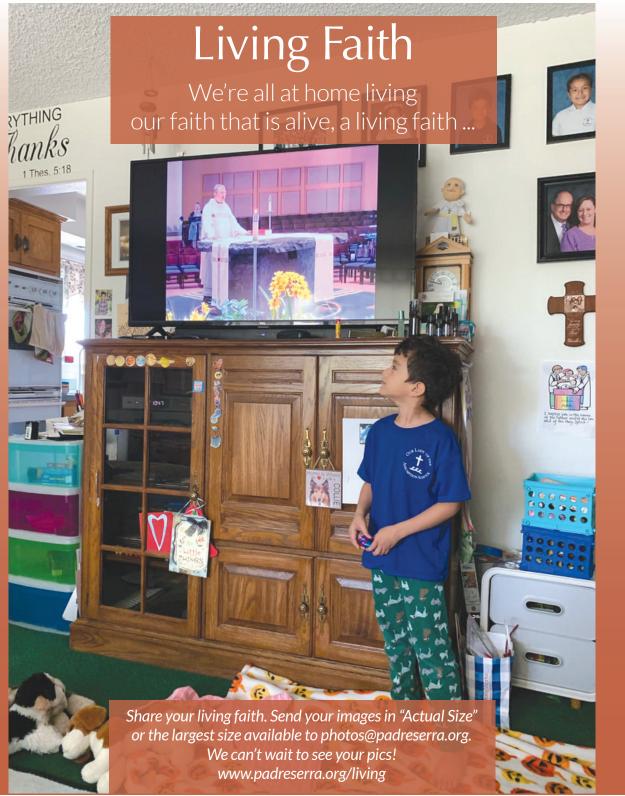




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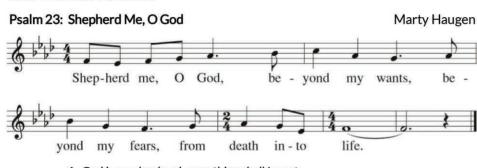


GLORIA



Reading 1 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Reading 2 1 Peter 2:20b-25 **Gospel Reading** John 10:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



- 1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want; I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love; I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
- 2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul: you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth: my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
- 3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side; your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
- 4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
- 5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

I am the

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says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

John 10:14

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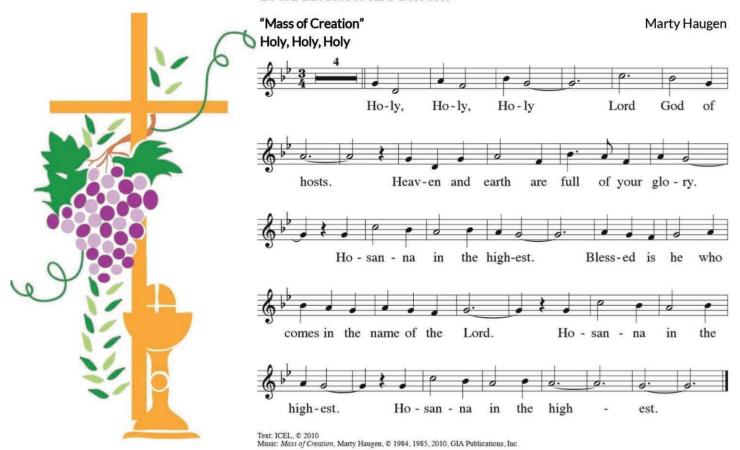


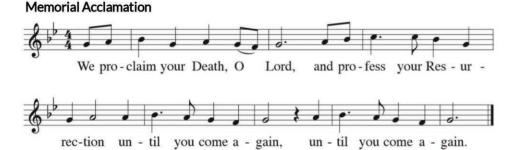
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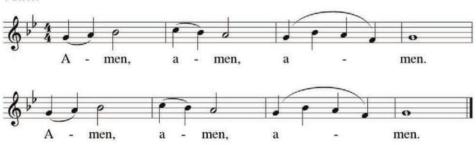
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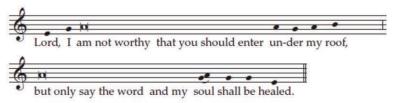
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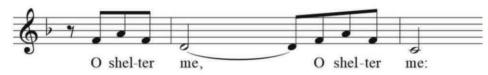


COMMUNION SONG





The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.





 Shepherd and sheep, my God and I: to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by. You gave me rest by quiet springs and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.

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Spiritual Communion

O God, you are my God — it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, In the land parched, lifeless, and without water. I look to you in the sanctuary to see your power and glory. For your love is better than life, my lips shall ever praise you! I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands, calling on your name. My soul shall be filled, as with choice food, with joyous lips my mouth shall praise you! I think of you upon my bed, I remember you through the watches of night. You indeed are my savior and, in the shadow of your wings, I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63:2-9



SENDING FORTH



The Door is Open!

