

## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Writers Group. We gather. We pray. We write. Come meet us in the courtyard (see page 9).

### Welcome!

To our newest registered parishioners!

Nicholas Amos	Mike Pfingsten
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Ryan Amos	Michael Pfingsten
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Damaris Miguel	Tina Wohead
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	Delaney Wohead

### 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

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Saturday 3:00 - 6:15 pm

Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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## Let's Care for One Another

Today, after Mass in the courtyard

*Caring families communicate and check-in with one another, so we want to know if you:*

- Dropped your landline, added a cell phone, moved residences, have an email
- Have a spouse who has died and the funeral was elsewhere
- Have adult children who have moved out of the home
- Live alone. Please provide us with an emergency contact

Visit Teresa in the courtyard after Mass or email Mary Huebner  
mary@padreserra.org



## La Posada

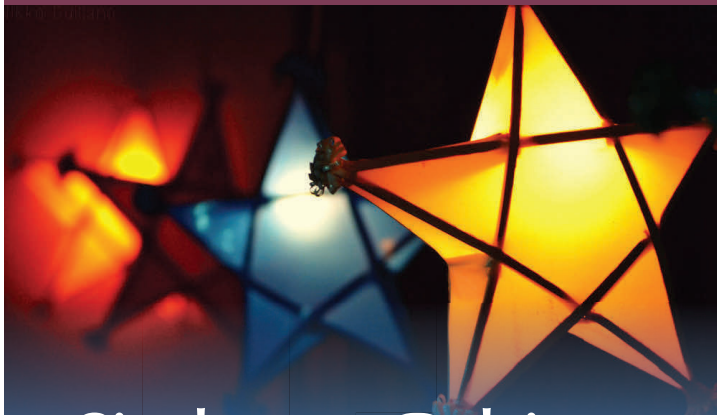
Tuesday, December 10  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

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)



## 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)



**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.

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.)

**Reading 1**

Isaiah 11:1-10

**Reading 2**

Romans 15:4-9

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 3:1-12



Prepare

the way of

the Lord.

make straight

his paths:

all flesh shall

see the

salvation

of

God

Luke 3:4,6



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Marty Haugen, Gather #39



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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

## 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

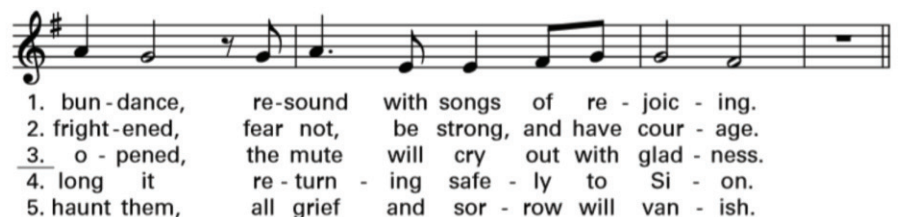


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## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Say to the Frightened Heart

Bob Hurd



Refrain text based on Isaiah 35:4; verses text based on Isaiah 35:1-2, 2-3, 5-6a, 6b-7, 8a-9b, 10.  
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**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**

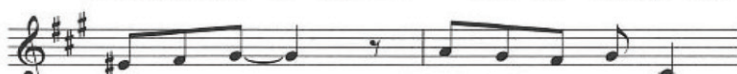
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION SONGS****Jesus, Hope of the World**

Deanna Light &amp; Paul Tate, Gather #909

**Come, Emmanuel**

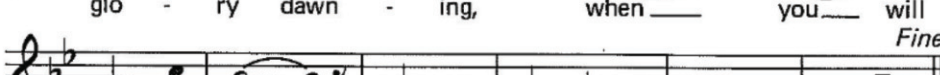
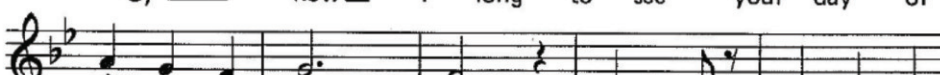
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**VERSES****REFRAIN**

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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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## Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe commemorates the apparitions of Mary, the Mother of God, 500 years ago to San Juan Diego. The course of events which transpired can readily be found through any internet search. I would like to convey what this feast means to me today. The appearance of this Palestinian woman is significant in her resemblance to the people of Mexico at a time when imperialistic dismantling of indigenous cultures brought their humanity in question, let alone whether those people had a soul. The hymn of *La Guadalupana* states *her bearing and face were Mexican*. The Mother of God is like us!

