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The chalking of the doors is a simple ritual to dedicate the new year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on your home and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The numbers represent the new year

2 Meanings for CMB: names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for May Christ Bless this House

The + signs represent the cross

- · Gather all in the household at the front door.
- · Read an Epiphany scripture passage (Is 60:1-6, Ps 72, Mt 2:1-12, or Rev 21:22-26)
- · Pray: "Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- · Chalk the door, door frame, or plaque with 20+C+M+B+21
- · Pray the Our Father
- · Sing an Epiphany song



Begins Monday, January 4 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, via Zoom

Mark's Gospel presents a distinctive portrait of Jesus, emphasizing how Jesus is both the powerful Son of God and the suffering Son of Man. The Gospel of Mark also portrays Christ in action.

Combining prayerful reflection and careful biblical scholarship, this 16-week study will help us to grow ever more faithful in our own attempts to follow Jesus in our own lives.

To participate: Rita DaCorsi, ritadacorsi@yahoo.com



Divorce Support

First & Third Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:30 pm, via Zoom.

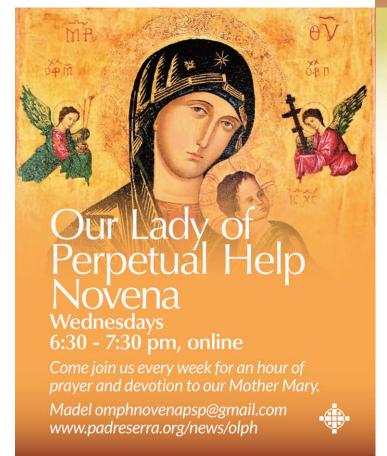
A supportive, caring ministry for Catholics/Christians who have experienced divorce and wish to journey together toward spiritual healing and growth.

We are a welcoming community who offers acceptance, comfort, encouragement, reconciliation, and healing.

Contact: Jett Clyne jettclyne@gmail.com

Learn about our mission and motto at www.padreserra.org/news/divorce





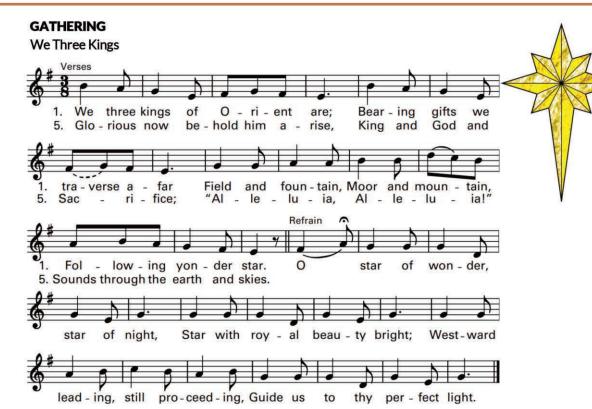


Women Deacons: Past, Present & Future Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Celebrate the New Year with a conversation from the comfort of your home reading, reflecting upon and discussing the women as deacons in the Catholic Church. The four conversations will provide a space for spiritual reflection on women's contributions. Reading material will be provided.

For questions about this exciting look into the experiences of women and the possibility of news way of working as a Church community, contact Anne Hansen ahansen47@gmail.com, (805) 443.0812 or Teresa Runyon teresa@padreserra.org. (805) 482.6417

Register for Zoom: www.padreserra.org/cic



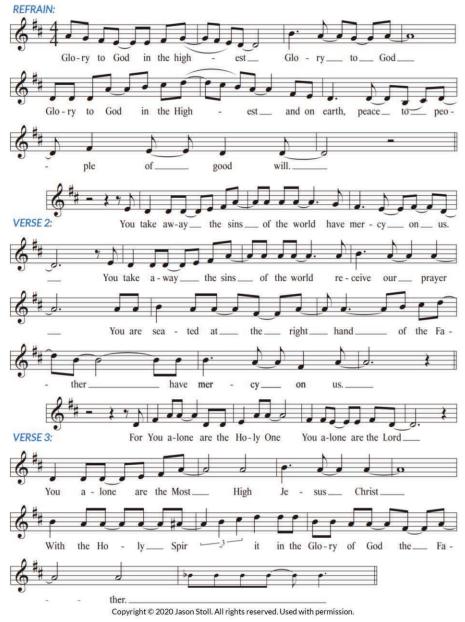
Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

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Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.



