

## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 1, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Baptisms *Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith!*

**Aerton Carlos Eugenio Arguelles**  
Son of Manuel  
& Rae Marie Arguelles

**Luna Marie Schoemann**  
Daughter of Justin Schoemann  
& Betsy Lopez

**Atreus Daniel Valles**  
Son of Danny & Stacy Valles

**Miguel Amaro Vergel Cobarrubia**  
Son of Amenhda Cobarrubia

**Bryce Zion Huynh**  
Son of Jimmy & April Huynh

**Lorenzo Pepe Pete Ornelas**  
Son of Richard & Christina Ornelas

**Mia Izabella Meza Salazar**  
Daughter of Abisai Meza  
& Maria Salazar Torres

**Ryan Maria Amos**  
Daughter of Nicholas  
& Jaqueline Amos

**Savannah Reese Arnold**  
Daughter of Andrew  
& Nicole Arnold

**Bruce Aiden Veneracion**  
Son of Noah  
& Stephanie Veneracion

**Kamila Cano**  
Daughter of Nestor  
& Wendy Cano

**Hugo Isaiah Cazares Razo**  
Son of Jorge Cazares Gutierrez  
& Margarita Razo Contreras

**Dani Savannah Chavira**  
Daughter of Julian  
& Malissa Chavira

**Clint Mason Ybanez Gabaon**  
Son of Jon & Caroline Gabaon

**Isla Adala Kemp**  
Daughter of Donovan Kemp  
& Kaitlyn Alexander



Christmas Concert and Dinner tickets now available at  
[www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert-dinner!](http://www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert-dinner!) (see page 2)

### Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

#### Mass Times

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45 pm

#### Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 - 9:00 pm

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday 3:00 - 6:15 pm

Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

(805) 482-6417

After Hours Emergency (805) 512-3208

#### Serra Center Rental

[serracenter@padreserra.org](mailto:serracenter@padreserra.org) x361

#### St. Mary Magdalen School, TK-8

2534 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo, 93010

(805) 482-2611 [www.smms.pvt.k12.ca.us](http://www.smms.pvt.k12.ca.us)





## Community Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 4  
7:00 pm 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!




## La Posada

Tuesday, December 10  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Begins in the church  
Fiesta to follow in the Serra Center

Let us come together for a fun, interactive, and enriching Advent celebration to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming! Come and learn how to continue this joyful faith tradition in your homes. Everyone is welcome!

Arrive early to enjoy Taco Tuesday at 5:30 pm! Tamales and champurrado will also be available for purchase (cash only) before and afterward. Piñatas for the kids and goodies for the adults!

Learn more and RSVP at  
[www.padreserra.org/news/la-posada](http://www.padreserra.org/news/la-posada)




## Serra Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 11  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Serra Center

Enjoy catered holiday meal, 50/50 raffle, and entertainment by The Other Reindeer Carolers, a Dickens quartet to fill us with Christmas cheer!

Tickets \$25/person (includes meal and one glass of wine). Available in the parish office or in the courtyard today. Deadline is December 4.

Contact [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)  
[www.padreserra.org/news/seniors-christmas](http://www.padreserra.org/news/seniors-christmas)



## Christmas Concert & Dinner

Friday, December 13

Dinner 6:00 pm, Serra Center, \$10  
Concert 7:30 pm, Church  
\$15 reserved\* \$10 general

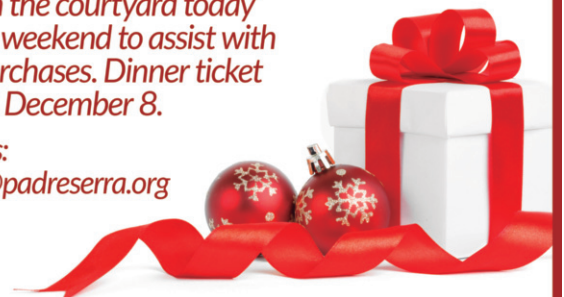
**Online tickets available now!**

This year tickets are available exclusively online at  
[www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert-dinner](http://www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert-dinner)

\*"Pick a seat" for reserved concert seats, now available on mobile devices.

We are in the courtyard today and next weekend to assist with online purchases. Dinner ticket sales end December 8.

