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DECEMBER 9, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Just a beautiful celebration. I was so proud to share the work we do at our church. I'm truly blessed to be part of Padre Serra community!" – Lita Nisbet on visiting Nashville for her granddaughter's baptism.

Welcome!

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

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| Angelica Pantoja | |

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

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

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Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm
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Saturday 3:00pm - 6:15pm
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Christmas Concert & Dinner This Friday, December 14

Get your tickets in the courtyard after mass today! Thank you for your generous response to this year's online sales! General admission concert tickets will also be available at the door and will continue online. Dinner tickets are available through December 9. Visit padreserra.org/christmas-concert-dinner

General Concert 7:30pm, Church, \$10
Dinner 6:00pm, Serra Center, \$10
Reserved seats sold out.

Contact michelle@padreserra.org



See's Candy December 15, 16

Double your giving this season! Your See's Candy purchase for friends, family and coworkers will benefit the good work of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Visit them in the courtyard after mass next weekend.



Be a Hero! Blood Drive Sunday, December 16 8:00am - 12:30pm Bloodmobile in the parking lot

Give the gift of life this Christmas. Donate blood!

Make your appointment today, visit www.bloodhero.com, use sponsor code 8112.



Altar Server Training Sunday, January 27, Church

Boys and girls in grade 5 and up, and high school teens are invited to join this truly special ministry. Intense training, offered only once a year, to learn the order of the mass and all the basics of serving.

Join this inspiring group.

Signup: robert_shaddock@msn.com

Learn more at www.padreserra.org/altar-servers



GATHERING

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1

1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
and read-y the way of the Lord. *to Refrain*

Verses 2, 3

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
3. -pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace
2. and read-y the way for you, Lord. *to Refrain*
3. as we

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service John Schiavone

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
(Lord, have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.
(Christ, have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
(Lord, have mer - cy.)



RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps. 126: Filled With Joy**

Kathleen MacAller

The Lord has done great things for us
we are filled with joy; the Lord has done great things for us
we are filled with joy!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Advent Alleluia**

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

Cantor, then all (first time only):

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, ICEL
Tune: Michael Joncas, b.1951, © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.**DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES****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**In Memory We Hold You**

Bob Hurd

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**There Is a Longing**

Anne Quigley, Gather #653

Reading 1

Baruch 5:1-9

Reading 2

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make straight
his paths:
all flesh shall see
the salvation
of God.

Luke 3:4, 6



EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Walking in the Air” Mass

Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & 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

Memorial Acclamation A

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re - sur-
 rec - tion, un - til you come, come a - gain. _____

Great Amen

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

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Lamb of God, “Mass of the Angels and Saints”

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

Invitation to Communion

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light & Paul Tate, Gather #909

Come Emmanuel

Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate

VERSES**REFRAIN**

Come, Em-man - u - el, _____ and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el! _____ Wis - dom a - wake us,
rouse us and shake us! Come, Em-man - u - el! _____

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SENDING FORTH

O, How I Long to See

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN:

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

1. O, how long, how long will it take 'til the lion lie down with the lamb?
'Til we turn our swords into plowshares,
and peace like a river flows over the land?
2. In your death, you ended our dying; in rising you brought us new life.
Quickly come in glory O Lord,
raise up your people to justice and right.
3. We who share the bread of this table await the return of the Lord.
May he find us faithful and true,
watchful and ready to open the door.

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Do We Expect Too Little From God?

Dear Friends,

We are a week into our Advent observance. For the church, Advent is a season with two themes. The first is preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, whose kingship we celebrated recently. The second, to which we shift from December 17th on, is celebrating the coming of Jesus in history where he became human – Emmanuel – God with us.

So if we are preparing for Jesus' Second Coming, how might that look? Today's Scriptures give us some idea. From the first reading from Baruch and the Responsorial Psalm (126) we encounter the following: There will be no more mourning nor misery. We will be "wrapped in a cloak of God's justice." There will be a sense of restoration: children returning "borne aloft in glory" after being taken from us by our enemies. We will be laughing and rejoicing, as in a dream. Where we had gone forth weeping, we will come back rejoicing, led by God, with mercy and justice for company.

