



Each Lent, Catholics across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, we learn how, through our Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Ways to participate:

- 1. Pick up a rice bowl in the church lobby
- 2. Use your own bowl; download a label
- 3. Donate directly

Visit www.padreserra.org/rice-bowl

Meet with members of the CRS Ventura County Chapter February 26 - 27 in the courtyard.

Questions: Leanne Collier leannecollier21@gmail.com



Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

CROP Walk Sunday, March 13

Two Options to Walk

Virtual:

Walk or jog anywhere, any day or time in March

In-Person 5.5K Walk: Sunday, March 13, 12:30 pm Mt. Cross Lutheran Church

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as many as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel and take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. Together we raise awareness and funds.

Register/Donate:

February 20 and 27 in the courtyard or visit www.padreserra.org/crop-walk

Questions Carrie Perry, jeff.perry5@verizon.net



CROP HUNGER WALK

RECongress 2022

March 18 - 20

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world and for all people of faith who want to pray, worship, network, learn and encounter Jesus. Hear from well-known speakers on spirituality, social justice, worship, children/families, evangelization, and more. Visit the digital registration guidebook.

Three Ways to Participate:

- 1. In-person in Anaheim
- 2. Virtually in your home
- 3. Virtually with fellow parishioners at the parish...watch for details!

Register today at www.padreserra.org/recongress

Questions: Teresa Runyon, teresa@padreserra.org



Feasting and Fasting T

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Enhance the holy season of Lent with daily inspirations delivered to your mailbox.

Lent should be more than a time of fasting; it should be a joyous time of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and, by doing so, allows us to feast on others.

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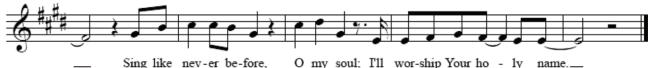


GATHERING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

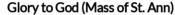
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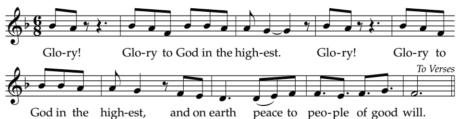


- The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again.
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.
- You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; 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!

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Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You ake away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Reading 1

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Reading 2

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Marty Haugen, Gather #375





Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name; Bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.

God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, Redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.

Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God; Slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Mass of a Joyful Heart"

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek



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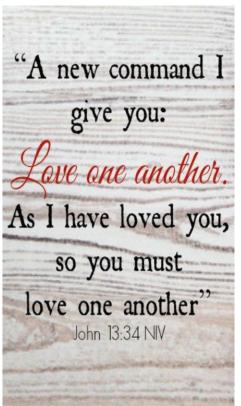
INTERCESSION RESPONSE

A Celtic Rune

Liam Lawton



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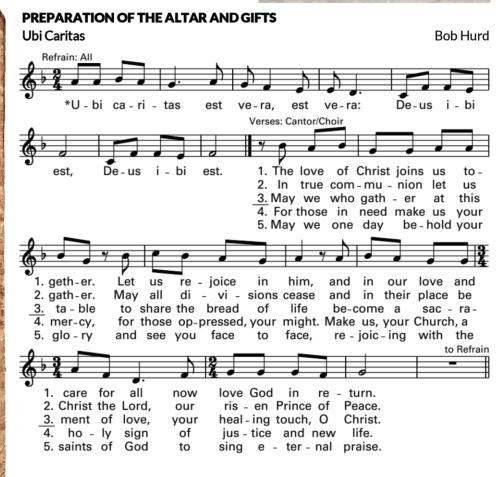


The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. and in Jesus Christ. his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell: on the third day he rose again from the dead: he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.



Но

May the Lord accept
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for the
praise and glory of
His Name,
for our good
and the good of all
His holy Church.

