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## Contact Us

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
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First Communion	Tere
Children	Christine
Middle School	Tere
High School	Brett
Young Adults	Brett
Becoming Catholic	Catherine
Marriage & Weddings	Teresa
Ministries	Teresa
Seniors	Teresa
Liturgy & Music	Dominic
Funerals	Jane

## Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

### Mass Times

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

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

### 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

### Serra Center Rental

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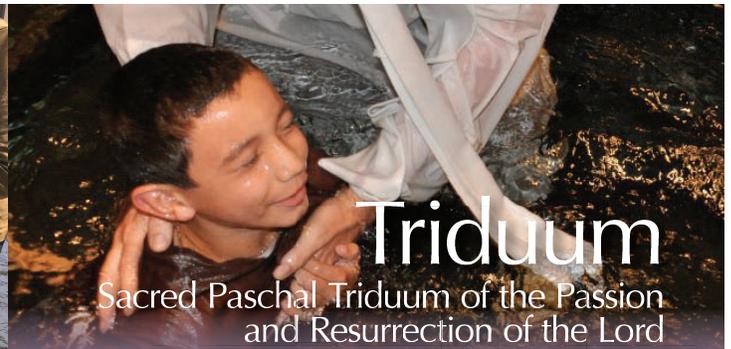


## Resurrection Garden Activity

Sunday, March 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](mailto:christine@padreserra.org)

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



## Triduum

Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord

"Paschal" refers both to Passover, and to the Lamb to be sacrificed – Jesus himself. Triduum simply means "three days" and is the high point of the entire Church year. While chronologically three days, they are actually one celebration unfolding for us the unity of Christ's redemptive act.

The Triduum begins with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday**, continues with the **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday**, the **Great Easter Vigil on Saturday night** and the **Liturgies of Easter Sunday**.

The high point is the **Easter Vigil** when new Catholics are baptized, confirmed, and receive Holy Communion for the first time.

See page 12 and learn more about Triduum at [www.padreserra.org/news/triduum](http://www.padreserra.org/news/triduum)

## Celebrate true Sabbath



Sunday is fun day for families, a day to spend time with God and friends too. Enjoy the lovely fellowship and conversation in the courtyard, prayer gardens, chapel and a myriad of ways to connect the kids. Plan to spend a couple of hours.

- 1. Restrooms
- 2. Stay and Play  
Free toddler care (12-36 months) during 9:00am and 11:00am masses
- 3. Little Church  
Sunday preschool (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  
Visit our friendly staff
- 8. Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
Intimate time with Jesus
- 9. Prayer Garden  
Peace and tranquility, mass may be heard through loud speakers
- 10. Bride's Room  
For nursing moms, mass may be heard through loud speakers
- 11. Ministry Matters  
Friendly parishioners share highlights and answer questions  
Liturgy of the Word  
Children in grades 1-5 hear the readings at their level then rejoice their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer, visitors welcome.



**GATHERING**

**Mercy, O God** (verses 1 and 6)      Francis Patrick O'Brien, Gather #480

**PENITENTIAL RITE**



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

V. Christ, have mer-cy.      R. Christ, have mer-cy.

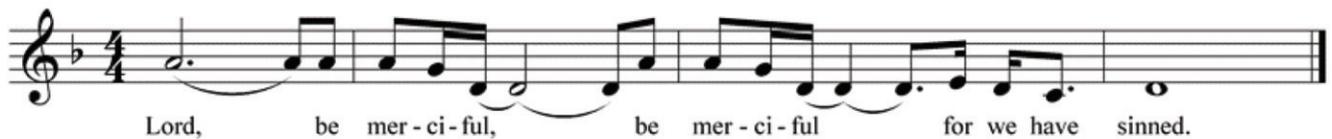
V. Lord, have mer-cy.      R. Lord, have mer-cy.