In the second reading, Saints Paul and Timothy pray that our love may increase more and more, that we may be pure and blameless.

How will this restoration, this unbelievable joy come to us? It is made clear in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 3. In a very specific time¹ and place¹¹ (lest we are tempted to relegate all of this to a cozy myth), John the Baptist, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, prompted by the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, quoting the prophet Isaiah the whole time: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Repentance is key. It's much more than merely feeling sorry. It is a sincere desire to change course, to turn away from what keeps us from God, and making an effort of will to turn toward God. We can ask God for help changing course. He is delighted by every faltering step we take toward him, no matter how humble. Since, as the second reading tells us, God will bring to completeness in us the good work he has begun in us, in his own good and mysterious time and way, we will experience a healing of all losses, all brokenness, all incompleteness, all grief, all mourning.

To get in touch with the enormity of this, and to bring it from an idea "out there" to a reality within, spend some time with the first reading and responsorial psalm. Realize that the powerful emotions prophesied are not exaggerations, nor are they merely symbolic. They are a foretaste of the joy we will experience at the coming of Jesus Christ in glory at the end of time.

This is a lot to wait and hope for – there is real depth in Advent if we'll let it in. Let's pray for one another that we can do so! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Siempre Adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Liturgy and Music Minister



¹ the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, and during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas

¹¹ In the desert, in the whole region of the Jordan river

Families

Legacy Mom's Group ~ December 12

A monthly gathering for moms to provide community, belonging, and support in our vocation as mothers as we pass on our faith to the next generation. Session includes potluck breakfast, prayer, speaker and fellowship. 2nd Wednesday, 9:30 - 11:00am, San Juan Capistrano room. Anna Spooner atspooner@gmail.com

Special Families ~ December 12

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 (805) 484-8379, monicaspooner@twc.com

Children

Stay and Play ~ December 9, 16, 23, 30

Miss Nicole lovingly cares for your little one (12 - 36 months) while you go to mass. Stop by, see all the toys and fun, meet Nicole. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled. This is a no-cost service. Sundays during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses. San Juan Bautista room. teresa@padreserra.org

Little Church ~ December 9, 16, 23*, 30*

Sunday preschool for age 3 through kindergarten during the 9:00am and 11:00am mass (*11:00am mass only). Children learn so much! From the Sign of the Cross to the bible stories, songs and more. Super fun to make friends and be at church on Sundays! Parents love it too. Register your child as soon as they turn 3. soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ December 10 and 12

Grades 1 to 5. This week children will learn about Preparing the Way for Jesus and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Three:Sixteen ~ December 12

Grades 6 to 8. This week kids will learn Jesus is the Light of the World and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 9

This week, the gift of reverence and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

4:12 Youth Group ~ December 12

Welcome back! Join Brett and peers for a fun night of friendship and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00pm, San Juan Capistrano room. Bring a friend.

Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 29ish is welcome!

Family Adoption Shopping ~ December 13

This year the YA have adopted an Angel Tag family. You are invited

to help us brighten their holiday season by contributing toward the gifts or join in our shopping trip for gifts. We will meet at 7:00pm in the Carmel room and carpool. You are invited to contribute for the gifts or just join us as we do our part to brighten their holiday season!

White Elephant ~ Thursday, December 20

We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange. Join us for a fun-filled night. Bring a gift valued at \$20 to \$30 to participate in the exchange. 7:15pm Carmel room.

Adults

Meditative Movement ~ December 11, 18

Using the practice of Tai Chi, Sheila guides us through an hour of gentle, meditative movement with prayer and music. 2:00 - 3:00pm, Serra Center. \$5 donation /class.

