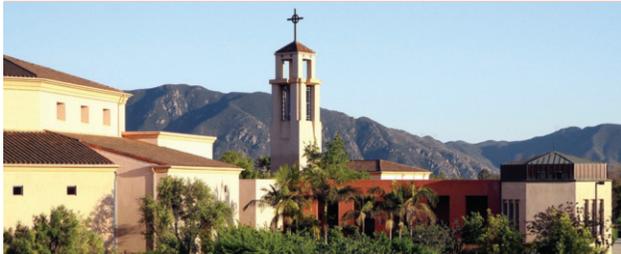




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Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm
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New Members

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

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Eva Soriano	Joshua Weatherman
Mark Maidel	Jennifer Awrey-Weatherman
Myrna Namoc	William Weatherman
Manolo Namoc	Anna Weatherman
Kelly Arnold- Moreno	Lupita Campos
Alexa Arnold	Danny Guerrero
Juliette Moreno	Emily Guerrero
Logan Moreno	

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate here! If you are not yet registered and would like to be or would like to help us keep our census data up to date, please email Anne@padreserra.org and request a parish registration form. Thank you.

You Count! Be Counted

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. Please help us keep our records up to date. Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ New parishioner. Please send registration form.

____ Change of address, phone number

____ I am already registered and would like to receive Sunday contribution envelopes

____ I am moving. Please remove me from census.

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.

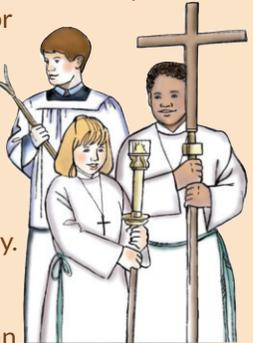


**This 10-week Landings series begins:
Thursdays, January 26-March 30
7:00pm, San Juan Bautista Room**

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

Altar Server Training ~ Begins Today

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.

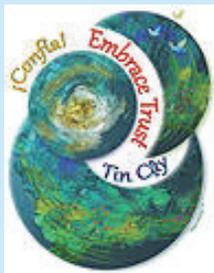


Los Angeles Congress ~ February 24-26

Three days of inspiring talks and liturgies in Anaheim! 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 the speakers, workshops and liturgy: <http://www.recongress.org/2017/guidebook.htm>. Books also available in the office. Fr. Patrick has two sessions this year!

Gathering Space at Congress

A hospitality suite at the Hilton is reserved for our parishioners to eat, relax, connect and share experiences while attending the Los Angeles Congress. If you're interested in participating and/or would like to help with this, contact Teresa@padreserra.org.



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.**



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

For me as a child the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord was always a joyous one. Before going to bed, we would leave out our shoes or other item near the nativity. When the Magi would come to give homage to baby Jesus, they would know there were other kids in this home and we too would receive gifts. Our gift usually consisted of peanuts, cookies and an orange or jicama. Toys rarely were included in the gift, funny how something so simple could bring us such joy. As a child I did not understand the true meaning of this feast, or the meaning of the word. All I knew was it was special, a second Christmas.

The word Epiphany means a manifestation; a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way. In our first reading we are told, “Open your eyes and look around.” It is an “A-ha moment,” the kind that changes our lives. We cannot be the same after what we have learned or understand.

We all live those A-ha moments in our lives, it just needs to be the right time for our eyes to be open and really see what has always been there. As an example, from one of our favorite movies, when Dumbo realizes that he doesn't need the feather to fly, the power is in his heart, believing in himself. In “Frozen,” when Elsa realizes LOVE can thaw a frozen heart. In “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” when the Grinch discovers that the town of Whoville is still joyful even after they lost all their gifts, realizing that Christmas is more than just presents. Or in “Star Wars” when Luke realizes that Darth Vader (Anakin) is his father. All those A-ha moments changed their lives! ... transformed because of what they now understand.

How does the first Epiphany change our lives? At Christmas we receive the gift of God's son. For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, Emanuel, God with us. The epiphany or manifestation is that He is born, not just for the Jews, but the whole world. Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the world!

The Magi did not belong to “God's chosen people,” yet they were compelled to seek out, find, worship and bring gifts. In the second reading St. Paul tells us, God has now revealed a long-secret mystery that Gentiles, too, are to enjoy God's favor, through Christ, making us part of “His chosen people.” We, people of all nations, are represented in the Magi, and like them we go in search of Jesus, when he is revealed to us, we too are forever changed. We cannot go back to being who we once were, after our eyes have seen the Glory of the Lord. We desire to worship him and offer ourselves as gifts.

