



"God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him." ~ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith through Baptism:

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Paul Richard Anguiano
Son of Paul Anguiano & Sylvia Robert
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Son of Charles & Kimberly Sandlin
Nathan Sinai Alvarez
Son of Isamar Herrera
Justin Draven Rock
Son of Rocky & Alicia Rock
Violet Alyse Rock
Daughter of Rocky & Alicia Rock
Cole Arthur Chessani
Son of Phillip & Cristina Chessani
Skylar Ann Mennella
Daughter of Spencer & Jennifer Mennella
Everly Monique Schuster
Daughter of Ryan & Jessica Schuster

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Liturgies

Monday - Friday 8:00am
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm
First Friday Adoration 2:00pm - 7:00pm

Parish Office Hours

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Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 1:15pm - 6:15pm
Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

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Landings: Recycled Catholics

If you are an inactive Catholic or attend Mass infrequently you might consider Landings. We are a group of "recycled" Catholics who, for different reasons, were away from or had issues with the church and came back to regular attendance and active participation.

We share our faith journeys and want to hear your stories. We also discuss contemporary Catholic themes and have resources available for questions about the Catholic Faith and the Church.



This 10-week Landings series begins:
Thursdays, January 26-March 30
7:00pm, San Juan Bautista Room

We invite you to come and explore the possibilities!
Information: 482-6417 x341 or teresa@padreserra.org

Altar Server Training ~ Begins January 8

Think about becoming an altar server! Mr. Shadduck is offering his annual training on seven Sundays in January, February and March for boys and girls grades 5 through 10. Learn about the order of the Mass, how to move, carry things, keep stillness and silence, as well as about all the responsibilities to support the presider and the whole assembly. Contact Robert_Shadduck@msn.com or just show up at 2:30pm, San Juan Capistrano room.



St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance ~ February 11

Bring your special someone to this wonderful evening!!
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!!



St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament ~ March 13

Save the date! Invite your friends!!
Golfers and non-golfers!! A great day and evening at Las Posas Country Club.



Dear Faith Family,

Happy New Year! I hope you all were able to end the old year with great joy.

In this week's Gospel, we hear the story of the shepherds encountering the Christ child. Though the shepherds being able to meet the Holy Family is quite remarkable, the beauty of the story lays within the response of the shepherds.

Earlier in the Gospel, the shepherds were approached by an angel who revealed to them that, *"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."* When they first heard of the newborn savior, they couldn't help but yearn to encounter him, and after they had their encounter, they could not help but spread the word of the joyous occasion.

This new year, like every new year, we concern ourselves with New Year's Resolutions. It is no secret that we tend to create good resolutions that involve a healthier lifestyle and more time with loved ones, and this is always a good practice. But why don't we add a spiritual resolution to our list? Why not commit to resolution of increased discipleship in our lives?

If we look at our Parish Mission, we have encouraged a culture of "Encountering Jesus and Being Disciples." If the shepherds in the gospel were Padre Serra parishioners, they would be excelling in this mantra. Not only did they encounter Christ, but because of the encounter, they were compelled to share their experience with others. This, my friends, is prime example of discipleship.

So this year, friends, I invite us not only to live healthier lives or to spend more time with family, but I also propose that we actively pursue a strengthened life of discipleship. We have all encountered Jesus in our lives; let's resolve to practice to share our encounter with the world more effectively.

Happy New Year!



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Adults

Seasons of the Spirit ~ January 4

Our women's spirituality and friendship group welcomes the New Year with Bishop Robert Barron's video series *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness!* All women are invited Wednesday 10:00am for session *Finding the Center Part II*, how Christ is with us in all the phases of life, followed by faith sharing. Bring a friend! Helen, 482-6932.

Bereavement Support Group ~ January 5

We provide a caring, supportive environment for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 9:00am. Betty Bright-Martinez, bbright41@verizon.net, 482-0156.

First Friday Adoration ~ January 6

Come spend some time with our Lord between 2:00-7:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. To commit to one hour, contact teresa@padreserra.org.

Largest Catholic Gathering in America!

Los Angeles Congress is February 24-26 in Anaheim. Three days of inspiring talks and liturgies. If you've never been, treat yourself to one day or all three days. It's a spiritual shot in the arm. And there's nothing like learning and worshipping with hundreds of other Catholics enlivened with the Holy Spirit. Check out speakers, workshops and liturgy: <http://www.recongress.org/2017/guidebook.htm>.

We are happy to host again a hospitality suite at the Hilton. This gathering space gives our parishioners the opportunity to connect, share experiences, eat and relax. If you'd like to help with this, let us know as well as if you're planning to go to Congress: contact Teresa@padreserra.org.

Children

Altar Server Training ~ Begins January 8

Check out this once a year opportunity to be a part of one of the most excellent Altar Server Ministries in the Archdiocese! See page 2 for details.

Little Church ~ Resumes January 8

Sunday preschool and kindergarten during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses. Great activities, prayers, friends, songs and fun. Info: Elaine edenham1@aol.com. Register your child as soon as they turn age 3.

Stay and Play!! ~ Resumes January 8

All toddlers come to church, Miss Nicole has the day off! At Stay and Play, Miss Nicole lovingly cares for your little one (12-36 months) while you go to Mass. This no-cost service is available during the 9:00 and 11:00am masses in San Juan Bautista room. Stop by next week and see all the toys and fun and meet Nicole. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled in.

