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This Week February 18 - 24

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7:00 PM, SERRA CENTER The Today and the Tomorrow of Francis's Papacy, John Allen, Jr.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 12:15 PM, SERRA CENTER
Ordinary Grace for Extraordinary Times
Sr. Carol Quinlivan

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 7:00 – 8:30 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 11:30 AM 1:30 PM **Journey of the Saints Exhibit** St. Jude, Westlake Village

\$10, includes a guest.
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Camarillo Catholic Seniors
Spirituality
of Aging

Wednesday, February 21 10:00 am, Serra Center

All adults 55+ are invited. Bring a friend to enjoy a morning of fellowship.

Doors open at 9:45 for refreshments provided by AlmaVia of Camarillo followed by presentation.

Contact Jan janpirkl@yahoo.com or Jack j.jcaputo@gmail.com Visit www.padreserra.org/seniors



Lenten Inspirations

Two opportunities to enhance and deepen your Lenten journey:

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Pray | Fast | Give

Weekly inspiration emailed every Sunday of Lent with a reflection and challenge for the week. Sign up at www.padreserra.org/lent

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Saturday, February 24 10:00 to 11:40 am 12:10 to 4:00 pm San Juan Capistrano Next to the bell tower

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GATHERING

First Sunday of Lent Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me,

I will answer him;

I will deliver him

and give him glory,

I will grant him

length of days.

Reading 1

Genesis 9:8-15

Reading 2

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading

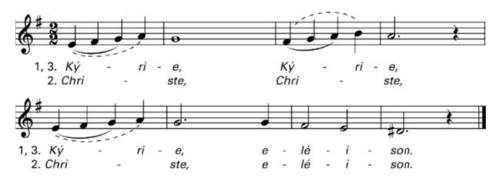
Mark 1:12-15



PENITENTIAL RITE

Kyrie Litany of Praise, Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante

Bob Hurd



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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25: Your Ways, O Lord, Are Love and Truth

Dominic MacAller



- Your ways, O Lord, make known to me.
 Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.
- Remember that your compassion, O Lord, and your love are from of old.
 The sins of my youth and frailties remember not.
 In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
- The Lord is good and upright.
 Thus he shows sinners the way.
 He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

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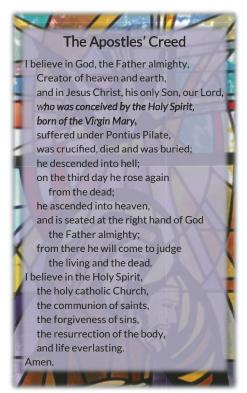
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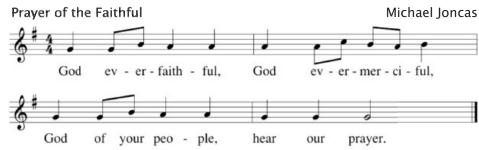
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May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His Roly Church.



INTERCESSION RESPONSE



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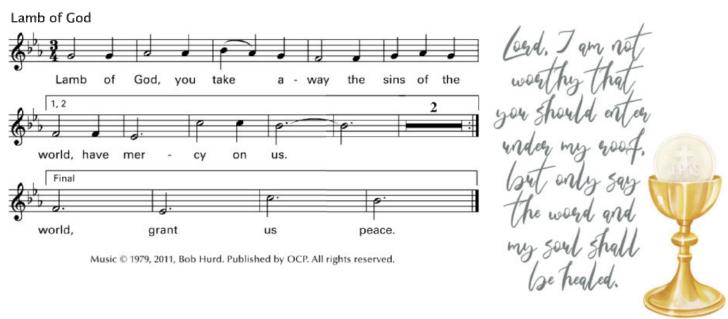


