

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

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GATHERING



Glory to God

Jason Stoll





Reading 1

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Reading 2

1 John 4:11-16

Gospel Reading

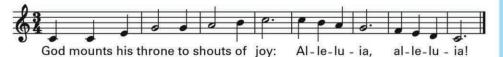
John 17:11b-9



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne

Paul Inwood



- 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord Most High we must fear, great King over all the earth.
- God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise for God, sing praise to our King.
- God is King of all the earth.
 Sing praise with all your skill.
 God is King over the nations;
 he reigns on his holy throne.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Paul Prochaska



INTERCESSION RESPONSE

Prayer of the Faithful

Donna Pena



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I will not leave
you orphans,
says the Lord.
I will come back
to you,
and your hearts
will rejoice.

John 14:18



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell: on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.





God.

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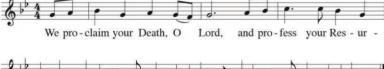
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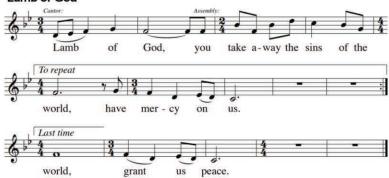
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Amen



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Lamb of God



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Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and the fervor of the saints.

Amen.

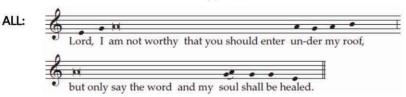
Suggested by Archbishop Gomez



Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

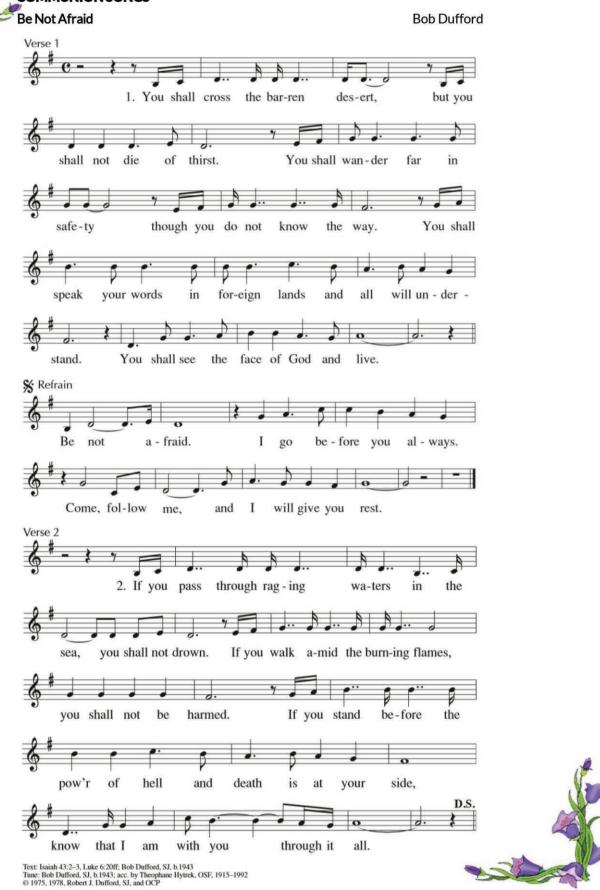


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SENDING FORTH

Thanks be to God,



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God ... and our expectations

Consider the first reading today, from Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11. It takes place after the disciples have spent years with Jesus in his public ministry, after the Passion of the Lord, after the Resurrection, and after the 40 days of appearances to Mary Magdalene, Peter and then all the other disciples. We read of the disciples' *last* encounter of Jesus before the Ascension.

By this time, the disciples have witnessed Jesus' ministry for years, along with his teachings, examples, and his day-to-day actions. They still confuse Jesus' task of building the Kingdom of God for the reconstruction of Israel. We see this in their question to him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" This longing for freedom was ancient, after almost five centuries of subjugation under Babylonians, Persians, Egypt and the Greek Seleucids in Syria.

Mind you, Jesus never promised the kind of political and military intervention that would overturn the Romans. But that was what the disciples wanted. So, even up to that last moment, they happily misinterpreted what Jesus meant in his many references to the Kingdom of God, a reign where everyone



becomes a citizen, not by conquest, but by the free surrender of the will to God's commands of love and care for one's neighbor. They replace Jesus' vision with their own: a world where Jerusalem is the head of a powerful kingdom, where Jews are no longer subject to outsiders, and move from one political and military triumph to the next. The attraction to their vision is clear ... it's just not shared by God.

