



# Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

APRIL 29, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Faith Formation for Adults







Our Hearts Were Burning with Junemarie Justus and Joe Zuback on April 17







Our Lady of Perpetual Help fellowship gathering on April 18

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

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# Faith Formation for Children and Teens Live a Life of Faith, Understanding and Love

Every year we have about 600 children and teens enrolled in Faith Formation. Kids come to church after school to make friends, have fun and learn about our Catholic faith. This is not just sacrament preparation; it is for every year from age 3 through high school. Church is fun and amazing the more we learn about Jesus!

# Little Church

**3 years old to K** During Sunday mass at 9:00am and 11:00am. Children gather to make friends and learn about our Catholic faith through stories, prayer, songs, crafts and snacks.

#### Spark!

#### Grades 1 through 5

Where 'sparks' of faith turn into hearts on fire for Jesus! Small groups of 12 children learn about our Catholic faith in a way that fosters fun, fellowship and discipleship.

# Three:Sixteen

# Grades 6, 7 and 8

The name is from the gospel of John 3:16! Kids have a blast reading scripture, playing, praying and being crazy. They have an equal focus on bible study and building community with one another.

# First Reconciliation and First Communion Grades 1 through 8

After two consecutive years of the whole family participating in Faith Formation, children who are ready attend 2 half-day retreats with their parents to prepare for these holy sacraments.

# 4:12

#### High School

The name is from the first book of Timothy. Teens meet weekly to make connections, share and grow in faith. They gather with young adult leaders and our Youth Minister.

#### Youth Confirmation High School

This two-year process for high school teens includes Sunday sessions, hands-on ministry, group faith sharing, events, retreats and service experiences that culminate in receiving the sacrament.

Registration packets are available beginning May 1, in the parish office and at www.padreserra.org/children, please print them and turn them in before July 1. Contact tere@padreserra.org or (805) 482.6417 x347





# 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 For children in grades 1-5 hear the readings at their level. Children rejoin their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer, visitors welcome.



Alleluia! Give the Glory

Ken Canedo & Bob Hurd, Gather #844

#### GLORIA

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

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.

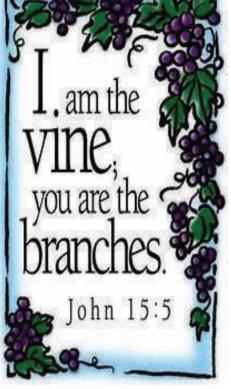
Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen. Ed Bolduc



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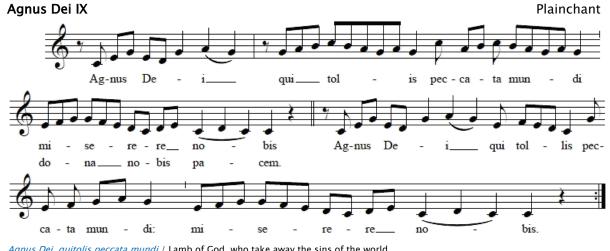
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS





EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS"Mass of Creation"Marty HaugenHoly, Holy, HolyGather #198Memorial AcclamationGather #199AmenGather #202

Text: John 15:1-10; Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1979 Tune: Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1979; ace. by Craig Kingsbury, b.1952 Published by OCP Publications.



Agnus Dei, quitolis 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

We Are One	Chris DeSilva, Gather <b>#913</b>
9:00— <b>Ubi Caritas</b>	Ola Gjielo
11:00—Surrexit Christus	Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710–1736)

#### SENDING FORTH



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# Vines, Branches, and Fruit

Dear Friends,

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear that [Saul] "moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him." Just a few verses later we hear "The church ... was at peace." For some reason this juxtaposition strikes me as funny. But there is great coherence in the Liturgy of the Word between the readings, nevertheless. At the end of this passage from Acts we hear that the church "was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers."

In John's gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower ... You are already pruned [by my Father] because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you ... because without me you can do nothing ... [but] if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

And the author of the first letter of John (widely believed to be the same author as that of the fourth gospel) tells us that we must love in deed and truth, keeping God's commandments to believe in Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded.

I think the introduction to the first letter of John on the U.S. Bishop's website www.uscb.org/bible/1john/0 provides some useful food for reflection on not only that reading but on the others for today as well:

"... authentic Christian love, ethics, and faith take place only within the historical revelation and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The fullness of Christian life as fellowship with the Father must be based on true belief and result in charitable living; knowledge of God and love for one another are inseparable, and error in one inevitable affects the other. Although the author recognizes that Christian doctrine presents intangible mysteries of faith about Christ, he insists that the concrete Christian life brings to light the deeper realities of the gospel."

