

Life is Advent: Encountering Jesus Every Day

Henri Nouwen said, "The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."

As we enter this Advent season to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's second coming at the end of time and to celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth on Christmas, we are also called to remember that Jesus is very much present today.

This Advent let us commit ourselves to seek and encountering Jesus daily. Consider one or more of these Advent preparations:

Little Blue Books: Simple thought-provoking reflections. Books are available in the church lobby.

Advent Calendar: Inspirational reflections for personal conversion and service to others. Sign up today at www.padreserra.org/advent

Weekly Faith Sharing: Virtual small group sharing and discussion of scripture. Sign up today at www.padreserra.org/advent-faith-sharing

Questions

Teresa Runyon, teresa@padreserra.org



Christmas Concert & Dinner

Friday, December 16

Reserved seating ticket sales begin Monday, November 28!

Celebrate Advent with a festive community meal and joyous music in the beautiful ambience of the church.

Tickets will be available exclusively online at www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert.

Concert Reserved seat \$15 Concert General \$11 Dinner \$11

Questions: michelle@padreserra.org



GATHERING

Here I Am to Worship Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with You.



King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in Heaven above Humbly You came to the earth You created. All for love's sake, became poor.

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Glory to God





_ the sins ___ of the world

re - ceive our_

You take a - way_

Reading 1

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Reading 2

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:35-43



kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Mark 11:9, 10

Continued..

Glory to God continued...



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing

Bob Hurd



I rejoiced when they said to me,

Tet us go to the house of the Tord:

Psalm 122:1

How I rejoiced to hear them say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now within your walls we are standing, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, a city firmly built, knit together in unity and strength. There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, making pilgrimage.

al - le - lu-ia,

There the tribes give thanks to the name of the Lord, according to the law of Israel. There are set the thrones of judgement for the house of David.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Easter Alleluia Marty Haugen
Refrain

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

Al-le-lu-ia,

In Memory We Hold You

Bob Hurd



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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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual, arr. James Hansen



- 2. Now the jour-ney has be-gun, now the jour-ney has be-gun,
- won, when the prize is sure-ly 3. When the prize is sure-ly



- 2. now the jour-ney has be gun, give me Je sus.
- 3. when the prize is sure-ly won, give me sus.



- sus. You may have all this world. Give me Je - sus. sus, give me Je

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



EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

"Glendalough Mass" Holy, Holy, Holy

Liam Lawton Gather #263



Memorial Acclamation A

Gather #264

Gather **#267**

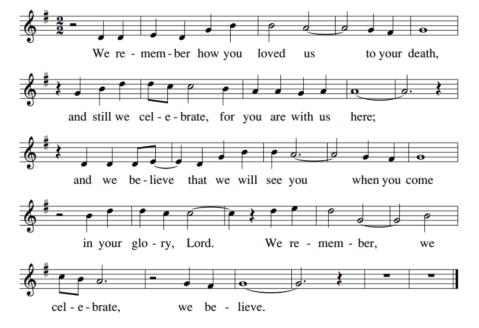
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Lamb of God Gather #269

COMMUNION SONGS

We Remember



SENDING FORTH

The King Shall Come



Marty Haugen, Gather #681

- Here, a million wounded souls
 are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
 Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
- Now we recreate your love,
 we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
 Sign of grace and mercy, and presence of the Lord.
- Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart, Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.
- See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side, Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

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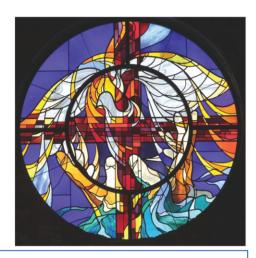
God So Loved the World Chilcott Above All Michael W. Smith

Crucified, laid behind a stone You lived to die, rejected and alone Like a rose, trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all

Trevor Thomson

The King shall come
when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray:
Come quickly, Kings of kings.
Come quickly, King of kings.