Glory to God continued...





Reading 1

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:-12

Marty Haugen

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Psalm 72: Every Nation On Earth



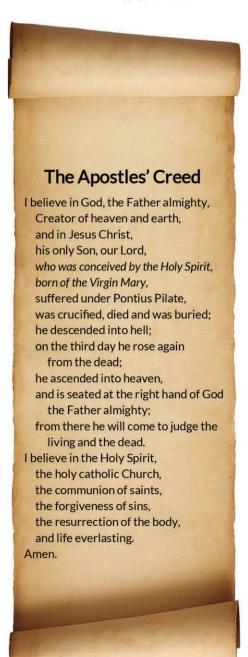
- Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son, This one shall be the hope of the needy, the hope of the poor and oppressed.
- 2. May he reign while the sun endures for as long as the moon lights the sky. Fresh as the rainfall that waters the earth, gifting his people with peace.
- He shall reign from sea to sea to the farthest ends of the earth.All of the nations shall praise and adore, all peoples will bring him their gifts.
- 4. He shall answer the poor when they call and shall hear the ones with no voice; mercy and help to the ones who are weak and freedom to all those enslaved.



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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

What Child Is This



This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898. Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

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"Walking in the Air" Mass Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze Holy, Holy, Holy



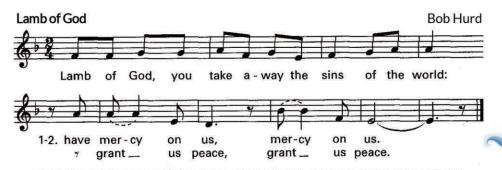
Memorial Acclamation A



Great Amen



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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire you with all my heart. Since I cannot receive You now sacramentally, I ask You to come into my heart spiritually. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart, and unite myself to You completely. Please do not ever let me be far from You. Amen.

Suggested by Pope Francis

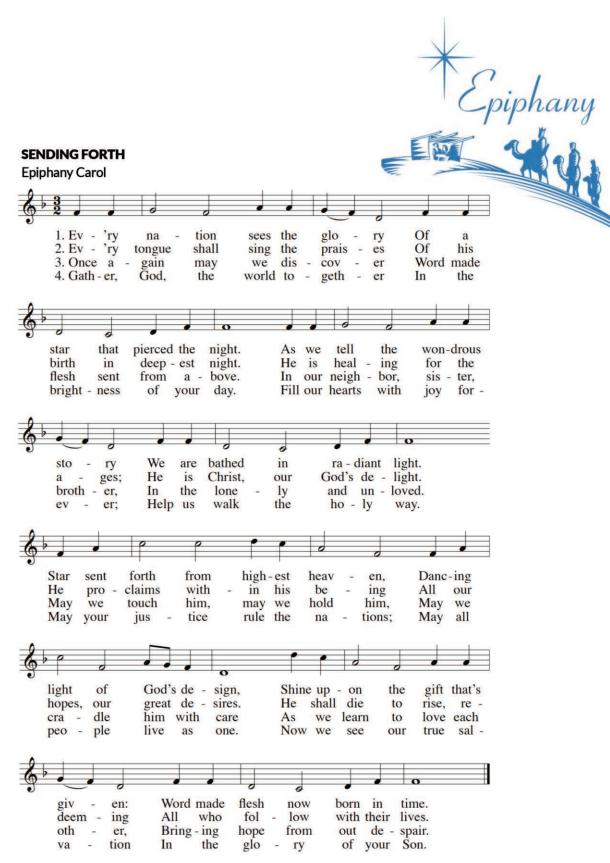


COMMUNION SONG

The First Noel Verses



Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.



Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958, © 2002, GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, b.1927

Everything's Gonna Be OK

Dear friends on the journey,

Recently my mom shared with me that every night at dinner my dad recites his pandemic mantra: *EGBOK*, an acronym for *Everything's Gonna Be OK*. My brother even gifted him a T-shirt with the mantra. I was intrigued so I did what any 21st century resident does ... I googled it. EGBOK was the trademark phrase of the KABC-AM morning radio show, The Ken and Bob Company. For nearly 20 years, day after day, hosts Ken Minyard and Bob Arthur encouraged their Southern California listeners with their motto: *Don't worry, EGBOK*. This became so popular that thousands of fans wore buttons as a reminder and a hostage of the 1985 TWA hijacking in Beirut credited his faith in God and EGBOK for his survival and release.