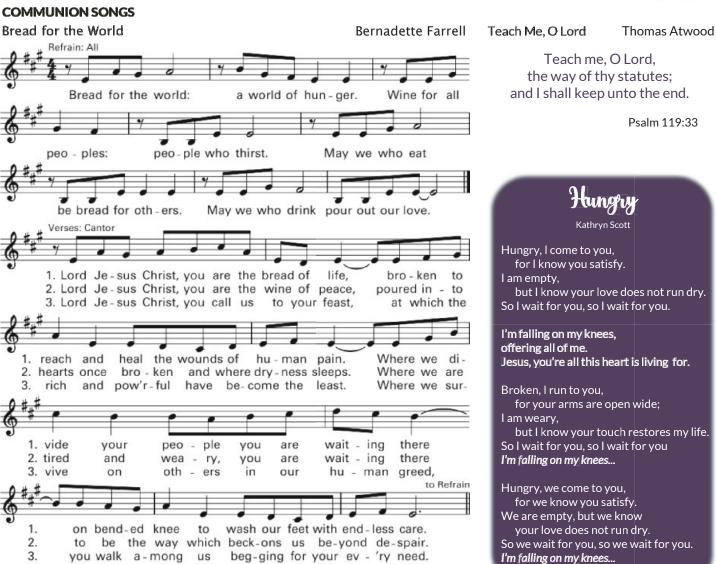


Amen



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Walk this Way

Recently, a friend and I hiked a trail along the Pacific Coast Highway. Said friend — younger, fitter, and spryer — led the way to a beautiful crest overlooking the ocean. Completing the hike felt like a tremendous accomplishment for me, but it was not without a few breathless pauses and a gulp of fresh water. My mental roadblocks and physical weaknesses almost kept me from that beautiful view.

On this first Sunday of Lent, Mark's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. "The Spirit *drove* Jesus out into the desert." Newly baptized, Jesus took 40 days in a harsh and barren environment to grapple with, not only Satan, but the enormity of the mission before him. He spent time with his Father to pray and ask for help. What temptations and struggles do we need to take to God? What obstacles are keeping us from a close relationship with Jesus?

Despite Satan's attempts to lead him away from God, Jesus remained steadfast. Without sinning, Jesus was tested in the same ways we are: basic and vainglorious desires. How do we turn away from sin — those troublesome behaviors, attitudes, and mistakes we inevitably repeat or succumb to? Jesus was "among wild beasts," vulnerable and probably weak from hunger, but the angels ministered to him. He was never alone, but empowered by the Spirit and comforted with the presence of his God-family.

Jesus emerged from the desert ready for his public ministry, and he proclaimed with certainty: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Now is the time, he said. Now is *still* the time. Jesus was establishing his new Church then and we are that Church today. During Lent, we are tasked to enter our own wilderness and prepare for an encounter with the person of Christ. We are brought into relationship with him, into the kingdom of God. We get to be a part of his family! What can we do to prepare for this encounter?

We can scour our hearts asking the Lord to empty them of all that is weak, and leave space for Jesus to enter. We can sacrifice some of our favorite things, and admit to our wrongdoings. We can access our gifts to be strong for ourselves and those in our community. Sometimes, we have to go through what is difficult to take on something else. Our Christian hearts are made for greater ways and better things. Our shortcomings and challenges are no match for God's loving presence abiding within us. "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus' mission statement propels us to ask for mercy and move outward from ourselves for others.

Whatever path we walk in life, we never have to go it alone. With the friendship and encouragement of Jesus, experienced in community, we overcome the roadblocks and look forward to a new horizon and a steady direction. Imagine the view of Heaven ...

Peace and joy,

Mary Huebner Liturgy Assistant

Mary C. Shebre



Children

Age 3 to Grade 8.

Stay and Play ~ February 25 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

Age 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 ~ We are back!

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 ~ February 25 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

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 ~ February 25 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

During 11:00 am Mass. 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! ~ February 19 and 21

Grades 1 - 5. There are no Centers this week; we resume on February 26 and 28. 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 ~ February 21

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week, kids will learn about the Transfiguration of Jesus. We will also start preparations for Shadow Stations of the Cross. For more information, please get in touch with tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ February 21

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome. There is no youth group

gathering this week; please join us next week, February 28, from 7:30 - 9:00pm in San Juan Capistrano rooms. Follow us on Instagram @pspyouth for more information, or contact brett@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1

Weekly ministry has begun. If you have not yet signed up for weekly ministry or for more information, please contact youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ February 18

Retreat prep this Sunday; very important information will be shared. Do not skip this session!! The retreat will be on February 23 - 25. For more information, please contact youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org right away.

Peer Leaders

Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!