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Christ the King on the Cross

We Americans have very happily lived for over two centuries without a King. We don't kneel to any person. We have no majesties, highnesses, lords or nobles. When the president of our country enters the room, we don't kneel. We stand! Few positions here are inherited. People are not elite or special because of their parentage. We happily dumped those elements of rule, and our successful changes were so appealing that most of the world followed our example. Now, most humans are no longer subjects, but citizens. We, in these United States, still celebrate that we are free.

Among our freedoms is our ability to find a path that answers our human longings for meaning, to have a purpose, to live a worthy and good life. Our answer to those goals, is the life and death of Jesus and the content of his teaching.

We don't choose him because he acted like human rulers. In fact, he lived a life very contrary to theirs. He didn't lead armies, although military leaders have chosen his cross over the centuries to cover their banners. He didn't form political parties, although zealots, even in his own day were sure he supported their positions. He didn't seek the overthrow of the Romans, even though revolutionary efforts throughout history since have tried to coopt his message. When thousands attended to his words, he didn't speak about his achievements, but challenged them to avoid judgment, to be faithful, and to love (see Sermon on the Mount, Matt 5:1-7:29). He spent little time with the powerful, rather traveling among the peasants of Galilee and Judea. He never lived in a mansion, let alone a palace.

And yet, we freedom loving, American flag waving Catholics call Jesus "King." It's precisely because he wasn't anything like prior human rulers that we dare to do so. He doesn't subjugate; he leads by example. He doesn't claim privileges or prerogatives; he lived in simplicity. He was honest about who he was, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the eternal Word, the just Judge, but didn't express entitlement. The moment of his greatest glory was, in fact, his act of utter self-giving on the cross – hence today's Gospel.

And we love him for this ... for toppling our misunderstanding of God. The Father is not like the fickle, self-absorbed, fragile and jealous gods of the Greeks and Romans, not like the child immolating gods of the Phoenicians or the human-heart devouring gods of the Aztecs, but building on the Jewish understanding of a God who broke into history, over-and-over, to save them, a God who *is* love.

Un-subjugated, we *choose* to follow Jesus. Un-dominated, we model our life after his because we recognize the rightness of his example. Without coercion we study his teachings because they answer our hearts' deepest desires. At times failing in

our efforts and acknowledging his rights to judge, we yet confidently rely on his mercy.

I join with the Catholic people of Mexico, who when suffering from their own government, cried out, "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" or "Long live Christ the King!" Long may we live in his Kingdom.

¡Siempre adelante!

Fr. Patrick

Fr. Patrick Pastor

Families

- Journey of Saints ~ Ends November 20 See page 12
- Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 4 to 12
- La Posada ~ December 5 See page 2
- Christmas with The Chosen ~ December 9 See page 2
- Christmas Concert & Dinner ~ December 16 See page 2

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ December 4, 11, 18

Age 3 through Kindergarten. No sessions this week; we resume on December 4. Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Children learn so much! From the Sign of the Cross to the Bible stories, songs, and more. Super fun to make friends and be at Church on Sundays! Children must be registered to attend; visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ December 4 and 11

Grades 1 - 5. Children at the 11:00 am Mass are invited to hear the readings and reflection at their level. No registration is required. Parents consider joining this ministry and leading a session. Please contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ December 5 and 7

Grades 1 - 5. No sessions this week; sessions resume on December 5 and 7. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ November 30

The Middle School Ministry. Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week kids will learn all about Advent. Sessions resume on November 30. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ November 30

High school teens, join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 in San Juan Capistrano room. youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 4

No sessions this week; we gather once again on December 4. For more info, youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2

The weekly ministry has begun, be sure to sign in every time. If you have not gotten started yet, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Peer Leaders

Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!

