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## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

AUGUST 13, 2023 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# College Blessing

Attention all college-bound parishioners! Whether staying in town for college or going afar, you are invited to receive a special blessing Sunday. August 13, at 11:00 am.

### Children's & Middle School Summer Choir Camp!

Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Serra Center Sign up today! Scan the QR code or visit padreserra.org/cmsc-summer

All current choir members in grades 3 to 8, and those intending to join for the coming year are invited to a week-long summer music camp. Suggested donation: \$20 per member or \$30 per family.

For more information, contact kathleen@padreserra.org or lisa@padreserra.org



### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, August 15 Masses 8:00 am or 7:00 pm

Each Mass followed by Hospitality Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

To celebrate this holy day of opportunity, we invite you to Mass followed by fellowship and food at the bell tower. Muffins, juice, and coffee in the morning and an ice cream social in the evening.

# Friday in the Backyard

### During Summer 6:00 - 8:00 pm Serra Center patio

All ages can enjoy giant games and corn hole. Bring your dinner and friends to enjoy a summer backyard evening!

Visit www.padreserra.org/summer



#### SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE JUNE 19 - AUGUST 18

San Juan Capistrano room

#### **NEW YOUTH LOUNGE**

Monday - Friday, 1:00 pm, Feel free to bring video games, movies, board games, etc.

PEER LEADER MEETINGS Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

#### BIBLE STUDY & PIZZA Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Follow our Instagram @pspyouth for other announcements and updates throughout the summer. Contact youth@padreserra.org www.padreserra.org/youth-summer



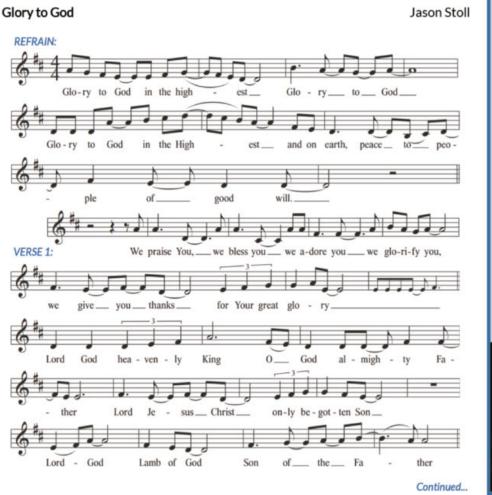




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**Reading 1** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

> Reading 2 Romans 9:1-5

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

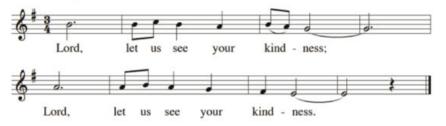


#### Glory to God continued...



#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 85: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness



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Marty Haugen, Gather #62

Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God.

Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth shall spring up as the water from the earth. Justice shall rain from the heavens.

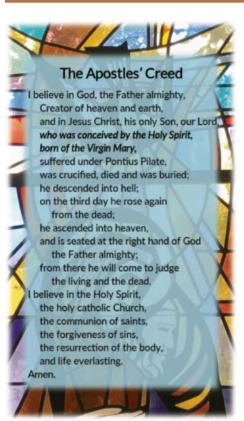
The Lord will come, and you shall know his love. Justice shall walk in his pathwayssalvation, the gift that he brings.



#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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#### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Mass of Creation"	Marty Haugen
Holy, Holy, Holy	#198
Memorial Acclamation	#199
Amen	#202
Lamb of God	#204

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

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and abide in the presence of God, say with your heart, "My shelter and strength, my God, in you I trust."

Evil will not fall upon you; no affliction will find your door. For the angels have been sent to protect you, and guard you in all your ways. If you stumble they will catch you; they will keep you from falling down. From he den of the lion and the threat of the snake you will escape unharmed.

Call and I will answer, says the Lord, trust and know I am here. Cling to me with your life: there is nothing you should fear.

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#### **COMMUNION SONGS**



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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

#### SENDING FORTH

How Can I Keep From Singing



Robert Lowry, Gather #685

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the night it giveth.

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, And their death knells ringing; When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing. All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing?

Text: 87 87 with refrain; attr. to Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt.; verse 3, Doris Plenn. Music: Quaker Hymn; attr. to Robert Lowry.

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### **Of Practice and Clarity**

Reflecting on our first reading, I began to wonder ... what was it that enabled Elijah to hear the Lord's voice beyond earthquake and fire into the whispering wind? The answer may lie firmly in his commitment to serve God continually even in the midst of conflict or challenges. No matter what was going on in his life, Elijah spent time with the Lord listening intently. He had learned the art and discipline to hear His call. I suspect that practice also played a role; an example can help us to reach a similar connection in our own lives.

For over 10 years, Diana and I sat in front of the television on Wednesday nights and enjoyed Dancing With the Stars. We watched as celebrities with little if any dance training, practiced and improved their steps competing for the coveted mirrored ball trophy. They adapted their styles, fought through difficult dances, sometimes complained, and doubted their abilities. They ultimately delivered something absolutely beautiful. Both of us appreciated the tremendous efforts and continued growth that existed in less than perfect scores.