Dear Padre Serra Family,

This weekend, May 2 and 3, 2020, was to be the wonderful celebration of First Holy Communion for our Faith Formation children. They have been readily preparing for their sacraments for almost two years now but the current situation in our community and across the globe has rearranged our schedules. We in Faith Formation completely understand the concept of altered plans (almost daily!), and often have a Plan B or Plan C if needed. Yet, the past weeks have the formation staff taking a few steps back and allowing the Holy Spirit to influence our creative abilities so that we can continue to share the Catholic faith via the Gospel stories.

Today in John's Gospel, Jesus portrays a true image of daily life to illustrate the depth of his desired relationship with us. He reminds us that He is the shepherd: "Amen, amen, I say to you ... Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." (John 10:1-10) Amen, amen, truly, absolutely, yes! How emphatically He tells us that we belong to Him! "The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out ... they recognize his voice." Just as the relationship of a shepherd to his sheep is personal, so is our own relationship to Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. The fact that we cannot physically partake of the sustenance that is the bread and wine become body and blood does not exclude us from the First Sacrament, Jesus. Our good shepherds here on earth, Pope Francis, Bishop Gomez, Father Patrick and others, entreat us to enter a deeper *spiritual* communion with God, present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Lord *wants* to remain with us in the Eucharist, and therefore, we become the tabernacle, carrying Him with us.

And if we do not understand Jesus as our Shepherd, the Gospel continues and tells us He is also *the gate*. The ideal image of a good and caring shepherd becomes even more evident when we learn that it was customary for the shepherd to sleep on the ground across the threshold of the sheepfold in order to protect his flock. In other words, a watchful shepherd became, literally, the gate. Jesus is not any door, but *THE* door through which all people come to the Father. "Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture ... I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." What a gift Jesus offers to us — the opportunity of eternal life with Him! He has created a picture of total freedom, coupled with total security. We need only to recognize his voice and desire his presence in our hearts to be truly united.

Persist in your warm prayers for our First Communion children and adults through their ongoing preparation. I humbly request that Padre Serra parishioners wear a white garment today, not only to continue celebrating the glorious Resurrection of Jesus, but as a reminder of our own Baptisms and First Communions. When our faith family returns to communal liturgy within our sacred walls, it will be as if everyone is receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist!

Regardless of our jostled schedules and interrupted plans, may we continue to share our Catholic beliefs and rituals with the children, showing our kids "to rely on their faith during this time ... to set them up for a lifetime of trusting in the Lord." (Lucy Buttell, mom of Kylie, grade 2, First Communion candidate)

Many blessings,

Mary Huebner

Mary Huebner Sacrament Coordinator



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Online Mass Activities

Activities to be done at certain times during Mass, watch carefully! (See pages 12 - 15) Send your Spark! at Home pics to tere@padreserra.org

Summer Camp 2020

Due to the current situation with the stay-at-home orders for COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision not to hold Summer Camp in June. Be on the lookout for a summer fun day, possibly late summer, once it is safe to gather once again. tere@padreserra.org

Children Faith Formation at Home

We are creating lesson plans for families to do at home; please make sure we have your most updated email address on file. Please contact tere@padreserra.org if you have not yet received an email from us this week.



#pspSparkAtHome

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! youth@padreserra.org

4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders, for fun and fellowship via Zoom. Ask brett@padreserra.org to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated.

Youth & Young Adults

Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!

Peer Leaders

We are moving our regular gatherings to video gatherings via zoom. Ask brett@padreserra.org to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated. 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. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team contact youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! www.padreserra.org/young-adults

Bible Study

We will be having Bible Study via Zoom every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm until the current COVID-19 situation is resolved and we're allowed to meet again. For more information please contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ May 4

Our women's faith sharing group is meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Information/instructions: Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

PAX Christi ~ May 21

Come and join our virtual PAX Christi group for an evening of connecting and sharing the Gospel call to Justice and Peace during these challenging times. Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. RSVP: Deacon Luc peaceandjustice@padreserra.org, (805) 444·1563. Please include your email address so we can provide login information.

Serra Seniors

It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of the May and June events. Planning of topics and speakers is already underway for when we can gather and celebrate in person once again.

Grocery Shopping

If you are compromised due to age or health and need help with grocery shopping, contact Teresa at (805) 482·6417 x322 or at teresa@padreserra.org. Volunteer shoppers are standing by to help.

