

## PADRE SERRA PARISH

### Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 16, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Confirmation Year 1: Advent** 

#### Contact Us

Our parish staff is available via email using their firstname@padreserra.org We want to answer your questions about:

Baptism Sunday Pre-School First Communion Children Grades 1 - 2 Children Grades 3 - 5 Middle School High School Young Adults Becoming Catholic Marriage & Weddings Ministries Seniors Liturgy & Music Funerals Jane Tere Mary Jennifer Christine Tere Brett Brett Catherine Teresa Teresa Teresa Dominic 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

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# 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 this 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!



# Whole Community Reconciliation

# Wednesday, December 19 7:00pm in church

\*Let every heart prepare him room \* Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus ... at Christmas, at the end of time, and into our hearts each and every day.

One way we can prepare is to participate in the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, an opportunity to examine our lives, go to confession, and open ourselves to God's boundless mercy. Then celebrate afterward with refreshments in the courtyard!





# Altar Server 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

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

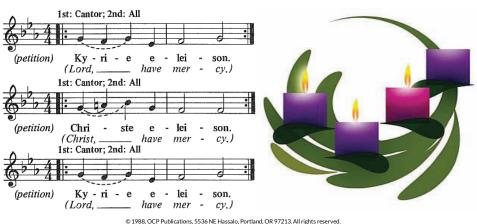


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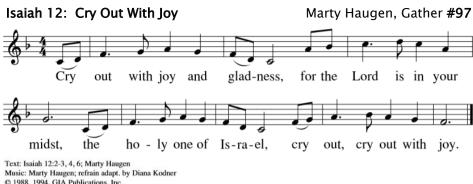


#### **PENITENTIAL RITE**





#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**



**Reading 1** Zephaniah 3:14-18a

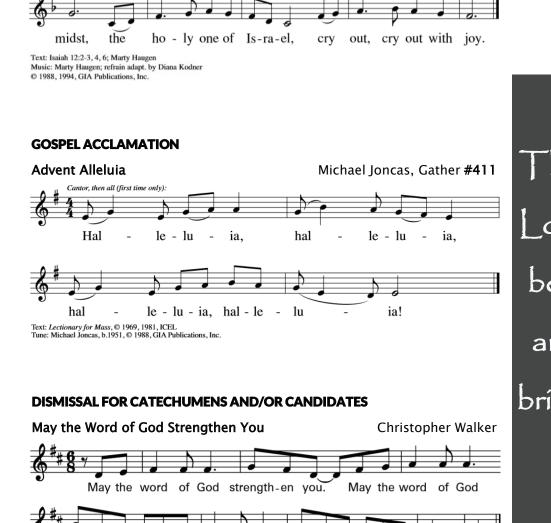
**Reading 2** Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel Reading** Luke 3:10-18

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor

lsaiah 61:1





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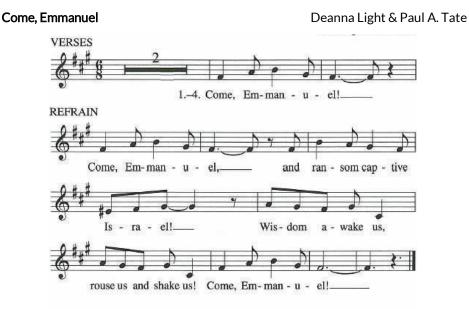
all your life.

May the word of God



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#### **EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

 "Walking in the Air" Mass
 Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze

 Holy, Holy, Holy
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Lamb of God, "Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

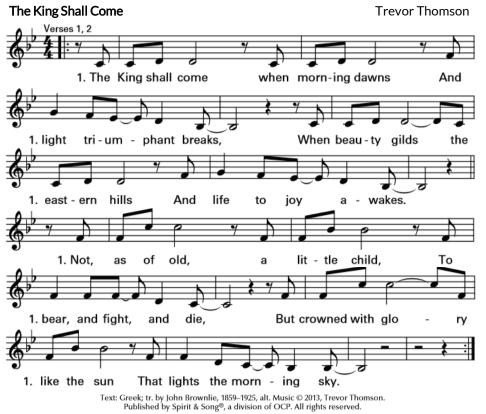
#### Invitation to Communion

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under 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** 





- O brighter than the rising morn When He, victorious, rose And left the lonesome place of death, Despite the rage of foes.
   O brighter than that glorious morn Shall this fair morning be, When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, And we his face shall see!
- The king shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
   Hail, Christ, the Lord! The people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.
   Come quickly, King of kings.

