



A few helpful things...



1. Restrooms
2. Stay and Play free toddler care for 12-36 month olds, during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses
3. Little Church, Sunday preschool for 3 years and older, visitors welcome
4. Sound loop technology in church works with t-coil equipped hearing aids
5. Welcome and Information gazebo
6. Bell Tower Café fresh donuts, fruit and coffee!
7. Parish Office friendly staff, open Sundays 8am – 1 pm
8. Blessed Sacrament Chapel quiet, prayerful time with Jesus
9. Prayer Garden peace and tranquility, mass may be heard through loud speakers

10. Bride's room available for nursing moms if needed, mass may be heard through loud speakers
11. Liturgy of the Word for children in grades 1-5 (visitors welcome) hear the readings at their level. Children rejoin their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer.
12. Ministry Matters! Friendly parishioners share highlights and answer questions.

This week:

Christmas Dinner and Concert tickets
See's Candy for St. Vincent de Paul

Angel Tag gifts collection today by 9:00am

Next week:

See's Candy for St. Vincent de Paul

Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

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www.padreserra.org

Liturgies

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

Parish Office Hours

(805) 482-6417 parish@padreserra.org

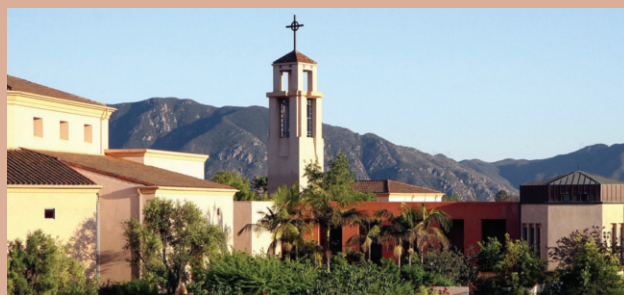
Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 6:15pm

Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

After Hours Emergency (805) 512-3208



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

First Friday Adoration 2:00pm - 7:00pm

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New Year's Eve
POTLUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
6:00 – 10:00PM
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The ball drops at 9:00pm, making this the first stop of your evening.

Bring your own table cloth, centerpiece, décor, games and most important a dish to share!!

You may reserve a table for 10 or join with others. All food is shared.

Provided: Bar, music, NY Times Square activities live streamed and champagne or sparkling cider!

All ages welcome!

PADRE SERRA PARISH

New Members

*To our newest registered parishioners, welcome to the family!
May you find faith, fellowship, love and peace.*

Andrea Carmona	Giovanni A. Gonzalez
Tyler Bednar	Giancarlo Gonzalez
Patrick Rutz	Giordano A. Gonzalez
Andrea Rutz	Bryan Petrie
Richard Boehmer	Caryl Hayes
Diana Boehmer	Charlie Hayes
Ronni Miranda	Rylie Hayes
Leticia Gonzalez	Lulabelle James Hayes
H. Raul Gonzalez	

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate here! Help keep our census data up to date and register! Go to padreserra.org, Explore, Join to complete a parish registration form. Questions: email Deserie@padreserra.org. Thank you.



ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Let's conspire together to change the way we celebrate Christmas! Every Sunday of Advent we'll focus on four simple ways to worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all.

This week we focus on the second principle of the Advent Conspiracy:

Spend Less

Feel less stress and free resources for things that matter to Jesus

What was the one gift you remember getting for Christmas last year? What about the fourth gift? Do you remember that one? Truth is many of us don't because it wasn't something we necessarily wanted or needed. Spending less isn't a call to stop giving gifts; it's a call to stop spending money on gifts we won't remember in less than a year. America spends around \$600 billion during the Christmas season, and much of that is joyless and goes right onto a credit card. By spending wisely on gifts we free ourselves from the anxiety associated with debt so we can take in the season with a full heart.

Consider this ...