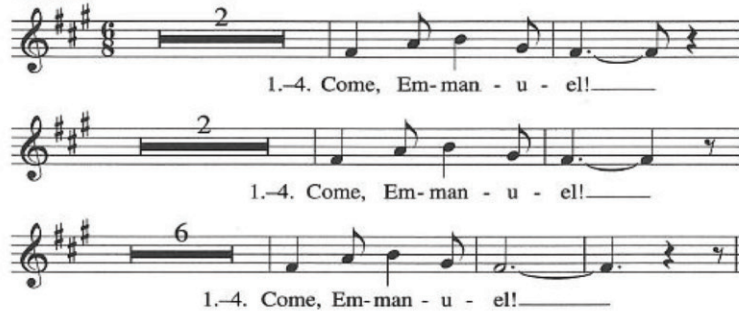
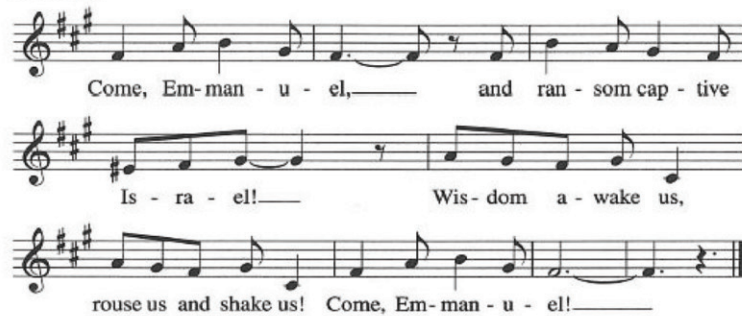
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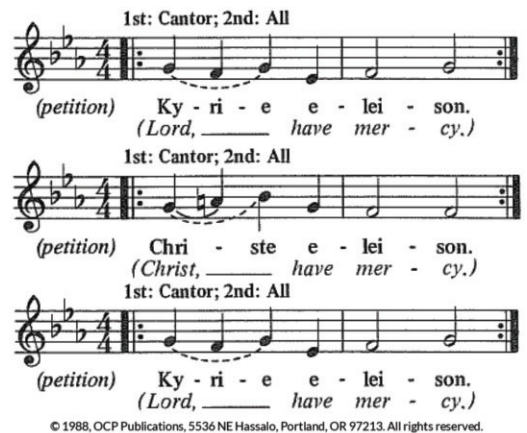


**GATHERING****Come, Emmanuel**

Deanna Light &amp; Paul A. Tate

**VERSES****REFRAIN**

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**Reading 1**

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Reading 2**

Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 24:37-44

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing**

Michael Joncas, Gather #84

Text: Psalm 122; Michael Joncas, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
Music: Michael Joncas, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.**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****Go In Peace**

Dominic MacAller

Go in peace to hear the word of God.  
Go in peace to meet the risen Lord, the One who speaks to us in the Gospel.  
Go in peace, go in peace.

**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd



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**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

5:00—Will You Be Ready

Mark Patterson

The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

Verses 1, 2

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And  
 2. O bright-er than the ris-ing morn When

1. light tri-um-phant breaks, When beau-ty gilds the  
 2. he, vic-to-rious, rose And left the lone-some

1. east-ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 2. place of death, De-spite the rage of foes.

1. Not, as of old, a lit-tle child, To  
 2. O bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall

1. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo-ry  
 2. this fair morn-ing be, When Christ, our King, in

1. like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 2. beau-ty comes, And we his face shall see!

Verse 3

3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-  
 3. -ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy peo-ple pray: Come

3. quick-ly, King of kings. Come quick-ly, King of kings.

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Show us,

*Lord.*

your

*love:*

and grant us your

*salvation.*

Psalm 85:8





**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

5:00—Be the Light

Ed Bolduc

9:00 &amp; 11:00—Advent Suite

Paul Tate

**SENDING FORTH**

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

**Refrain**

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way

1 of the Lord. 2 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. to Refrain

3. as we

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



## “Happy Liturgical New Year!”

Dear Faith Family,

Happy New Year!

As you may know, with the beginning of Advent in our Church, we also celebrate the liturgical new year.

During our normal New Year’s celebrations it is not uncommon to have a countdown to midnight while sharing quality time with friends, but the most common tradition for New Year’s is the resolutions we keep for the betterment of ourselves. Might I suggest we do something similar for Advent?

Obviously, Advent is the countdown for one of our greatest feasts: Christmas! The birth of our Lord is obviously crucial for the loving Redemption that God has for us, but the celebration of Christmas is also such a wonderful opportunity for us to grow closer to God and to become better disciples.

In what ways can we spend more quality time with God? And what type of “New Year’s Resolutions” can we do during Advent? (It is the New Year, after all.)

