

Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 15, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Thank You! from Concern America (see page 9)



Contact Us

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

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

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 x361

St. Mary Magdalen School, TK-8

2534 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo, 93010
(805) 482-2611 www.smms.pvt.k12.ca.us



See's Candies

December 14, 15
In the courtyard

Double your giving this season!
Your See's Candies 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 today!



Be a Hero! Blood Drive

This 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



Let's Care for One Another

*Caring families take care of the special needs
among us.*

We want to know if you or someone you
know is struggling to get into the church from
the parking lot or someone who may not be
coming to Mass because of this.

We have wheelchairs and escorts to assist
you or someone you love in getting from the
parking lot to the church. New reserved seat
covers have been placed around the church
but can be moved to more convenient
locations.

Contact teresa@padreserra.org or
(805) 482-6417 x322 about these services.



Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 11:00 pm in the church
(music begins at 10:30)

4:15 pm in the Serra Center

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am in the church

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

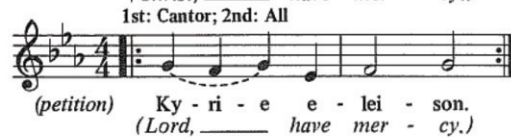
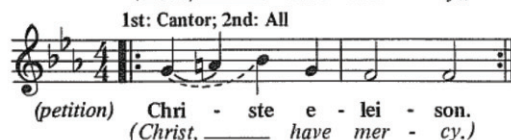
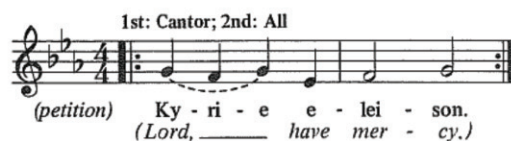


GATHERING**Come, Emmanuel**

Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate

VERSES**REFRAIN**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Psalm 25: To You, O Lord**

Marty Haugen, Gather #39

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14; Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
Music: Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.**Reading 1**

Isaiah 35:1-6a

Reading 2

James 5:7-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

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

My Soul In Stillness Waits

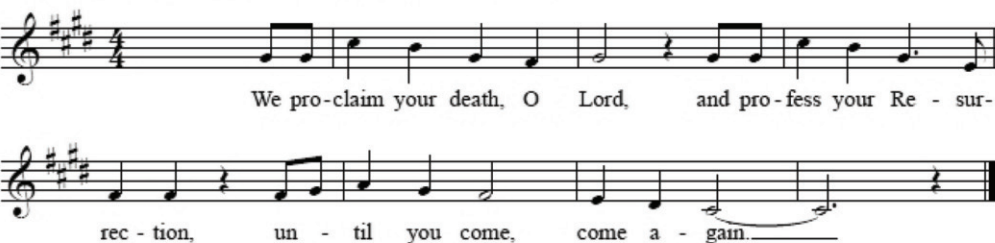
Marty Haugen, Gather #415

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Walking in the Air" Mass

Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Memorial Acclamation A****Great Amen**

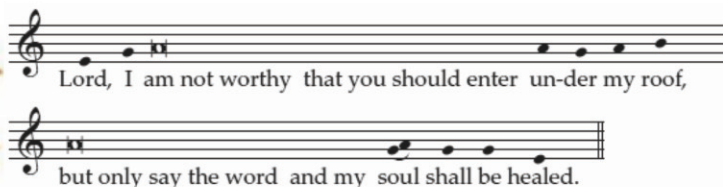
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Lamb of God, "Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

Invitation to Communion



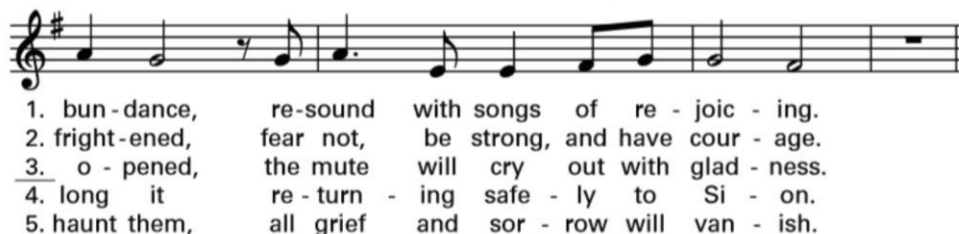
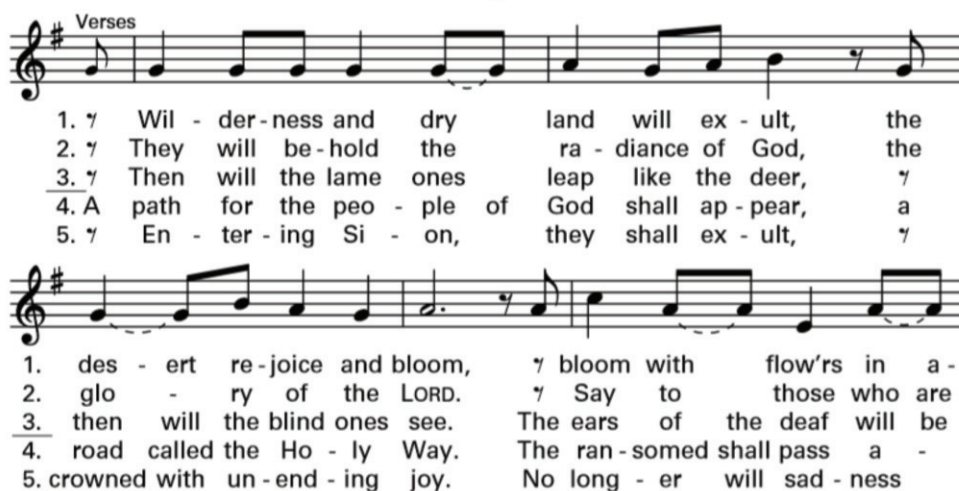
COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light & Paul Tate, Gather #909