So what are some possible "takeaways" (pardon the jargon) from today's readings for us, the community of Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo, in 2018? How about these:

- Listening to and reading the Word of God are really, really important. It's not an accident that as branches of the true vine we are pruned *by the word that I (Jesus) spoke to you*. And of course any gardener knows that branches that are pruned produce more fruit.
- The fruit we're talking about here is love for one another, *but not just for our comfortable little community*. It's love for the most difficult members of our families. It's love for the great crowds we see in church perhaps only on Christmas and Easter. It's love for politicians with whom we disagree and whose actions and words we may find repugnant. It's love for immigrants and refugees, for the elderly and the unborn, for the prisoner and the homeless. Mary Chapin Carpenter wrote a song called "Stones in the Road" and the lyrics include this:
  - o The "starving children" have been replaced by souls out on the street
  - We give a dollar when we pass, and hope our eyes don't meet.
- Remaining in Jesus via Word and Sacrament is no less and no more important than *caring* for Jesus in all those we encounter. Without Jesus, "we can do nothing." But pruned by the Word, we can bear abundant fruit for the life of the world.

So, brothers and sisters, let's encourage one another continually along the way.

Siempre Adelante,

Dominin Mar Alle

Dominic MacAller Liturgy and Music Minister



#### Children

#### Little Church ~ April 29, May 6 and 27

Sunday preschool and kindergarten during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Register your child as soon as they turn 3 for fun and learning. soraya@padreserra.org

#### Treasures of the Mass ~ April 30

This week Spark! families will journey through the liturgy discovering the signs, symbols and meanings of the Mass. Our Faith Formation family event begins at 6:30pm in the church. This is our curriculum for the week.

#### Three:Sixteen ~ Two Meetings This Week! April 30 and May 2

**Monday** Treasures of the Mass begins at 6:30pm in the church. **Wednesday** We are called to Peace: Kids will learn about the need to be a catalyst for peace in a world filled with violence. 6:30pm.

#### **High School**

#### **Confirmation Y2**

No session today. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. If we remain in him, he remains in us. How will you be witnesses of Christ Jesus this week?

#### 4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ May 2

Bring a friend and join Brett and the peer leaders for a good time.

#### Adults

**Rosary** ~ **Today** All are invited 12:30 in the worship garden!

#### Meditative Movement ~ May 1

All men and women are invited to join certified instructor Sheila Montgomery for Tai Chi. Tuesdays 2:00-3:00pm, Serra Center. \$5 donation/class.

#### Seasons of the Spirit $\sim May\ 2$

Our women's morning group meets for faith sharing and friendship 10:00am-12:00pm, Carmel room.

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ May 2

Come for an hour of prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Wednesdays 6:30pm, church followed by fellowship in the Carmel room. Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

#### Centering Prayer ~ May 2

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

#### Writers Group ~ May 4

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

#### First Friday Adoration ~ May 4

Come spend 10, 20, or 30 minutes with our Lord between 2:00-7:00pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. To commit to one hour: teresa@padreserra.org

#### Mother's Day Corsages ~ May 12-13

Honor that special mom in your life with a beautiful corsage. \$5/each. Benefits the good work of Life Centers of Ventura County that helps about 800 people in crisis pregnancy situations each year.

#### Women's Silent Retreat ~ June 8-10

Peaceful setting, spiritual nourishment, private rooms, delicious meals and more await you at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center. Learn more or register after mass May 5-6 and 12-13 or www.padreserra.org/news/womens-retreat

## **Young Adults**

#### Bible Study ~ May 3

Our PSP Young Adult group will be diving into the Gospel. All Young Adults (18 to 29ish) are welcome to join! Meet every first Thursday of the month. 7:00pm in the Carmel Room. brett@padreserra.org

## **Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA**

New members are welcomed into the Catholic faith through the RCIA, the **R**ite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through this process, seekers encounter Jesus in scripture, in prayer, in liturgical rites and through interaction with the parish community. They gather for weekly catechetical sessions to inquire about what the Catholic Church teaches, and to discern how they are being called to be disciples of Jesus, each in his or her own particular circumstance. There is a corresponding process adapted for school-aged children, middle-schoolers and teens who are seeking baptism. If you would like to know more about the RCIA process, for adults or for children, please email Catherine Shadduck at catherine@padreserra.org or call (805) 482.6417 ext. 331.

