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### Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

JANUARY 21, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Thank you from Concern America

The proceeds from our November 19 artisan marketplace totaled \$2.656. These funds help women who live in material poverty find a reliable source of income, provide education and training for members engaged in this activity, and encourage the preservation of traditional art forms within various cultures. Thank you!

Readings 









## Faith and the Journey M of Chronic Pain GRA

### Maureen Pratt Monday, January 22 7:00 pm, Serra Center



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Where is God when we suffer? G

become so ill? Why doesn't God cure me?

Navigating life with chronic pain or illness can be very difficult and weigh down the body, mind, and spirit.

Maureen will offer scriptural, pastoral, and prayerful reflections on some of the most profound questions of suffering.

Free. RSVP appreciated, visit www.padreserra.org/aff

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team



## Clothing Collection Mary's Closet

#### January 27 - 28 After Mass San Juan Bautista room

You can help families in need. Donate gently used children's clothes and shoes from newborn to size 6/7, especially long pants, socks, and boys' clothes. Diapers, children's books, toys, balls, and maternity clothes are also appreciated. Bring your donations after Mass to the San Juan Bautista room.

Contact grace@padreserra.org Sponsored by the Pro-Love Ministry, visit www.padreserra.org/pro-love



## Let There Be Light: A Mass of Healing & Anointing Thursday, January 25

7:00 pm, St. Jude the Apostle, Westlake Village

All are welcome at this Mass, bringing to God the prayers, needs, and hopes of anyone experiencing mental health challenges and mental illness, as well as those who care for them. We also gather in thanks for God's healing presence and the goodness found in the care and support of those who accompany people living with these challenges.

32032 W. Lindero Canyon Road, 91361 Contact Cindy Kozal at cindy@saintjudetheapostle.org



## The University Series



Pre-Registration January 27 - February 14

The University Series will offer 76 classes connecting faith and real life in areas such as current events, contemporary moral issues, evangelization, faith and science, marriage and family, church history, scripture, and prayer.

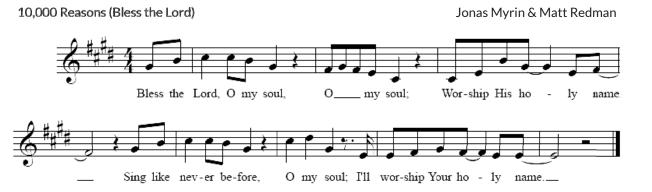
## Padre Serra is hosting eight sessions, including three with Fr. Patrick.

Visit www.theuniversityseries.org for the catalog and to purchase a season pass or discounted single presentations. Catalogs will also be available in the church lobby and office starting January 27.

Questions: Teresa Runyon teresa@padreserra.org Visit www.padreserra.org/university



#### GATHERING



The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

**Reading 1** 

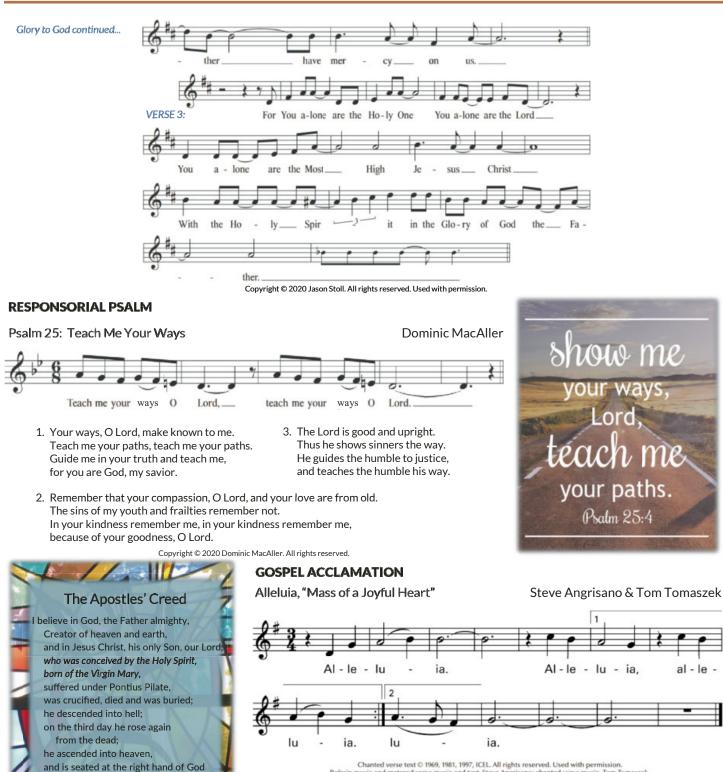
**Reading 2** 

Mark 1:15



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE A Celtic Rune Liam Lawton Lord, hear our prayer. in your mer cy, Lord,

the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

the living and the dead.