The significance of La Morenita is in the accompanying presence of Jesus. Her “Yes” to God’s role for her implies Christ’s presence in our “Yes” to God’s role for us. My role as a fire chaplain is one of accompaniment and witness to our human reaction of irrevocable loss. The reaction of the Marine’s mother at Borderline and the reaction of the wife of the campesino crushed by equipment in a strawberry field were elicited from the permanent physical separation of a loved one. To this I give witness, the separation at the border gives the same result. However, this border condition is impermanent and reversible. The dreamer that I am, imagines the day when the travesty of injustice at the border is humanely solved, to the delight of our Father, sisters and brothers.

Holy scripture for this feast speaks of a dragon wanting to devour a child and the mother fleeing to a place prepared by God [Rev. 12: 4-6] and Mary greeting Elizabeth in the Gospel of Luke. I ask you to join me in prayer. Walk alongside me as I walk my dogs, that the dragon is defeated and families can visit one another without fear, and safely walk in streets. My Marian devotion consists of reflection of the mysteries of Mondays and Thursdays are days when I fast and pray for families: pregnancies, births, baptisms, marriages and the preparation of couples of those people that come to mind. The other days I prayerfully call to mind the individuals and families sorrowing through death, illness, and insecurity interspersed with praise and gratitude. The mood may vary from *Let It Be*, *Good Day Sunshine*, or *Imagine*. **Pray for the reformation of laws and policies that separate us from one another and from God**, is my default mode.



I believe Jerusalem does not need another wall. I believe that we have responsibility for our collective role as a country for the conditions at the border. If you think detention and deportation is the sole solution, please read the government publications I have listed. It is from such the alien is in our midst. I believe with God’s help we can make Jerusalem the city where the tribes go up.

May this Advent Season bring us to the Word made flesh dwelling among us.

*Deacon Arnold Reyes*

## Sign-up Time!

**Blood Drive ~ Make Your Appointment!** (see page 2)

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

### 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 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

### Three:Sixteen ~ December 10

This week our middle school teens and their families will participate in the Posada celebration, Tuesday, December 10. We begin at 7:00 pm in the church. tere@padreserra.org

### Spark! ~ December 9, 11

Grades 1 to 5. This week the children will learn about Jesus as Messiah. tere@padreserra.org

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!*

### Confirmation Year 1 ~ December 8

In today's session, teens will learn about the available ministries where they can participate and the beauty of the Advent season.

### 4:12 ~ December 11

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

## Youth & Young Adults

*Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!*

### Peer Leaders ~ December 10, 17

A vital aspect of all our ministry to youth. Peer leaders help engage our Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly confirmation sessions, our annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. Dates are subject to change, ask Brett to add you

to our GroupMe to keep you updated. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team contact youth@padreserra.org, www.padreserra.org/news/peer-leaders

## Adults

### Illuman for Men ~ December 11

A ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Bi-monthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. 7:00 pm, San Miguel room. Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 11, 18

Join us for an hour of prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm, church. Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

### Centering Prayer ~ December 11, 18

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a method of contemplative prayer that opens us up to experience God's presence within us. Both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship, Centering Prayer serves to enhance other prayer forms. Come and rest in God! 6:45 pm, in our new location, Santa Clara room. Vivian vpatv@outlook.com

### See's Candy ~ December 14 - 15

Double your giving this season! Your 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.