Friendsgiving ~ November 22

Past and present peer leaders are invited to join us for a "Thanksgiving with friends"; contact brett@padreserra.org for more details. If you are confirmed, 14 to 39 years old, and interested in joining, sign up at www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders



Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ November 21, 28

An in-person faith-sharing group who discusses the Sunday readings, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Seeds of Faith ~ November 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. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds

Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ November 22, 29

Dr. Paul Ford's weekly study of the upcoming Sunday scriptures helps us better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. 8:30 - 9:30 am, Serra Center. Contact: Dr. Paul Ford paulfford@stjohnsem.edu

Conversational Spanish ~ November 22, 29

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and learn prayers, songs, and traditions in the Mexican Catholic culture. Tuesdays, 9:45 - 10:45 am, San Fernando room. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish

Gospel Hangout ~ November 22, 23

Come hang out (virtually) as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect how Jesus is intersecting with our lives at this moment.

Tuesdays,11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For Zoom link: Teresa teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Meditative Movement ~November 22

Women and men of any age are invited to join instructor Sheila Montgomery for meditative movement using Tai Chi this Tuesday 2:00 - 2:45 pm \$5/class. Sheila sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

Adapted Exercise Class ~ November 23, 30

All seniors are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class Wednesdays, 8:45 - 9:30 am, San Miguel Room. Contact Marg (805) 405·9901



Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table Luke 23:25-43 ~ You will be with me in paradise.

This week we celebrate Christ the King. In the best sense of the word, a king is someone who cares for the people under his care and also has authority over them. When have you felt Jesus' care for you? How do you allow Jesus to have authority over you?

Becoming Catholic

Various Paths to Becoming Catholic

Becoming Catholic is different for everyone. Each seeker's religious background and experience are considered when discerning what path will best meet individual needs. If you would like to discuss what will work for you, please contact Mary Huebner; you will receive a warm and friendly welcome! (805) 482·6417 x321 or mary@padreserra.org

Giving



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In the Community

Guadalupe Procession & Mass ~ December 4

All are welcome to a beautiful and historical tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego. Festivities begin at 10:30 am with indigenous dance groups and mariachis as the faithful process from Cesar Chavez Ave./Ford Blvd. to East Los Angeles College Stadium, where Mass will be celebrated at 1:00 pm with Archbishop Gomez. Learn more about this 91st annual event: lacatholics.org/guadalupe

Prayer Life

Weekend Schedule

All liturgies are celebrated inside our beautiful parish church:

- Saturday, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, 7:30 am
- Sunday, 9:00 am
- Sunday, 11:00 am Livestreamed. Visit www.padreserra.org/mass

Reconciliation

• Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm or by appointment: barbara@padreserra.org, (805) 482·6417 x324

Weekday Mass

• Monday to Friday, 8:00 am

Pray for Our Sick

Bob Amantia, Olga Arellano, Greg Cannon, Michael J. Dilley, Ben Fisco, Asher Flores, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Jessica Haff, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Richard LeMar, Maria Luisa, Earlene McCormick, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrietta, Donna O'Neil, Sophia Pantoja, Ashanti Paumley, Sister Carol Quinlivan, Alice Redondo, Juan Andres Sanchez, Dorothy Simmons, Ken Solovy, Jackson Soyster and Melissa Yeager. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Rachel Castillo, RIP

Cecelia Figueroa, RIP

Monsignor Oliver Mendoza, 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
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer

Save the Date

- Simbang Gabi ~ December 17
- See's Candies ~ December 17, 18

Other Notes

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- Monday through Thursday 8:00 am 7:00 pm
- Friday 8:30 am 4:30 pm
- Saturday 3:00 pm 6:00 pm
- Sunday 8:00 am 1:00 pm

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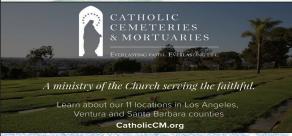


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Consider bringing a gift for baby Jesus that will be given to babies and moms in need through Life Centers of Ventura County.

For a list of gift ideas and to RSVP, visit www.padreserra.org/chosen



Christmas Gift Giving Begins Saturday, November 19

Help a child or senior adult have a special Christmas morning! Pick up a tag from the Christmas trees in the church, purchase at least one of the items listed, and attach the Angel Tag firmly to the outside of the package.

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Contact Geralyn Moody, (805) 491.2602, angeltags@padreserra.org Visit www.padreserra.org/angel-tags





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Wednesday, December 14 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Serra Center

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