

# Belong Ministry Fair

After Mass, come out to the courtyard to learn more about the opportunities to be nourished and supported to become Jesus' disciples and bring others one step closer to God.

## Sunday, September 26

- Knitting Ministry
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- Cancer Support: Embracing Your Journey
- Women's Fellowship: Lemons on the Loose
- Women's Spirituality: Seeds of Faith

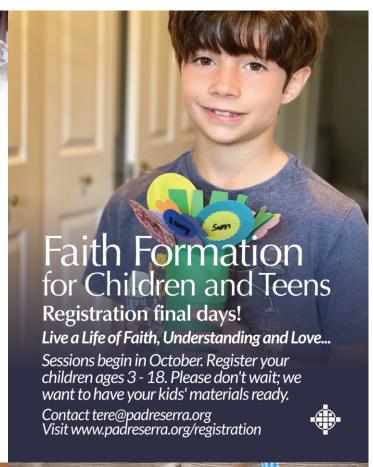
- Bereavement Support
- Knights of Columbus
- Hospitality Ministers (Ushers)
- Military Ministry
- Writers Group
- Villanova High School
- Santa Clara High School
- St. Vincent de Paul

Find all participating ministries at www.padreserra.org/news/belong

To commit to one hour, contact

teresa@padreserra.org







# Oktoberfest Drive-thru Dinner Pick up Saturday, October 9 5:00 – 7:30 pm

St. Mary Magdalen, 25 Las Posas Rd.

A dinner fundraiser to benefit St. Mary Magdalen graduates with Catholic high school scholarships.

Meal includes: Bratwurst sandwich with grilled onions and bell peppers, potato salad, and a soft pretzel. \$15/person.

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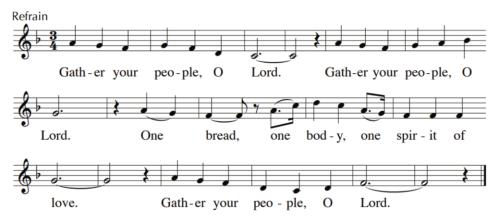
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#### **GATHERING**

#### **Gather Your People**

Bob Hurd, Gather #837



Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of God; swords into plowshares.
Free us. O Lord, from hardness of heart.

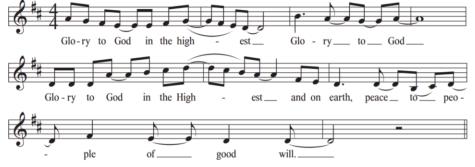
Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life; waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from your side.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 2:3-4, 11:9; Bob Hurd, b.1950 Tune: Bob Hurd. b.1950; choral arr. by Craig S. Kingsbury, b.1952; acc. by Dominic MacAller, b.1959 © 1991, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP.

#### **GLORIA**

Glory to God Jason Stoll

#### **REFRAIN:**



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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#### Reading 1

Nehemiah 11:25-29

#### Reading 2

James 5:1-6

#### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 19: Your Words, Lord, Are Spirit and Life

Bob Hurd



- The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
   The decree of the Lord s trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
- 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
- 3. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just.
- 4. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.
- Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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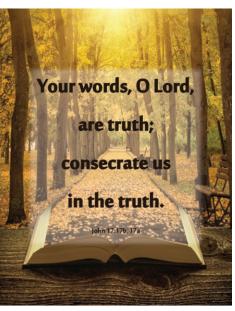
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# The Apostles' Creed

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.

