



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
Serra Seniors Luncheon tickets
Poinsettias pickup plants
No Room at the Inn, Serra Center

Next week:
Christmas Dinner and Concert tickets
Angel Tag gifts needed by 9:00am
See's Candy for St. Vincent de Paul

Welcome Home Fr. Patrick!

Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

5205 Upland Road, Camarillo, CA 93012
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

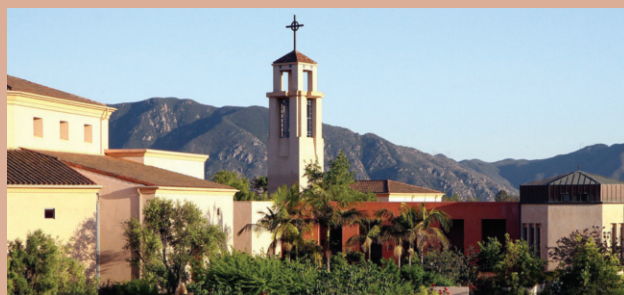
Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm

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

Serra Center, Meagan Scott

(805) 482-6417 x356 serracenter@padreserra.org

St. Mary Magdalen School, TK-8

2534 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, 93010

(805) 482-2611 www.smmschool.net

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.



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.

Worship Fully

Because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus

This is the holistic approach God had in mind for Christmas. It's a season to release our burdens and lift a song of praise to our God. It's a season where love wins, peace reigns, and a king is celebrated. Entering the story of Advent means entering this season with an overwhelming passion to worship Jesus to the fullest.

Encounter Jesus this Advent by ...

- Using the Little Book, an Advent daily devotional. Available in the church lobby.
- Slowing down a bit ... even for just 10 minutes a day ... to reflect on where Jesus is present on your path.
- Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It's open every day.
- Receiving the sacraments weekly: Sunday liturgy, add a daily liturgy, reconciliation on Saturdays at 3:45 or come to our Advent communal reconciliation service on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00pm.

Serra Seniors Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 13 11:00am - 2:00pm, Serra Center

All adults 55+ are invited for a delicious lunch catered by Command Performance and festive entertainment by Jayme Palmer and Rose Palmer.



Tickets \$30. Available today in the courtyard or contact Bob raamantia35@gmail.com

Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith through Baptism:

Naomi Alexandra Boruta

Daughter of Jason & Carla Boruta

Natasha Giselle Guzman Sanchez

Daughter of Oscar Guzman & Jessica Sanchez

Gabriel Ian Vicente Ruiz

Son of Tudor Josef Ruiz & Marie Kate Vicente

Nicholas Cyrus Garcia

Son of Ricardo & Mahvesh Garcia

Leonidas Draco Linton

Son of Richard & Kristen Linton

Julian Nathan Martinez III

Son of Julian Martinez & Linda Reyes

Remy Elliot Martinez

Son of Julian Martinez & Linda Reyes

Andres Pablo Graham

Son of Michael Graham & Elena Cortez

Kataleya Natalia Graham

Daughter of Michael Graham & Elena Cortez

Kane Russell Mendiola

Son of Gregory & Meghan Mendiola

Sadie Jean Mendiola

Daughter of Gregory & Meghan Mendiola

Olivia Danielle Cano

Daughter of Juan Cano & Christine Vallejo

Emelia Ariana Casimiro

Daughter of Juan & Angelica Casimiro

Brayden Charles Freilich

Son of Jared & Jennifer Freilich

Felix Josiah Mojica Smith

Son of Joshua & Veronica Smith

Sarah Isabella Sawitz

Daughter of Jason & Caroline Sawitz

Nolan Joseph Stachowiak

Son of William & Breanne Stachowiak

Isabella Lupe Tapia Aguilera

Daughter of Robert Tapia & Aylamarie Perez Aguilera

GATHERING

Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate

VERSES

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

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

1. 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. 80: 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

Cantor, then all (first time only):

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Reading 1 Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Reading Mark 13:33-37

Show us
 Lord,
 your love;
 and grant us
 your salvation.

Psalms 85:8

DISMISSAL FOR CATECHUMENS AND/OR CANDIDATES

Go In Peace

Dominic MacAller

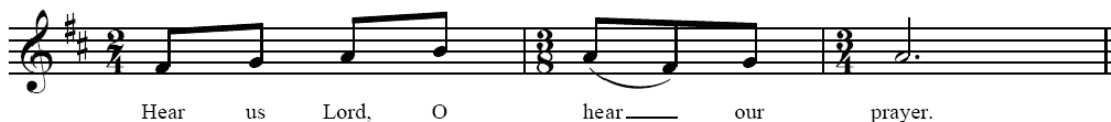


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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love"

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning



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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Advent Suite

Advent Celebration

Paul Tate
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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Walking in the Air" Mass

