

## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

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.

Abigail DeLaCruz	Adrian Avalos
Anthony DeLaCruz	Aubriella Avalos
Karla DeLaCruz	Crystal Sanchez
Aiden Pantoja	Duke Snyder
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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. Please help us keep our records up to date, go to [www.padreserra.org/join](http://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](mailto: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

#### Office Hours

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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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\\_shadduck@msn.com](mailto:robert_shadduck@msn.com)

Learn more at  
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## 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,

1. 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 *to Refrain*

2. and read-y the way for you, Lord.

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.)

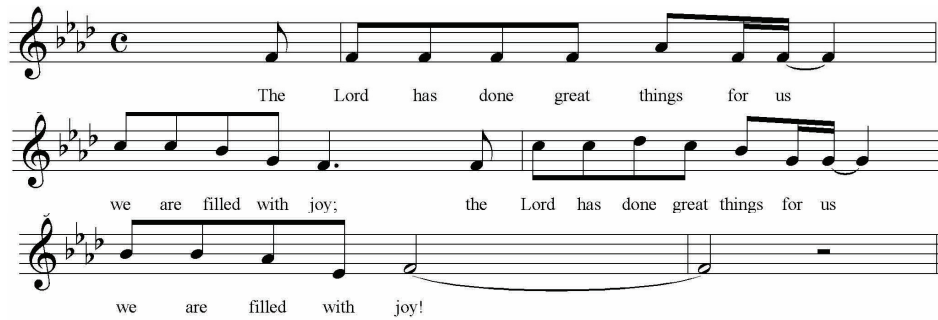
**1st: Cantor; 2nd: All**

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



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

Kathleen MacAller



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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Advent Alleluia**

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

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**

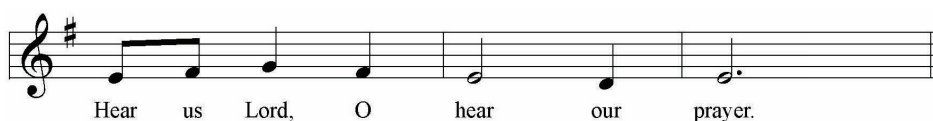
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**INTERCESSION RESPONSE****In Memory We Hold You**

Bob Hurd



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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 &amp; 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 &amp; Paul Tate, Gather #909

Come Emmanuel

Deanna Light &amp; Paul A. Tate

**VERSES****REFRAIN**

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**SENDING FORTH**

O, How I Long to See

Bob Hurd

**REFRAIN:**

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 time<sup>1</sup> and place<sup>11</sup> (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



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

<sup>11</sup> 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 atspooneer@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](http://retiredreligious.org/ways-to-give/donate/#donate-now). Contact [pam@padreserra.org](mailto: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](http://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](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 (805) 482-0067 [bette\\_church@hotmail.com](mailto:bette_church@hotmail.com)

Shirley (805) 482-2617 [brownshehorn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org)

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Monday, December 24

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