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May 9, 2021

Looking for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

As our parish continues its drive to reopen after COVID-19, we are seeking fully initiated and practicing Catholics to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Training will be provided.

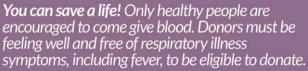
If you feel called to this life giving ministry or would like additional information, please contact Deacon Luc at (805) 444.1563 or deaconlucp@gmail.com or sign up at www.padreserra.org/news/eucharist-ministers



Experience the wonder 🔿 Donate Blood



Blood Drive Sunday, May 16 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Serra Center



We are checking donors' temperatures upon check-in and masks are required to be worn by all donors. We are using CDC guidelines for social distances at our donor centers and blood drives.

To schedule an appointment call (805) 543•4290 or visit www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive



Serra Seniors Gathering

The Real Mary for the 21st Century... She is Blessed From Age to Age Sister Antionette Marie Moon, SND

Wednesday, May 19 10:00 am, via Zoom

"Blessed is she who has believed." Blessed too will we be if we imitate her and become truthful servants of the Lord. Join St. Antoinette as she examines Mary's pure and unwavering faith.

RSVP at www.padreserra.org/seniors



Women's Retreat

Walking with God During Difficult Times June 11 - 13, Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center

Living through historical times like the Covid-19 pandemic brings out the best and worst of humanity. The stressful consequences and changes beyond our control have been considerable, and yet, we must continue to live and navigate this new normal. But where do we find God is in all of this? He is indeed beside us if only we can notice his presence. The weekend conferences, prayers, and liturgies will pave the way for us to understand better our part in this journey and how, by walking with God, we can see he was there all along.

Cost: \$250 (onsite) or \$150 (online). Register: materdolorosa.org/retreat-theme-2020-21

Contact: Eileen Richards richards.eileen@gmail.com



Since he was a righteous man... St. Joseph from the Sacred Scriptures with Fr. Patrick Mullen Monday, May 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, via Zoom

Only Jesus, among all humans, chose his biological father, entrusting his helpless infant self into Joseph's hands. Using the Bible as our starting point, our evening will look at this marvelous, enigmatic, and selfless man as we celebrate the "Year of St. Joseph." By examining him, perhaps we could solidify our righteousness as disciples of the Son he adopted. Join Fr. Patrick Mullen in this powerful enlightening presentation.



Rev. J. Patrick Mullen serves as Pastor at Padre Serra Parish in Camarillo, CA. He received his doctorate in biblical studies (New Testament) from the Graduate Theological Union in 1999. He served for over 20 years as a professor of Scripture at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Mullen is the author of Dining with Pharisees, a regular contributor to "Weekday Homily Helps," and a speaker for Now You Know Media and is a nationally known speaker and lecturer.

For more information and Zoom link, visit www.padreserra.org/joseph





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Glory to God

Jason Stoll

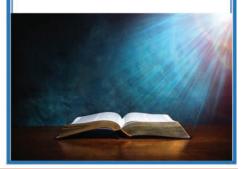




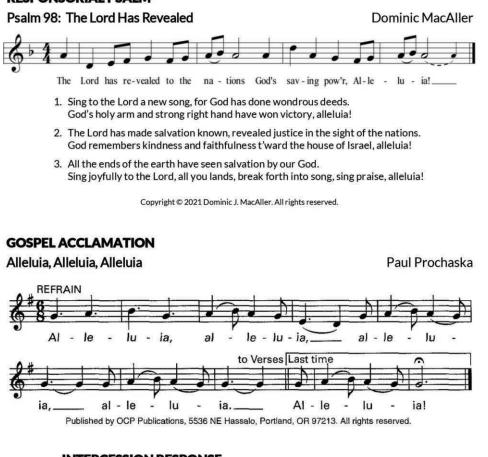
Reading 1 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Reading 2 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17



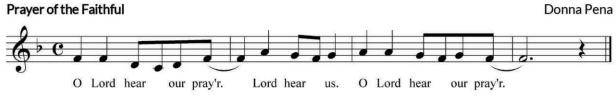
RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Whoever LOVES ME will keep my WORD, says the Lord, and my FATHER will love **HIM** and we will come to HIM.

