

Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Seniors Christmas Luncheon 2018



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

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Saturday 3:00pm - 6:15pm

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5th Sunday Rosary

December 30, 10:15am
Worship Garden

"Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and heart toward the Lord." Saint John Paul II

John (805) 587-1210






New Year's Mass

The Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday, January 1
10:00am

Begin the New Year celebrating Mass. It is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; the World Day of Peace, and the first day of New Year's resolutions!

www.padreserra.org/news/the-solemnity-of-mary


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

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




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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
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.)

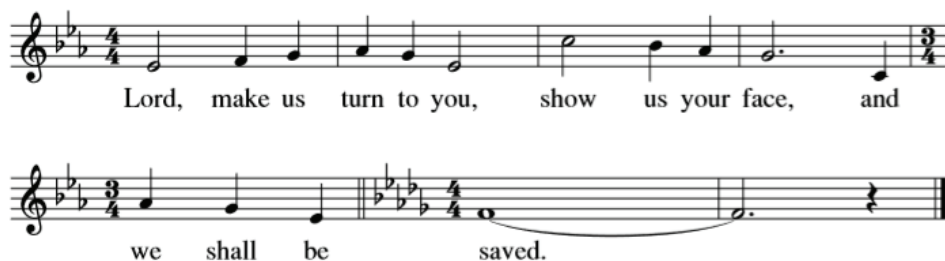
1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

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



RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Psalm 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You**

Marty Haugen



Text: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Advent Alleluia**

Michael Joncas, Gather #411



Text: *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, ICEL
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DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES**May the Word of God Strengthen You**

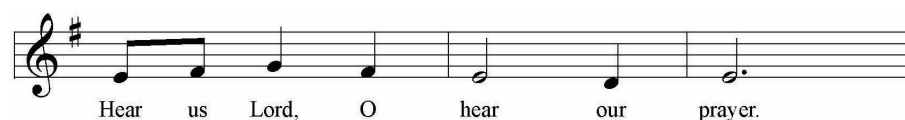
Christopher Walker



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE**In Memory We Hold You**

Bob Hurd



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Reading 1

Micah 5:1-4a

Reading 2

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

Behold, I am
the handmaid
of the Lord.
May it be
done to me
according to
your word.

Luke 1:38



PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen, Gather #415

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

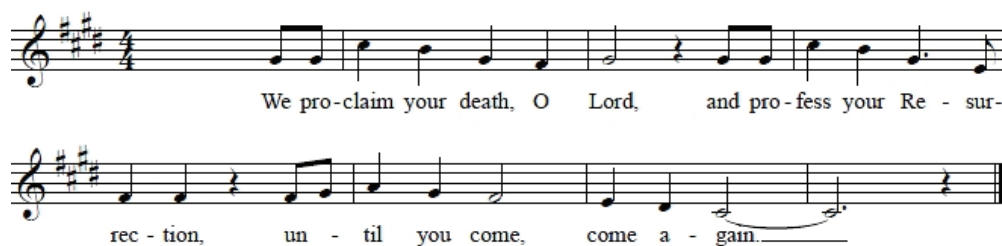
"Walking in the Air" Mass

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

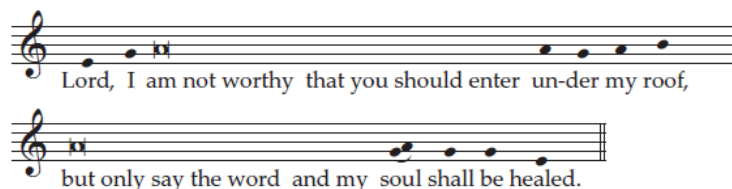

A - men, A - men, A - - -
 men. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

Invitation to Communion



COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light & Paul Tate, Gather #909

Holy Is Your Name

David Haas, Gather #102

9:00—Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Howard Helvey

11:00—Breath of Heaven

Chris Eaton

SENDING FORTH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gather #395

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| <p>1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.</p> | <p>2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...</p> |
| <p>3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...</p> | <p>4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...</p> |
| <p>5. O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...</p> | <p>6. O come, O Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!...</p> |
| <p>7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!</p> | |

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Merry Christmas! Blessed New Year!

My mom has two nativity sets.