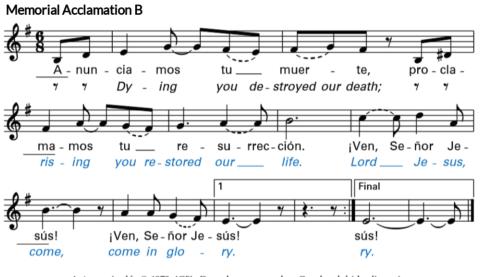
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Ben - di - to el que

7 Bless'd is he who comes __

"Misa del Pueblo Immigrante" **Bob Hurd** Santo/Holy (Bilingual) San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el (English) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly Lord, Heav - ni - ver - so. en and earth God of pow'r and might. of your glo-ry. Но in the san na est. Ho - san en el cie lo. na in the high Ho - san na est.

vie - ne



of the Lord.

en el nom-bre del Se - ñor.

in the name __

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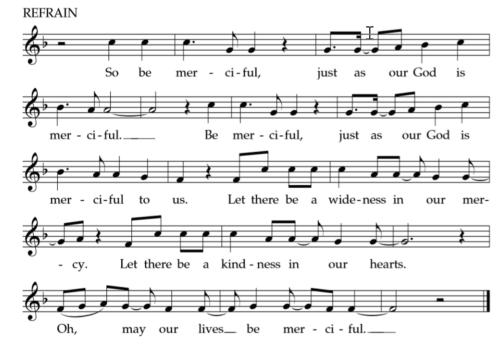
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION SONGS

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

- There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in God's justice Which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.
- 2. There is welcome for the sinner,
 And a promised grace made good;
 There is mercy with the Savior;
 There is healing in Christ's blood.
 There is grace enough for thousands
 Of new worlds as great as this;
 There is room for fresh creations
 In that upper home of bliss.
- 3. For the love of God is broader
 Than the measure of the mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal
 Is most wonderfully kind.
 If our love were but more simple,
 We would know the living Word;
 And our lives would be thanksgiving
 In the kindness of the Lord.

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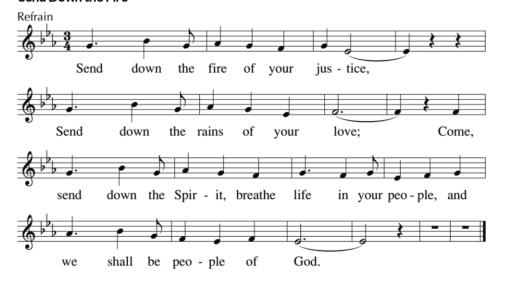
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SENDING FORTH

Send Down the Fire



Marty Haugen, Gather #557

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace; Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal, Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn in the fire of your truth.

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Seeking Holiness Through the Other

Our Homo Sapiens species has been continually evolving both biologically and socially for over 300,000 years. Some distant time in the past our species had a marked moment in time, as noted by the Jesuit paleontologist Pierre de Chardin, when he said instinct gave way to thought. We became thinking Homo Sapiens (wise man) capable of abstract thought.

Throughout our biologic and cultural history as thinking human beings we have often responded to challenges with primordial instinctual reciprocity. *You hurt me, I hurt you. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* In today's Gospel Jesus says we are to let go of reciprocal thinking when he says "love your enemies, do good to those who *hate* you, bless those who *curse* you, pray for those who *mistreat* you."

Love your enemies? Two thousand years ago this certainly would have challenged the Jewish authorities and the Jewish people. Today, we also may be challenged with our own reactional and emotional response to "love your enemies" and then with reciprocal reaction we may say "No way." Yet, that is exactly what Jesus asked us to do. Love our enemies.

So, who are our enemies? Cambridge dictionary says "a person who hates or opposes another person" and Merriam-Webster defines enemy as "one that is antagonistic to another." These may be personal relational definitions and not necessarily militaristic. This could be our lives inside our families, or broken friendships, or with adversaries, acquaintances, in work places or politics, and other everyday life experiences. At times in daily life the words, actions, or emotions of others by way of slights, insults, or misunderstandings may be *mistreatment* but we are to be aware there are those times the offender may not even know there was an offense. Our ego may play a role creating an enemy.