## **Other Notes**

#### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Let's share! If you have a photo of life at the parish, please send it to photos@padreserra.org. Send your images in "Actual Size" or the largest size available. Remember to let us know what the image is about (e.g., event name, activity name, who is in the pic, etc.). If you want to add a short caption, please send it too! (e.g., Having fun at the Parish Picnic!, etc.) Your photographs may be used on our social media, website, eNews, bulletin, etc. We can't wait to see your pics! Questions: gaby@padreserra.org

#### **Bulletin New Paper!**

In order to improve the print and photo quality, and to make our bulletin more easy to read, we are experimenting with coated stock. We want to let you know this is a choice that means no extra cost to the printer or the parish and is recyclable. Let us know what you think: gaby@padreserra.org

# **Our Giving**

#### Fairways to Heaven

#### Dear Parish,

Thank you for your love and support of our youth! Our combined efforts yielded \$81,359.90 that goes directly to the youth space expansion project!!

Blessings abound!

#### Fr. Patrick and the Fairways to Heaven committee



#### Quarterly Focus: St. John's Seminary

Now 79 years old, St. John's is launching efforts to preserve and restore much of its art and architecture that is essential to retain its beauty and history. The campus hosts a special spirituality in its tranquil setting enhanced by stained glass windows, statues of holy men and women of faith, gardens and beautiful old buildings.

#### Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity ~ May 6

There is hope since 1951 for those in crisis situations throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This special collection goes to the "neediest," those for whom no other resources exist. 100% of contributions go to emergency needs for children, adults and families in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Information: www.la-archdiocese.org/cmfc

#### Fiscal Snapshot



#### Save the Date

Pancake Breakfast ~ Sunday, June 3 Blood Drive ~ Sunday, June 10

# Faith Sharing

#### Reflection questions for every gathering around any table. **The Vine and the Branches ~ John 15:1-8**

Jesus is the vine; we are the branches, connected to him as our life source. When do I feel most connected to Jesus in my everyday life? How can I go there more often? How can I encourage others too?

# Our Prayer Life

#### Mother's Day Novena Cards

Cards are available in the church lobby for those who wish to enroll their mother, living or deceased, in our novena of Masses. For nine days in a row, your mom will be prayed for in community during Mass. This prayer tradition has its origin in the 9 days that the apostles prayed in the upper room while they waited for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit. It is concentrated prayer for a specific intention done in a community of love.

#### Pray for Our Sick

Teresa Barrier, Karlee Blauert, Oliver Callejas, Donald Facciano, Connie Flores, Isaack Garcia, Nurit Holzmann, Susan Houlihan, Jong Kim, Maria Matheson, Stephen Maulhardt, Ailish McAlorum, Steve Mehr, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason-Bailey, Martha Reyes, Federico Rodriguez, Arceli Sarino, baby James Scott, Meagan Scott, Dorothy Simmons, Alberta Tellez and Liz Tellez. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)* 

#### **Remember Our Dead**

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Pedro Domingo, RIP Brian Fasulo, RIP Emmitt Klute, 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 (805) 482:0067 bette\_church@hotmail.com

Shirley (805) 482.2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

## **Protect the Children**

#### **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training**

In response to the U. S. Catholic Bishops *Charter for the Protection* of *Children*, since 2002, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained 329,000 adults to proactively protect children and empowered more than 1.4 million young people to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. At Padre Serra, we encourage all adults to attend *Protecting God's Children* awareness training. For more information, visit www.archla.org/protecting







# Will the Real Mary Please Stand Up?

Tuesday, May 1 7:00-8:30pm Serra Center

Doors open at 6:45 for refreshments and fellowship

What does the Church really say about Mary of Nazareth? How do Fatima, Lourdes and Guadalupe fit in? Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM, will guide us through scripture, Church statements, devotions and feast days, so we may have a more complete and authentic picture of Mary, the Mother of our Lord.

Sr. Gretchen is religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary and active in a variety of ministries including hospice care, bereavement, and media literacy education. She holds a masters in religious education and has published several books, produced a film, and presented at religious education conferences in more than 80 dioceses.

No cost. RSVP appreciated. teresa@padreserra.org or www.padreserra.org  $\rightarrow$  Home  $\rightarrow$  Instant Info  $\rightarrow$  RSVP

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