

Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

MARCH 11, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT TURN ON T-COIL 🎢 🖪 🔰 🖸



So manv moments of grace lived during the Confirmation Y2 Retreat. Thank you **PSPYouth Peer** Leaders and Young Adults for helping our teen candidates grow closer to God and His Church!

Welcome!

To our newest registered parishioners! May you find faith, fellowship, love and peace.

Shannon Porter Cynthia MacAdam Lily MacAdam Aidan MacAdam Neil MacAdam Walter Jaquette **Robert Foote** Maven Foote

Joyce Michaud Gina Jamison Michael Jamison Jennifer Jamison

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate here! If you are not yet registered or need to update your information, please visit www.padreserra.org/join select "Update Your Info " or email liz@padreserra.org. Thank you!



Mass Times Monday - Friday 8:00am Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Office Hours 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

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Sunday, <u>M</u>arch 25 After the 11:00am mass Backyard, behind the Serra Center

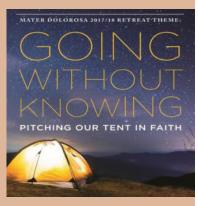
Come make a beautiful centerpiece for your Easter table. The whole family can help! All materials provided. Suggested donation \$10. Sponsored by our fun friends in Faith Formation! RSVP: christine@padreserra.org

Succulent growers: Please root and donate your clippings on or before Palm Sunday for this wonderful craft project. Blessings!

Men's Silent Retreat April 20-22, 2018 Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre

Going Without Knowing: Pitching Our Tent in Faith What is faith? Simply stated it is that moment of trust when

we say yes to the invitation to enter a loving relationship with God. At times faith feels like a dance, a celebration, all is well. Then comes times of spiritual darkness and doubt. How can we nourish a faith that seems to be dying of thirst in the wilderness? How do we go without knowing? How do we live a focused and



purposeful life of faith in season and out of season? With Abraham, Sarah and the Israelite as our guides, this retreat will challenge and invite us pitch our tents in faith.

Courtyard Registration today Dave McCormick 558-7868, dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

Golf

Texas Scramble 10:00am Golf Registration 10:30 am Putting Contest 11:30am Shotgun Start

Irish Corn Hole 4:00pm

Silent Auction Opens 4:30pm

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

Dinner Live Auction 6:00pm



Monday March 12, 2018 Las Posas Country Club

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Thank you for supporting our one and only annual fundraiser!

All proceeds benefit future space for <u>Youth</u> & Young Adults



PENITENTIAL RITE

GATHERING

Hold Us In Your Mercy

Rory Cooney, Gather #494

5:00 Reading 1 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14 Reading 2 **Gospel Reading** John 9:1-41

Reading 12 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 Reading 2 Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel Reading** John 3:14-21

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Psalm 137: Let My Tongue Be Silenced if Let tongue be si - lenced, my Ι for ev er get you!

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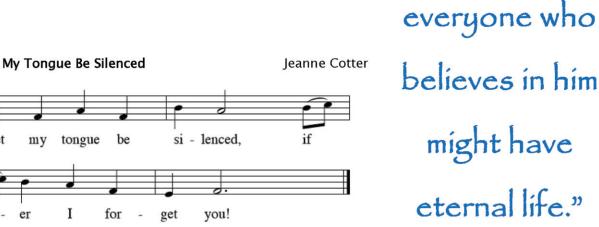
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Lord, have mer-cy. R. Lord, have mer-cy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 5:00-Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

> Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.



John 3:16

might have

eternal life."



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Christopher Walker

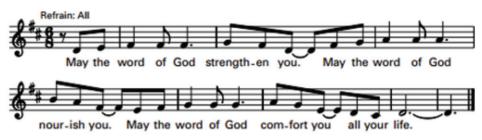


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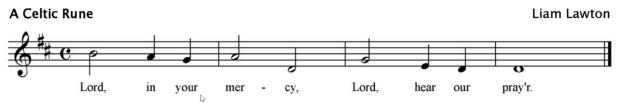
May the Word of God Strengthen You