Spark! ~ Resumes January 9 and 11

Children in grades 1 through 5 will learn about the Baptism of Jesus. Grade three learners will play water charades and children in grade four will play sacrament basketball.

Three:Sixteen ~ January 4

Middle School Ministry! Kids will learn about the Epiphany, when baby Jesus – our Messiah – is revealed to the world through the visit by the Magi, and service to moms and babies. Meets 6:30-8:00pm.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

What a joy it is to watch children in grades 1 through 5 process out of church during the 9:00 and 11:00am masses. They are so full of life. They, along with their leaders, go over to the Serra Center where mass continues for them. They divide into two groups and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word from the children's lectionary. They rejoin their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer. All children, parishioners and guests, are welcome to participate.

High School Teens

4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ January 4

All high school teens, meet Brett and the peer leaders in San Juan Capistrano room (near the bell tower) from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Confirmation Y1 ~ January 8

Sunday Session, 11:00am to 2:00pm.

In the Community

Chaminade High School Applications ~ Due January 13

Application form and fee is due to the school at www.chaminade.org. Entrance exam dates are January 21 and 28 from 8:00am to noon. Call Admissions office (818) 347-8300 x355.

Cathedral Exhibit now through January 15

The Life of a Swiss Guard: A Private View, a photographic journal of the daily life of a Swiss guard, includes their free time, training, uniform dressing, personal relationships plus artifacts, memorabilia, uniforms, swords. www.olacathedral.org.

OneLifeLA ~ January 21

Family friendly event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death includes inspiring speakers, live music, entertainment, food trucks and service organization exhibits. Requiem Mass for the Unborn at 5:00pm at the Cathedral. Free registration: www.OneLifeLA.org.

Nun Run ~ February 4

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you for a 5K or 1Mile run 8:00am at La Reina High School & Middle School in Thousand Oaks. Proceeds benefit the sisters' Life and Ministry Fund. www.sndca.org/nunrun or Anne Interrante 917-3730.

Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA



Married to a Catholic?

Have you been attending church with your spouse, even raised your children Catholic, but never took that step to inquire about becoming Catholic yourself? Perhaps you just want to learn more about your spouse's faith. We have a casual group for people in your situation. Contact Catherine Shaddock: catherine@padreserra.org or (805) 482-6417 ext 331.

Protect the Children



Cellphone Apps Allow for Hiding Photos and Messages

A review of a young person's cellphone text messages may provide a parent or caring adult with information such as who your child talks to, where they are going, and what they're doing. Unfortunately, all of that may be in the past. Today, some new cellphone text messaging services keep cellphone texting activity increasingly private. In order to protect young people, one must stay current and reconnect with ever-changing technology. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Vanishing, Self-Destructing Texting, and Electronic Communication," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.

Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

One Can Make a Difference

Remember our friends and neighbors served by our food pantry. All the items you place in the boxes in church are taken over to our centralized storage at St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday afternoon. Every Monday food is bagged and distributed to Camarillo families in need.



Planned Giving ~ February 9

Did you know ... the Archdiocese offers support to parishioners with a variety of planned giving options from wills/trusts to real estate and life insurance. Visit www.ADLALegacy.org for info and seminars, including one hosted here at Padre Serra with two times available, 1:00pm or 7:00pm. Contact Alan Lien or Pam Kingsley for more information via email by using their first name @padreserra.org or call 482-6417.

Faith Sharing



Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.

Luke 2:16-21 ~ Mary, Holy Mother of God

When have I felt most blessed by God? What can I do to help someone in my family feel the same way?

Our Prayer Life



Pray for Our Sick

Sonia Allan, Kathy Berger, Doris Bueker, Gloria Dickie, Alison Drenning, Nick Folino, Robert Henson, Tina Herford, Kevin Hernandez, Julio Limon, Dr. Horace Lopez, Linda Lynch, Mary Lyon, Bambi Moya, Ailish McAlorum, Margaret Pegg, James Purcell, Benita Ramirez, Michael Ann Rockenstein, Juan Sanchez, Arceli Sarino, Dorothy Simmons, Ellen Tyree & Connie Williams.
(Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

Prayers and sympathy to family and friends of those who have died recently.

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

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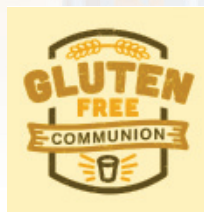
Mass Intentions: Monthly schedules are available in the parish office, and www.padreserra.org and the QR code.



Other Notes

Parish Office Regular Hours ~ Resume January 3

The party is over for staff and volunteers! Everyone is back to work on Tuesday. Joyfully!



If you are having problems with gluten

that are affecting your ability to receive the Body of Christ in Communion, please contact Jane in the parish office 482-6417 or email her at jane@padreserra.org and give her your name, and the mass you usually attend. Thank you!

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


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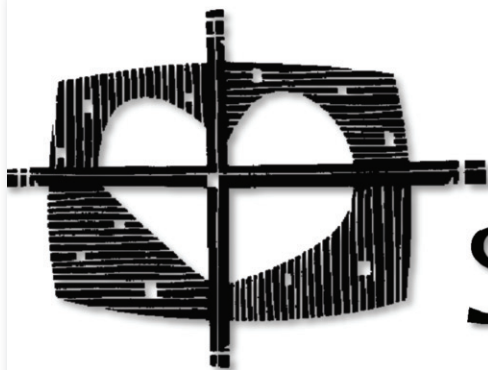
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