<b>Reading 1</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34
<b>Reading 2</b>	Hebrews 5:7-9
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 12:20-33
11:00	
<b>Reading 1</b>	Ezekiel 37:12-14
<b>Reading 2</b>	Romans 8:8-11
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 11:1-45

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 51: Lord, Be Merciful**

Dominic MacAller

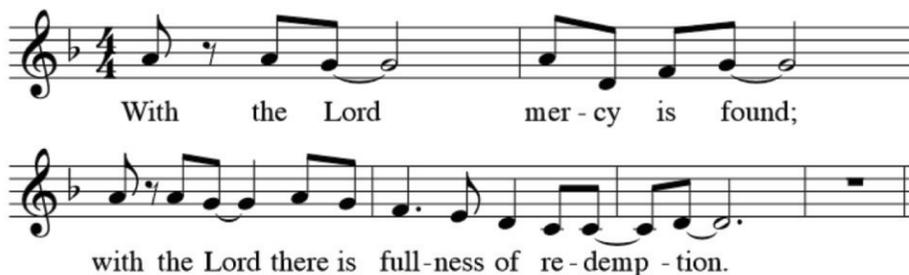


Lord, be mer - ci - ful, be mer - ci - ful for we have sinned.

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11:00—Psalm 130: With the Lord

Francis Patrick O'Brien



With the Lord mer - cy is found;

with the Lord there is full-ness of re - demp - tion.

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“Whoever  
serves me  
must follow me,  
says the Lord;  
and where I am,  
there also will  
my servant be.”

John 12:26

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Celtic Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Christopher Walker



Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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### DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS

#### May the Word of God Strengthen You

Christopher Walker



May the word of God strength-en you. May the word of God



nour-ish you. May the word of God com-fort you all your life.

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### INTERCESSION RESPONSE

#### A Celtic Rune

Liam Lawton



Lord, in your mer - cy, Lord, hear our pray'r.

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### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Deep Within

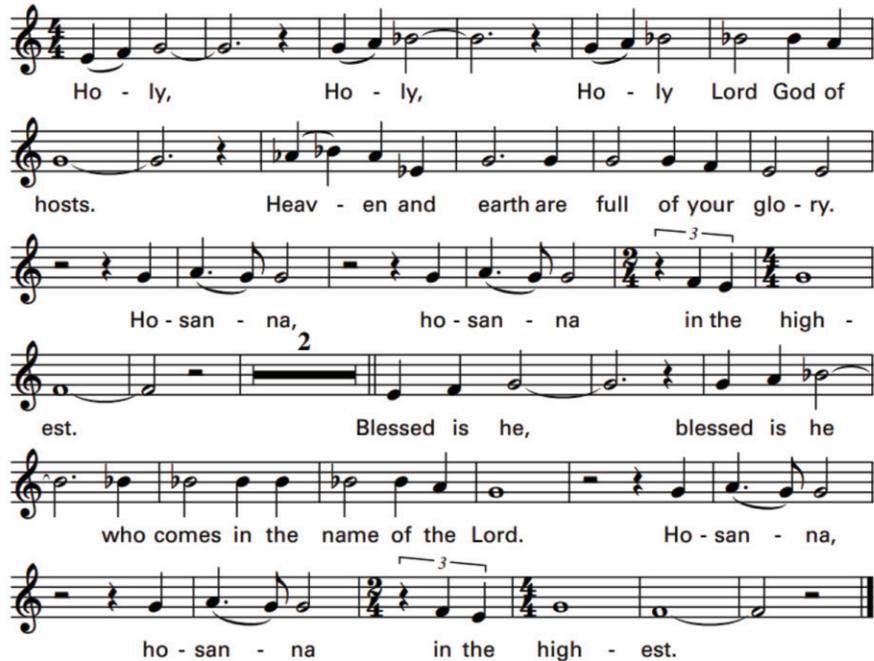
David Haas, Gather #486

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

## "Mass of the Incarnate Word"

Bob Hurd

## 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 in the high -  
est. Blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na in the high - est.



## Memorial Acclamation



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

## Amen



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

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## Agnus Dei IX

Plainchant



Ag-nus De - i qui tol - is pec - ca - ta mun - di  
mi - se - re - re no - bis Ag-nus De - i qui tol - is pec -  
do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi / Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world  
miserere nobis / have mercy on us  
dona nobis pacem / grant us peace

## 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

### Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell, Gather #783

9:00—Cor Mundum Crea in Me Deus

Howard Helvey

11:00—Lazarus

Robert Tanner

## SENDING FORTH

### Awake, O Sleeper

Marty Haugen

#### REFRAIN

A - wake, O sleep-er, a - rise from death, a - ban - don the  
sha - dows of night. \_\_\_\_\_ The wind of the Spi - rit shall be your  
breath, and Christ will fill you with light. \_\_\_\_\_

#### VERSES

Once you were dark-ness, once you were lost in the sha - dows \_\_\_\_\_  
Live as God's peo - ple, live as God's jus - tice and mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_

Once you were dark-ness, now you are chil - dren of  
Filled with com - pas - sion, filled with the pow - er of  
light! \_\_\_\_\_  
love! \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Just who is the “audience”?