While practice did not create the innate beauty of the dances nor the desire to participate in the first place, it did make it easier to achieve over time. The same can be said of our spiritual journey not unlike Elijah's. We have within us the presence of the Holy Spirit eager to share her love, support, and guidance. Ours is to prepare ourselves to recognize the invitation and act upon it in trust no matter the circumstances faced.

Our own lives are filled with occasions to place God at the forefront of our decisions. These exist at every turn but are at times difficult to discern. By adding simple but powerful practices, we are afforded opportunities to hear His call and voice more clearly.

Similar to enthusiastic dancers, putting the Lord's will first does not mean we have to follow a prescribed formula. We can, however, benefit by displaying continuity in our practices both collectively as well as individually. This can be done communally by breaking bread with a friend, attending daily and weekly Mass, sharing a bible study session, or praying together. We can follow Jesus' example by stepping away alone for time to pray and encounter our intimate moments with God. Silent retreats, personal reflections, morning, and night prayers are wonderful ways to achieve this.

How we chose to participate may be as varied as opportunities presented us. Nonetheless, just know that whatever we select will indeed allow us to gain greater clarity even in the softest of voices.

Endless Blessings,

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Deacon Luc and Diana Papillon



#### Children

#### Age 3 to Grade 8

Live a Life of Faith, Understanding, and Love...

Children Faith Formation Registration for the 23/24 program is open! Register your child today! *Parent Meetings:* Little Church, Sunday, September 10, 10:15 am, Carmel rooms; Faith Formation Grade 1 through High School, Monday, September 11, and Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center. Visit www.padreserra.org/registration



#### Little Church is Back! ~ August 13, 20, 27

Age 3 through Kindergarten Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Children learn so much! From the Sign of the Cross to the Bible stories, songs, and more. It's super fun to make friends and be at Church on Sundays! Children must be registered to attend. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ On Summer Break

Grades 1 - 5. We will return in the fall. Leaders Needed! Consider joining this beautiful ministry. No experience necessary! Contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

#### Spark! ~ At Home

Grades 1 - 5. In today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33, we learn about Peter's faith in Jesus. Peter sees Jesus walking on water. He wants to be like Jesus. When Peter becomes afraid and doubts Jesus, he begins to sink. Jesus reaches out and saves Peter. Jesus teaches us that we can trust him. Even when we feel doubtful or afraid, Jesus is with us.

#### Three-Sixteen ~ At Home

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. God promised long ago to his chosen people that he would always be with them and love them. In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-23, we hear that when Peter experienced doubt, Jesus reached out to take Peter's hand. Remember that Jesus is there with you, reaching out his hand to lift you. Jesus keeps his promise.

#### **High School**

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

#### 4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders for summer youth activities or to hang out in the youth lounge. Follow us on Instagram @pspyouth for more information, or contact brett@padreserra.org

#### **Confirmation ~ Summer Gatherings Continue!**

Stop by the youth lounge to play games, watch movies, or hang out with Brett and peers for summer fun and fellowship. Lots of summer service and event opportunities available; contact us for more information at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

#### Young Adults

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

#### Bible Study and More ~ August 17

We gather on the first and third Thursday of the month from 7:00 -9:00 pm. We do a Bible study on the first Thursday, and on the third Thursday, we play a game. See our Instagram @pspyoungadult for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

#### Adults

#### Healing from Divorce ~ August 15

Our healing from divorce support group offers 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, Zoom. Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

#### Women's Fellowship ~ August 16

Lemons on the Loose is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing the dice game Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research through Alex's Lemonade Stand. Third Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/women

#### The Chosen ~ August 17, 24

You are invited to explore the gospel stories through prayer, discussion, and The Chosen Season 2, a popular, contemporary dramatization of the life and times of Jesus and the apostles. Two episodes remain! Morning session at 9:00 in San Juan Capistrano and evening session at 7:00 in Carmel room. To RSVP, visit www.padreserra.org/chosen

#### Bereavement Supports ~ August 17

Good news ... we have two sessions to choose from. First and third Thursday, morning session at 10:00 and afternoon session at 2:00. Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support groups offer mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. San Fernando room. Betty Bright Martinez (805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com, visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

#### Knitting & Crocheting ~ August 17

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome; if you don't know how we would love to teach you. Thursdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel rooms. To see our projects from this past year, visit www.padreserra.org/knit. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com

#### PAX Christi ~ August 17

Grounded in the gospel and Catholic social teaching, our PAX Christi ministry seeks to model Christ's peace in our witness to nonviolence through prayer, study, and action rooted in justice for the common good of all God's children. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. Gary gfreeberg@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/peace-justice

#### Adults

#### Writers Group ~ August 18

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome to share your work any Friday and listen to others' inspiring writing. Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando room. Linda Lowe calmest1@verizon.net. Visit www.padreserra.org/writers