All during this Advent and Christmas, the theme of light and darkness kept coming up for me. Not just in scripture and homilies but in unexpected places. On December 21 we witnessed the "Christmas Star" better known as the Great Conjunction, the aligning of Jupiter and Saturn in the southwestern sky. This alignment of planets to form a single brighter "star" in the sky could very well be what the Magi followed in today's gospel. They trusted this star to guide their long journey. They relied on its light in the night's darkness. In fact, it was only in the darkness that the Magi could see the vibrant star better. They trusted this light would lead them to the newborn king of the Jews. And they arrived and found what was promised.

Even in our first reading from Isaiah we hear the great prophet talk about the light that symbolizes the promise of blessings for Jerusalem. He assures the people that no matter the darkness and thick clouds covering the earth the Lord will shine upon them. This radiant light will cause their hearts to throb and overflow, and so much goodness will come. And they experienced what was promised.

Today's scripture, and really our faith, is all about light, God's radiant light that is promised and given to us today, most especially in our earthly darkness. I dare say 2020 has been a year of darkness. The pandemic hovers over us like San Fernando Valley smog. It is ever-present, affecting our daily routines, mental health, employment, relationships, milestone celebrations, and holidays. It exacerbates the grief of a cancer diagnosis, a failed relationship, the death of a loved one, and so on. It fatigues us and blurs our vision of the good.

As it was for the Magi, the darkness is when we see Christ's light best. In this pandemic darkness, Christ's light assures us that this darkness of isolation and worry won't last forever. It will be conquered. His light guides us, warms us, gives us hope that good will come, that everything's going to be OK. Isn't EGBOK basically our Christian faith? God's promise is revealed in the Paschal Mystery. The darkness of Good Friday is conquered by the morning light of Easter and the hope of resurrection when we will enjoy the glorious light of heaven.

My friends, don't worry, EGBOK. We will soon be together again in this new year of 2021.

Siempre Adelante,

Teresa Runyon
Faith Life Minister

Jusa Rungon





Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ January 10

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Ms. Soraya is putting together a video for Little Church families. Videos will resume on January 10. Children will have so much fun learning through Bible stories and songs. Spaces still available to join Little Church. To receive videos please contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ January 4

Grades 1 to 5. This week children will learn about the Epiphany. Send your pictures in the largest size available to photo@padreserra.org or use #pspsparkathome and tag @padreserra on Instagram. Visit the gallery at www.padreserra.org/spark-at-home

Three: Sixteen ~ January 6

Middle School Ministry. This week we will resume sessions via Zoom, this week tweens will learn about The Epiphany. Send your pictures in the largest size available to photo@padreserra.org

Online Mass Activities

To be done at certain times during Mass, watch carefully! (see page 13)

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.

Confirmation Y1 ~ January 10

Happy New Year! Sessions resume in January 10. Please contact youth@padreserra.org for more information.

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More

We are gathering via Zoom twice a month on Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm until the current COVID-19 situation is resolved. We will be doing a Bible Study with some other activities mixed in. See our Instagram @pspyoungadult or Facebook @PadreSerraYA for other events! For more information please contact brett@padreserra.org

Youth Leadership

Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!

Peer Leaders

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

Adults

Healing from Divorce ~January 5, 12

We offer a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with severe changes, or through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, online. Contact Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

Social Spanish Group ~January 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am, via Zoom. Patricia Quezada (805) 827·5903, patty.g.q14@gmail.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ January 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us online for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Contact: Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

Men's Ministry ~ January 13, 27

Illuman is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Bimonthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. 7:00 pm online. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group ~ January 7, 21

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

Writers Group ~ January 8, 15, 22, 29

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome any Friday to share your work and listen to others' inspiring writing. Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, via Zoom and in the courtyard. COVID requirements for participation: masks covering nose and mouth, sanitize hands, 6 feet distance, no socializing before or after. Linda Lowe calmest1@verizon.net

