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## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 · SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Lent: Fasting and Feasting

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Enhance your Lenten journey, visit www.padreserra.org/lent

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# Ash Wednesday Mass

### February 17, 12:00 pm Online

Ash Wednesday begins our season of Lent, the annual forty-day retreat to grow closer to God through spiritual practices of prayer, fast, and almsgiving. Visit www.padreserra.org/lent



# The University Series Adult Faith Formation in Lent

Five-week virtual series featuring relevant topics of life and faith.

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm **Bishop Robert Barron** Stay With Us: How to bring young people back to Church

Friday, February 19, 12:15 - 1:45 pm Dr. Paul Ford Holiness at Home: Spiritual riches of your ordinary life

Details/registration: www.padreserra.org/university



# Hospitality Ministers Needed Matthew 22:39 - Love your neighbor as yourself

To make sure that we are all as safe as possible at Mass, we need ministers who are as lovingly assertive as they are welcoming.

Responsibilities are to ensure that people sanitize as they arrive, wear their masks properly, and maintain a six feet distance from those outside their household.

We especially need people willing to serve at the 4:00 pm Masses on Saturday and Sunday. If you'd be comfortable in this role, sign up today at www.padreserra.org/news/hospitality



# ongress

### **Proclaim the Promise** February 19 - 21 Congress is going virtual!

A virtual gathering of the global Church, welcoming all to encounter Jesus through connection, learning and worship.

Dynamic speakers include Bishop Barron, Fr. Greg Boyle, Becky Eldredge, ValLimar Jansen, Fr. James Martin, Julianne Stanz, and many more, covering relevant and inspiring Catholic topics.

\$35 registration covers the entire virtual event including on demand workshops and live keynote speakers, concerts and liturgies.

Register online today at recongress.org



# JustFaith A Virtual Lenten Opportunity

JustFaith is a series that invites participants to look at contemporary issues through the lens of Christian faith by engaging in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialogue, encounter, and by building lasting relationships with a small group.

## Faith & Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration

Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, this small group program guides participants in learning and understanding the history of racism in the United States, and how we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. 8 sessions + 1 retreat. **Thursdays, February 25 - April 22, 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm** 

# Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege

\*It is recommended that participants take Faith & Racial Healing prior to this series.

This series awakens participants to the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms, and hidden biases that empower some and oppress others. Participants will explore and discuss how racial privilege manifests itself in our own daily lives. 8 sessions + 1 retreat. **Tuesdays, February 23 - April 20, 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm or Wednesdays, February 24 - April 21, 10:00 am - 12:15 pm.** 

Retreat date/time, session overviews, required reading list, and registration. Visit www.padreserra.org/justfaith Register by February 17.