#### Seeds of Faith ~ August 21

SEEDS (Sisters ~ Embracing ~ Enlightening ~ Daughters of Faith) is a monthly evening of spirituality for women who want to grow deeper in faith and affirm our mission and worth as God's daughters and Jesus' disciples. Third Monday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

#### Caregiver Support Group ~ August 22

*Caritas* provides support to those caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. 7:00 pm San Fernando room and via Zoom. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

#### **Becoming Catholic**

#### Catholic Inquiry's Summer Gathering Dates ~ August 22, September 5, 19

Have you considered becoming Catholic? Summer is a good time to begin! During the summer, Inquiry continues to meet but only twice a month; we watch DVDs on various Catholic themes, followed by a discussion in a relaxed atmosphere, or we enjoy guest speakers or field trips! In October, we will resume our weekly meetings. Join us! For information on the process of becoming Catholic, or if you are a Catholic adult already baptized and want to receive First Communion and Confirmation, please get in touch with Mary Huebner at (805) 482.6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

**Other Notes** 

#### **Gluten-Free**

If you are having problems with gluten that affect your ability to receive the Body of Christ in Communion, contact Sr. Lana, (805) 482.6417 x325 or srlana@padreserra.org and give her your name and the Mass you usually attend.

#### Giving

#### RAIN

Everyone needs and deserves a home. You can support people without homes with hope and opportunity by supporting RAIN Transitional Living Center's mission to provide resources to address the unmet housing and service needs of homeless individuals and families in Ventura County. Use the envelope packet mailed to your household every month, or visit www.padreserra.org/rain

"The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed in abundance so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity." – Pope Francis



### Faith Sharing Question

#### *Reflection questions for every gathering around any table* Matthew 14:22-33 ~ Lord, save me!

In today's Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. The presence of God in Jesus is Peter's strength, but he began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

#### **Prayer Life**

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

Don Absey, Mary Ahearn, Patrick Bair, Kurt Basco, Sharon Berg, Wyatt Biggs, Marianne Brooks, Mary Butler, Ryan Carrigan, Cheryl Cohn, Marie Coop, Stephanie Cruz, Bob Dickie, Shari Edie, Ben Fisco, Jennifer Flores, Mary Margaret Freese, John Goblish, Tim Graf, Jasna Haller, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Jane Joubert, David Legerski, Rowan Lepore, Maria Maldonado, Dave McDonnell, Janet McPike, Leticia Melendez, Carole Mingay, Donald Mingay, Robert Moody, Mary Mullen, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, Lorna Pajo, Mel Pajo, Jeffrey Paolella, Dina S. Pascual, Dave Proett, Renee Ramonette, Diana Reed, Michael Robles, Bill Rumble, Zion Salatan, Hector Victa Sanares, Dominick Savo, Dorothy Simmons, Shelly Stuven, Fr. Stephen Szeman, Martha May Velasquez, Louis Wolters, Rita Wronkiewicz and Jerry Zins Sr. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)* 

#### **Remember Our Dead**

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Therese (Tish) Hearne, RIP Marie-Ruth Willcox, RIP May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

#### Volunteer

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

There has been a wonderful and enthusiastic response to the restoration of communion in the Blood of Christ, and we need more ministers to serve Jesus' body and blood to communicants at Mass. If you feel called to this way of serving God's people, please contact michelle@padreserra.org

#### **Funerals**

For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

• Bob Tuleya ~ August 16, 11:00 am

#### Memorial & Honorarium

*In loving memory of Lorna Jean Stevens* Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Sue Stevens, Woodland CA

- *In loving memory of Bernie Bernacchi* Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Mike & Georgia Robles
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### ASL Interpretation Saturdays, 5:00 pm in the church

Spread the word! American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters are available now at Padre Serra Parish every Saturday during Mass.

Visit www.padreserra.org/asl

# Cana in the Courtyard

### A wine and food sharing party Friday, August 25, 6:00 pm

Food and wine were often at the center of Jesus' ministry and friendships.

Enjoy delicious appetizers, wine, coffee, dessert, and music. Entry is an appetizer to share, enough for 20. The parish will provide the wine and dessert.

RSVP: www.padreserra.org/cana

# Cherubs Music Program

Returning this Fall! First session Saturday, September 9 Pre-K (3y+) - K: 9:30 - 10:20 am K - Grade 2: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Give your child the opportunity to discover music through faith-based songs, playing rhythm and tonal instruments, and dancing while having creative fun with other children. Register your child today!

For more information, contact Lisa at cherubs@padreserra.org Visit www.padreserra.org/cherubs



### Faith Formation for Children and Teens Parent Orientation Meetings

Little Church, Age 3 through Kindergarten: Sunday, Sept 10, 10:15 am, Carmel rooms.

Grade 1 through High School: Monday, Sept 11, or Tuesday, Sept 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center.

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