John 14:23

INTERCESSION RESPONSE



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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

No Greater Love Michael Joncas Refrain There is says the Lord, than to no great-er love, down your life for friend; great-er love, lay a there is no great - er love, than to lay down your life for a friend. no

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commands, even as I have kept my Father's.

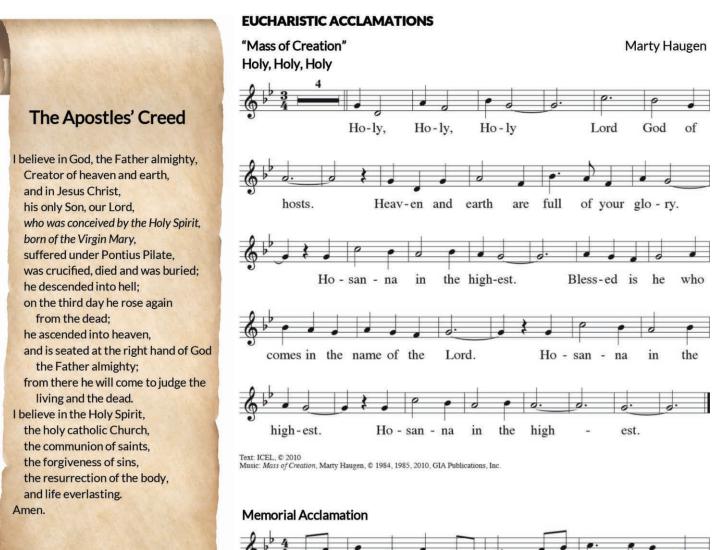
All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. Love one another as I have love you: This is my command.

You are my friends if you keep my commands; no longer slaves but friends to me. All I heard from my Father. I have made known to you: Now I call you friends.

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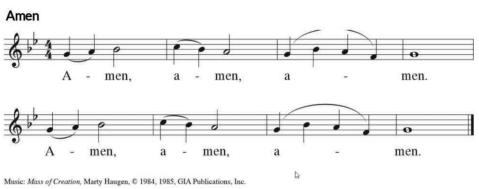




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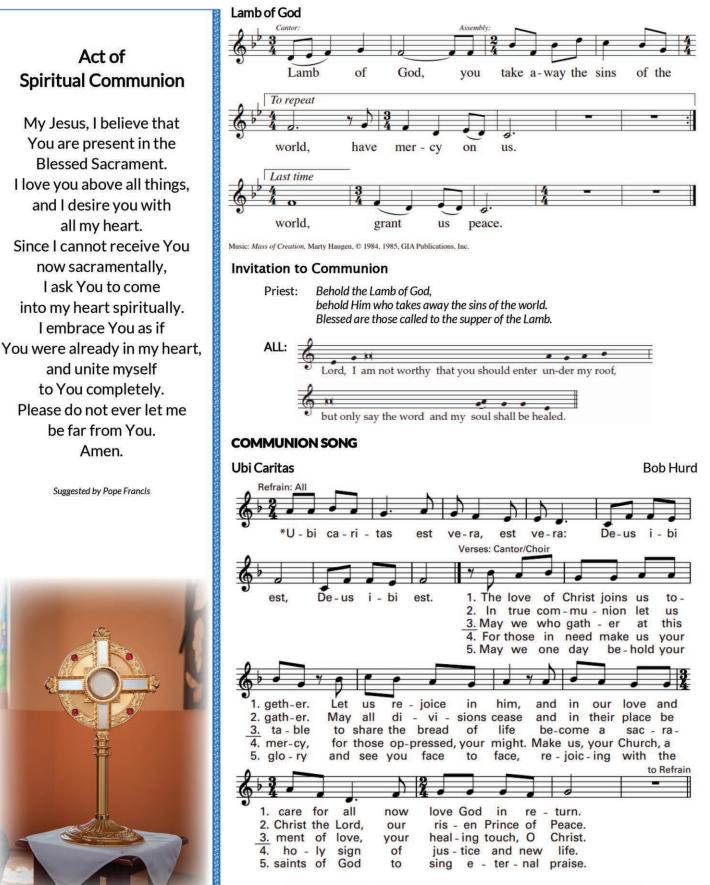
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Lord,