#### **INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

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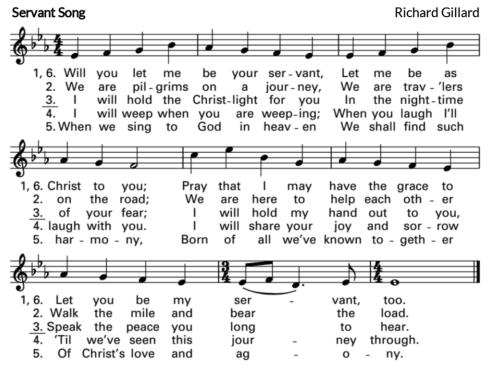
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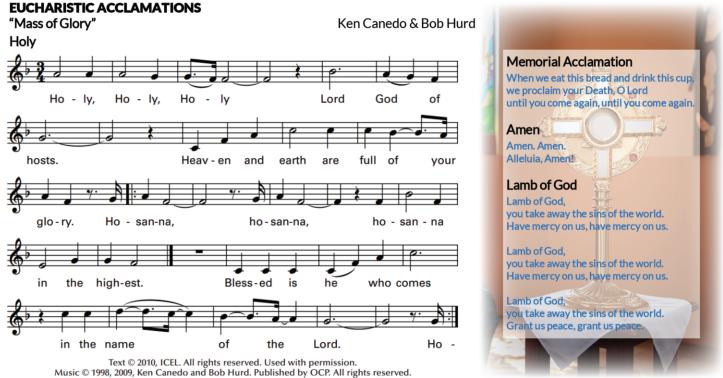
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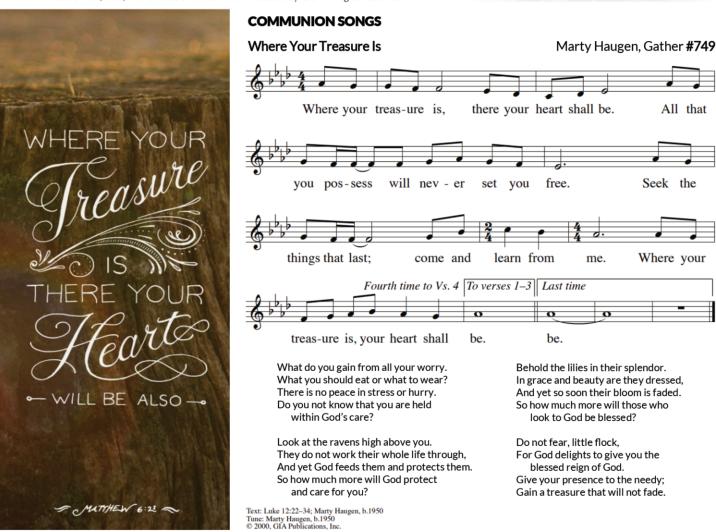
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Matt Maher

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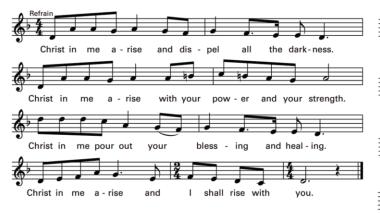
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#### Christ In Me Arise



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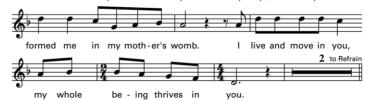
# Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

# o - pen these eyes, show-ing me lead-ing the way, tak - ing me On-ward to the king-dom,

**Trevor Thomson** 



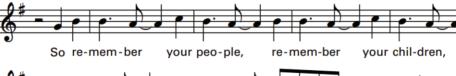
A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.



#### **SENDING FORTH**

#### Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, And nothing can keep us apart.

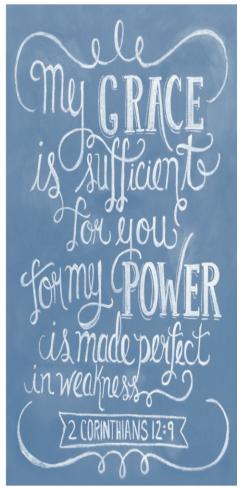






Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing along.

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# Shamrocks, Scorpions and Our Madonna

We've all had so many deprivations and moments of discomfort these past months, quarantining and masking, endless Zoom for school and work, socializing outside in the heat and the cold, endless discussions and disagreements about what works and what doesn't, and on-and-on. There is yet a harder truth of this past year. Some Padre Serra parishioners have died from Covid, both the very elderly with multiple comorbidities, and young people who puzzled us in their passing, leaving some of us grieved and

bewildered. Other parishioners, some younger than you might think, were hospitalized and suffered many weeks before excruciatingly slow recoveries. Many parishioners have also spoken to me of family members and friends, not part of our parish, who have suffered, some of them dying. My own Uncle John, Mom's brother, is one of them. All of these stories break our caring hearts when we hear them.

We also grieve for the many family members and friends denied access to the hospitalized in their suffering. Many people requested me to visit people in the hospital or in convalescent care. For well over a year, though, administrators denied me access to most facilities and every hospital except Community Memorial, even though I identified myself as a priest. This had been a very hard year, hasn't it?