#### **SENDING FORTH**

#### We Are Called

Marty Haugen, Gather #807

Ready the Way by Curtis Stephan; Advent Wreath Service by John Schiavone; Cry Out With Joy by Marty Haugen; Advent Alleluia by Michael Joncas; In Memory We Hold You by Bob Hurd; Come Emmanuel by Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate; Walking in the Air Mass by Howard Blake are used with permission under OneLicense.net #A706294.

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

#### Great Amen

### Let the Joy We Find In Jesus Endure

Dear Friends,

During the third week of Advent, a rose-colored candle is added to the advent wreath to remind us of the gift of joy that God gave us in his only son, the infant, Jesus Christ.

Jesus was born at a time when there was significant suffering, hardship and heartbreak. He brought the Holy Spirit, hope, unconditional love, courage and strength. By his words and deeds, he showed us how to care for each other in good times and bad.

It's important to remember that God's joy, Jesus, is always with us. While at times it may feel quite small, the hope, joy and resiliency of the Holy Spirit is not extinguished even during times of despair and heartbreak. The resiliency of our faith carries us one step at a time through the rough patches. It helps us come together as a community to support one another and to do as Jesus would do...

I initially struggled to find joy in this Advent season as I reflected upon recent events that impacted our community and parish family. And then it came to me with greater understanding when I read the following quotation from Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaugium, 6. "Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress."

So, while my outward expression of joy this Advent season may be a bit different from previous Advents, my inner peace, belief, hope and trust in our Lord is unwavering. I feel this renewal and promise as I look at the infant, Jesus. I celebrate in all that He represents, all that He has done for us and all the blessings to come.

I thank all of you, my Parish Family, for being a beacon of light for each other and for others in need during times of struggle and sorrow.

Joy is a gift from Jesus himself. The more we help spread Joy to others, the more we live in the way God intended.

Merry Christmas and God bless.

Nancy Jorgesen Parish Business Manager



Children



#### Stay and Play ~ December 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 nocost service. Sundays during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses. San Juan Bautista room. teresa@padreserra.org

#### Little Church ~ December 16, 23\* and 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 17 and 19

*Grades 1 to 5.* This week children will learn about Mary's encounter with Elizabeth; this is where we get the words to our Hail Mary prayer.

#### Three:Sixteen ~ December 19

*Grades 6 to 8.* This week preparing our hearts and souls for Jesus. Kids and parents will participate in the Advent Penance Service.

#### **High School**

#### Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

#### **Confirmation Y1 ~ December 16**

This week, the gift of Wonder and Awe, what it is and how it brings us closer to God.

#### 4:12 Youth Group ~ December 19

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!

#### White Elephant ~ Thursday, December 20

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

#### 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

#### Toastmasters ~ December 17

All are invited to our Christmas celebration 7:00pm in the Santa Barbara room. Virginia (805) 443.5186.

#### 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. 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00pm. First step is to contact: Jett Clyne jettclyne@gmail.com

#### **Bereavement Support ~ December 20**

We offer support to those who have lost a loved one. 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:00am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez, bbright41@verizon.net, (805) 407.3000.