and pro-fess your Res - ur -

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COMMUNION SONG



- For the love of God is broader Than the measure of the mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple, We would know the living Word; And our lives would be thanksgiving In the kindness of the Lord.
- 4. There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.



Ed Bolduc



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Initiation in a time of COVID-19

My Dear Parish Family,

The current pandemic with its changing restrictions has affected all of us in a myriad of ways. Padre Serra Parish has taken steps to make sure the virus does not spread through participation in our various activities. The creative ideas and hard work of many generous people, staff and volunteers, have accomplished this. Over the past year-plus we have adjusted to on-line and outside liturgies including sacraments, physical distancing and Zoom meetings. Through it all we are still alive and even thriving as a parish community! Thanks be to God, this is also true for our Rite of Christian Initiation, the process through which adults, teens and school-age children become Catholics.

On May 2, at the 5:00 pm Mass, 8 people were initiated into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and first reception of Holy Communion. (Their pictures grace the cover of today's bulletin.) Although they began the initiation process before COVID-19 restrictions were in place, they faithfully continued through on-line catechetical instruction, Zoom meetings after Sunday Mass to break open the scripture readings, and rites adapted to social distancing. We thank God for the technologies that have made these opportunities possible. We are blessed to have these new members who grow and enhance our community.

During this past pandemic year we also had several candidates, baptized in other Christian traditions, received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. (Their receptions were highlighted in previous bulletins.) This month we will have 100 children, baptized as infants, receive their First Holy Communion. Later in the year 90 adults and teens will complete their initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation. We thank God for the gift of their presence, young and old, among us.

Despite the pandemic, or perhaps because of it, the sacraments of initiation continue to be celebrated with great joy here at Padre Serra. In today's Gospel Jesus says, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain ..." Jesus has chosen each of us,

whether we were initiated this year or many years ago. He gives us the sacraments to nourish and strengthen us to bear good fruit in good times and difficult times. As we celebrate with those who receive the sacraments this month, may we gain a renewed appreciation of our own initiations. Let us thank God for the gift of his sacraments especially in this time of COVID-19.

Blessings,

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Catherine Shadduck Initiation Coordinator



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Faith Formation Registrations for the 21/22 program year will begin June 1, 2021.

Little Church ~ May 2

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! ~ May 10

Grades 1 to 5. This week is our last session for this program year! We look forward to gathering in person next year. Look for summer gathering opportunities. Please send us your pictures or videos to photo@padreserra.org

Three:Sixteen ~ May 12

Middle School Ministry. This week is our last session for the year. We look forward to gathering in person next year. "Camp Big Deal" is happening this summer, limited spaces, contact

tere@padreserra.org for more information. Share your pictures at photo@padreserra.org

Online Mass Activities

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

High School

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

Confirmation Y2 \sim May 16

Welcome back! Confirmation Sessions will return to in-person gatherings beginning May 16. Safety Guidelines strictly enforced, mask and social distancing. We will gather in the backyard (behind the Serra Center). For more information, please contact youth@padreserra.org

4:12

Join Brett and Peer Leaders for fun and fellowship most Wednesday nights in the Serra Center's backyard. Teens make connections, share insights and concerns, and grow in faith. Masks and social distancing are required. Ask brett@padreserra.org or follow us on Instagram to keep updated.