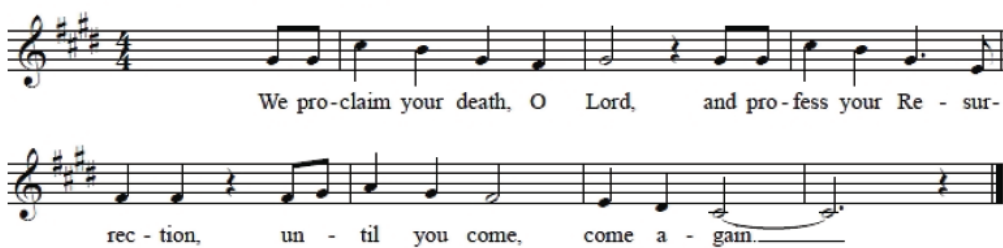
Howard Blake, arr. Dominic MacAller & Dan Houze

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



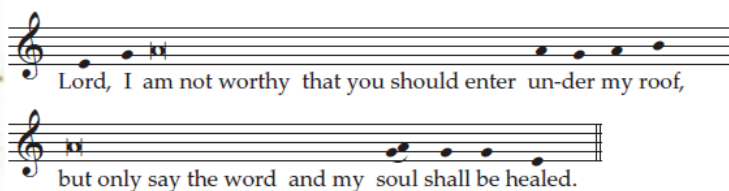
A - men, A - men, A - - -
 men. A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

Michael Joncas, Gather #388

Invitation to Communion

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

Be the Light

Ed Bolduc



SENDING FORTH

REFRAIN:

O, — how — I long to see your day of
 glo - ry dawn - ing, when — you — will
 wash a - way — ev - 'ry tear. *Fine*

VERSES:

1. O, how long, — how long will it take 'til the
 2. In your death — you end - ed our dy - ing; in
 3. We who share — the bread of this ta - ble a -

1. li - on lie down with the lamb?
 2. ris - ing you brought us new life.
 3. wait the re - turn of the Lord.

1. 'Til we turn our swords in - to plow - shares, and
 2. Quick - ly come in glo - ry O Lord, —
 3. May he find us faith - ful and true,

1. peace like a riv - er — flows o - ver the land?
 2. raise up your peo - ple — to jus - tice and right.
 3. watch - ful and read - y — to o - pen the door.

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No Anxiety Needed

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Our *liturgical* year of 2018 starts today, with the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for 1. the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the Last Judgement and 2. the commemoration of his first coming in history at Bethlehem. The focus really shifts to preparing for Christmas only from December 17th on. Until then, the Church calls us to prepare for the Lord's return. Several phrases from today's Scriptures speak of this.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah, speaking on our behalf prays

"Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!"

I love the longing implicit in that prayer. But sometimes it seems like a tall order, since it seems so much easier not to be mindful of the Lord, and not to be always doing what is right. Murphy's Law says that's when the Lord will come, will meet us, so what hope do we have?

Responding to the first reading, we sing with the psalmist "Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved." Make us? What happened to free will? Our friends who work 12-step programs may have something useful here. They advocate praying for willingness when it seems beyond our capacity to do right, to be mindful of the Lord in our ways. And honoring the sometimes incremental nature of surrender to God's will, one can even pray for the willingness *to be willing, or to become willing*. While he will never force us, God can work with the tiniest crack in our defenses!

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus exhorts us

"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come."

Just last week, we heard the Gospel story of the Last Judgement where Jesus separates the sheep from the goats – those who cared for him (by caring for one another) from those who did not. It is as clear a declaration as any that what we do matters – that God cares how we treat one another. So when we choose generosity over grasping, compassion over violence, we are in fact becoming Jesus' disciples, and truly preparing to be met doing right, and mindful of the Lord in our ways.

In the second reading, St. Paul assures the community at Corinth (and us)

"...you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

So, it seems, anxiety is not needed – just faith in God's grace to help us be ready when Jesus comes again, when we can say, and mean: "Maranatha! Lord Jesus come!"

Siempre Adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Worship and Music Minister



Adults

No Room at the Inn ~ Today

A wonderful way to begin your Advent journey! Come on over to the Serra Center after mass to view hundreds of beautiful, unique Nativity sets. There's something for all ages to enjoy.

Poinsettias for Life Centers ~ Today

Your pre-ordered plants are ready for pick up.

Little Books ~ Readings begin today!

Wonderful, brief daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons, simple, insightful, inspiring and easy to read. Have a prayerful, peaceful Advent.

Tacos & More ~ December 6

Enjoy dinner, 5:30 in the courtyard, before the reconciliation service at 7:00.

Whole Community Reconciliation Service ~ December 6

Make plans for our parish service and individual confessions, 7:00pm in the church. Come early for tacos and stay for refreshments after in the courtyard.