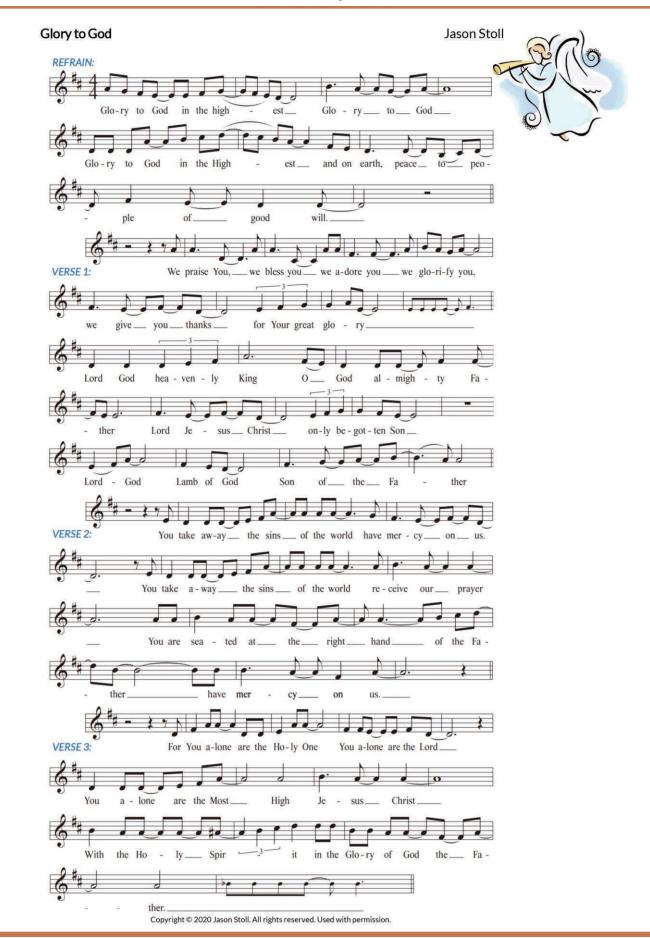


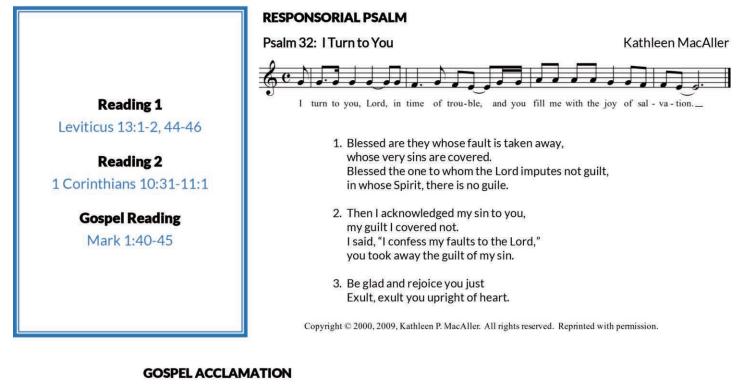


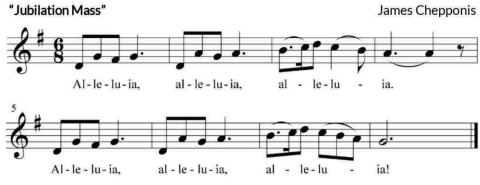


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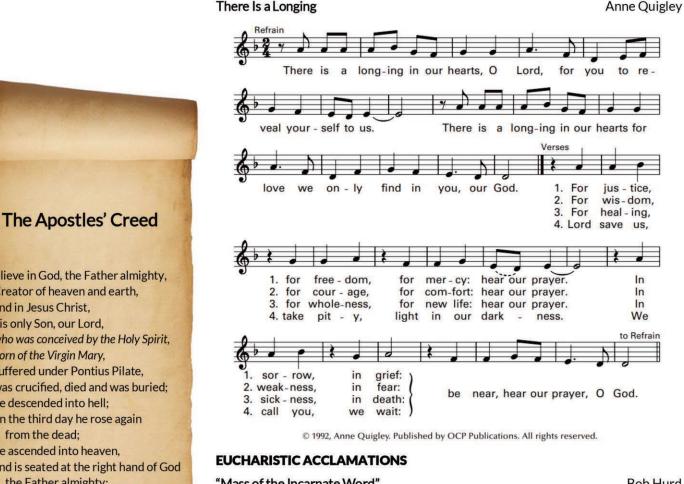
A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

Luke 7:16

#### INTERCESSION RESPONSE



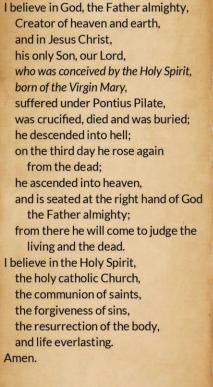
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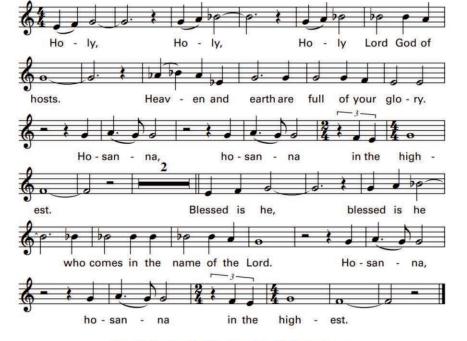


"Mass of the Incarnate Word"

Holy, Holy, Holy

Bob Hurd





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#### We Proclaim Your Death

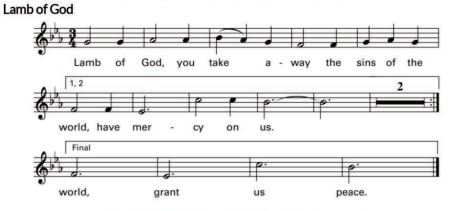


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Amen



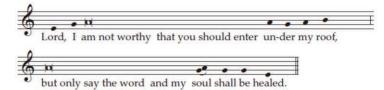
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Invitation to Communion



## 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, lask 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**



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## Lent

Hello Faith Family,

Every year, there is one statement that I audibly make, without fail.

"Whoa, it's Lent already?"

The Holy Season of Lent begins this Wednesday. And while we prepare to discern that steps we should take in preparation for Easter, I just want to again remind everyone that Lent is not simply a 40-day cleanse diet for Catholics.

There is a reason why Lent is such a big deal. It's not *just* the idea of giving up things that make your physical and spiritual life unhealthy, but it's *also* an offering of these things (both good and bad) that help us to grow closer in dependency for God and to relish in the joy of His Resurrection.

Is Lent difficult? Yes, but that's part of the reason why it is so beautiful. By creating new habits through fasting, prayer and almsgiving, we are able to see how vibrant God's love is. Lent is truly a wonderful catalyst toward a stronger relationship with God without distractions.