Thankfully, we at Padre Serra are so blessed to have so many opportunities to dive into the season of Advent, and one of the most beautiful events is our Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 4.

For those who have not gone in a while, I can assure you that it is worth it. Whether it has been years, or days, I have never known a priest at our service to be upset with the length of time it has been since someone has gone to Reconciliation. In fact, I know plenty of stories of priests celebrating when people overcome their fears and go to Reconciliation. If you feel called to go, but are a little scared, I can assure you, IT IS NORMAL TO BE AFRAID OF RECONCILIATION.

During my time here at Padre Serra, I have been blessed to run the Year 2 Confirmation retreat. At most retreats, we offer Reconciliation for the candidates. The anxiety of the teens when they find out that the Sacrament is available is palpable, but every year the teens still go. It’s quite amazing. What is even more amazing, though, is the peace they have once they go and receive the grace of the Sacrament. It’s one of my favorite moments that I look forward to every year.

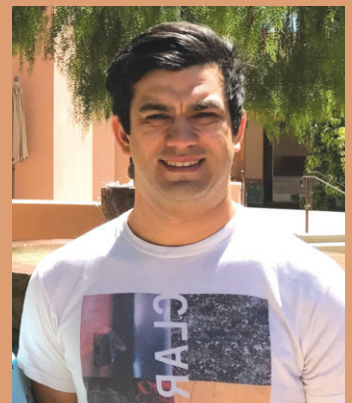
Again, if you are worried, I just want to assure you that you are not alone. If you haven’t gone in forever and forgot how it works, that’s fine! Reconciliation can be a scary thing. Even as someone who goes frequently, it is still a scary thing for me. But let me tell you, it’s definitely worth it.

I look forward to celebrating “the most wonderful time of the year” with all of you! With all of you, I am counting down the days to Christmas and am looking forward to another encounter of Christ.

God Bless,



Brett Becker  
Youth and Young Adult Minister



## Sign-up Time!

**Blood Drive ~ Make Your Appointment!** (see page 12)

**La Posada ~ RSVP Today!** (see page 2)

### Young Adults Christmas Potluck ~ December 5

Bring your favorite Christmas dish. Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! Let Rickho know what you'll bring to coordinate. 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Carmel room. rickho@padreserra.org

### Altar Server Training ~ Begins Sunday, January 12

Boys and girls in grades five and up and high school teens are invited to join this extraordinary ministry. Intense training, offered only once a year, to learn the order of the Mass and all the basics of serving in seven 2.5-hour sessions. 2:30 pm. Join this inspiring group. (805) 987-4620, robert\_shaddock@msn.com

## Children

*12 months to Grade 8.*

### Stay and Play ~ December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

### Little Church ~ December 8, 15, 22, 29

Sunday preschool (age 3 through kindergarten) during Sunday Mass time. Register your child as soon as they turn 3. soraya@padreserra.org

### Spark! ~ December 2, 4

Grades 1 to 5. This week the children will learn about John the Baptist. tere@padreserra.org

### Three:Sixteen ~ December 4

Grades 7 to 8. This week the teens and parents will participate in Advent penance service. This is not a drop off event. tere@padreserra.org

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!*

### 4:12 ~ December 4

Join Brett and peer leaders, for fun and fellowship Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm in San Juan Capistrano rooms. youth@padreserra.org

### Confirmation Year 1 ~ December 1

There is no session this week, will resume on December 8.

## Young Adults

*Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome!*

### Angel Tags Shopping ~ December 12

This year the Young Adults adopted an Angel Tag family. You are

welcome to join our Christmas shopping for them. You are invited to contribute to the gifts or join us as we do our part to brighten their holiday season! We meet at 6:45 pm in the Carmel room and carpool at 7:00 pm. youngadults@padreserra.org

## Adults

### Toastmasters ~ December 2, 9, 16

Want to learn to become a confident communicator, speak in public, and develop leadership skills? Come check out our Toastmasters at 7:00 pm, Santa Barbara room. Virginia (805) 443-5186.

### Bible Study ~ December 3, 10, 17

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 Bible or smart device. Tuesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am, San Juan Capistrano room.

### Social Spanish ~ December 3, 10, 17

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish, to learn to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and to learn a new language and experience the benefits in mind and spirit. Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com

### Meditative Movement ~ December 3, 10, 17

Women and men, any age, can join instructor Sheila Montgomery for meditative movement using Tai Chi. 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Santa Barbara room. \$5/class.