the resurrection of the body,

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#### PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

#### Many and Great

Many and great are bearers of the Word; the Christ speaks; the heart seeks. Gathered as one, we listen to the Word and share the meal of new birth.

Many and great are seeds upon the field: the hand sows; the seeds grow. Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled, the bread of promise and life,

Many and great are voices of despair: the rain falls; the voice calls. Take now and drink the wine of hope and care; our cup of blessing we share.

Many and great are pebbles in the sand: the sun glows; the wind blows. Take now and spread the Word to ev'ry land, the Word of goodness and hope.



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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.

#### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS



#### Invitation to Communion

Music: Mass of Creation, Marty Haugen, © 1984, 1985, GLA Publications, Inc.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### **COMMUNION SONGS**



#### **Trevor Thomson**

All our lives are a Myst'ry; we see not where they lead. We are asked now to trust you and we know we must believe. As our feet become Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

Though the world may tell us to look at ourselves, we reach out to another where suffering dwells. As our hands become Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

In the bread that is broken is the Christ that restores. As we take, now receive him, we find love evermore. As the bread becomes Body, we are filled with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

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Cantate Domino (Sing to the Lord) G. O. Pitoni

Take, O Take Me as I Am John Bell, #795

### Take. O take me as I am: summon out what I shall be: set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

#### SENDING FORTH

#### Our God Is Here

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Here in this time, here in this place,

here we are standing face to face. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.

Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong.

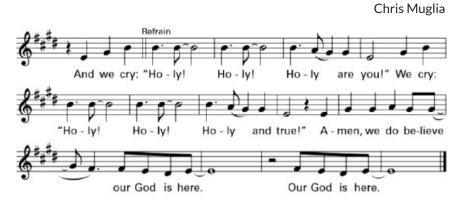
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. And we cry...

Here in the Word God is revealed,

here where the wounded can be healed. Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. Here we become what we receive.

here in this Eucharistic feast.

We are his body, living as one; our God is here. **And we cry...** 



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### Praying

### A Reflection from Michelle Vivirito

"Lord, I'm not going to keep praying. You see the obstacles in my path. If you want me in church, then you must help. That's all I'll say. Amen."

When I'm alone, as I often am, and watching a funny movie or reading a humorous book, I seldom laugh out loud. Humor is best when it is shared. But this passage from Abraham Verghese's *The Covenant of Water* evoked a rueful snicker because it struck close to home. In Catholic high school, I was taught the different types of prayer. I recall at least four types: prayers of worship, intercession, thanksgiving, and petition. There are probably more, probably seven since there seems to be seven of everything. But it's those prayers of petition that are the problem.

Faith isn't easy for me. I am one of God's willful children. I'm seldom very sinful, at least not anymore, but certainly willful. I've been disappointed by prayer. Who hasn't been? When people say, "God always answers prayers; sometimes the answer is no," I want to have a tantrum. A willful child wants the answer to be, "Yes, my darling. Of course, my dear."

This is why I do not ask for specific outcomes anymore. Instead, I pray for specific people. For their happiness, courage, and comfort but not with words. I close my eyes and conjure up the face of someone I know and love. I linger over the arch of

an eyebrow, the smooth or lined forehead, the pout of a mouth. And I hold that image in my head — no, that's not right — I hold the image in my heart. And I just stay with it as I feel holiness surround me with happiness, courage, and comfort.

Michelle is a longtime parishioner of Padre Serra and a member of our Writers Group.



#### Children

Age 3 to Grade 8.

#### Stay and Play ~ January 21, 28

12 - 36 months. Sundays during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Mrs. Soraya and helpers will lovingly care for your little one while you go to Mass. Stop by to see all the toys and fun. You are welcome to stay to make sure your toddler is settled. No-cost service. Gather in the Carmel rooms.



