

## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 22, 2019 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*We had a fabulous time, lots of fun and laughs while celebrating our parish's Posada. Thank you to everyone who participated in this joyous faith tradition!*



### 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

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# *Christmas Eve Masses*

**Tuesday, December 24**

4:00 pm, 6:30 pm,

11:00 pm (carols begin at 10:30 pm)

4:15 pm in the Serra Center

# *Christmas Mass*

**Wednesday, December 25**

10:00 am

*Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!*

*Bring your family, your friends, and neighbors.*

*All are welcome!*



**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 7:10-4

**Reading 2**

Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 1:18-24



*The virgin*

shall conceive,

and bear a

*son.*

and they shall

name him

*Emmanuel.*

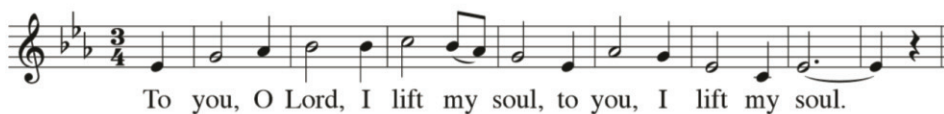
Matthew 1:23



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Marty Haugen, Gather #39



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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411



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## DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES

Go In Peace

Dominic MacAller



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## INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd



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# Jesus

## EMMANUEL

### god with us

## 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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**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. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Great Amen****Lamb of God, "Mass of the Angels and Saints"**

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

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

Deanna Light &amp; Paul Tate, Gather #909

**Gabriel's Message  
Holy Is Your Name****Arranged by Tony Alonso  
David Haas, Gather #102****SENDING FORTH****O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Gather #395

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## Be a Blessing This Christmas

Holiday lights are a treat. Ever since I discovered the amazing decorations over on Gemini Street, here in Camarillo, I've visited them yearly to enjoy all the extra special effort the people there go to making the season bright. As much as I enjoy the cartoon characters, it's the lighting that I *really* love.

The light that is shed by people whose day-to-day kindness springs from their love of Jesus is even more nurturing and important, pointing to Jesus in quiet ways. Shall we be a light?

I find a special joy in Christmas parties. I have one every year at the parish house, alternating between deacons and the parish staff, along with their spouses. It's a high point for me, sharing my home with people who work so hard and give so much. I also delight in gatherings at the homes of friends and family. What is better than good food with friends?

The ministry of Jesus was all about gathering people, healing their wounds, forgiving them and feeding them in their hunger. Shall we be a healing, forgiving and nourishing community?

I don't think any season of the year can compete with Christmas for great music. It's a passion for me. I have 578 carols in my two Christmas playlists! Nothing gets me into the holiday mood more than the sound of carols. And don't get me started on how much I enjoy our Christmas concert! It really lifts my spirits.

James 5:13, encourages us, "Is anyone in good spirits? Let them sing praise." The very memory of the birth of Jesus might be enough to put us in good spirits. Shall we not just hear the carols in the background, like the soundtrack of our lives, but actually sing praise with grateful hearts?

There are so many beautiful Christmas cards – specially chosen greetings to communicate how we feel about the season and the people who receive them. I find such encouragement in reading and embracing the kindness and affection I sense in the cards.

John's Gospel begins with a hymn, referring to Jesus as the Word, present to the Father from the beginning who came to us, His own. This Word proclaims good news to a weary, frightened and, perhaps, jaded world. Shall we make a point of bearing good news, hopeful and caring words to one another?

I have a nine-foot-tall Costco special Christmas tree with lots of lights. I also have long pine garlands on my banister and the fireplace mantle, with pinecones and red berries for accents. Evergreens show up all over the place!

Jesus was born for us, that we might have life – everlasting life – and have it to the full. Shall we not, like the hope bearing trees that remain green in winter's depths, encourage others to lives lived fully, kindly and happily?

I hope you are able to find more than a small amount of joy – even if times are difficult. Even more, I encourage you to be a blessing for others this Christmas.

May the Christ Child find a warm place to be at rest in your hearts this Yuletide!



Fr. Patrick Mullen  
Pastor



## Sign-up Time!



### Fairways to Heaven

Padre Serra's annual golf classic and evening extravaganza: Monday, March 16, 2020. For information, to donate or volunteer please contact [evcollier@verizon.net](mailto:evcollier@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 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](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

### Little Church ~ December 22, 29

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

### Spark!

Grades 1 to 5. How will you receive Jesus in your heart this Christmas? Centers will resume on January 6 and 8, 2020. [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

### Three:Sixteen

Are you ready to receive the guest of honor, Jesus, in your heart and home this Christmas? How have you prepared? Centers will resume on January 8, 2020. [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!*

### Confirmation Year 1 & 4:12

There are no sessions this week. See you in January!