We also have our own expectations of God, and we can't help but want what we want. But what if God doesn't want the same things we want? What happens when God actually opposes our desires? Like the disciples, most of us have spent our lifetimes living with the stories of Jesus. We, too, have the opportunity for growing and deepening our understanding of Jesus' teaching and hopes. Yet we may still want what we want and have hopes that are independent of Jesus' will for us.

Notice that Jesus redirects the disciples from what they want, to what God has planned: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He promises support, the power of the Spirit, enabling them to do God's work, rather than pursue their own wants. This embodies the truth of the phrase from Thomas a Kempis *Imitation of Christ*, "Man proposes, but God disposes."

It may very well happen to us, as well, that God takes stock of our real needs, as opposed to our supposed wants, and redirects us to what truly matters, and to ministry to others.

The disciples never received the independent country. That wouldn't come to pass until 1948, a long time to wait by any measure. We may have a long wait for what we want, too. Be patient! In the meantime, there is work to start, and ministry to be done.

¡Siempre adelante!

Fr. Patrick

Fr. Patrick Pastor

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

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

Little Church ~ May 16

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!

Grades 1 to 5. We are looking for Catechists to join The Faith Formation Ministry. If you are fully vaccinated and love sharing your faith with children, we need YOU! For more information, please contact tere@padreserra.org

Three:Sixteen

Middle School Ministry. We hope to have some in-person summer activities. For more information, please contact youth@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.

High School

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

Confirmation Y2 ~ May 2

Welcome back! Confirmation sessions will return to in-person gatherings, beginning today. Safety guidelines strictly enforced, Mask and social distancing. We will gather at 2:00 pm 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 at 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.

Youth Leadership

Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!

Peer Leaders

Every Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Serra Center's backyard. The session begins at 7:00 pm. Masks and social distancing are required. 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. Ask brett@padreserra.org to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated. If you are confirmed and are interested in joining our team contact youth@padreserra.org

Adults

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. third Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. Contact Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com
Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

Gospel Hangout ~ May 18, 19

A weekly one-hour get-together to read and discuss the previous Sunday's gospel. We share our thoughts and experiences as inspired by scripture, but equally important, we share friendship. Tuesdays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm or Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm, via Zoom. teresa@padreserra.org

Healing from Divorce ~ May 18

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. first and third Tuesday. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, online. Contact Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

Yoga with Sheila ~ May 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, courtyard. \$10/class. A portion of the donation comes back to the parish. Contact Sheila sheilam274@yahoo.com

PAX Christi ~ May 20

Come pray, study and act for justice. This month we begin a book study on Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future by Pope Francis. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, via Zoom. RSVP for link:

Gary gfreeberg@gmail.com or Deacon Luc lucpapillon@gmail.com. "What does it mean to be black and Catholic? It means that I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become." - Sr. Thea Bowman.

ChitChat ~ May 20

A virtual social hour to connect with others while we're apart. Come and connect with parishioners you haven't seen in a while or meet new friends. Bring your favorite beverage for an hour of friendly chitchat. Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, via Zoom. RSVP for the link.

Mental Health Resources

While May is Mental Health Awareness Month, we recognize the importance of attending to our mental health and wellness every day of our lives. Visit our page with resources for you or someone you love.



Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Mark 16:15-20 ~ Ascension of Our Lord

In today's gospel, before he ascends into heaven, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his mission of proclaiming the gospel to the whole world. Jesus commissions us too. Where should you go to proclaim the gospel? What signs accompany believers today? When you've shared the gospel, what signs (if any) accompanied your words?

Becoming Catholic

The Sacraments

The seven sacraments are essential to the Catholic way of life. They are marvelous gifts from God and might be described as grace-filled moments along our earthly journey. Each sacrament is an encounter with the risen Jesus. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are called the Sacraments of Christian Initiation because they incorporate us into the saving death and resurrection of Jesus (the "Paschal Mystery"). Baptism and Confirmation are not repeatable because they give us an "indelible mark" as members of the Body of Christ. Eucharist, the high point of our initiation, can be received every day, but at least once a week on Sundays. The Eucharist ("Holy Communion") nourishes us and strengthens us to live as disciples of Jesus. It is also a sign of unity with Jesus and with each other. If you are an adult who would like to investigate receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact Catherine Shadduck at 805-482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

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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 16, 23).