### Senior Exercise ~ December 4, 11, 18

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

### Seasons of the Spirit ~ Series Finale December 4

Our women's morning faith sharing group is retiring after 24 years. Come for our last gathering at 10:00 am in the Carmel room, followed by lunch at Marie Callender's. RSVP for one or both by November 25: Helen Shields hcshields@roadrunner.com

### Bereavement Support Group ~ December 5, 19

We offer support to those who have lost a loved one. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, bbright41@verizon.net

### Knitting ~ December 5, 12, 19

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels welcome. No experience? That's alright; we'll show you. Throughout the year, we have projects for Life Centers, our bereavement ministry, and more. Thursdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel room. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com

### First Friday Adoration ~ December 6

Spend some time for quiet prayer before our Lord between 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Blessed Sacrament Chapel. To commit to one hour, contact teresa@padreserra.org



## In the Community

### Camarillo Community Band ~ December 8

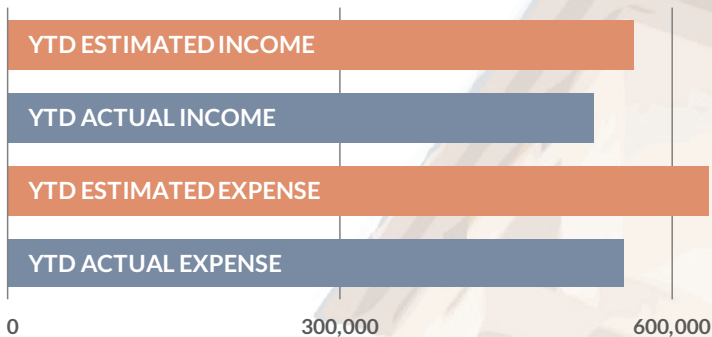
Christmas concert with a special guest ... Santa Claus! 4:00 pm,  
Community Center, 1605 Burnley St.  
[www.camarillocommunityband.com](http://www.camarillocommunityband.com)

### Worldwide Candle Light ~ December 8

Light a candle to remember all the children who have died, 6:15 pm  
at Ascension Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks. Service includes  
speaker, reading of names, and reception. Parents are invited to bring  
a small framed photo or memento of your child. To have your child's  
name read or questions: Janice Anderson (805) 320-2302,  
[gjanderson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gjanderson@sbcglobal.net) by December 4. Sponsored by The  
Compassionate Friends.

## Giving

### Fiscal Snapshot (October 2019)



## In the Courtyard

### Poinsettia Pick Up ~ Today

Pre-orders are available for pick up today in the courtyard. Some  
poinsettias are still available. \$10/plant.

### Serra Seniors Christmas Luncheon Ticket Sales (see page 2)

### Christmas Concert & Dinner Ticket Sales ~ December 1, 8

Assistance with online purchases (see page 2)

## Safeguard the Children

### Basic Guidelines for Airport Safety

Airports are unfamiliar places flooded with crowds, and parents need  
to take extra precautions to make sure everyone arrives safely at their  
destination. Consider taking a family airport selfie, so you have a  
current picture of what everyone is wearing, in case you get  
separated. Talk to your children about "safe strangers" — TSA  
agents, flight attendants, trusted adults — they can ask for help. Go  
over the travel plans so that your children know where you're going,  
what airline you're flying, and where you should meet. For more  
information, visit [www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety](http://www.mamamia.com.au/travelling-with-kids-airport-safety)

## Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

### Matthew 24: 37-44 ~ Waiting, hoping, and preparing!

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus urges the disciples to "stay  
awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." As  
you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart at Christmas, could  
you say you're ready for him? What is one thing you can do during  
Advent to prepare for his coming? What is Jesus calling you to  
"wake up" to this Advent?

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Abel August, Jack Doody, Berta Garcia, Berta Julia, Erena Leonard,  
Adele Marietta, Akemi Saito McLaren, Michael Mingay, Tricia  
Mingay, Les Moore, Henry Moraga, Dorothy Simmons and Kylie  
Wilson. (*Names are refreshed monthly.*)

### Remember Our Dead

*Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently.  
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 7:45 am, Church  
Rosary: Monday - Friday 8:30 am, Church  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Church  
Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45 pm, Brides Room  
First Friday Adoration: 3:00 - 7:00 pm, 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.

## Other Notes

### Locking Cars

Our parking lot is not immune to theft so please be sure to always  
take valuables with you, or secure out of sight, and lock your car  
doors.