Christopher Walker



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE



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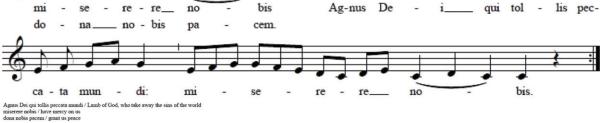
What Wondrous Love Is This

Gather #642

9:00-God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott





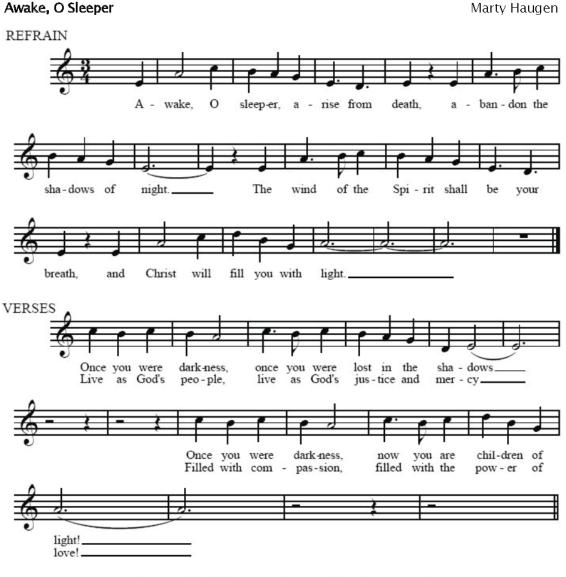
Invitation to Communion

ALL: 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

The Name of God There's a Wideness in God's Mercy David Haas, Gather **#80** Ed Bolduc

SENDING FORTH



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Please return extra worship aids to exits; take home one bulletin. Thank you.

God Loves YOU

Dear friends on the journey,

Think back to your childhood. What was your image of God when you were a kid? Now go to your teen or college years. What was your image or impression of God then? Was it any different from your early childhood? What did God mean for you at that time?

What's your image of God today, as an adult? Has it evolved from your early years? Or is it the same? Is your grownup image a God one of judgement and harshness? Or is yours a loving God? I really hope this is the case and if not, if you feel only judgment from God, I encourage you to stop and reflect on why that is your image of God. Where does that come from? How can your image of God transition to one only of love and generosity?

Today's gospel is an excellent place to start. It includes probably the most referenced scripture passage of all time, John 3:16 which says: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* The passage goes on to say that Jesus was sent not to condemn the world but to save the world and he does this by death on the cross. He is the truth and the light. This is good news. No, this is fantastic news!

My image of God has certainly evolved over the course of my life and through my ever-deepening relationship with God. Sometimes I have this image of God like a parent who, when her child or teen does something stupid, just lowers her head and shakes it in disbelief. God must have done that with the Israelites, as we read in the first reading. I'm sure he did that with the apostles and the early Christians and no doubt with us now. But then I picture God chuckling and wrapping his arms around us, knowing our imperfections and offering forgiveness anyway. Jesus did that for us. His crucifixion offers us the way to salvation and not just a few but all of us. We don't need to earn it; we just need to respond. Our acceptance of this free gift is choosing to believe that, despite our imperfections, brokenness, occasional wrong decisions, God's love is unconditional. We don't have to wait to be perfect, happy, mature, rich, smart or have our stuff together in order to be in relationship with God. He wants us here and now so he can wrap his arms around us in forgiveness, comfort and love.

Most often we talk about God's love for us collectively. To be quite honest, only in the last couple of years did I have a true personal realization that Jesus died for *me*. I hope you believe this about yourself too: he died for *you*. Look at the gospel again and read it to yourself:

For God so loved me that he gave his only Son, so that I will believe and not perish and have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn me, but that I might be saved through him.

If we believe this and accept God's gift of salvation through Jesus, then we have to come out of the darkness and live in the light. As we come towards the end of Lent and prepare for Holy Week, let us all examine our image of God,

our personal relationship with God, and our own dark areas. What is the Good Friday of our lives that needs God's light and love? It's there for each and everyone of us. Don't wait.

