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*Encounter Jesus. Be Disciples*

MARCH 14, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

New Mass Schedule for This Weekend

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WALK | GIVE | CHANGE THE WORLD

## Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk

March 14 - 31

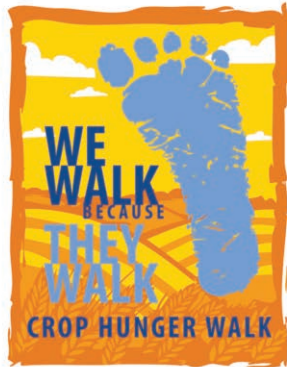
**We're still walking together - but apart!**

The Covid pandemic has disrupted food systems, and the most vulnerable are facing an unprecedented food crisis. While we cannot walk together, we can raise funds to fight hunger for our neighbors worldwide and around the corner.

March 14 kicks off the virtual event, but individuals and households can walk as much or as little, in the place of their choosing and when they wish between March 14 and March 31.

Join us with your steps or sponsorship. Fr. Patrick will walk 7 miles. Sponsor walkers or register online under Camarillo walk Padre Serra's TEAM.

Register and donate online today at [www.padreserra.org/news/crop-walk](http://www.padreserra.org/news/crop-walk)  
Contact: Carrie Perry [jeff.perry5@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.perry5@verizon.net)



## St. Patrick's Drive-Thru Dinner

Pre-order by March 14

Pick up Wednesday, March 17

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Mary Magdalen Church parking lot

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes & Lucky Charms  
Rice Crispy dessert conveniently packed in a To-Go container. Pre-sale Tickets are \$15/One serving. Will be selling tickets on March 17 for \$18 while supply lasts!

Pre-order: Antonio Cuyugan (805) 377-2053,  
[avrcuyugan@yahoo.com](mailto:avrcuyugan@yahoo.com)

Proceeds benefit our Clergy,  
Religious, and Seminarians.

Visit [www.padreserra.org/news/knights](http://www.padreserra.org/news/knights)



## Blood Drive

Sunday, March 21

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Serra Center

**You can save a life!** Only healthy people are encouraged to come give blood. Donors must be feeling well and free of respiratory illness symptoms, including fever, to be eligible to donate.

We are checking donors' temperatures upon check-in and masks are required to be worn by all donors. We are using CDC guidelines for social distances at our donor centers and blood drives.

To schedule an appointment  
call (805) 543-4290 or visit  
[www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive](http://www.padreserra.org/news/blood-drive)



## Stations of the Cross Overcoming Racism

Friday, March 26

7:00 pm, via Zoom

With the pastoral letter against racism, **Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love**, as the backdrop, this Lenten evening of reflection of the Stations of the Cross can help open our hearts to the persistent sin of racism and the call to help overcome it.

Register for Zoom at  
[www.padreserra.org/cst.html#stations](http://www.padreserra.org/cst.html#stations)





Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, CA  
& Padre Serra Parish, Camarillo, CA  
present



*"Since he was a Righteous Man..."*  
*St. Joseph from the Sacred Scriptures*  
with Fr. Patrick Mullen, S.T.L., Ph. D.



Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. PST  
VIA ZOOM ONLY

Part of Holy Family's Friday Lenten "Lucis" Speaker Series

*"Lucis" means "light" and comes from the Latin verb "lucere" meaning "to shine".*

*Each Friday during Lent, Holy Family will have a powerful and enlightening presentation by well-known national and local speakers.*

Only Jesus, among all humans, chose his own biological father, entrusting his helpless infant self into Joseph's hands. Using the Bible as our starting point, our evening will look at this marvelous, enigmatic and selfless man, as we celebrate the "Year of St Joseph." The Scriptures attest that Joseph was a righteous man. By examining him, perhaps we could solidify our own righteousness as disciples of the Son he adopted.



**Rev. J. Patrick Mullen** serves as Pastor at Padre Junipero Serra parish in Camarillo, CA. He received his doctorate in biblical studies (New Testament) from the Graduate Theological Union in 1999. He served for over 20 years as professor of Scripture at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. Mullen is the author of *Dining with Pharisees*, a regular contributor to "Weekday Homily Helps," and a speaker for **Now You Know Media** and is a nationally known speaker and lecturer.