Because of all our struggles, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles suggested that we do something significant to acknowledge all the suffering, everything that has happened to us, everything done to keep us safe, both the stumbles and the successes. I thought this was a very good idea.

Recalling the scorpion and shamrock amidst our church's ceiling's stars, and how they represent our patron, Padre Serra, and our founding pastor, Msgr. Kidney, I decided to do something similar, hiding elements of significance for this year in a holy image. I received inspiration from our patron, Padre Serra, who journeyed to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe to dedicate himself and his missionary work at her shrine. With this in mind, we commissioned a local artist, Lalo Garcia, who has installed artwork in many places in the archdiocese, to do an image for us...with a difference.

Working with over 20 artisans in Puebla, Mexico, the heartland of handmade Talavera tile, he fashioned an image that, from a distance, appears to be an ordinary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Up close, though, there are faint crosses around her in blue and brick colors, commemorating those who have died (the blue of heaven) and those who suffered but still live (the earthen color). Hidden around the pattern of her corona is a faint face mask. At her feet is a graph, reminding us of the many waves of the virus that have hit here and throughout the world. Within her corona are a small vial of vaccine, and a medical needle. On our Lady's dress, amidst the decorations, is a tiny image of the virus. The angel, normally at Mary's feet where the graph is, flies socially distanced, above her, yet apart. Around the angel's neck is a stethoscope, to remind us of who have been our angels, for extended periods in extreme difficulties.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*, unlike some of the other wonderful apparitions of Mary, appeared here, on our continent. She is our Lady, our Madonna.

During the 9 am Mass this weekend, we will unveil the image, outside the church, on the eastern wall of the church building facing the square behind the Serra Center where we have prayed at the Mass on the Grass. Our whole hope, throughout, was to keep

people as safe as we could while we learned what worked and what didn't. The Mass on the Grass has made that square a holy place. It's so fitting that this image of Jesus' Mother, appearing to comfort the conquered and suffering people of Mexico, should become for us, a symbol for us in the time of our own great struggles.

I encourage you to make a little pilgrimage to the image, after its unveiling, to remember this year, to pray for God's mercy on the deceased, to ask God's strength and healing for the sick, and to stand with Mary in our own desire to heal the world by God's grace.

Siempre adelante,

tr. Patrick

Fr. Patrick Pastor





#### Children

12 months to Grade 8.

#### Faith Formation Registration Final Days!

In-person sessions begin in October. Register today so we can have your kids' materials ready. Register your children ages 3 - 18. Visit www.padreserra.org/registration

#### **Catechists for Faith Formation Needed**

If you are fully vaccinated and love sharing your faith with children, we need YOU! Contact tere@padreserra.org

#### **Catechetical Sunday ~ September 26**

Catechetical Sunday commissioning at the 11:00 am Mass, followed by a gathering in the Serra Center. Contact tere@padreserra.org

#### Little Church ~ Age 3 through Kindergarten

Little Church is offered on Sundays during the 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Masses. Spaces still available; register www.padreserra.org/registration. Contact soraya@padreserra.org

#### Liturgy of the Word Returns this Fall

Open for all children grades 1 - 5, Sundays at the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. No experience is necessary; we will provide training and all you need to share the Word of God. We need adult and teen volunteers for both Masses. Contact tere@padreserra.org

#### Spark! Grades 1 - 5

Sessions begin on October 4 and 6. Register today at www.padreserra.org/registration

#### Three:Sixteen ~ Grades 6 - 8

Sessions begin on October 6. Register today at www.padreserra.org/registration

#### High School

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

#### **Confirmation Y2**

Teens will participate in weekly parish ministry; please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org for your ministry assignments.

#### 4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship on most Wednesday nights. Teens make connections, share insights and concerns, and grow in faith. Ask brett@padreserra.org or follow us on Instagram.

#### Youth Leadership

Everyone 14 to 39ish is welcome!