Dear Friends,

I want to share some thoughts and reflections with you about our worship, an important part of which is singing together – all of us! We’ve heard Fr. Patrick on several occasions encourage us to sing at mass. He’s even cited Scriptures where God commands us to do so. Yet some of us still are reluctant, or uncomfortable, and sing very softly, or maybe not at all.

Have you noticed how the singing of the National Anthem at sporting events has changed over the years? It used to be that everyone in the stadium stood, put their hand over their heart, and sang, perhaps accompanied by the organ at Dodger Stadium, or by a marching band at a football game. But how often do we see that now? Almost never. Instead, the singing of the National Anthem has become an event at which one person performs for the rest of us. S/he sings, and we stand there with our hands over our hearts (maybe) and then applaud. The next day we take to social media and dissect the performance.

Shows like “The Voice” and “American Idol” reinforce the notion that singing is a specialized activity reserved only for the chosen few. But this is a very recent development in human history and one that I think robs us of our ownership of and our comfort with communal singing and its beneficial effects. Singing together in community can lower blood pressure, relieve stress, reduce heart rate, and cause endorphins to be released that create a sense of well-being. It is not necessary that the singing be perfect, just that it be together. Fr. Patrick recently reminded us that all of God’s commandments are intended for our benefit because God loves us. I’m sure the commandment to sing our praises to God is no exception.

Perhaps bearing in mind that we are singing primarily for the God who created us, who loves us, and who knows us better than we know ourselves – and who has commanded us repeatedly in the Scriptures to do so – can help us. A shift in our perception of the different roles at mass may be called for here.

I think many of us have the notion that we are the audience; that the priest, lector, cantors, servers, deacons, etc. are the performers; and that God is the “executive producer” of the show. But the truth is that God is the Audience and that all of us are called to be performers for one another’s benefit and for God’s pleasure. Of course it is also true that the mass is the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest offered to the Father by the Holy Spirit. And it is also still true that Jesus Christ is present at mass in the person of the priest, in the proclaimed Word of God, in the Eucharist . . . and, yes, in the gathered Body of Christ – you and me and all of us.

Last weekend’s responsorial psalm asked “how could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land?” The Chosen People had been exiled from the Promised Land to Babylon and one of the ways their captors there tormented them was by asking them to “sing the songs of Zion.” They thought back longingly to the temple in Jerusalem where they worshipped the LORD, singing together in happier days.

Maybe those of us who still feel resistance to the idea of singing at all, particularly in a way where anyone else can hear us, could step out in faith and just try, this Lent and Easter season, to move beyond our comfort zone for the sake of the worship the Lord asks us for. It could transform the experience of celebrating the liturgy together for all of us.

*Siempre Adelante,*



Dominic MacAller  
Worship Minister



## Adults

### 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

All adults 55+ are invited to the Serra Center at 9:45am for refreshments followed by a program at 10:00am.

### Knitting Ministry ~ March 22

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels welcome. No experience? That's alright; we'll show you. Our current project: blankets for Get on the Bus. 10:00am-12:00pm, Carmel room.

Donna: healthysneaker7@gmail.com

### Writers Group ~ March 23

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

### Men's Ministry ~ March 28

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., San Miguel room.

Dave: dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

### Men's Retreat ~ April 20-22

Simply stated faith is trust when we say yes to the invitation to enter a loving relationship with God. At times faith feels like a celebration and all is well. Other times we face spiritual darkness and doubt.

This silent retreat at Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre will focus on growing in faith in the good and difficult times.

Dave: (805)558-7868, dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

### Life Centers Thanks You!

In 2017 our parish raised \$5015.22 from Mother's Day corsages (\$981) and the October Baby Bottles (\$4034.22). Your support provides emotional and practical support to women who face crisis pregnancy situations. Thank you.

## Children

### Little Church ~ March 25 and April 8, 15, 29

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 19 and 21

This week kids will prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Parents, come and see what your children are learning about the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. You are welcome to attend and observe this amazing session.