Siempre Adelante,

Juesa Runyon

Teresa Runyon Faith Life Minister



Adults

Special Families ~ March 14

We provide community and spiritual support for transitioning special needs teens and young adults (16+), their families and friends. This month: drum circle with Cathy Saine. 7:00pm, San Miguel room. Monica (805)484.8379, monicaspooner@twc.com

Los Angeles Congress ~ March 16-18

Are you going to Congress? Let us know. Our parish hosts a hospitality suite. It's the perfect place to visit and share a meal with fellow parishioners or just to rest and recharge. Contact teresa@padreserra.org for details about meals, locations, times, etc.

Seeds of Faith ~ March 19

Our monthly women's evening of spirituality to share the Word of God and grow in faith meets 7:00-8:30pm, San Miguel room, continuing our study of *The Friendship Project*. Gwen (805)797.6864, gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com

Serra Seniors ~ March 21

Padre Serra parishioner Deborist Benjamin-Burke, a certified reike master healer, will share how she lost 70 lbs. using Christian reike. Come learn more about this specialized healing technique and Deborist's faith journey. All adults 55+ are invited the Serra Center at 9:45am for refreshments followed by the speaker at 10:00.

Toastmasters ~ Mondays

Want to learn to become a confident communicator, speak in public and develop leadership skills? Come check out our Toastmasters at 7:00pm in the San Juan Bautista room. Janis (805)407.3340, janisba@outlook.com

Seniors Adaptive Exercise Class ~ Wednesdays

All seniors are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class at 8:45-9:30am in the Santa Barbara room. Marg (805)405.9901.

Save the Date

Bundle Sunday ~ April 15

Collection of your gently used clothing, household goods and books for St. Vincent de Paul.

In the Community

Citizenship Fair ~ March 17

Free assistance with the citizenship application forms 9:00am-3:00pm, Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Oxnard. Questions/registration: 805unitedforall@gmail.com or (213) 446-4851. Volunteers are also needed this day.

St. Joseph's Italian Dinner ~ March 18

A delicious Italian dinner, live music, viewing and blessing of the traditional St. Joseph's Table, bake sale with plenty of Italian favorites, and more. St Paschal Baylon 155 E. Janss Rd, Thousand Oaks. Event/Tickets: (805)368.3384 or www.icfbranch380.org

Families

Mom's Group ~ Lenten Activities

Prayer group: Tuesdays 9:00-10:00am. Childcare is available. Location/RSVP: Anna atspooner@gmail.com Book club: Lent & Easter Wisdom from Fulton J. Sheen: Daily Scripture and Prayers Together With Sheen's Own Words. Contact: Melissa melissa.a.ronan@gmail.com

Neighborhood Reconciliation Services

Please go to confession during Lent; attend a Reconciliation Service. All our priests gather to hear individual confessions at neighborhood churches. Choose one that works with your schedule. 7:00pm March 12 St. Julie Billiart, Newbury Park March 13 St. Paschal Baylon, Thousand Oaks March 19 Holy Cross, Moorpark March 20 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Westlake March 21 St. Peter Claver, Simi

Easter Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 31, 7:30pm Begins with a bonfire in the courtyard! Sunday, April 1 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am in Church 9:15am and 11:15am in Serra Center

Children

Stay and Play! Toddler Room ~ Every Sunday

Miss Nicole lovingly cares for your little one (12-36 months) during 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. This no cost service available in San Juan Bautista room. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled.

Little Church ~ March 11 and 25, April 8

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! ~ March 12 and 14

This week the children will learn about Triduum.

Three:Sixteen ~ March 14

This week kids will learn that at baptism, we are called to be Priest, Prophet and King.

High School

Confirmation Y2 ~ March 11

Still on retreat high? Let's unpack the Year 2 retreat.

4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ March 14

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship, in San Juan Capistrano room 7:00pm.

Faith Sharing

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table. **God loves you ~ John 3:14-21**

Today's gospel speaks of God's great love for us and that to follow God is to move into the light. When is it difficult for me to believe that God loves me? What particular line in this reading helps my faith? What is the darkness in my life that needs Jesus' healing so that I can move towards the light?

Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA

Is the Catholic Church Right for You?