Say to the Frightened Heart

Bob Hurd



SENDING FORTH

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

The
Spirit
 of the
Lord

is upon me because he

has anointed

me to bring

glad tidings

to the poor.

Isaiah 61:1

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-

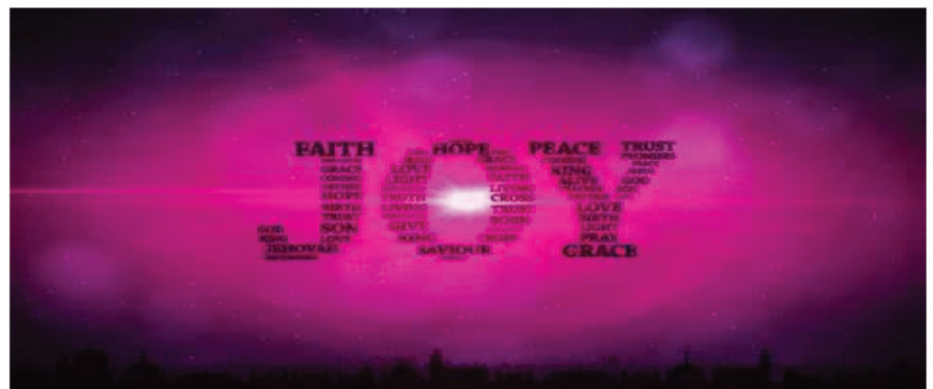
2. in your truth, so we may love more like you

3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace

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

3. as we

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

Through Rose to White

It was about 15 years ago when I learned that I'm orange-green colorblind. Prior to that time, I had automatically assumed my color deficiencies were with mixes of red or green as is often the case, so I never asked to clarify. Nonetheless, though this has created interesting choices in my clothing in the past, I know that personally, colorblindness is a misnomer. I do not always interchange orange and green. I do at times however see their intensity a bit muted.

Mind you, I'm not complaining. I so appreciate the beauty of God's creation found in the fall colors of maple leaves, rainbows and hues created or applied to canvas by artists among us. I am reminded of the Lord's infinite love whenever I notice my wife's blue eyes or the blue shades of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

I'm further inspired and moved when our liturgical colors transition throughout the year. We wear green during ordinary time, red on feasts of the Holy Spirit and celebrations of the Lord's passion. Violet is worn twice a year during Lent and Advent where preparation, penance and renewal are the themes. White is a festive color representing light, joy and glory. Today, we await the white of Christmas.

Used only twice a year, rose comes in the midst of our violet seasons. Gaudete Sunday is one of these days. Gaudete, Latin for rejoice, aptly qualifies this third Sunday of Advent as we delight in the nearness of Jesus' birth, present, and return. We pause for a time from our preparation and consider how far our journey has taken us during the past three weeks. We pray that our pathway toward holiness has also grown. You might say that we are reflecting on our own spiritual transition represented metaphorically from violet through different shades of rose on our way to white.

The depth and mix of our spiritual colors are as individual as we are. Some of us find that our preparation 'rose' shows more blue than red or white while for others the opposite is true. Both are perfect in God's time for our spiritual pathway is not measured against others. Rather, our hope is to persistently and patiently become a slightly better version of ourselves accepting and recognizing the little steps along the way as grace. Saint James invites us this way: *"See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient."* May you find the same patience in your own transition to white as together we continue our preparation and reflection toward the wonder of Christmas.

Endless Blessings,



Deacon Luc Papillon



Sign-up Time!

Fairways to Heaven Sign-up! ~ December 15

Sign up to help and to donate! The committee will be in the courtyard today only! Join this fun team! Donate goods, services, vacations...! Mark your calendars now for Fairways to Heaven, Monday, March 16, 2020. Info evacollier@verizon.net

Altar Server Training (see page 12)

33 Days to Morning Glory (see page 12)

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Stay and Play ~ December 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 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

Liturgy of the Word ~ December 15

Children, in grades 1 to 5, are invited to a separate area to hear the readings and Gospel proclaimed at their level from the Children's Lectionary. Children rejoin their families in church in time for the Eucharistic prayer. During 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Mass. tere@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ December 16, 18

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

Three:Sixteen ~ December 18

This week our middle school teens will learn about Emmanuel, "God is with us." They will also celebrate Christmas together. tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

Confirmation Year 1 ~ December 15

In today's session, teens will learn about the gift of reverence and our other great gift of the Eucharist.