It has been said that in some ways "liking our enemy" may be more difficult than loving our enemy which emotionally may offer some truth. But Jesus does not ask us to "like" our enemies. He asks us to love them. Bishop Robert Barron has said "love is not a feeling or a sentiment, a private subjective conviction" when he quotes St. Thomas Aquinas' "Love is willing the good of the other, as other." At times the "other" is the enemy and we are to will them good.

How are we to love our enemies? Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that we are to reciprocate not with revenge but with *goodness*, *blessings* and *prayers* for them. The depth of the cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance and fortitude give us sight and insight into the divinity of the goodness in the "other" whom God sees as divine.

We are to know those who *hate*, *curse* or *mistreat* us at the same time receive gifted love and mercy from God. Today's Gospel speaks of God's mercy for all. We also are to live and offer that mercy for the wounding actions of others knowing our own wounding behaviors, actions and sins are also looked upon by God with mercy. It is in this loving, forgiving and letting go of those who have hated, cursed or mistreated us that we can receive the blessed *reciprocity* of interior freedom leading to holiness.



Deacon Jack Redmond

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ February 20, 27

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Welcome back Little Church! We are once again gathering in person for the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass times. Because of the pandemic, only children who are registered may attend sessions, spaces are still available. For more information contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ February 21 and 23

Grades 1 - 5. Welcome back. Spark! returns to in-person sessions this week. This week kids will learn about living life as a follower of Jesus. For more information contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three:Sixteen ~ February 23

Grades 6 - 8. Welcome back! Three:Sixteen returns to in-person sessions this Wednesday. Kids will learn about Jesus teaching us how to live life as his disciples. Please contact youthministry@padreserra.org for links and more information.

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1

Confirmation Y1 teens are doing weekly ministry; if you have not yet signed up for a ministry contact youth@padreserra.org for ministry assignments.

Confirmation Y2 ~ February 20 - No sessions - Retreat prep

Confirmation Y2 will be on retreat next weekend, Make sure you signed up for GroupMe app to receive up-to-date information about retreat and sessions. Contact youth@padreserra.org

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Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship on most Wednesday nights. Teens make connections, share insights and concerns, and grow in faith. Ask brett@padreserra.org or follow us on Instagram.

Adults

Seeds of Faith ~ February 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. Join in our conversation God Sees Your Pain (You Are Enough, Ch2). Through the tragic story of Tamar and its inclusion in the Bible, God affirms that your story matters, too. Like Bathsheba and Tamar, you too are a precious daughter of God. He sees you in your suffering, and your experience matters. God wants to give you a voice; he wants to give your story the hearing it deserves. He wants to lift you up. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Contact: Gwen Ripplinger gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Illuman ~ February 23

Illuman is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Bimonthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. Last Wednesday, 7:00 pm. San Miguel room. Contact: Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/men

Knitting Ministry ~ February 24

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome. Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel room. Contact: Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Social Spanish ~ February 25

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and to learn a new language and experience the benefits in mind and spirit. 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Fernando room. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish

Writers Group ~ February 25

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

Learning in Lent ~ The University Series

An adult faith formation program offers sessions connecting faith with real life in areas such as current events, contemporary moral issues, evangelization, faith and science, marriage and family, church history, scripture, and prayer. From March 3 - April 7, 37 presentations will be offered both by Zoom and in-person. In addition, Padre Serra will host two in-person sessions. A season pass is \$50; the individual session is \$5 (includes a guest). Preregistration and payment required; sorry, no walk-ins. Calendar/registration is available at www.theuniversityseries.org. Questions: Teresa Runyon teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/university