- Use the Christmas Gift Challenge and give:
 - 1) something they want
 - 2) something they need
 - 3) something to wear
 - 4) something to read
- Make a donation to a charity in honor or memory of a friend or loved one
- Give the gift of your time or an "experience" with friends or family

GATHERING

Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate

VERSES

1. 2. 3. 4. Come, Em-man - u - el!_____

1. 2. 3. 4. Come, Em-man - u - el!_____

1. 2. 3. 4. Come, Em-man - u - el!_____

REFRAIN

Come, Em-man - u - el,_____ and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el!_____ Wis - dom a - wake us,

rouse us and shake us! Come, Em-man - u - el!_____

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service

John Schiavone

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
(Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.
(Christ, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
(Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 85: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Marty Haugen

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and

we shall be saved.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

Reading 1

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Reading 2

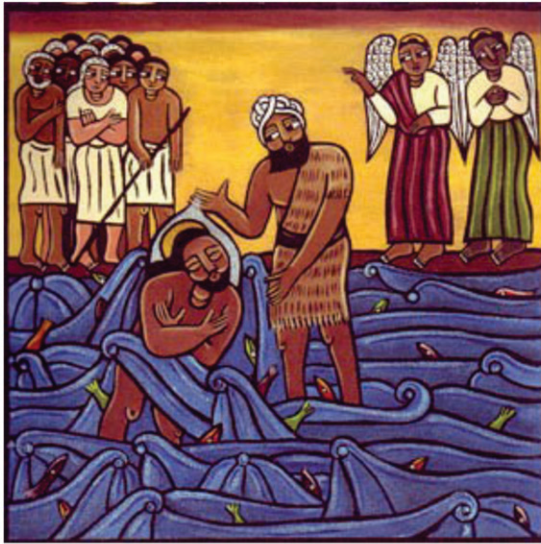
2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8



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Prepare the
way of the
Lord,
make straight
his paths:
All flesh shall
see the
salvation of
God.

Luke 3:4,6

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May the Word of God Strengthen You

Christopher Walker



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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love"

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**Wait for the Lord**

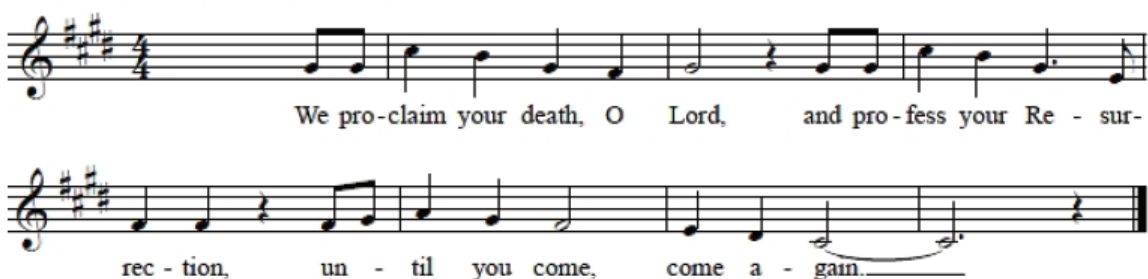
TAIZE, Jacques Berthier, Gather #406

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**"Walking in the Air" Mass**

Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze

Holy, Holy, Holy


Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly _____ Lord God of
 hosts. heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho-san - na, ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. *Fine*
 Bles - sed, _____ bles - sed is he,
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho

Memorial Acclamation A


We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re - sur-
 rec - tion, un - til you come, come a - gain. _____

Great Amen


A - men, A - men, A - - -
 men. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

Lamb of God, "Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

Cantor, then all: *Repeat ad lib.*

Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: *All:*

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Music: *Mass of the Angels and Saints*, Steven R. Janco, © 1996, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.*

ALL:

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

COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Hope of the World

Deanna Light & Paul Tate, Gather #909

My Soul In Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen, Gather #415

SENDING FORTH

Awake to the Day

Ed Bolduc, Gather #399

Come, Emmanuel by Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate; *Advent Wreath Service* by John Schiavone; *Lord, Make Us Turn to You* by Marty Haugen; *Advent Alleluia* and *Lamb of God* by Michael Joncas; *Walking in the Air Mass* by Howard Blake; *May the Word of God Strengthen You* by Christopher Walker are used with permission under OneLicense.net #A706294.