#### **Peer Leaders**

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. We meet every Tuesday, 6:30 pm. The session begins at 7:00 pm. 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

#### **Young Adults**

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

#### **Bible Study and More**

We gather the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. 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! Contact brett@padreserra.org

#### **Adults**



Faith Sharing Groups ~ September 28, 29 Virtual Gospel Hangout Tuesdays 11:30 - 12:30 pm. teresa@padreserra.org

**In-person** *Bible Faith Share*, Wednesdays 8:45 - 9:45 am. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com. While we use scripture, faith sharing is not a Bible study, but rather a reflection process using Lectio Divina that invites people to reflect on how Jesus in the Gospels is intersecting with their life at this moment. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

#### Caregivers Support Group ~ September 28

Caritas offers support to those who are caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm, in the San Fernando room and via Zoom. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com

#### Bible Study ~ September 27, 29

Through the Heart of St. Joseph is a weekly Bible study facilitated by Rita DaCorsi.

**In-person** Mondays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Paschal Baylon, Thousand Oaks.

**Virtual** Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Questions/register: ritadacorsi@yahoo.com

#### Illuman ~ September 29

*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. Last Wednesday, 7:00 pm. San Miguel room. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com



#### **Becoming Catholic**

#### Catholic Inquiry ~ September 28

Have you considered becoming Catholic, or do you want to inquire about the Catholic Faith before you decide to join our community? Join us 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. In October, we begin weekly meetings. Information on the process of becoming Catholic or receiving Confirmation and First Communion if you are already a baptized Catholic adult, contact Catherine Shadduck (805) 482·6417 x331, catherine@padreserra.org

#### Giving

#### Together in Mission ~ Padre Serra Update!

Goal: \$139,726

Year to Date: \$75,445 donated by 176 households

Gap: \$64,281 to reach our goal

The Together in Mission Annual Appeal is an opportunity for people across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to make a sustainable commitment to those in need. We believe in the hope that will be given through classrooms, from pulpits, on the streets, and the blessed sacraments. Envelopes are in the church lobby or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

#### In the Community

#### Mary Health of the Sick ~ September 30

All are invited to their annual Care and Compassion (virtual) Gala, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, with guest speaker Sister Bernadette Proctor who will share her inspiring story of gratuitous care of the sick. Donate/register at maryhealth.com/gala

#### **Ignatians West is Looking for a Few Good People!**

Are you a mature adult with some free time? Your lifetime of experience can make a difference in the life of another! Ignatians West will match your interests and talents with the needs of children, adults, and seniors in various non-profit settings such as schools, food pantries, hospitals, and social service centers 1-2 days a week. This Jesuit-affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society, care for the earth and grow deeper in your faith. In addition to service, volunteers meet monthly to reflect on the Ignatian tradition. Visit www.ignatianswest.org or contact Anne Hansen, (310) 338-2358, ahansen@ignatianswest.org

### Safeguard the Children

#### Understanding VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children"

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#### **Faith Sharing Question**

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 ~ Cut it off!

In today's gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples, and us, to sever ties with anything that causes us to sin. At this moment in your life, what are you being called to give up — a practice or possession — that separates you from God?

#### **Prayer Life**

#### Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, 7:30 am Mass in the church
- Sunday, 9:00 am Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, 11:00 am Mass in the church and livestreamed

#### Weekday Mass

• Monday to Friday, 8:00 am in the church

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

Ella Madison Alandy, Zig Aukstkalnis, Patricia Bergman, Rich Bergman, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Jennifer Canzano, Katie Ceurvorst, Thomas Collins, Morton Cook, Rodolfo Cruz, Kelly DaCorsi, Wyatt Davis, Rico Flores, Robert Foster, Sharon Garcia, Esper Divina Gracia, Tina Herford, Barbara Humphrey, John Jomeruck, Edna Jost, Therese Kaiser, Marty Kinsey, Mary Little, Donna Lovato, Christine Maraboto, Hadley Maringa, Zeke Mata, Faith Mingay, Chuck Purcell, Dorothy Reason, Francisca Rodriguez, Vicki Schweitzer, Keith Seegman, Carol Shook, Kanani Soares, Hilda Soller, Kylie Wilson and Shirley Witlin. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

#### Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Travis Heck, RIP Eleanor Antonio Redillas, RIP

Beloved cousin of Mari Antonio

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

#### In the Courtyard

#### Ministry Fair! ~ September 26

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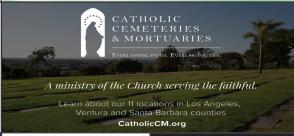


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