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More

We gather the first and third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Serra Center's backyard. On the first Thursday, we do a Bible study, and on the third Thursday, we play a game. Masks and social distancing are required. See our Instagram @pspyoungadult or Facebook @PadreSerraYA for other events! For more information, please contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Men's Ministry ~ May 12, 26

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. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group ~ May 13, 27

We offer loving, caring support to those who have lost a loved one. 10:00 am, in the courtyard. COVID requirements for participation: masks covering nose and mouth, sanitize hands, 6 feet distance, no socializing before or after. Contact Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, bbright41@verizon.net

New Opportunity ... Yoga with Sheila ~ May 13, 20, 27

Using the Hatha Yin style of yoga, we focus on breathing techniques, pressure points neck, shoulders, lower back, and hips, primarily using mat work and balance. All ages and gender are welcome. Bring one thick mat or two regular mats. Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Serra Center shaded grass area. \$10/class. A portion of the donation comes back to the parish. Contact Sheila sheilam274@yahoo.com

Women's Spirituality Group ~ May 17

Seeds of Faith, our women's faith sharing group, continues with the Year of Saint Joseph - by Pope Francis and The Hidden Life of Saint Joseph. 3rd Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. Contact Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com, Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

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, have formed a group who meet monthly (virtually then in-person) for conversations about faith, life, marriage, and parenting. Contact:

Eric (310) 405·4431, ericjmcd@gmail.com, or Alia (310) 779·0751, aliamatthews0@gmail.com

In the Community

Estate Planning Seminars this May

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is offering virtual seminars for Catholics. These will be educational and informational, including important tools to guide your financial planning. Information on wills, trusts, advance health care directives, Power of Attorney, and Catholic teaching on end-of-life will also be discussed. View this link for registration and dates (week of May 9, 16, 23).

Memorial Day Mass ~ May 31

The Catholic Cemeteries invites you to the 10:00 am Livestream Mass with Archbishop Gomez from the Chapel of the Risen Christ in Holy Cross Cemetery, which can be viewed on the archdiocesan Facebook page: www.facebook.com/lacatholics

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table John 15:9-17 ~ So I have loved you

Today's readings continue the theme of love with the message that God has loved us, so, therefore, we must love one another. Love demands all we are, to the point of giving up life for the sake of another. God is the source and object of our love. In the second reading, St. John tells us "This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us." In your relationship with God, do you find yourself more comfortable pondering your love for God or God's love for you? Challenge for the week: Is there someone in your life to who you find it hard to express your love? Send them a text or call them. Express your love for them.

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Gertie McMasters, mother of Ann Mulligan Gifted to St Vincent de Paul Ministry Mike & Georgia Robles Jim & Marylee Hrabovsky Helen Shields Christine & Glenn Olsen In loving memory of Ann Schill, sister of Grace Pugliese Gifted to St Vincent de Paul Ministry Mike & Georgia Robles Helen Shields In loving memory of Bill Cowley Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Helen Shields

Giving

"Peace begins with a smile." - Mother Teresa

Thank You from Crop Walk 2021

No distance could keep the good folks of Camarillo from coming together to raise a total of \$14,170. Gratitude to the people of Padre Serra who contributed \$6,033.

Other Notes



Prayer Life



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for private prayer, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. Please wear a mask at all times and observe six feet of social distance. Only seven visitors in the chapel at a time. Please lightly spray the chair you have used and sanitize your hands before you leave. Contact teresa@padreserra.org