### Three:Sixteen ~ March 21

This week kids will learn about the Masterpiece of Life.

## High School

### Confirmation Y2 ~ March 18

No session this Sunday, Brett is at Religious Education Congress.

Make time to visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament chapel or the Stations of the Cross garden.

### Confirmation Y1~ Keep up with your weekly ministry

Make time to visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament chapel or the Stations of the Cross garden.

### 4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ March 21

Meet Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship, every Wednesday at 7pm in San Juan Capistrano room.

### PSP Youth Prayer Service ~ March 28

Are you ready for Holy Week? Come join Brett and Peer Leaders at 7:00pm and experience a meditative night to make this your best Holy Week ever. Learn more at [www.padreserra.org/news/holy-week](http://www.padreserra.org/news/holy-week)

## Families

### Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 24, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 25, 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, which recalls Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem as well as his suffering and death on the cross. The liturgy begins in the courtyard with the blessing and distribution of the palms and a procession into the church. Learn more at [www.padreserra.org/news/palm-sunday](http://www.padreserra.org/news/palm-sunday)

### Spark! Needs Your Help

Children's Faith Formation Spark! is in need of parent volunteers who are able to sub a center on an as-needed basis. This is low level responsibility and high level just be present to the kids. Put your name on the call list, please contact Tere@padreserra.org

## In the Community

### Life Centers Dinner ~ April 14

Annual dinner, dance and auction raises funds to help women in crisis pregnancies with resources: medical, counseling, referrals support and infant supplies. 5:00pm, Las Posas Country Club, Camarillo. Tickets/info: (805)486-2721, [www.vclifecenters.com](http://www.vclifecenters.com)

### Hospital Prayer Ministers Needed

Pleasant Valley Hospital is forming a new prayer team for the subacute unit where patients are long-term residents in need of caring, compassionate people to visit and pray. Training and orientation provided. Questions or to arrange an initial discernment interview with the chaplain:

Linda Lowe (805)889-6771, calmest1@verizon.net

## Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

### Death and New Life ~ John 12:20-33

*As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image of faith does this reading give you?*

Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow? How has my understanding of Jesus' suffering deepened over time? How can I join my suffering with Jesus' suffering?

## 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. Come and see. For more information, please contact Catherine Shaddock at [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org) or (805)482-6417 ext 331.

## Our Giving

### Quarterly Focus ~ St. Mary Magdalen School

*For the past thirty years St. Mary Magdalen School and Padre Serra parish have been our home. Our daughters traveled through the halls of St. Mary Magdalen School in the 1980s and I had the opportunity to be a part of the faculty there for thirty-four years. During my time at SMMS, I had many different roles, but the one that was most dear to me was sharing the Catholic faith with students and their families. As Mother Teresa once said, "We need to pray for the light to know the will of God, for the love to accept the will of God, and for the way to do the will of God." Each day I witnessed Mother Teresa's words exemplified at St. Mary Magdalen School in its faculty, parents and students, making it a special place to be each and every day.*

— Liz and Joe Loll, Padre Serra parishioners

## Protect the Children

### How Do You Prepare to Leave Your Kids at a Party?

It can be difficult for parents to gauge when they should stay at or leave another child's birthday party. Once kids reach a certain age, they may no longer want their parents tagging along with them, but others may have fears about being on their own. Find out what activities are planned – will the kids be staying in one location or are they going multiple places? Who is the adult in charge? Assess your child's readiness – does he or she understand the rules? For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Before you drop your child off at a birthday party..." visit

[www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx)

## Our Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Dalia Amaya, Edward Barrier, Teresa Barrier, Tony Canzano, Glenda Duarte, Connie Flores, Shirley Francis, Bruce Gibson, baby Melanie Giles, Nurit Holzmann, Susan Houlihan, 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:*

Dorothy Higi, RIP

Carol Orme, RIP

Emile Peres, RIP

Beloved brother of Clovis Peres

Gloria Steward, 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.

## Memorial & Honorarium ~ Gifts for Building Fund

### In Loving Memory of Patricia Jansen

Hemchandra & Mamata Kalle

## Save the Date

### Bundle Sunday ~ April 15

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

## Other Notes

### Name Badge

Let's call each other by name. Wear your work or any name badge to church. They are \$10. To order a Padre Serra name badge, call or stop by the parish office or email [parish@padreserra.org](mailto:parish@padreserra.org)

### Holy Week Office Hours

The office will close on Good Friday, March 30 at 12:00pm and on Easter Sunday.