One is beautiful and crème colored, finely hand-carved from milky alabaster stone, each piece sitting on its brightly polished, black marble base. The female shepherd is just a little larger than Joseph, and so I've always wondered if she didn't belong to a different set, but you only notice if you look closely. Besides, women can be tall, can't they? The general impression, though, is of elegance. My siblings and I all chipped in and bought this nativity set over several years, back in the early 80s, beginning with the Holy Family, then the barn animals, then the wise men, the shepherds with the sheep, and lastly the camels. It looks terrific on Mom's refectory table, where she has chosen to keep it up all year long. We all love it for its beauty.

Mom's other crèche is older than my earliest memories. It's made of once brightly colored, though long since faded, plaster and has been much chipped over the years. I'm certain that statues from other nativities have made their way into the set, as there are two dogs, two cows and multiple shepherds. There is also an old, beaten up stable, which once had hay in it, long lost now. While the children are not to touch Mom's beautiful alabaster nativity, they have free rein to do what they want with this older, ragtag collection of figures. My nieces and nephews happily rearrange them. Sometimes they are left in twosomes, everyone having a private conversation, Mary with Joseph, the shepherds with each other, the donkey with the cows, and so on. Other times, various animals will end up on a roof, or the wise men will make their way, along with their camels, to some distant shelf, far from the stable, still on their journey. The children have free reign to do whatever is necessary and good, as they see it.

I love that beaten up old set because of the memories attached, and the scent of living Christmas trees that accompany it in my mind.

Of the two crèches, the one I think gets to the real moment of Jesus, born into this world a helpless babe, is the old and battered set. Somehow it manages to get closer to the stories told in Luke's Gospel, of there being no room in an inn, of a food trough for animals, of shepherd guests. It's a stark contrast to our bright lights, gilded bulbs, and lawn ornaments.

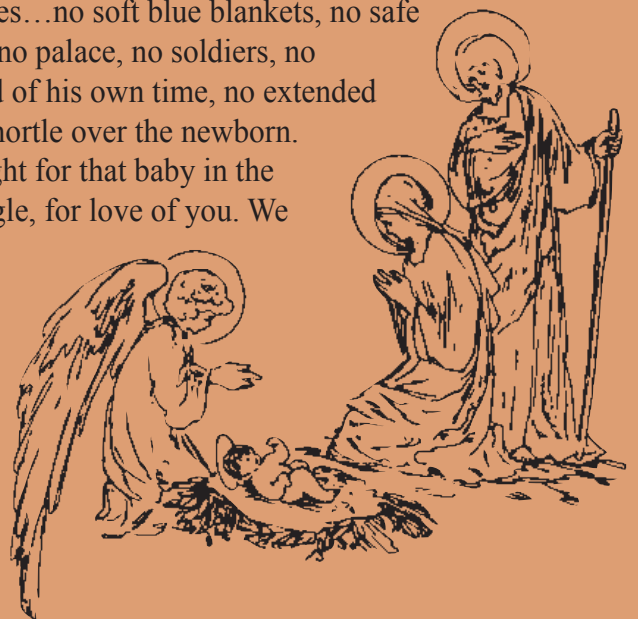
Don't get me wrong – I have gilded bulbs on my tree...the better to celebrate the Lord of Light breaking into the world, but I think it very important not to forget the humble reality of the only nativity staged by the one born. In all of human history, only Jesus chose His own circumstances of birth, and they are telling. No bassinette, no fine linens, no doctors or nurses...no soft blue blankets, no safe warm home, no long prepared baby room...and for a king, no palace, no soldiers, no servants...no courtiers, no power, no glory...and for a child of his own time, no extended family, no fire in the fireplace, no neighbors to come and chortle over the newborn.

While you enjoy your Christmas feast, have a thought for that baby in the manger. From the very first, He embraced the human struggle, for love of you. We have good reason to celebrate, and even better reason to remember.

Merry Christmas from your priest,

Fr. Patrick

Fr. Patrick



Families

Camarillo Catholic Moms Group

All moms - work outside the home, stay-at-home, "veteran," new moms - are invited for friendship and fellowship with local Catholic moms. Activities include providing meals after delivery, Catholic book club, and moms/couples night out. Join our email list or information: Melissa melissa.a.ronan@gmail.com

Children

Stay and Play ~ December 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 23 and 30

Sunday preschool for age 3 through kindergarten **during the 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!

Grades 1 to 5. Merry Christmas, how do you celebrate Jesus' birthday? Send us a picture photos@padreserra.org. Centers will resume on January 7 and 9, 2019.