Open Hearts

A fellowship ministry where individuals and families of the LGBTQ community are welcome to share experiences, strength, support, and hope. Sue (805) 390·2824, openhearts@padreserra.org

In the Community

OneLifeLA ~ January 23

Uniting communities and inspiring positive action, OneLifeLA celebrates promotes the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Instead of a walk through downtown L.A., this year's event will be a one-hour virtual gathering for prayer, celebration, speakers, and entertainment. Learn more and register

Giving

Set It and Forget It: Online Giving

Go to the parish website or contact Pam Kingsley at pam@padreserra.org to learn how to sign up. One hundred and ninety seven Padre Serra households use online giving successfully.

Angel Tag Thank You

Thank you to everyone who bought gifts or sent in donations for our Angel Christmas Gift program. Together \$16,000 was donated in gift cards and donations plus all the gifts which allowed our parish to bring gifts to the RAIN shelter, the seniors at OASIS, the Ventura County Youth Facility, Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cuyama, St. Francis Parish in Fillmore, and San Salvador Mission in Piru. A special thank you to our Confirmation kids who collected Target gift cards for the Confirmation group in New Cuyama. They were so touched by your generosity.





Other Notes

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Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Matthew 2:1 12 ~ Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Matthew's Gospel clearly demonstrates that all the prophecies of old have come to fulfillment in Christ. As promised, Gentile wise men recognize Jesus as Messiah even when the Jerusalem sages do not. The star guided these wise men, the Magi, to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Michele Anderson, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Bette Church, Thomas Collins, Janice Daurio, Wyatt Davis, Joe Flores, Paul Ford, Jerry Hanlon, Tish Hearne, Frances Mullen, Jeff Paolella, Lou Ann Paolella, Dennis Perrin, Delia Quintana, Angie Reynolds, Joseph Scordamaglia, Eugene Singer, Jackson Soyster, Francisco Tapia, Larry Thibault and Cindy White. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

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

Rita Fiacco DiRaffael, RIP

Arzvik Palmer, RIP

Mike Sciarra, RIP

Beloved husband of Margaret Parisian

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org

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

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

Shirley (805) 482·2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer requests Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer

Becoming Catholic

New Year's Resolutions

Have you or someone you know been thinking about joining the Catholic Church but not yet taken that next step to inquire? Make it one of your New Year's resolutions! For more information please contact Catherine at (805) 482·6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

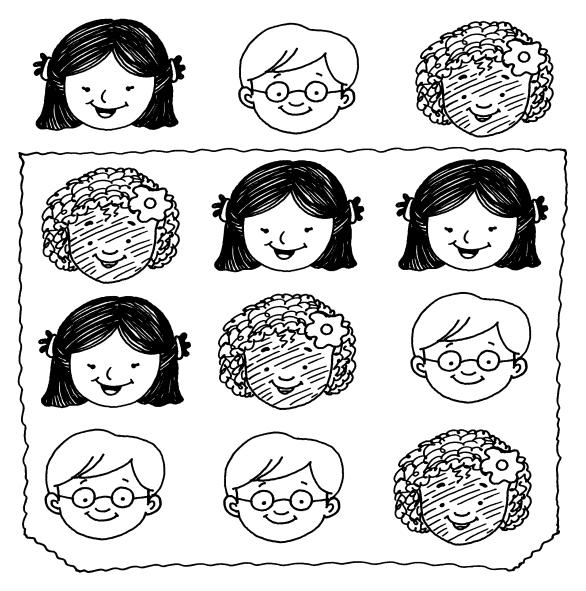
Safeguard the Children

How the ADLA Can Help Victim Survivors Heal

When the Vatican released the McCarrick report late last year, many victim survivors of sexual abuse may have been triggered by the revelations in the report and the repeated mention of it in the news and on social media. In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry was created to provide a safe and compassionate environment for victim survivors who need to report abuse to be able to do so and to receive assistance for healing. For more information about these resources, visit lacatholics.org/departments ministries/protecting children

Epiphany

In his letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6),
Paul brings good news: Jesus didn't come to save only
certain people; he came to save everyone!
In the top row are faces of children of different races.
Inside the border below, search up, down, and across
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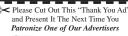
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