Becoming Catholic

Dismissal of the Catechumens

Every Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass a group of children, teens, and adults are called forward to the priest's chair after the homily. These are our catechumens, those preparing for Baptism. They are sent forth from the assembly, following the Book of the Gospels, to meeting rooms (one for the adults, another for the children) to reflect more deeply on the scripture readings they have just heard. They discuss the relevance of the readings, especially the Gospel, to their own lives and the challenges they present. It is an encounter with Jesus through which the catechumens strengthen their resolve to live as his disciples. Please pray for our 6 catechumens as they prepare for the Sacraments. If you would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482·6427 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/rcia

In the Community

Men's Conference ~ March 12

Catholic Men's Fellowship of California invites you to grow in faith and love of God at the "Not My Will, Lord, But Yours Be Done" conference that features fellowship, great talks by Fr. Parker Sandoval, Steve Ruda and others, confession, Mass with Bishop David O'Connell, and two meals. 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, St. John Vianney. Learn more and register.

Giving

Following Jesus means putting God before all earthly desires. It means recommitting our life to Jesus every day. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23



In the Courtyard

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Rice Bowl ~ February 26, 27 See page 2. Crop Walk ~ February 20, 27



Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Luke 6:27-38 ~ This is how we get to heaven

Today's gospel message is radical. Jesus is telling us exactly what we need to do. He lays it all out for us. But it's difficult. Love your enemies? Offer the other cheek? Forgive and you will be forgiven? Whom do I need to forgive? From whom do I need to seek forgiveness?

Prayer Life

Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass on the grass
- Sunday, 7:30 am Mass in the church
- Sunday, 9:00 am Mass on the grass
- Sunday, 11:00 am Mass in the church and livestreamed

Reconciliation

• Saturday, 2:30 to 3:30 pm or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org (805) 482·6417 x324

Weekday Mass

• Monday to Friday, 8:00 am in the church

Pray for Our Sick

Mia Aceves, Mary Ahearn, Manny Alandy, Patti Andrus, Fe Balaoing, Michele Burger, Irene Cameron, Eva Chun, Joe Cicciari, Thomas Collins, Paul Davis, Wyatt Davis, Jeanne Gaffney, Frances Garcia, Sharon Garcia, Jess Gonzalez, Tim Graf, Sally Harrington, Domingo Hipolito, Eric Hipolito, Hermi Hipolito, Rodel Hipolito, Virgil Hipolito, Salvador Jimenez, Edna Jost, Therese Kaiser, Shirley Koval, Evelyn Mainelli, Sadie Mainelli, Sheila Montgomery, Margie Perry, Abby Pizzo, Tracy Reason-Kerkhoff, Lourdes Reyes-Felipe, Fred Sedillos, Josseline Thomas, Filomeno White, Kylie Wilson and Taka Yamashita. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

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

Carlos Callejas, RIP Jennifer Canzano, RIP Inocencio Dualan, RIP Mike Harrington, RIP Betty Tierney, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org

Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

Bette (805) 482·0067 bette_church@hotmail.com Shirley (805) 482·2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests

Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations

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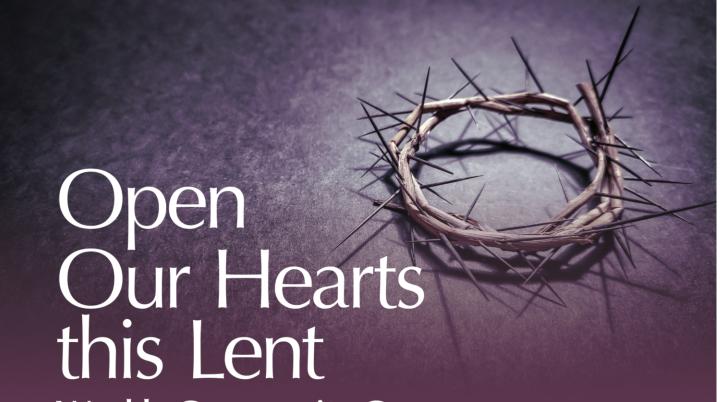
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