## Young Adults

*Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome!*

### Young Adults Gathering

No sessions this week, see you on January 9, 2020. The young adult ministry wishes you all a very Merry Christmas! May Christmas bring joy to your heart and happiness to your home! [youngadults@padreserra.org](mailto:youngadults@padreserra.org)

## Adults

### Bereavement Support Group ~ January 2, 16

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](mailto:bbright41@verizon.net)

### First Friday Adoration ~ January 3

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](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

### Social Spanish ~ January 7, 14, 21, 28

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](mailto:patty.g.q14@gmail.com)

### Meditative Movement ~ January 7, 14, 21, 28

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 ~ January 8, 15, 22, 29

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

### Ladies Night Out ~ January 15

*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](mailto:quannys5@yahoo.com) or Michelle [mcpaschens@gmail.com](mailto:mcpaschens@gmail.com)

### Landings ~ Begins January 23

If you are an inactive Catholic, you may want to consider Landings. We are a group of Catholics who, for any number of reasons, were away from the church and came back to regular attendance and active participation. This 10-week series offers a safe place to tell one's story, discern a place in the Church, and find a way home. Join us; we welcome you. Watch for details or talk with Gwen, [landings@padreserra.org](mailto:landings@padreserra.org)

### Good Samaritans

We offer assistance with meals to those who are recovering from illness, accidents, injuries, and surgeries. Gwen Ripplinger (805) 797-6864, Denise Ginty (805) 444-6871.



### Los Angeles Congress ~ February 21 - 23

The largest Catholic convention in the world is right in our backyard! Come to Anaheim for one, two, or three days of inspiring workshops, speakers, liturgies, and concerts. Visit [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org) and watch here for details about our parish hospitality room for meals and respite. [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

### Knights of Columbus

If you feel called to give back to God and be of service to others, the Knights of Columbus may be for you. All men 18+ are encouraged to consider this fraternal Catholic service ministry. Membership is easy, [www.knights.net](http://www.knights.net). Learn more: Steven Loeffler (805) 312-1509, [sloeffler@kofc5272.org](mailto:sloeffler@kofc5272.org)

### Military Family Ministry

We invite active and reserve military members and families to connect for fellowship, support, and engagement in our parish family for as short or as long as you're here. We'd love to hear from you. Contact Dave or Victor [militaryministry@padreserra.org](mailto:militaryministry@padreserra.org)

### Open Hearts

A fellowship ministry where individuals and families of the LGBTQ community are welcome to share experiences, strength, support, and hope. Start with Sue: [openheartspadreserra@gmail.com](mailto:openheartspadreserra@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Care

Available in the parish office with Teresa Runyon, Faith Life Minister. Teresa will listen and help you to discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy, or other

## Giving

### Thank You from Concern America

The total from the Concern America Fair Trade sales was \$2,029. Your generous purchases of hand-crafted textiles, baskets, ceramics, and wood products on November 17 helps 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](http://www.concernamerica.org)

### Together in Mission ~ Padre Serra Update

To date, Padre Serra has donations totaling \$129,018 by 461 households, which will ease the burden of less fortunate parishes and schools in the Archdiocese. We still have a gap of \$5,082 to reach our goal of \$134,100. Thank you for your generous support!

## Other Notes

### Lost and Found

Have you lost a pair of glasses, a sweater or maybe car keys? The Lost and Found basket is located on the east side of the main church doors, or please stop by the office to inquire. Claim any items in the office by the end of the year. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

### Office Closed for the Holiday!

The staff is enjoying a lovely Christmas holiday from Tuesday, December 24 at noon through Thursday this week. For New Year's we will close at noon Tuesday, December 31 and all-day January 1. Merry Christmas!

## Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

### Matthew 1:18-24 ~ Emmanuel ... God is with us!

God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as he did to Joseph in this dream. What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How is God present to you? What is God asking of you right now, especially as you begin a new year, a fresh start?

## Prayer Life

### Fifth Sunday Rosary ~ December 29

10:15 am in the Worship Garden. Praying the rosary is a distinctively Catholic experience we can share in family and community. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Contact: John (805) 587-1210.

### 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, Mike Ricci, 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. 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, Santa Clara 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.

## Becoming Catholic

### Advent and Catholic Inquiry

Advent gives those who are seeking to join the Church an opportunity to immerse themselves more deeply into the Catholic way of life. They catch our spirit of joyful anticipation and are full of questions about the symbols and rituals of the season. They learn our way of preparing for Christmas by attending parish events and participating in works of charity. Invite your non-Catholic friends and relatives to attend mass with you. It may refresh your appreciation of the season. For more information about the process of becoming Catholic, contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@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](http://www.padreserra.org/news/33-days)  
Questions: [grace@padreserra.org](mailto: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](mailto:robert_shadduck@msn.com)  
[www.padreserra.org/altar-servers](http://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.

1. Restrooms
2. Stay and Play  
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
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

**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.