### Women's Faith Sharing ~ December 16

*Seeds of Faith*, our women's evening of spirituality, invites you for some Christmas cheer. Bring a friend! 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com

### Divorce Support Group ~ December 17

We offer a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether they are in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with severe changes, or they are through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The first step is to contact: Teresa Runyon teresa@padreserra.org

### Ladies Night Out ~ December 18

*Lemons on the Loose* is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand. 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com

### 33 Days to Morning Glory ~ Starts January 4

A Marian Consecration – to Jesus through Mary – written by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, 33 Days is a six-week small group journey to encounter Jesus through his mother. We'll learn what the Church and four great saints have to teach us about Mary's influence and power. Whether you are new to the concept of Marian Consecration, or you wish to renew your consecration, we invite you Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:30. Stop by the courtyard today for more information or grace@padreserra.org



## In the Community

### Young Adult Interfaith Event ~ December 12

All Ventura County young adults (18 - 29) are invited to Golf N' Stuff at 6:00 pm. Bring a friend. \$15/person. Sponsored by Mt. Cross Lutheran. Questions: Joe Zimmerly [joe@mountcross.com](mailto:joe@mountcross.com)

### Employment Opportunity: Choir Director/Leader

Holy Cross Parish is in search of a director for its 10:30 am Sunday Choir. Must be familiar with Roman Catholic liturgical practices and able to conduct all aspects of an adult choir with contemporary music, hymns, and songs. It is very helpful if the person can work with young adults and high school-age youth. There is a scheduled choir rehearsal before each Sunday. Please contact Jenny Stevens at (805) 529-1397, [jstevens@holycross-moorpark.org](mailto:jstevens@holycross-moorpark.org)

## Becoming Catholic

### Confirmation Preparation for Adults ~ Begins January 9

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This course is for adults 18 years and older (out of high school) who are baptized Catholic and have received First Communion. For more information and to register, please contact Catherine Shaddock at (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org)

## Giving

### 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 give to those who have given a lifetime. Envelopes are 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)

## Volunteer

### Volunteer! It Takes a Parish!

We are looking for people to help create videos for the parish and take photos at Mass and at some events. A small stipend is available. If you're interested, please contact [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

## In the Courtyard

### Christmas Concert & Dinner Ticket Sales

Assistance with online purchases (see page 12)

### Let's Care for One Another (see page 2)

### Writers Group

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*, Mary Lea Carroll *Saint Everywhere*. Visit [www.padreserra.org/news/writers-group](http://www.padreserra.org/news/writers-group)

### 33 Days to Morning Glory (see page 8)

## Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

### Matthew 3:1-12 ~ Reform your lives

On this second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist preaches a message of conversion: "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." This radical conversion of our whole person to God is part of our preparation for Jesus' coming. This week reflect on one thing which you must "move out of the way" to make more room for Jesus – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling – and what's required for deeper conversion.

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Abel August, Muriel Bannatz, Bruce Colell, Chris Comeau, Liesa Comeau, Baby Wyatt Davis, Jack Doody, Berta Garcia, Sandeep Ghrcha, Berta Julia, Floy Laquidara, Tom Laquidara, Erena Leonard, Adele Marietta, Akemi Saito McLaren, Mark Medina, Carole Mingay, Michael Mingay, Tricia Mingay, Les Moore, Henry Moraga, Jeff Nisbet, Aundria Romero, Dorothy Simmons, Blaine Taylor, Tommy Trego and Kylie Wilson. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

### Remember Our Dead

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

Fr. Alex Aguilucho, RIP

Audrey Barney Pardi, RIP

Mary A. De Carlo, RIP

Beloved mother of Brandee Sisting

Norma McCracken, RIP

Beloved mother of Fr. Kevin McCracken

*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.

## Memorial & Honorarium

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*Shirley Francis' birthday*

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Arlene Gapastione

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*of Kevin Church*  
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