With all that said, though, there is a potential of excess discomfort that can lead us away from who God is and distract us from what the season is about. The idea of Lent is not for us to be miserable for 40 days. In fact, if all the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that is done leads us away from joy, then I would argue that we are doing it wrong.

My favorite part of Lent is the understanding that comes from participation in the season. The joy of the Resurrection will always overcome the dependency on other things, if we allow it to. This season is about allowing the Resurrection be a part of every aspect of our lives. We are creating good habits that go beyond the 40 days.

It doesn't mean that the all things that we give up are inherently evil, but rather, we see the grace in the things that we seldom forget to attribute to God.

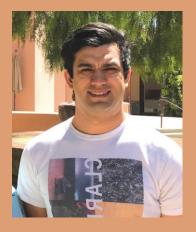
That chocolate? Your TikTok account? These are not evil, but rather, through fasting from we see that God blessed these things. Something that inherently seems neutral, now can be seen as a blessing from God.

Giving up cursing? Ceasing gossip? The sinful that we give up during Lent are now seen as what they really are. Actions that separate us from God and neighbor. When we increase in awareness of these vices in our lives, we grow in holiness during this season.

Regardless of the things we give up, we offer them up to God to transform in one way or another.

And in this season of Lent I pray that we are able to recognize how God has transformed them.

Brett Becker Youth and Young Adult Minister



#### Children

12 months to Grade 8.

#### Little Church ~ February 14

Age 3 through kindergarten. Ms. Soraya is putting together a video for Little Church families. 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! ~ February 15

Grades 1 to 5. This week the Sacrament Y2 children are on their reconciliation retreat at home, please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament of Grace and Mercy. Share your pictures at photos@padreserra.org

#### Three: Sixteen ~ February 17

Middle School Ministry. Happy Ash Wednesday; begin your Lenten journey, get started on your rice bowl. Share your pictures at photos@padreserra.org

#### **Online Mass Activities**

To be done at certain times during Mass, watch carefully! (see page 14)

#### **Proclamation of the Gospel**

Watch a children's video here.

#### Living Faith

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home with your kids. Send your pics to photo@padreserra.org





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#### **High School**

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

#### **Confirmation Y2**

Welcome back! See you all on February 21; contact youth@padreserra.org for Zoom login information.

#### 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 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

#### Young Adults

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

#### Bible Study, Game Nights 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. On the first Thursday, we do a Bible study and on the third Thursday, we play a game. See our Instagram @pspyoungadult or Facebook @PadreSerraYA for other events! For more information please contact brett@padreserra.org

#### Adults

#### Lenten Opportunities

Visit our Lent page for opportunities to enhance your Lenten journey: www.padreserra.org/lent

#### Feasting and Fasting ~ Sign up today

Lent should be more than a time of fasting; it should be a joyous time of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and by doing so allows us to feast on others. Enhance the holy season of Lent with daily inspirations delivered to your mailbox: Sign up now to receive a daily email.

#### Lenten Longings ~ Sign up today

Join a weekly one-hour get together to read and discuss the Sunday's gospel. We share our thoughts and experiences as inspired by scripture. Come prepare your heart and mind to fully celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior. Sign up now

#### Social Spanish Group ~ February 16, 23

We gather to share faith, fun, and Spanish. Learn and practice Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and conversation to help you gain confidence and feel more comfortable in everyday situations. All levels welcome. Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am, via Zoom. Patricia Quezada (805) 827.5903, patty.g.q14@gmail.com

#### Women's Faith Sharing ~ February 15

Seeds of Faith, our women's faith sharing group, begins the new year with a new series: The Year of Saint Joseph - by Pope Francis and The Hidden Life of Saint Joseph. 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. Contact Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com, Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

#### Adults

#### Serra Seniors ~ February 17

All adults are welcome to join for fellowship and wisdom Ann Mulligan, a parishioner and registered nurse who will show us the wonder of God's creation all around us, from food to the energy we give and receive, and the impact of prayer and positivity. Join us via Zoom at 10:00 am. Register today to receive the link.

#### **Bereavement Support Group ~ February 18**

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

#### PAX Christi ~ February 18

As Lent begins, we will virtually walk the "The Stations of Justice" in the light and footprints of Jesus. All are invited for our monthly gathering 7:00 - 8:30 pm, via Zoom. If you'd like to read a station during the session, please let us know when registering: Gary gfreeberg@gmail.com or Deacon Luc lucpapillon@gmail.com. "The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." -Ida B. Wells-Barnett

#### Neighborhood Fellowship Group

All couples living in the Conejo Valley are invited for faith, fellowship, and fun. Parishioners and Newbury Park residents Eric and Alia with three young sons are forming a group to meet monthly (virtually, then in-person) for a conversation about life, marriage, parenting, and faith. For details, contact: Eric (310) 405·4431, ericjmcd@gmail.com, or Alia (310) 779·0751, aliamatthews0@gmail.com