#### **Cherubs Music Program**

For kids in Preschool through Grade 2. Did you know that the most critical age for a child's music development is from birth to age 9? Preregistration is required. Please email Lisa at cherubs@padreserra.org for more information. Visit www.padreserra.org/cherubs

#### Little Church ~ January 21, 28

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! Registrations for the new program year are now open; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

### Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ During 11:00 am Mass, January 21, 28

Grades 1 - 5. Children are invited to listen to the readings and Gospel, read and explained at their level. No preregistration is required. *Leaders Needed! No experience is necessary;* contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

#### Spark! ~ January 22 and 24

Grades 1 - 5. This week: "Harden Not Your Hearts." For more information, contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

#### Children's & Middle School Choir

All children grades 3 to 8 are invited! No experience is necessary. Weekly rehearsals, every Wednesday, 5:00 pm. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/cmsc

#### Three-Sixteen ~ January 24

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. We resume centers this week. For more information, please get in touch with tere@padreserra.org

#### **High School**

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

#### 4:12 ~ Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in San Juan Capistrano rooms. Follow us on Instagram @pspyouth for more information, or contact brett@padreserra.org

#### **Confirmation Y1 ~ January 21**

Teens will gather for liturgy at 11:00 am, followed by lunch, and conclude with our sessions in the Serra Center. Contact youth@padreserra.org for more information.

#### Confirmation Y2 ~ Weekly Ministry Begins January 28

If you have not yet registered for the 2023 / 2024 program year contact please contact youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org right away.

#### **Peer Leaders**

Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!

#### **Peer Leaders**

Peer Leaders help engage our youth and

Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and

facilitators during our weekly Confirmation sessions, annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. We usually meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. If you are confirmed, 14 to 39 years

old, and interested in joining, contact brett@padreserra.org. To sign up, scan the QR Code or visit www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders

#### Young Adults

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

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

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.orgl.com

#### Adults

#### Meditative Movement ~ January 23, 25

Women and men of any age or ability are invited to join instructor Sheila Montgomery for one-hour sessions of meditative movement: Tai Chi Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, \$5/class. Yoga Thursdays, 2:00 pm, \$10/class. Sheila sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

#### St. Vincent de Paul ~ January 23

Looking for a way to give back? Want to make a difference in someone's life? Consider St. Vincent de Paul, our parish's outreach ministry to the poor, hungry, homeless, and needy in our midst. Visit their meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm Carmel room. svdp@padreserra.org

#### Knitting & Crocheting ~ January 25

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. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

#### Writers Group ~ January 26

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

#### **Caregivers Support Group ~ January 30**

Caregiving often calls us to lean into love we didn't know possible (Tia Walker). It can also be tiresome and lonely. Don't do it alone. Our *Caritas* group supports those caring for an aging parent, spouse, or relative. 7:00 pm, San Fernando room. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

#### **Becoming Catholic**

#### The Journey That We All Share

Anyone who asks about our faith can start the process of becoming a Catholic at any time. No one size fits all; every seeker is unique in their search for grace. For adults who want to complete their sacraments with Confirmation, contact

confirmation@padreserra.org. For adults who seek the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, contact

adultinitiation@padreserra.org. For children aged 6 and older who have yet to be baptized, contact childreninitiation@padreserra.org. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

#### Giving

#### Support for the Church in Latin America

Founded more than 50 years ago by the US Catholic Bishops, this collection helps feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and visit the imprisoned in Latin America. Economic hardship and political turmoil have caused food shortages and a migration wave that has left behind vulnerable people, such as seniors, without adequate resources. As Catholics, we are called to love and care for our neighbors. These works of mercy are only possible through your generous donations. Please prayerfully consider how you can support these corporal works of mercy in Latin America. To learn more, contact pam@padreserra.org. To donate, visit www.padreserra.org/latin-america

#### Memorial & Honorarium

#### In loving memory of Jesse Segovia Rebeca Marquez

- In loving memory of John McDougal Susan Dodd
- *In loving memory of Katherine Elizabeth Evans* Mary Jean & Robert Rumer
- *In loving memory of Monica Tolosa Bravo* Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Marilyn Tolosa
- *In honor of James Wronkiewicz* Ken Wronkiewicz
- *In loving memory of Cesar Avila Sr.* Celia Blando
- *In loving memory of Monica Bravo* Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Marylee & Jim Hrabovsky
- *In loving memory of Monica Bravo* Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Jackie Kerr