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about what the Church teaches about suffering, hope and forgiveness? Do you wonder why we worship as we do, what happens at confession, why the Blessed Virgin Mary is so important to Catholics? These and many other topics are explored on Tuesday evenings at the parish in an informal setting. You are most welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Catherine Shadduck at catherine@padreserra.org or (805)482.6417 ext 331.

Our Giving

Quarterly Focus: St. Mary Magdalen School

St. Mary Magdalen School has been our home since each of us was in kindergarten. We know we are getting a good education because our teachers are always there to help with whatever we need. We also enjoy participating in the school's athletic programs. Finally, it is special to be able to go to Mass once a week with the school and even be able to help out. We love our school and would give it a 10/10!

-Alex J. (8th), Cole J. (7th), Reese J. (5th), and Kate J. (3rd)

Catholic Relief Services ~ March 10-11

Jesus is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking. He comes to us in the disguise of the poor and marginalized and our faith calls us to respond. This weekend is the special collection that helps international humanitarian needs. Envelopes in the church lobby. www.crs.org

Memorial & Honorarium ~ Gifts for Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Cheryl French Nancy McGovern In Loving Memory of Ellen Tyree Georgene Boyd Grace Pugliese Wendy Scheid In Loving Memory of Marie Von Rueden Cathy Busch In Loving Memory of "Stacy" Wendy Scheid

Our Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Dalia Amaya, Edward Barrier, Tony Canzano, Glenda Duarte, Connie Flores, Shirley Francis, Bruce Gibson, Nurit Holzmann, Don Johnson, Jaden Lem, Salomon Magana, Ailish McAlorum, Bob McDonough, Steve Mehr, Frances Mullen, Arisa Namioka, Antonio Ochoa, Mike Pfeil, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason-Bailey, Javier Reyes, Martha Reyes, Arceli Sarino, Larry Sedillo, Dorothy Simmons and Michael Woronoff. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Fr. Ernest Candelaria, CSJ, RIP Joseph Dinh, RIP May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: 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 Shirley 482-2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

Other Notes

PSP eNews

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

In the Courtyard

Friendly parishioners share highlights and answer questions. Today: Fairways to Heaven Helicopter Ball Drop! Men's Silent Retreat

You Count! Be Counted

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. Please help us keep our records up to date. Go to www.padreserra.org/join to complete a parish registration form or update your information. Every household, please check your information! To be removed from the census, please email liz@padreserra.org





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The University Series this week \$8.00/person, includes a guest. Catalogs in church & office.

Sessions at Other Locations:

Proving the Existence of God ~ Jim Bullock Monday, March 12, 7:30pm St. Paschal, Thousand Oaks

Mark's Gospel ~ Fr. Slawomir Szkredka Wednesday, March 15, 7:30pm St. Jude, Westlake Village

Don't Tell Me What to Do! ~ Fr. Dave Heney Friday, March 16, 12:15pm St. Julie, Newbury Park

Soup Supper

Friday, March 23, 5:00pm

San Juan Capistrano room Families and adults can enjoy fellowship and yummy homemade (meatless) soup! Donations gratefully accepted to support the work of St. Vincent De Paul. Contact Helen hcshields@roadrunner.com

Living Last Supper

Friday, March 23, 7:00pm Church A thought-provoking, portrayal of what may have gone through the minds of the apostles when the Lord said "One of you will betray me..."

Living Stations of the Cross Friday, March 30, 1:45pm

Serra Center patio A moving portrayal bringing us into Jesus' passion and death. We recommend bringing a camp chair.

Read and reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy

These teachings of Jesus give us a model for how we should treat others... as if they were Jesus in disguise. These are charitable acts that we can do to respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

Feed the hungry Give drink to the thirsty Clothe the naked Shelter the homeless Visit the sick Visit the imprisoned Bury the dead

Holy Week

The holiest week of the year begins with Palm Sunday. Take part in one or all of these liturgies and devotions as we travel to the hope of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Wednesday, March 28 Prayer Service for PSP Youth (High School)

Holy Thursday, March 29 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday, March 30 Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm

Holy Saturday, March 31 Begins with bonfire in the courtyard Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Liturgies, April 1 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am (Church) 9:15am, 11:15am (Serra Center)