Three:Sixteen

Grades 6 to 8. Merry Christmas, what will your gift to Jesus be this year? See you all on January 9, 2019.

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

Confirmation Y1 ~ Sessions Resume on January 6, 2019

In all your excitement of Christmas decorating, shopping and celebrating, don't forget to add the Birthday Boy to your list. How will you celebrate Jesus this Christmas? Any family traditions? Share photos@padreserra.org

4:12 Youth Group

Merry Christmas from Brett and peer leaders! Enjoy the holidays with your loved ones. We will meet again on January 9, 2019 7:30 - 9:00pm, San Juan Capistrano room. Bring a friend.

Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 29ish is welcome! youngadults@padreserra.org

Bible Study ~ January 10

Bring your bible! Join the Young Adults Ministry for a bible study session.

Guys/Girls Night ~ January 17

Join us for some fun! Battle of the sexes.

Adults

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

Writers Group ~ December 28

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

Living Liturgy ~ January 8

Dr. Paul Ford leads a weekly reflection and study of the Sunday scriptures so we can better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. Resource books are available for purchase or bring your own bible or smart device. 8:30 - 9:30am, San Juan Capistrano room.

Seniors Adaptive Exercise Class ~ Resumes January 9

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

Seasons of the Spirit ~ January 9

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

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.

Los Angeles Congress ~ March 22 - 4, 2019

The largest Catholic convention in the world is right in our own backyard! Come to Anaheim for one, two or three days of inspiring workshops, speakers, liturgies, and concerts. Visit www.recongress.org or watch here for details about Fr. Patrick's sessions and our parish hospitality room. teresa@padreserra.org

Career Transitions Ministry

Are you unemployed or underemployed? We'll help focus your job search, improve resume and interview skills, and provide helpful resources. Steven careertransitions@padreserra.org

Knights of Columbus Invites You

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Becoming Catholic

Extend a Christmas Invitation to Your 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

Our Giving

Quarterly Focus: St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generous support, currently donations to help with this ministry total \$18,994. St. Vincent de Paul is our parish's outreach ministry to the poor, hungry, homeless, struggling and needy in our midst. Every day our on-call ministers talk and meet with individuals and families who need financial assistance and resources to have a meal or safe shelter, to pay a utility bill, rent, medical bill, or for gas. This wonderful work would not be possible without God's help, your generous contributions and the volunteer efforts of our Vincentians. Those in need should call (805) 504-4753. A member is on call Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm. To help or contribute, contact: pam@padreserra.org

Fairways to Heaven Team Meeting ~ January 8

Dear Friends, All are welcome to share in preparing for our wonderful, once-a-year parish fundraiser, Fairways to Heaven! Please consider sponsoring a portion of the event or making a donation to the silent and/or live auctions, and definitely invite your family and friends to come enjoy a day of golf, an afternoon of corn hole and an evening of delicious dining and entertainment. Best of all is the fellowship working and playing side by side with the knowledge that we are helping ministry to high school teens and young adults. Be a part of this! Please contact evacollier@verizon.net to learn more. Blessings!

Memorials & Honorarium

In Loving Memory of Daniel Cravens

David, Vicki & Julie Cravens
Blake & Wynona Rowe
Grace Pugliese

In Loving Memory of Ann Brown

Marianne Brooks

In Loving Memory of Marie Lichtenstein

Roy & Toni Farmer

In Loving Memory of Walter Blayney

Robert & Marie Sullivan, Menomonee Falls, WI

Faith Sharing

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

Luke 1:39-45 ~ Bearing Witness to Jesus In Our World

In today's Gospel, Mary travels a distance to visit Zechariah and Elizabeth. Mary and Elizabeth share each other's joy and offer strength to one another in their pregnancies. In our spiritual life, we need companions who can point out where God is working in our lives. Other times we're called to bear witness to Jesus' presence in one another. Who is your spiritual companion? How have you been one for a friend? How might we cultivate these spiritual friendships?

Our Prayer Life

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:

Lois Cunningham, RIP

May she enjoy peace in her 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 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

Other Notes

Office Closed for the Holiday!

The staff is enjoying a lovely Christmas holiday from Monday at noon through Wednesday this week. For New Year's we will close at noon Monday, December 31 and all day January 1. Merry Christmas!

2019 Calendars Available Now

Pick up yours in the church lobby today. Happy New Year!

Save the Date

Women's Retreat Fundraiser at Topper's Pizza ~ January 22

Fairways to Heaven ~ March 11

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