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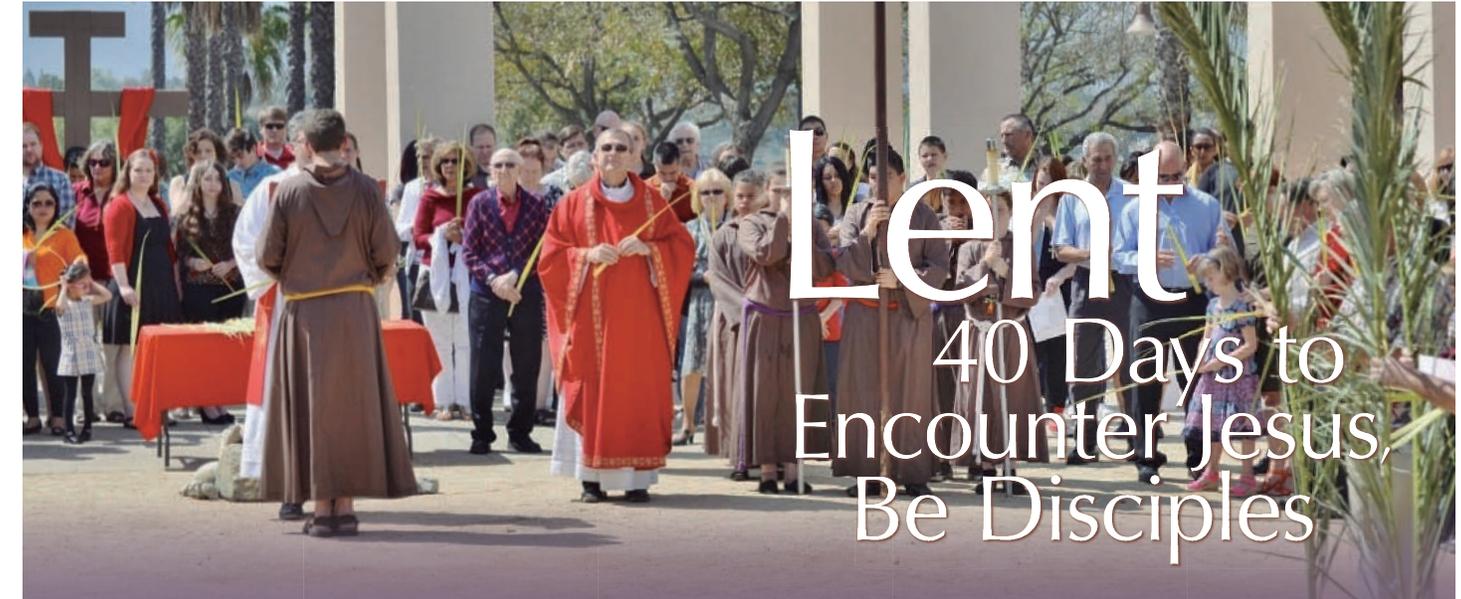
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## 40 Days to Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

### The University Series this week

*\$8.00/person, includes a guest.*

*Session at Padre Serra:*

#### **Something Fishy about Jonah ~ Fr. Bill Lowe**

Tuesday, March 20 7:30pm

Fr. Bill will guide us through this short and rather strange book and its relevance for us today. Bring your bible.

*Sessions at other locations:*

#### **Spiritual DNA ~ Sr. Carol Quinlivan**

Monday, March 19 7:30pm

St. Julie, Newbury Park

#### **My Kids Don't Go To Church! ~ Dcn Gene Gleeson**

Wednesday, March 21 7:30pm

St. Mel, Woodland Hills

#### **Spirituality of Marriage ~ Fr. Jim Clarke**

Thursday, March 22 7:30pm

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. Bring chair.*

### 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.*

#### **Palm Sunday, March 24 - 25**

Saturday, 5:00pm

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

#### **Wednesday, March 28**

Prayer Service for Youth Ministry (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**

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

#### **Easter Sunday Liturgies, April 1**

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am Church

9:15am, 11:15am Serra Center