Pray for Our Sick

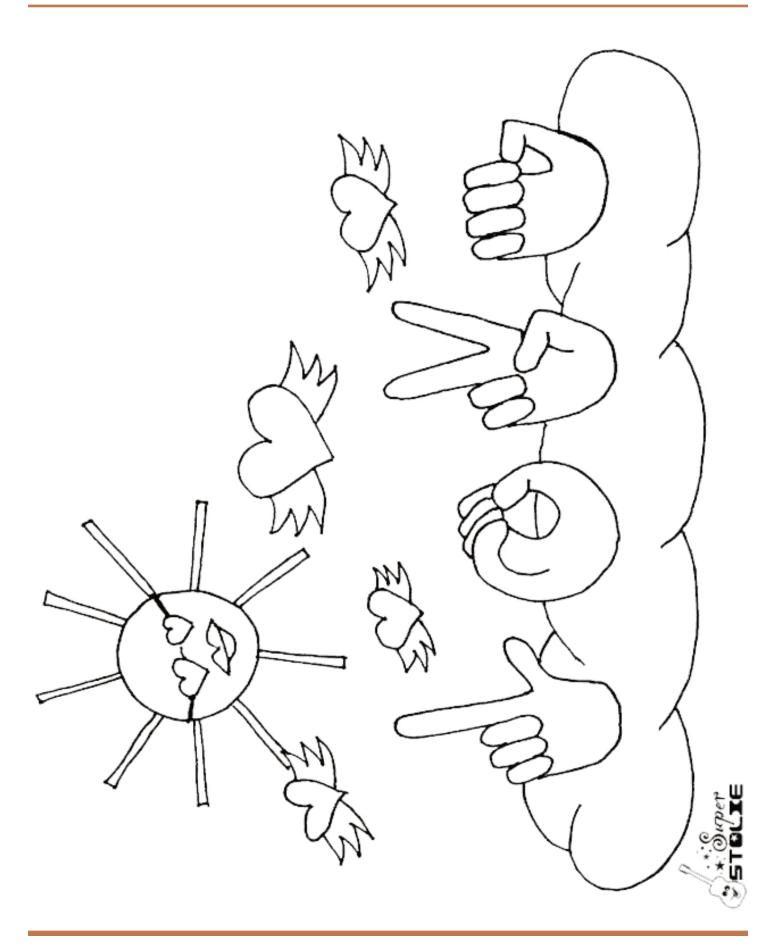
Brenda, Don, John Barra, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Garion Campbell, Katie Ceurvorst, Thomas Collins, Claudia Cortez, Wyatt Davis, Walter DuPont, Sharon Garcia, Mary Giles, Barbara Humphrey, John Jomeruck, Stephen Maulhardt, Dennis Perrin, Sue Powers, Renee Ramonette, Mary Shepp, Jackson Soyster, Racquel Taylor, Mary Welasek, Kylie Wilson and Shirley Witlin. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Jane Burke, RIP Jack Hanley, RIP May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

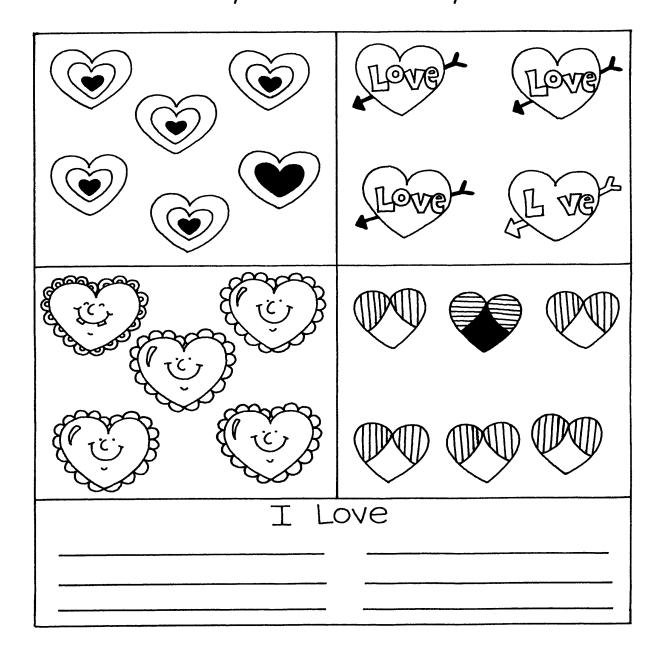
Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime Bette (805) 482·0067 bette_church@hotmail.com Shirley (805) 482·2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus wants us to love one another! Hearts are a symbol of love. Look at the hearts below. Cross out the one heart in each group that is different. At the very bottom write the names of people you love onto the lines. Make sure you tell them "I love you" soon.





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