Seniors Adaptive Exercise Class ~ December 12, 19

All seniors are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class at 8:45 - 9:30am, Santa Barbara room. Marg (805) 405-9901

Centering Prayer ~ December 12

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 in the bride's room. Vivian.vpatv@outlook.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 12, 19

Come for an hour of prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. 6:30 - 7:30pm, church. Due to the reconciliation service on December 19, we will meet at 6:15 in the San Fernando room. Madel.omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

Lemons on the Loose ~ December 12

A women's social gathering to enjoy each other's company, share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand. 7:00pm, Santa Barbara room. Michelle.mcpaschens@gmail.com

Seeds of Faith ~ December 17

Women's monthly evening of spirituality and friendship. Come this month for some Christmas cheer and find out more about our next series! 7:00 - 8:30pm, San Miguel room. Gwen (805) 797-6864, gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com

Healing from Divorce ~ December 18

Earthen Vessels offers a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether they are in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with difficult changes, or whether they are through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. First & third Tuesday, 7:00pm. First step is to contact: Jett.Clyne.jettclyne@gmail.com

Faith Sharing

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

Luke 3:1-6 ~ Prepare the Way of the Lord

Advent Reflection: Echoing the words “Prepare the way of the Lord” to the exiled Israelite, John the Baptist invites us now to undertake an interior way for Jesus to be born anew into our hearts this Christmas, what are the valleys I need to fill in? Which mountains in my life (pride, greed, anger) must be made low?

Advent Action: Resolve today to find a way/space/time for quiet in your life this Advent to reflect on your areas for improvement and areas of strength in living as a disciple.

Our Giving

Together in Mission ~ Padre Serra Update!

Thank you for your generous support of Together in Mission. To date, Padre Serra Parish has donations totaling \$133,512, which will ease the burden of less fortunate parishes and schools in the Archdiocese.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous, envelopes available in the church lobby or visit retiredreligious.org/ways-to-give/donate/#donate-now. Contact pam@padreserra.org

Memorials & Honorarium

In Loving Memory of Daniel Cravens

Margaret Leonard
Roy & Toni Farmer
Jerry & Marg Hanlon
Lynne Rupert, Temecula, CA

Safeguard the Children

VIRTUS® ~ December 11

These sessions are open to PSP parishioners only. No charge, call (805) 482-6417 to save your spot. Learn more at www.padreserra.org/news/virtus

Protecting God's Children™ teaches the five basic steps of child sexual abuse prevention. It is mandated training for all adults who work with or around children or teens on a regular basis at the parish. 6:00 - 9:00pm, Carmel room.

Keeping the Promise Alive™ recertification training is for everyone who completed the VIRTUS® certification Protecting God's Children™. VIRTUS® certification is good for four years. Recertification is required to stay current. 6:00 - 7:30pm, Carmel room.

In the Courtyard

Christmas Dinner and Concert Tickets (see page 2).

Our Prayer Life

Communal Reconciliation Service ~ December 19

Come to church for our Advent service followed by individual confession, 7:00pm. Then celebrate afterwards with refreshments in the courtyard.

Neighboring Reconciliation Services, 7:00pm

December 10 St. Julie, Newbury Park
December 11 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Westlake Village
December 11 St. Paschal, Thousand Oaks
December 17 Holy Cross, Moorpark

Pray for Our Sick

Sam Agustin, Dalia Amaya, Abe August, Tina Herford, Patricia Hurd, Dorothy Kuklenski, Sue Leahy, Joanne Lombardo, Fr. Bill Lowe, Claire Mingay, Arceli Sarino, Dorothy Simmons and Kylie Wilson. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:

Ann Brown, RIP
Beloved wife of Anthony Brown
Tony Canzano, RIP
Beloved husband of Delma Canzano
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.

Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA

Extend a Christmas Invitation to Your Non-Catholic Family and Friends

People are initially attracted to the Catholic Church for many different reasons. For some, it is the beauty of our worship spaces, the solemnity of our rituals and the reverence they observe as we celebrate Mass. But if they are never invited to join us, how will they ever be touched by these things? This year ask your friends and relatives to join you at one of our Christmas Masses. They will certainly catch our spirit as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together amid the beautiful poinsettias and lighted evergreen trees. They cannot help but feel joy as we sing together and gratitude as we praise God for the gift of his Son. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact Catherine Shaddock at (805) 482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

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Monday, December 24

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4:15pm in Serra Center

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Tuesday, December 25, 10:00am

