closer.
- Practice quality listening skills – We can learn much and be transformed by living a culture of vulnerability and openness in the way we truly listen to our brothers and sisters. This does take practice but is well worth the effort.
- Share willingly and openly – Selflessly giving of our time, talent or treasure can change the world for all involved. In stewardship, we give and we receive; we allow the face of Christ to look lovingly into the eyes of Christ.

I'm certain we can come up with many other ideas to celebrate family values and wisdom. Whichever opportunities are chosen, I suggest we declare 2018 as a year lived for God represented in simple or creative ways to give back to our extended family. I'm certain the love gained and given will far exceed the time invested. Who knows; we may even be able to taste something sweet along the way.

Happy New Year. Endless Blessings,



Deacon Luc Papillon



## Adults

### New Year's Eve Potluck Tonight!

Ring in the new year with friends and family 6:00-10:00pm in the Serra Center. Visit page 12 for all the details.

### Seasons of the Spirit ~ January 3

Our women's spirituality and friendship morning group continues with Bishop Robert Barron's video series, 10:00am in the Carmel Room. Come for refreshments and faith sharing. Helen, 482-6932.

### Ventura County Youth Correctional Facility Thanks YOU!

A note from Katya Acuna in the Catholic chaplain's office: *I thought I would show up and pick up an envelope with perhaps \$200 worth of gift cards from Angel Tags. That would be more than enough to cover our Christmas dinner and mass expenses. Instead, there was over \$1,400. This will cover pretty much ALL of our activities for 2018. Unbelievable! Padre Serra is such a wonderful, giving parish. Thank you for making this possible!!!*

### First Friday Adoration ~ January 5

Come spend some time with our Lord between 2:00-7:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. To commit to one hour, contact [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

### Los Angeles Congress ~ March 16-18

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) 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

### Little Church ~ 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! ~ January 8 and 10

Children will learn about Jesus' first followers, his disciples.

### Three:Sixteen ~ January 10

Kids will learn how through the sacraments we gain grace and happiness. Then test their knowledge playing a fun game of sacrament trivia.

## Support Ministries



### Bereavement Support Group ~ January 4

For those who have lost a loved one, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:00am. Betty Bright-Martinez, [bbright41@verizon.net](mailto:bbright41@verizon.net), 482-0156.

**Cancer Support Group** *Embracing Your Journey* provides hope, empowerment, love and prayer in a comforting atmosphere of encouragement. It is a safe environment for people touched by cancer to connect with others in a productive and spiritual way. 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm. Lou Ann 551-8014.

**Caregivers Support Group** *Caritas* offers support to those who are caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm. Patricia Sentianin [sentclan@gmail.com](mailto:sentclan@gmail.com).

**Open Hearts (LGBT)** is a support ministry where LGBT brothers, sisters, and their families and friends in Christ are welcome and a safe harbor to explore spirituality and share experiences, strength, and hope. [Openheartspadreserra@gmail.com](mailto:Openheartspadreserra@gmail.com).

**Career Transitions Ministry** helps the unemployed and underemployed focus their job search, improve resume and interview skills, network. Steven [careertransitions@padreserra.org](mailto:careertransitions@padreserra.org).

**Good Samaritans** offers assistance with meals to those who are recovering from illness, accidents, injuries, and surgeries. Gwen Ripplinger 797-6864 or Denise Ginty 388-3897.

**Many Meals of Camarillo** provides hot meals, food, and other life essentials for those struggling to make ends meet. Meals are served twice a week 5:00-6:15pm Mondays at St. Mary Magdalen Church and Thursdays at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Pat Yost 388-8742.

**St. Vincent de Paul** offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. Aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. Those in need of assistance should call 504-4753.

**Pastoral Care** is available in the parish office with Teresa Runyon, Faith Life Minister. Teresa will help to discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy or other resources. 482-6417, [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org).

## High School

### Confirmation Y1~ January 7

This week the teens will learn about the gift of Wonder and Awe.

### 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.

## Faith Sharing



*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

*Family Life*

**Listening to the Word: Luke 2:22-40**

What word or phrase stands out for you? What questions arise?

**Looking into My Life**

How did I come to know God and live out my faith from my family?

How can I pass on this faith to my family members, particularly my children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews?

## 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 or just drop by.

## 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.

## Protect the Children



**Human Trafficking and Technology**

Teenagers are prime targets for human traffickers. Using online ads that promise money and adventure in exciting, glamorous cities, traffickers attract young women and girls. Parents should be aware of dangers online and monitor their children's sites visited, social networks they belong to and who they are connecting with online. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology," visit [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free\\_article.cfm?free\\_articles\\_id=887](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887).

## Our Prayer Life



**New Year's Day Mass ~ January 1, 10:00am**

**Pray for Our Sick**

Dalia Amaya, Lauren Bacchus, Jocelyn Chruszczak, Liesa Comeau, Judy Conroy, Michael Dilley, Connie Flores, Guy Ginty, Susan Houlihan, Nurit Holzmann, 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:*

Marjorie Brennan, RIP

Vince Garrity, RIP

Warren Speer, RIP

*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.

## Families

**Special Families ~ January 10**

We provide community and spiritual support for transitioning special needs teens and young adults (16+), their families and friends. 7:00pm, San Miguel room. Monica 484-8379, [monicapooner@twc.com](mailto:monicapooner@twc.com).

## In the Community

**Chaminade High School Entrance Exams ~ January 20 or 27**

Apply by January 12 [www.chaminade.org](http://www.chaminade.org).

**OneLifeLA ~ January 20**

Family friendly event celebrating the dignity of human life from conception to natural death includes a walk in downtown L.A., inspiring speakers, live music, entertainment, food trucks and service organization exhibits. 12:00-4:00pm and Requiem Mass for the Unborn at 5:00pm at the Cathedral. Register free: [www.OneLifeLA.org](http://www.OneLifeLA.org).

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