4:12 ~ December 18

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 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

Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome!

Young Adults Gathering ~ December 19

For those who want to grow deeper in their Catholic faith through discussion, community building, spiritual activities, and service projects. Meets Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Carmel room, youngadults@padreserra.org

Adults

See's Candies ~ Today in the Courtyard

Double your giving this season! Your purchase for friends, family, and coworkers will benefit the good work of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

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 ~ Begins 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 Saturdays 9:30 - 11:30 am. Questions/register: grace@padreserra.org

Rosary ~ Weekdays

Come pray the rosary any weekday, Monday through Friday at 8:30 am in the church.

Becoming Catholic

Advent and Catholic Inquiry

Those of us who have been Catholics all our lives take the symbols and rituals of Advent for granted. But for those who are seeking to join the Church, the pre-Christmas season presents an opportunity to immerse themselves more deeply into the Catholic way of life. They catch the spirit of joyful anticipation as they worship with us on Sundays. They are full of questions about the Advent wreath, the liturgical colors, the Parish Reconciliation Service, and the meaning of the scriptures chosen for Advent. They learn the Catholic way of preparing for Christmas by attending our parish events and participating in works of charity like Angel Tags. The not-yet-Catholic seekers among us can be models of wonder and awe for those of us who may have become a little less enthusiastic about the season. Invite your non-Catholic friends and relatives to attend Mass with you. It may refresh your sense of this meaningful time of year. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please contact Catherine Shaddock at (805) 482-6417 x 331 or catherine@padreserra.org

Giving

Thank You from Concern America

The total from the Concern America Fair Trade sales on November 17 was \$2,029. Your generous purchases of hand-crafted textiles, baskets, ceramics, and wood products help to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries around the world. Thank you! www.concernamerica.org

Thank You from Angel Tags

Sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our Christmas Gift Share a success. We supplied gifts to 1,200 kids and adults this year. Appreciation to all the Confirmation candidates and volunteers who helped sort and bag the gifts and to those who delivered the gifts to Fillmore, Piru, and RAIN. But most of all, thanks to everyone who took their time and resources to selflessly give gifts to these kids and adults who wouldn't have a Christmas without your help. Merry Christmas!

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. Thank you!

In the Courtyard

See's Candies (see page 2)

Bood Drive ~ In the Parking Lot (see page 2)

Fairways to Heaven

Faith Sharing

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

Matthew 11:2-11 ~ Jesus, our hope

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him — blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, and deaf hear. It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope in which we acknowledge salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world now, and yet to be fulfilled. Jesus is our saving hope, our healer, our way, our light. Where do you see him at work in your life? How does he bring healing and light to you and your family?

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, Debbie Greiman, 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:

Annie Rudkin, RIP

Esperanza Zavala, RIP

Beloved mother of Jeanette Cortez

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: 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

Shirley (805) 482-2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com

Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Jerry DeVillers

Ann & Jim Featherston

Ami & Daniel Milla

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

Encounter Jesus through Mary

33 Days to Morning Glory

Saturdays, January 4 - February 8
9:30 - 11:30 am, San Juan Capistrano room
Consecration service on February 15

Written by Fr. Michael Gaitley, 33 Days to Morning Glory is a six-week small group journey to draw closer to Jesus through his mother, culminating in consecration to him through Mary.

We'll learn what the Church and four great saints - Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa, John Paul II - have to teach us about the power and influence of Mary and how to live as better disciples. Whether you are brand new to the concept of Marian Consecration, or you wish to renew your consecration, you are invited.

RSVP: www.padreserra.org/news/33-days
Questions: grace@padreserra.org



Altar Server Training

Begins Sunday, January 12
2:30 pm in the church

Boys and girls in grades five 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 in seven 2.5-hour sessions.

Join this inspiring group!

Contact Bob Shadduck (805) 987-4620
or robert_shadduck@msn.com
www.padreserra.org/altar-servers



Celebrate True Sabbath

Sunday is a fun day for families, a day to spend time with God and friends. Enjoy the lovely fellowship and conversation in the courtyard, prayer gardens, chapel, and a myriad of ways to connect the kids. Plan to spend a couple of hours.

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Free toddler care (12-36 months) during 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses 3. Little Church
Sunday preschool (3 years through kinder), visitors welcome 4. Sound loop technology
In church works with t-coil equipped hearing aids 5. Welcome and Information Gazebo 6. Bell Tower Café
Fresh donuts and coffee! 7. Parish Office
Visit our friendly staff 8. Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Intimate time with Jesus | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Prayer Garden
Peace and tranquility, Mass may be heard through speakers 10. Bride's Room
For nursing moms, Mass may be heard through speakers 11. In the Courtyard
Friendly parishioners share ministry highlights and answer questions <p>Liturgy of the Word
Children in grades 1-5 hear the readings at their level. Children rejoin their families during the Eucharistic prayer. Visitors welcome.</p> |
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