#### **Faith Sharing Question**

#### *Reflection questions for every gathering around any table* Jesus Calling

Today's readings invite us to be transformed by the call of Jesus. As we ponder these scriptures, let us ask for the grace to be like the Ninevites in their repentance, like Paul in his heavenly perspective, and like the first disciples in their immediate and wholehearted response to Jesus' call. In doing so, we align ourselves more closely with God's will and purpose for our lives, participating more fully in the unfolding of His kingdom on earth. Reflecting on the immediacy of the disciples' response to Jesus, how can I be more responsive to God's call in my daily life, and what might be holding me back from fully embracing the gospel message?

#### Prayer Life

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

Blanca Alegría de Rivera, Ronald Anthony, Angela Aparicio, Myra Beltran, Bob Berry, Mary Butler, Chris Cartaino, Rita DaCorsi, Isabella DeSanto, Roy Farmer, Ben Fisco, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, Helen Galang, Jose Galvan, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Anna Guico-Hurt, Jasna Haller, Lisa Hiatt, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Eric Johnson, Michael Johnson, Amber Lewing, Matthew Lewing, Sheila Lewing-Floyd, Susan Little, Linda Lowe, Mary Ellen Massman, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Nandor Medrovich, Ron Mongeau, Dolores Moraza, Ed Morera, Mary Mullen, Flower Nguyen, Ruben Nieva, Joseph O'Connor, Maria Luisa Orelan, Georgia Oropeza, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, Dave Proett, Mike Robles, Robert Thomas Rumer, Matthew Savage, Dorothy Simmons, Bill Stevens, Andrew Tamayo, Silvia Venegas, Shelly Woore, Rita Wronkiewicz, Amanda Yeager, Jerry Zins Sr. and Renata Zozaya Losa. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

#### **Remember Our Dead**

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Bernard Cardella, RIP Teresa Maria Dinh, RIP May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

#### Funerals

- Bernard Cardella ~ January 26, 11:00 am
- Mary P. Zeppeiro ~ January 27, 10:00 am
- Douglas D. Zeppeiro ~ January 27, 10:00 am
- Neil J. Blaney Jr. ~ March 2, 10:00 am
- Mark Vanvakaris ~ March 16, 10:00 am
- For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

#### Volunteer

#### **Bereavement Ministry**

Are you a good listener, compassionate and genuinely concern about others, especially those who are grieving the death of a loved one? Our bereavement ministry may be the place to use your God-given talents. Our parish is committed to accompanying the grieving spouse, adult child, parent, or relative during the first year following their loved one's death. Training and ongoing support are provided for the bereavement minister. To learn more, contact Marylee mlhrabovsky@verizon.net. Visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement



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## New Parishioner Welcome

### Monday, January 29 6:30 pm, Serra Center

If you registered as a parishioner of Padre Serra between July 1, 2023 and today, please join us for this welcome event to meet Fr. Patrick, staff, and volunteers and tour our church and campus. If you're a new parishioner or family in recent years but never made it to this event, please also attend.

Questions: teresa@padreserra.org

RSVP appreciated; visit www.padreserra.org/new-parishioner

### Jason Stoll Piano Recital Saturday, February 10

7:00 pm, in the church An electrifying program

of classical favorites and lesser-known gems.

Works by Beethoven, Chopin, Respighi, and more.

Join Jason in an evening of dazzling virtuosity blended with poetic lyricism.

Visit www.padreserra.org/jasonstoll





## Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner

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Saturday, February 3 6:00 pm, Serra Center COCKTAIL HOUR · LIVE ENTERTAINMENT · 50/50 RAFFLE

Honor our Clergy, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and seminarians.

Pre-sale \$20 adult, \$15 child. Tickets will be available in the courtyard after Mass on January 20, 21, 27, and 28, or order online today at www.padreserra.org/clergy

At the Door: \$25 adult, \$20 child 50/50 Raffle Tickets: \$5 / ticket or 3 for \$10 Winners receive: 1st 1/2 the pot, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25 Proceeds support our Clergy and Religious.

Bill Elsenpeter, (805) 208-8989 belsenpeter@gmail.com

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