Angel Tags ~ December 10

A friendly reminder to return your wrapped gift no later than 9:00am next Sunday. All gifts leave at noon for the respective recipients.

See's Holiday Candy ~ December 9-10

Give the gift of See's and support St. Vincent de Paul. Available in the courtyard the next two weekends.

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: kelly@cfgteam.com.

Young Adults

Young Adults ~ December 7

Join us for Bible Study, young adult ministry meets in Carmel room 7:30- 9:30pm.

Support Ministries



Bereavement Support Group ~ December 7

We offer support to those who have lost a loved one. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:00am. Betty Bright-Martinez, bbright41@verizon.net, 482-0156.

Cancer Support Group *Embracing Your Journey* provides hope, empowerment, love and prayer in a comforting atmosphere of encouragement. It is a safe environment for people touched by cancer to connect with others in a productive and spiritual way. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm. Lou Ann 551-8014.

Caregivers Support Group *Caritas* offers support to those who are caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Meets 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm. Patricia Sentianin sentclan@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. Aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. Those in need of assistance should call 504-4753.

Pastoral Care is available in the parish office with Teresa Runyon, Faith Life Minister. Teresa will help to discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy or other resources. 482-6417, teresa@padreserra.org.

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 Shadduck at Robert_Shadduck@msn.com or 989-8026.

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 3

This week is the Ministry Fair, teens will learn about the different ministries available for them to participate and begin in January 2018. Advent begins, discover this season.

4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ December 6

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

Other Notes

Lost and Found

Have you lost a pair of glasses, a sweater or maybe car keys? The Lost and Found basket is located on the east side of the main church doors or please stop by the office to inquire.

Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA



“Inquiry” Open House ~ December 5

Everyone is invited to come and see what an Inquiry meeting is all about. We meet in the Serra Center, San Miguel Room, 7:00-8:30pm. Come on your own or, better yet, bring a family member or friend who has been asking you about what Catholics believe and why we do what we do. Come meet the RCIA Team and enjoy delicious refreshments and good conversation. Everyone will receive a special Catholic gift! For more information, contact Catherine Shaddock at catherine@padreserra.org or 482-6417 ext 331.

Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

Retirement Fund for Religious ~ December 10

“Thanks to support from you, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps religious communities plan for long-term needs. www.retiredreligious.org. Envelopes are in the church narthex.

Save the Date

New Year’s Eve Potluck ~ December 31

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!! ~ 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.

Little Church ~ December 10 and 17

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 4 and 6

This week children will learn about Advent and getting ready for Jesus.

Three:Sixteen ~ December 6

“Be watchful! Be alert!” the Lord is coming, preparing for the Advent season.

Faith Sharing



Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

Hope and Vigilance

Listening to the Word: Mark 13:33-37

What word or phrase stands out for you? What made you comfortable or uncomfortable?

Looking into My Life

In what ways is God urging me to a more conscious awareness of Jesus’ presence and a deeper relationship with him?

How am I being called to make this Advent different? What place will prayer play in my Advent preparations?

Our Prayer Life



Pray for Our Sick

Dalia Amaya, Liesa Comeau, Judy Conroy, Michael Dilley, Connie Flores, Guy Ginty, Nurit Holzmann, Frank Lombardo Jr., Ailish McAlorum, Dorothy McNulty, Steve Mehr, Frances Mullen, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason-Bailey, Arceli Sarino, Dorothy Simmons, Catherine Smith, Ellen Tyree, 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:

Vincent Fox, RIP

Beloved brother of Jan PirkI

Robert Hammond, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their 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.

Protect the Children



Disasters: Is Your Family Prepared?

Families may become separated during the chaos of a disaster, especially when evacuation is required. It is important to plan for your family’s safety. Develop and regularly practice emergency plans at home with all family members and designate a location where your family could gather in the event of separation. For more tips, visit: <http://www.missingkids.com/Disasters>.

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Las Posadas

Monday, December 4
7:00pm in church
Fiesta to follow at Serra Center

Las Posadas is a Mexican tradition commemorating Mary and Joseph's long frustrating search for a place to stay and Jesus to be born in Bethlehem. This Advent custom re-enacts the gospel story told in Luke 2:1-7 with prayer and song. We learn from the Posadas that by welcoming the poor and needy, we are welcoming Jesus in our midst.

Let us come together for a fun, interactive and enriching Advent celebration to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming!

Come early to learn the posadas songs and stay for a fiesta with a piñata for the kids and goodies for the adults!

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Christmas Concert is Coming to Town!!

Friday, December 15
6:00pm Dinner ~ 7:30pm Concert

Tickets available this weekend
after all Masses

Saturday in the San Juan Capistrano room
Sunday in the Courtyard

Concert Reserved Seating \$15
and General Seating \$10
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