Growing in Faith at Home in Quarantine

Our Catholic tradition is filled with many tools and resources to articulate and unpack the many aspects of our faith. On our website, you'll find

- Fr. Patrick's Bible Study www.padreserra.org/dive-matthew
- Fr. Patrick's Camino Talk www.padreserra.org/news/camino
- Adult Faith Formation Past Events

www.padreserra.org/news/category/audio

and lots of other recommendations for videos, podcasts, and more. Visit www.padreserra.org/growing

Adults

Pastoral Care

During this time of quarantine, if you're feeling a bit blue or just want to connect or chat and would like a friendly ear and virtual shoulder, please reach out to Teresa Runyon at (805) 482·6417 x322 or at teresa@padreserra.org

Living Faith

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table. John 10:1-10 ~ Jesus is our Good Shepherd

The gospel today portrays Jesus as the gateway through which we enter the Church on earth and in heaven, like sheep that know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life, especially now in quarantine? What spiritual practices can help you hear God's voice?

Read

Grab your Bible and look up the reading. Don't have one? No worries, find the text here: www.usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm

Listen

Find the readings proclaimed at www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio

For the Kids

Families with children might prefer this video of the Gospel from Holy Heroes, USCCB reading (1:44 min)

Share

Share your living faith! Use #pspLivingFaith and tag @padreserraparish (Facebook), @padreserra (Instagram), or send your images in "Actual Size" or the largest size available to photos@padreserra.org. We can't wait to see your pics! www.padreserra.org/news/living-faith









#pspLivingFaith

Prayer Life

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Joshua Blakesley

Watch this video, pay attention to what the words tell us about God, who is our shepherd: youtu.be/8hjBpdh0Gcc

Pray for Our Sick

Shirley Brown, Katie Ceurvorst, Liesa Comeau, Baby Wyatt Davis, Sue Evans, Jean Ferjo, Jim Hines, Brandon Joseph, Adele Marietta, Veronica Markley, Mark Medina, Dino Perry, Shanti Plumbley, Bryan Sasinick, Dorothy Simmons, Jackson Soyster, Will Stachowiak and Marcia Vivirito. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

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

Walter J. Huebner, RIP

Beloved father of John and Mary Huebner

Mary White, RIP

Beloved grandmother of Mandy Green

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: www.usccb.org

Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

Bette (805) 482·0067 bette_church@hotmail.com Shirley (805) 482·2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests

Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations

Giving

Following Jesus

Following Jesus means putting God before all earthly desires. It means recommitting our life to Jesus every day. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

Safeguard the Children

2020 - 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

Safeguard the Children annually publishes the Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. The 2020 - 2021 brochure is available online, visit www.padreserra.org/safeguard-the-children

Other Notes

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CHILDREN'S MASS ACTIVITY SHEET for Online Mass

(activities are meant to be done at certain times during the Mass so watch carefully!)

What part of the church liturgical calendar are we in now (ask an adult)?

What <u>color</u> is the priest wearing? Green/ Purple/ Red/ White/ Rose

*Color the priest's vestments in that color. If white, use light yellow.



Every time the priest makes the sign of the cross draw a cross.

How many candles do you see in the church during Mass today?

Every time you see someone bow draw a heart.

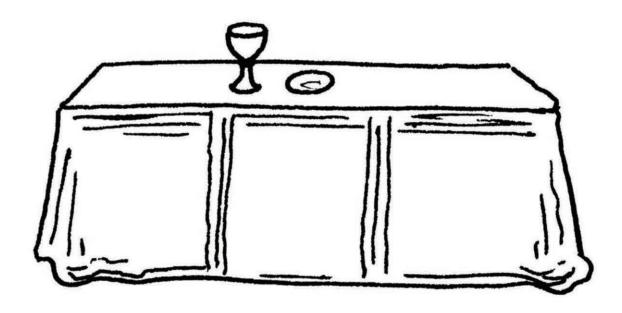
Can you find the Paschal Candle in the Church? When you find it, color the one on the page below. Hint: its very tall and has the year and Alpha and Omega symbols printed on it.



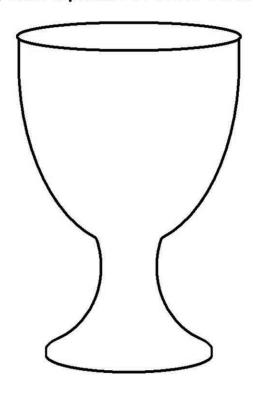
Listen carefully when the Gospel is announced. Who wrote this week's Gospel reading? Color in the correct Apostle:

Matthew Luke John Mark

Draw in any missing items that you see at any time on the altar while Fr. Patrick is doing Mass. Use the correct colors you see.



After you see Father Patrick lift up the cup, or chalice, and say "Do this in memory of me", draw a picture of Jesus on the chalice below.



Color the picture <u>after</u> you say the Our Father Prayer with your family during Mass.



Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us **our** trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen

When Father Patrick says, "Give a sign of Christ's Peace", give your family a big hug and then color the branch in the dove's mouth below.



You did it. Great job paying close attention during Mass!

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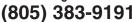
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