### Name Tags

God knows you by name, so let's get to know one another by name.  
We build family and relationships when we get to know each other,  
starting with our name. Wear your work, or any name badge, to  
church. If you would like a Padre Serra Parish name badge, please  
email [parish@padreserra.org](mailto:parish@padreserra.org) or stop by the parish office. They are  
\$10, payable upon pick up.

### 2020 Calendars

We are indebted to Griffin Mortuary for the long-standing gift of  
yearly calendars to our community. They are no longer able to  
continue so we are looking for a parishioner or business who would  
like to sponsor our 2020 parish calendars. For details, contact Pam  
Kingsley [pam@padreserra.org](mailto:pam@padreserra.org). Thank you!



## Angel Tags

**Due next Sunday, December 8, no later than 9:00 am. All gifts leave the parish at noon.**

*It's not too late to help a child or adult have a special Christmas morning! Select a tag from the trees in church, buy at least one of the items listed, wrap it, and attach the Angel Tag firmly to the outside of the package.*

*This year we are collecting gifts for RAIN, OASIS, Ventura County Youth Correctional Facility, St. Francis Parish in Fillmore, San Salvador Mission in Piru, and Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cuyama.*

*Geralyn Moody, (805) 491-2602.*



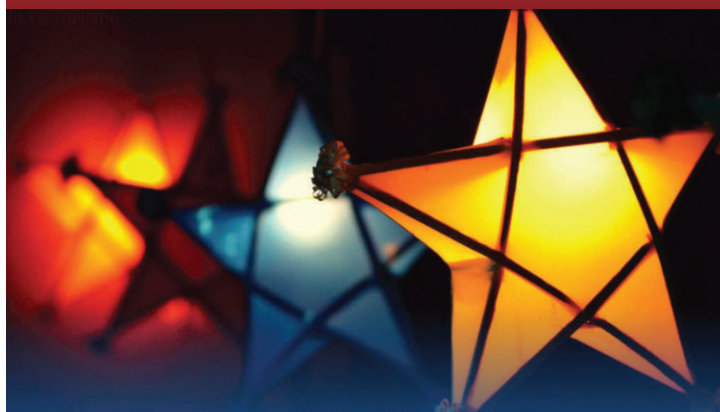
## Writers Group

**Sunday, December 8**  
**After Mass, in the courtyard**  
*We gather. We pray. We write.*

*Learn about our ministry and meet our members, some who have published their stories, and will have their books available for purchase. Their works might create a nice Christmas gift!*

**Theresa Schultz** *It's a Happy Face Day*  
**Georgette Hadvina** *By Dawn We'll Be Free*  
**Bert Wouters** *Madonna on the Bridge*  
**Donald Pederson** *God is Alive*

Contact: Linda Lowe, [calmest1@verizon.net](mailto:calmest1@verizon.net)  
 Visit [www.padreserra.org/news/writers-group](http://www.padreserra.org/news/writers-group)



## Simbang Gabi

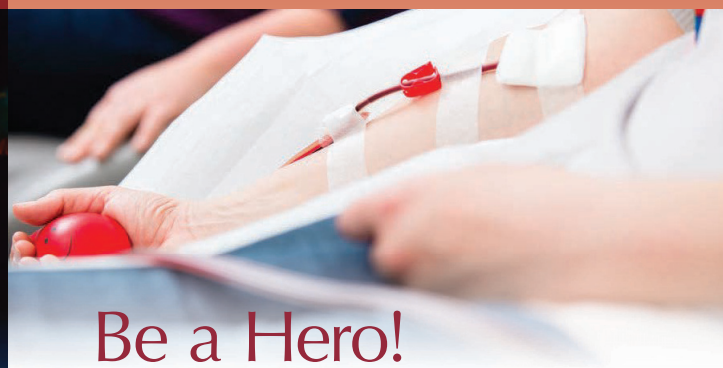
**Saturday, December 14**  
**5:00 pm Mass**

*Followed by reception in the Serra Center*

*All are invited to this celebration of preparing our hearts, minds and lives to welcome and receive Jesus at Christmas.*

*Learn more about Simbang Gabi at [www.padreserra.org/news/simbang-gabi](http://www.padreserra.org/news/simbang-gabi)*

*Sponsored by our parish Filipino Ministry.*



## Be a Hero! Blood Drive

**Sunday, December 15**  
**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Bloodmobile in parking lot**

*Give the gift of life this Christmas.  
 Donate blood!*

*Each donor will receive a \$10 movie pass.*

*Make your appointment today, visit [www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive](http://www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive)*