Retreat Leaders Meeting ~ February 19 and 20

Monday 7:00 pm, Tuesday 7:30 pm. 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. 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.org

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ February 19

Are you longing to find intimacy with God in the busyness of life? Our new series, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, will help us find that intimacy and grow in faith. 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

Conversational Spanish ~ February 20

We gather to share faith, fun and Spanish. Come learn and practice Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and conversation to help you gain confidence and feel more comfortable in everyday situations. All levels are welcome. First and third Tuesday, 9:45 - 10:45 am, San Fernando room. Patricia Guzmán spanish@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish



Lemons on the Loose ~ February 21

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

Adoration ~ February 23

Reach for deep intimacy and a greater connection with Jesus. During your time in adoration, you can pray, be silent, or engage in spiritual reading. This devotional prayer practice allows us to praise and adore Jesus and also for our gracious Lord to reach out and adore us. Come for quiet prayer before our Lord Jesus for 10, 20, and 30 minutes every Friday of Lent. To commit to one hour, contact adoration@padreserra.org

Caregivers Support Group ~ February 27

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

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Other Notes

American Sign Language

Spread the word: ASL interpreters are available now at Padre Serra Parish every Saturday during Mass. Catholics and non-Catholics are all welcome! Contact asl@padreserra.org

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table First Sunday of Lent

These themes in today's readings invite reflection on God's faithfulness, the significance of baptism, the importance of repentance and conversion, and the strength that comes from God's support in overcoming challenges. They frame Lent as a time to deepen one's faith and commitment to living according to the Gospel. Lent is a time to commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Reflect on a time you faced temptation and consider the sources of strength that helped you overcome it. How can the example of Jesus' resistance to temptation in the wilderness inform your approach to challenges in your own spiritual life?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Julieann Adriano, Blanca Alegría de Rivera, Angela Aparicio, Bob Berry, Mary Butler, Frank Caprio, Joyce Cattanach, Lilmorie Chua, Aaron Chui, Armando Coronado, Rita DaCorsi, Julius Doubrava, James Featherston, Ben Fisco, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, Bob Foote, Marcia Galles, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Anna Guico-Hurd, Jasna Haller, Elijah Haupt, Lisa Hiatt, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Jane Joubert, Amber Lewing, Matthew Lewing, Sheila Lewing-Floyd, Susan Little, Linda Lowe, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Tony Migler, Patricia Mike, Ron Mongeau, Sheila Montgomery, Dolores Moraza, Mary Mullen, Georgia Oropeza, Lorna Pajo, Mel Pajo, Lilia Panesa, Aline Papillon, Dave Proett, Sherry Reynolds, Mike Robles, Dorothy Simmons, Silvia Venegas, Shelly Woore, Rita Wronkiewicz, Amanda Yeager, Margaret Zier, 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: Conchita Gasendo, RIP

Mickael Johnson, RIP

Robert Ryan, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- Roy Farmer ~ February 17, 10:00 am
- Robert Thomas Rumer ~ February 24, 10:00 am
- Neal J. Blaney Jr. ~ March 2, 10:00 am
- Rich Bergman ~ March 9, 10:00 am
- Mark Vanvakaris ~ March 16, 10:00 am
- David Mink ~ April 6, 10:00 am

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

Save the Date

Shadow Stations of the Cross ~ March 8

Everyone is invited! For more info, contact tere@padreserra.org

In the Community

Prayer for 50+ ~ February 24

St. Mary Magdalen invites all Catholics 50+ for a presentation by Michael Amodei, author of *Reaching for Heaven*. 2:30 - 3:30 pm in the parish hall. RSVP mneff2001@hotmail.com

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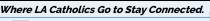
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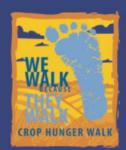
Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, Sierra Madre Register in the courtyard Feb 24 - 25

This retreat will consider ways we find comfort in the Passion of Christ. Doing so brings us closer to God, invites us to a deeper knowledge of ourselves, and impels us to respond to the needs of others, especially those who are poor, suffering, or wounded in any way.

Contact Contact Eileen Richards (805) 558-4291 richards.eileen@gmail.com

CROP Walk

Sunday, March 10 12:30 pm Pitts Ranch Park



Register in courtyard February 17-18, 24-25 or www.padreserra.org/crop-walk

Hungry people in developing countries walk as many as six miles daily for food, water, and fuel to bring their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence.

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All ages can participate: Walk 5k, Sponsor Fr. Patrick, Volunteer! Contact Carrie Perry (805) 443-5266, jeff.perry5@verizon.net



Dialogues Concert

Sunday, March 3 7:00 pm, in the church

CVYO Virtuosi will be joined by members of the Padre Serra Choir and the Conejo Valley Choral Society in selections from Mozart's Requiem.

There will also be music by Brahms (piano trio and piano quintet), Ravel's Duo and the String Serenade by Tchaikovsky.

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