#### PAX Christi ~ December 20

Jesus is the Light of the world. How has this Advent Season helped you to recognize His Light in you, your family and the world? Join our PAX Christi community for an evening of prayer, study, and action, focusing on God's breaking into our lives as Light in our darkness. 7:00 - 8:30pm, San Fernando room. Deacon Luc peaceandjustice@padreserra.org

#### **Open Hearts ~ December 27**

A fellowship ministry where individuals and families of the LGBTQ community are welcome to explore spirituality and share experiences, strength, and hope. Join in our study and discussion of Fr. James Martin's book Building a Bridge. 7:00pm, San Fernando room. Sue openheartspadreserra@gmail.com

#### Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner ~ January 19

Save the date to celebrate our local clergy, religious, and ministry leaders. Saturday, 6:00pm in the Serra Center. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Register early: Paul (805) 233-2810, Ed (805) 443.8310.

#### In the Community

#### Nun Run ~ February 2

Join the Sisters of Notre Dame 5K, 1 Mile and Community Service Fair. This family-friendly event is for all ages and fitness levels. Proceeds support the Sisters' Life & Ministry Fund, providing spiritual, educational and social outreach locally and globally. La Reina High School, Thousand Oaks. Details/registration: http://nun.run or contact Jen Coito jcoito@sndca.org.

#### **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 Shadduck at (805) 482.6417 x331 or

catherine@padreserra.org

#### **Our Giving**

#### Volunteer! It Takes a Parish!

We grow in our sense of belonging when we pitch in and work sideby-side. We are seeking volunteers to join Fairways to Heaven and have many "job openings" available. Activities include golf and corn hole tournaments, helicopter golf ball drop, silent and live auctions, dinner and live entertainment. Come to share your talents! Please contact evecollier@verizon.net. Save the date: Monday, March 11 for our wonderful Fairways to Heaven event!

#### Memorials & Honorarium

#### In Loving Memory of Marie Lichtenstein Sunflower Sisters Diane & Ron Ross

Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Wendy Scheid Georgene Boyd In Loving Memory of Daniel Cravens Wendy Scheid Mary Joy & Jerry Petry, Calabasas, CA Betty & Al Martinez

#### Other Notes

#### **Holiday Travel Plans?**

- Find mass wherever you go! Go to www.masstimes.org.
- Bring back bulletins from your trip to share with Fr. Patrick!
- Take a selfie with a PSP bulletin and send to
- photos@padreserra.org

• Stay updated on giving! Use Online Giving to schedule one time or recurring donations. Go to www.padreserra.org  $\rightarrow$  Engage  $\rightarrow$  Giving

#### **Gluten Free**

If you are having problems with gluten that are affecting your ability to receive the Body of Christ in Communion, please contact Jane in the parish office (805) 482.6417 or email jane@padreserra.org and give her your name, and the mass you usually attend. Thank you!

#### Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.* Luke 3:10-18 ~ What Should We Do?

In today's gospel, the people ask this question of John the Baptist. As you enter the final nine days of Advent, what is one action you might take to serve Jesus' mission of mercy and justice?

Advent Action: On this Sunday of joy, are there Christmas preparations causing stress and worry? Consider letting go of something to allow room for more joy and grace.

#### **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. (See page 2)

#### **Neighboring Reconciliation Services**, 7:00pm

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, Vanessa Tull and Kylie Wilson. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

#### **Remember Our Dead**

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Mary Lombardo, RIP Ernie Ohmstedt, 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.

#### In the Courtyard

See page 2. Blood Drive ~ December 16 See's Candy ~ December 15, 16

#### Safeguard the Children

#### **Holiday Travel Awareness**

Many of us will be traveling over the holiday season. All family members (parents, teenagers & children) are encouraged to live in the moment! Put away your electronic devices while walking through busy airports, crossing streets and weaving through dense crowds. It is too easy to become distracted by phones and other devices. It only takes a moment for family members to get separated or accidents to happen. Be safe and make wonderful memories together.





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Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Bring your family, your friends, your neighbors... All are welcome!



Monday, December 24 4:00pm, 4:15pm (in Serra Center), 6:30pm, 11:00pm (music beginning at 10:30pm)

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 10:00am