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Make Straight His Paths!

Dear Parish Family,

Happy and Blessed Advent. One of our family traditions is to get together and decorate the Christmas tree and house. We want the house to be festive, perfect to celebrate Christmas. One of the most important rules when doing this with a group of people is always leave a clear path so that others can get through. When we forget to do this, it never fails that someone will trip over the boxes, ending with a decoration casualty.

It made me think of our readings this Sunday. We are told, “Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end.¹ A voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’² The Lord does not delay his promise ... the day of the Lord will come.”³

Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. Christmas is not just the celebration of his birth but a reminder his second coming is near.

I ask myself, am I clearing the path for myself as well as for others to receive our Lord? What clutter do I have in the way, which can trip my step or impairs my vision to see Christ in others? How do I help others to have an encounter with Christ? How am I making this Christmas Christ-centered? How will I help others have a Holier Christmas?

I am setting new goals for this Advent season to keep my focus on our Lord; will you join me? Participate in faith-growing opportunities and bring a friend. Invite at least one person to join me for Christmas Mass, and to our home. Gifts that will last all year long, gifts of presence, encouragement, support, understanding, patience and unconditional love. Put faith into action, get involved or support a charity. Be a reflection of God’s Love to others.

May your Advent season be Holy.

Siempre Adelante,



Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister

¹ Is 40 1-5

² Mk1: 3

³ 2 Pt 3: 9



Children

Altar Server Training ~ Begins December 10

Boys and girls in grade 5 and up are invited to join this truly special ministry. Intense training, offered only once a year, to learn the order of the Mass and all the basics of serving will be covered in seven 2.5 hour sessions. Sign-up: Robert_Shaddock@msn.com or 989-8026.

Stay and Play!! Toddler Room ~ Every Sunday

Miss Nicole lovingly cares for your little one (12-36 months) while you go to Mass. This no cost service is available during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses in San Juan Bautista room on the right side of the courtyard. Stop by and see all the toys and fun and meet Nicole. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled.

Little Church ~ December 10, 17, January 7, 21 and 28

Sunday preschool and kindergarten during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Info: Soraya@padreserra.org. Be sure to register your child as soon as they turn 3.

Spark! ~ December 11 and 13

This week children will learn about Mary's gift to the world, and John the Baptist preparing the way for our Lord.

Three:Sixteen ~ December 13

This week kids will learn that even in moments of disbelief, with the help of the sacraments there are opportunities to grow in the faith.

Adults

See's Holiday Candy ~ Today

Give the gift of See's and support St. Vincent de Paul. Available in the courtyard this weekend and December 16-17.

PAX Christi ~ December 14

Thomas Merton once stated, "Gratitude is the heart of the Christian life." Come for an evening of prayer and reflection focused on gratitude and love. Together we will open our hearts in deep gratefulness for our own lives, the world around us and our role as we utilize these gifts in support of a just and non-violent society. 7:00pm, San Fernando room. Deacon. Luc 444-1563, peaceandjustice@padreserra.org.

Women's Retreat ~ January 5-7

Gift your mom, wife, sister or friend with a retreat, *There is a Star Inside of Me* with Sr. Edith Prendergast, at Serra Retreat in Malibu. Registration forms in office or www.padreserra.org. Questions: kelley@cfgteam.com.

Toastmasters ~ Mondays

Want to learn to become a confident communicator, speak in public and develop leadership skills? Come check out our Toastmasters at 7:00pm in the San Juan Bautista room. Janis 346-0669.

Meditative Movement ~ Tuesdays

Women and men, any age, join instructor Sheila Montgomery for Tai Chi. 1:30pm in the Serra Center. \$5 donation /class.

Seniors Adaptive Exercise Class ~ Wednesdays

All seniors are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class at 8:45-9:30am in the Santa Barbara room. Marg 405-9901.

Los Angeles Congress ~ March 16-18, 2018

The largest Catholic convention in the world is right in our own backyard! Come to Anaheim for one, two or three days of inspiring workshops, speakers, liturgies and concerts. Browse the catalog at www.recongress.org and be sure to check out Fr. Patrick's sessions (3-21 and 5-20).