#### **Priesthood Discernment Opportunities**

The Office of Vocations invites men 18+ to these opportunities: Discernment Virtual Groups third Fridays January - June, 7:00 pm; and Regional In-Person Gatherings: Santa Barbara is second Fridays February - June, 7:00 pm in Ventura. Learn more

#### Memorial & Honorarium

*In loving memory of Don Moloney* Michael & Willaine Conroy Bill & Geralyn Moody Deacon Arnold & Anne Marie Reyes Phil & Linda Hummel, Yakima WA

*In loving memory of Douglas Zeppeiro* Belinda Peres

In loving memory of Alfredo Agloro de Leon Jason & Louise de Leon

*In loving memory of Jeanne-Marie Prizer Money* Margaret Geiger, Gastonia NC

*In loving memory of Christine Ann Gannon* Fred & Joyce Staudhammer, Christine's parents

#### Faith Sharing Question

#### *Reflection questions for every gathering around any table* Mark 1:40-45 ~ Jesus wants to make us whole.

The Gospel story shows that Jesus not only has the power to cure disease, he also has the ability to heal the separation from the community and the separation from God, which leprosy signified. When have you personally experienced God's healing touch? In what ways does our community (faith, neighborhood, country, world) need Jesus'z healing and unity?

#### **Prayer Life**

#### **Pray for Our Sick**

Patti Andrus, John Barra, Kevin Benn, Shirley Brown, Katie Ceurvorst, Gary Chennault, Bette Church, Thomas Collins, Ella Dangremond, Wyatt Davis, Lilia Dela Cruz, Alex Estrada, Jeanne Gaffney, Isaac Garcia Castillo, Rosie Gutierrez, Bernard Huberman, Tish Hearne, Connie Lakowski, Fr. Bill Lowe, Christian Papillon, Marc Papillon, Dennis Perrin, Roy Pompa, Angela Ramirez, Anthony Ramirez, Blanca Rivera, Jean Seward, Jackson Soyster, Francisco Tapia, Marcia Vivirito and Cindy White. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

#### Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Joseph Leung, RIP Beloved brother of Liz Leung Larry Lupo, RIP Patricia Warwick, RIP 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**

#### Come and See

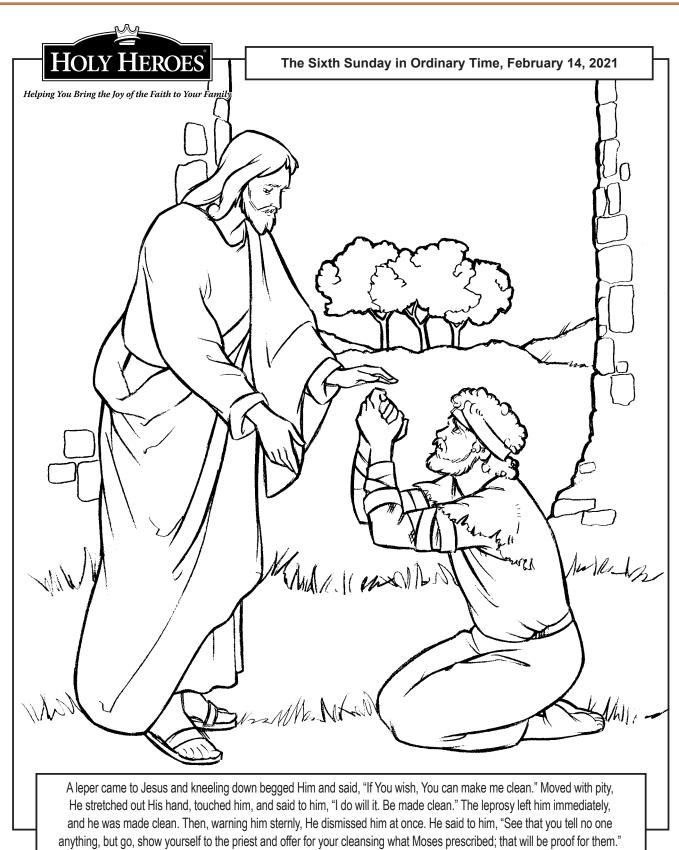
Do you know someone who is wondering if the Catholic Church is the place for them? It could be your neighbor, your co-worker, or someone in your family. At Padre Serra, we have a group that meets on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom, year-round, to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the Catholic tradition. The atmosphere is informal, open, and free of any pressure. Those attending are invited to ask any questions they may have followed by a discussion on various topics regarding our faith. If you know someone who might be interested, invite them to one of the meetings. For more information, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482.6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus healed a man with a terrible disease called leprosy. Jesus told him not to tell anyone.

But the man spread the news about it anyway. Count the number of times this man has shouted, "Healed!" Then write that number inside the bandage roll at the bottom.





(Mark 1:40-44)

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