What are our gifts of gold? Our heart's treasure — the dearest things; we give to him the best we have. Gift of Frankincense? Our prayers rise up like incense, prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Gift of Myrrh? The pleasant scent of our gift of time, treasure and talent. Tending to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Let us be gifts of Jesus to each other.

Blessings and *Siempre Adelante*,

Tere Delgado

Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister



Families

Babysitting ~ February 12

Parents! Take your special person out for Valentine's Day. High school Girl Scouts are hosting a fun-filled child-care event on Sunday from 5:00 to 8:30pm at church for babies to 12 years. Food, crafts, movie, games. Free. Donations accepted. RSVP boobear0286@gmail.com, text (805) 910-8060.

Children

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. See details on page 2.

Stay and Play!! ~ Resumes January 8

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 in.

Little Church ~ January 8, 22 and 29

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.

Spark! ~ 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 11, 18 and 25

Middle School Ministry! Kids will learn about Jesus' mission, service and prayer with a special focus on prayers of thanksgiving. Meets 6:30-8:00pm.

High School Teens

4:12 (pronounced four one two) ~ January 11, 18 and 25

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

Confirmation Y1 ~ January 8

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

Confirmation Y2 ~ January 22 and 29

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

Adults

Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul

Our Adopt-a-Family program would like to thank our wonderful parish families who provided gifts to families in need this Christmas. 38 families in our parish community were adopted and a total of 167 children and their parents shared in the blessings and joy of Christmas giving, which was provided by your generosity and caring. Thank you very much!

Career Transition Ministry ~ January 9

We help those who are unemployed and underemployed focus their job search, improve resume and interview skills, network. Meets 2nd Monday 7:00-8:00pm. Steven Loeffler careertransitions@padreserra.org.

Open Hearts (LGBT) ~ January 10

We are a fellowship ministry where LBGT brothers, sisters, and their families and friends in Christ are welcome and a safe harbor to explore spirituality and share experiences, strength, and hope. Meets 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.

Special Families Game Night ~ January 11

We provide community and spiritual support for transitioning special needs teens and young adults (16+), their families and friends. Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm. Monica Spooner 484-8379, monicaspooner@twc.com.

Men's Ministry Gathering ~ January 30

All men of the parish are invited at 7:00pm to view and discuss Fr. Richard Rohr's DVD *Beloved Sons: Masculine Spirituality & Why Males Need Initiation*. Contact Dave McCormick marketengr@yahoo.com.

Adult Formation Evening ~ January 31

Award-winning author and syndicated columnist Maureen Pratt will present *Don't Panic: How to Keep Going When the Going Gets Tough* at 7:00pm. Watch for details!

In the Community

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 1 Mile 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.

Protect the Children



Virtus Recertification: Keeping the Promise Alive ~ January 31
Get recertified every four years in this 90-minute course right here at Padre Serra, 6:30 to 8:00pm. Reserve your spot today by calling the office (805) 482-6417.

Start the New Year with your Kids' Safety in Mind

At the start of a new year, many resolve to do things differently: pray more, live better and cherish God's gifts. It is also a great time to recommit to putting the safety and well-being of children first. Look to Mary, the Mother of God, for examples. Model honesty, gratitude and love to your children. Teach them about safety in the home and the world. This resolution can make your new year the best one yet. For a copy of the VIRTUS© article "Mother of Good Counsel Protect the Vulnerable," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

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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 Seminar ~ 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.

Matthew 2:1-12 ~ The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity

Life can sometimes be rough: losing a home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do I experience God being and staying with me in such times? How can I be a gift to someone else and demonstrate God's love at home and at work this coming week?

Our Prayer Life



Pray for Our Sick

Rita Di Raffael, Nick Folino, Leticia Garcia, Julio Limon, Ailish McAlorum, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason, Dorothy Simmons, Ellen Tyree, Randy Weatherford & Connie Williams. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Bronson Boyett, RIP

Doris Bueker, RIP

Beloved mother of Chuck & Ginger Bueker

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 schedules are available in the parish office, and www.padreserra.org and the QR code.



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) 482-6417ext 331.

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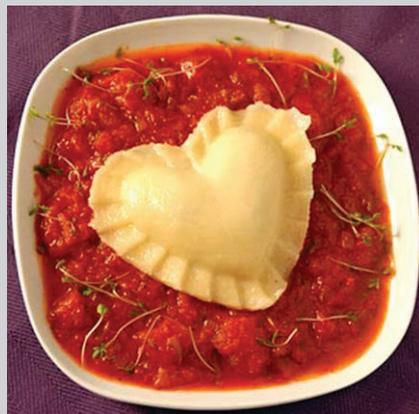
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