Padre Serra's hospitality suite at the Hilton is the perfect place to visit and share a meal with fellow parishioners or just to rest and recharge. Contact teresa@padreserra.org for details.

High School

Altar Server Training ~ Begins December 10

Are you a freshman looking for a ministry? Have you always been interested in becoming an altar server but just haven't had time? This is your chance! Sign-up for this seven-week training series. Contact Bob Shaddock at Robert_Shaddock@msn.com or 989-8026.

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 10

This week teens will learn about Christ Redemption, and the gift of Courage.

4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ December 13

High School Youth Ministry, Wednesdays. 7:00pm-9:00pm San Juan Capistrano room. Join the fun, something new every week.

Families

Special Families ~ December 13

We provide community and spiritual support for transitioning special needs teens and young adults (16+), their families and friends. Christmas festivities at 7:00pm, San Miguel room. . Monica Spooner 484-8379, monicaspooner@twc.com

Camarillo Catholic Moms Group

Calling all moms: work outside the home, stay-at-home, "veteran", new moms! We invite you for friendship and fellowship with local Catholic moms. Activities include providing meals after delivery, Catholic book club, and moms/couples night out. Join our email list or information: Kristen kmariebright@gmail.com or Jenny

Save the Date

Fairways to Heaven all day Event ~ March 12

Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA



Last week seven children who are preparing for baptism celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with their families and friends in Spark! Please pray for these young catechumens as they journey to the sacraments at Easter time.

Memorial & Honorarium Gifts for Building Fund



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Georgene Boyd

Protect the Children



Practice Situational Awareness as Part of Holiday Travel Plans

At Christmastime, families come together to spend this blessed season surrounded by their loved ones, and for many families, this involves some travel. Parents with young children who are hitting the roads or the airways should be practicing situational awareness to ensure their children's safety. Situational awareness means staying alert and knowing what is going on around you. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and know where your family members are at all times. Do not allow yourself to become distracted by your phone or other electronics — it only takes a minute for a child to disappear from your eyesight. For more holiday travel tips, visit <http://www.catholic.org/travel/story.php?id=65521>.

Faith Sharing



Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

Preparing a pathway in our lives

Listening to the Word: Mark 1:1-8

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image from Isaiah lingers in your memory?

Looking into My Life

John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can I be and bring the good news to friends, family and strangers this week?

Our Prayer Life



Pray for Our Sick

Dalia Amaya, Liesa Comeau, Judy Conroy, Michael Dilley, Connie Flores, Guy Ginty, Nurit Holzmann, baby Geavana Johnson, Jong Kim, Chase Lichtenstein, Frank Lombardo Jr., Ailish McAlorum, Dorothy McNulty, Steve Mehr, Alice Morley, Frances Mullen, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason-Bailey, Arceli Sarino, Dorothy Simmons, Catherine Smith, Ellen Tyree, Tisha Vallejo, Connie Williams, Kylie Wilson and Carole Zuback. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:

Robert Kerwin, RIP

May he enjoy peace in his life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: www.usccb.org

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday 7:45am, Church

Rosary: Monday – Friday 8:30am, Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30pm, Church

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45pm, Brides Room

Adoration: First Fridays 2:00pm-7:00pm, Chapel

Prayer Chain: prayers anytime

Bette 482-0067 bette_church@hotmail.com

Shirley 482-2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com

Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

Retirement Fund for Religious ~ December 10

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. www.retiredreligious.org. Envelopes are in the church narthex.

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Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 17
11:00am mass

Luncheon to follow in Serra Center

All are invited to this traditional Filipino celebration to prepare our hearts, minds and lives to welcome and receive Jesus at Christmas.

We begin with the 11:00am mass and continue with a luncheon in the Serra Center.

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Christmas Concert
is Coming to Town!!

Friday, December 15

6:00pm Dinner ~ 7:30pm Concert

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* Online at www.padreserra.org

Concert General Seating \$10

Dinner \$10