Antiracism Interfaith Gathering ~ May 23

Ventura County CLUE (Clergy Laity United for Economic Justice) invites people of faith to come and be inspired in their own journey of learning about and acting against racism at a virtual gathering to learn what local congregations have been doing and what interfaith antiracism actions are planned. 2:00 - 4:00 pm, via Zoom. Register: kate@themillsgroup.net

Prayer Life

NEW Weekend Mass Schedule

• Saturday 5:00 pm Mass on the Grass

• Sunday 7:30 am Mass in the church building! 9:00 am Mass on the Grass

11:00 am Livestream Mass at www.padreserra.org/mass or www.youtube.com/psptv (No evening Mass on Sunday)

If you are coming to the 7:30 am Mass in the church, welcome home to the church! Please wear facemasks. All the church doors will be open for ventilation but please enter only by the three doors that will have sanitation stations:

- large front doors (handicapped friendly, with a ramp on the right side from the front parking)
- large glass double doors on the east side of the church
- '(handicapped friendly from the rear parking)
- large glass double doors straight into the church from the Blessed Sacrament chapel (handicapped friendly from the west side parking)

These three doors will also have baskets for you to leave your Sunday offering. Ropes are blocking off every other row for social distancing. Please keep three chairs between your family or covid-bubble and others. Kindly move to the center of the rows, refraining from sitting first at the ends, lest people who potentially have compromised health or mobility difficulties need to crawl over you for a seat. We hope that we will soon have additional options for attending inside, which will happen when the six-foot social distancing is reduced. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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. 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

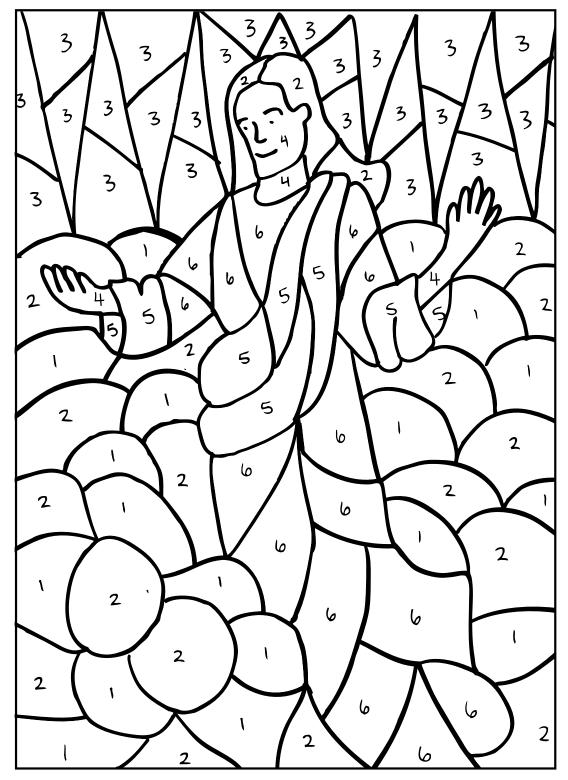
Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations

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

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Ascension: Paint by Number

Paint the following blocks of numbers using 1. Yellow 2. Orange 3. Blue 4. Tan 5. Purple 6. Green.



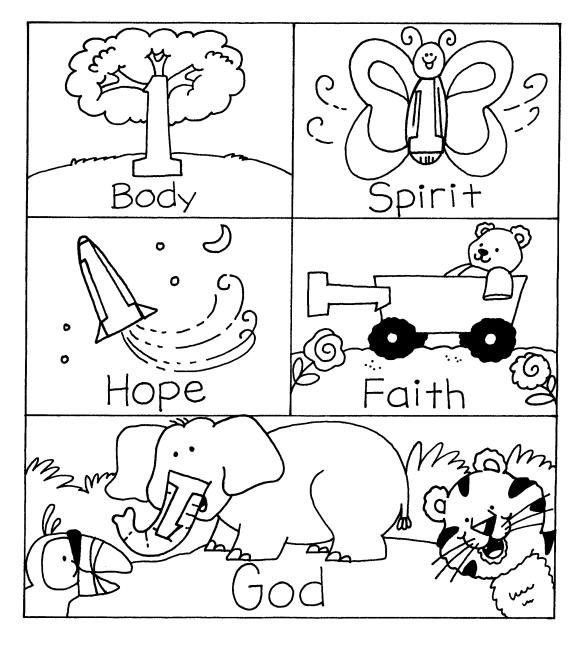
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Ascension of the Lord

Paul uses a certain number several times in his letter to the Ephesians (4:4-6).

That number is hidden in each picture that goes with the word below it.

When you find each number, color it a dark color. Then read the phrases that tell what Paul says we all have.



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