For more information, contact Dawn Ponnet at [dponnet@holyfamily.org](mailto:dponnet@holyfamily.org).  
To register, visit [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Since he was a Righteous Man".



# The University Series

## Adult Faith Formation in Lent

*Five-week virtual series featuring relevant topics of life and faith.*

**Monday, March 15**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Fr. Patrick Mullen**

The Whole Bible In Five Short  
Sessions: Impossible?  
Part IV: Gospels

**Tuesday, March 16**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Rabbi Lotker**

Jewish Tour of Garden of Eden

**Wednesday, March 17**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Fr. Parker Sandoval**

New Evangelization

**Thursday, March 18**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Fr. Felix Just**

Catholic Practices vs Bible?

**Friday, March 19**

**12:15 - 1:45 pm**

**Kathleen Domingo**

Parish Life – Post Covid

*All sessions via Zoom Webinar.*

*Details/registration: [www.padreserra.org/university](http://www.padreserra.org/university)*



## GATHERING

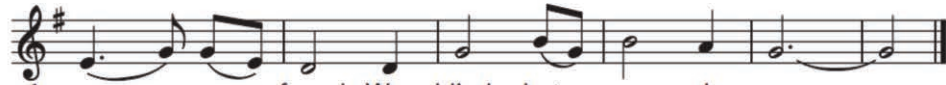
## Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved \*a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. soul like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

\*Alternate text: "and set me free!"

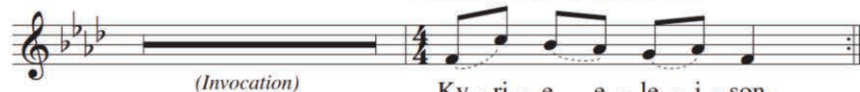
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 Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

## "Mass of the Lamb"

Francis Patrick O'Brien

Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, then All:



(Invocation)

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

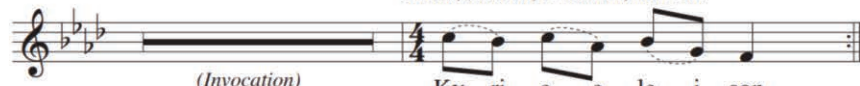
Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, then All:



(Invocation)

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
 Christ, have mer - cy.

Priest, Deacon, or Cantor, then All:



(Invocation)

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: May almighty God...everlasting life.



A - men, a - men.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 137: Let My Tongue Be Silenced

Jeanne Cotter



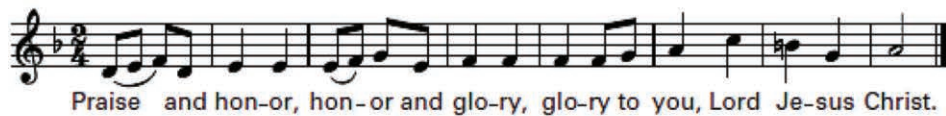
1. By the streams of Babylon, we sat and wept rememb'ring Zion.  
On the willows of that land we hung our harps.
2. There our captors asked of us the hymns of Zion.  
Our tormentors cried out, "Sing for us!"
3. How shall we sing God's song in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten.
4. Let me tongue be silenced if ever I forget you;  
if I prize you, Jerusalem above all joy.

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Music: Jeanne Cotter, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Celtic Mass"

Christopher Walker



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**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

Prayer of the Faithful

Michael Joncas



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Music: Michael Joncas  
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**Reading 1**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

**Reading 2**

Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:14-21

For  
God so  
Loved  
THE  
WORLD  
that he gave his  
One & Only Son  
that whoever  
Believes  
in him should not perish, but have  
**ETERNAL LIFE**  
JOHN 3:16

## 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

#### What Wondrous Love Is This



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

1. soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What  
 2. sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To  
 3. on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And

1. won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 2. God and to the Lamb, who is the great I  
 3. when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

1. bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my  
 2. AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 3. be, And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

1. soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 2. sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 3. on! And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

Text: 12 9 12 12 9; anon.; first appeared in *A General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1811, adapt. Music: William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

### EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

#### "Mass of Creation"

Marty Haugen

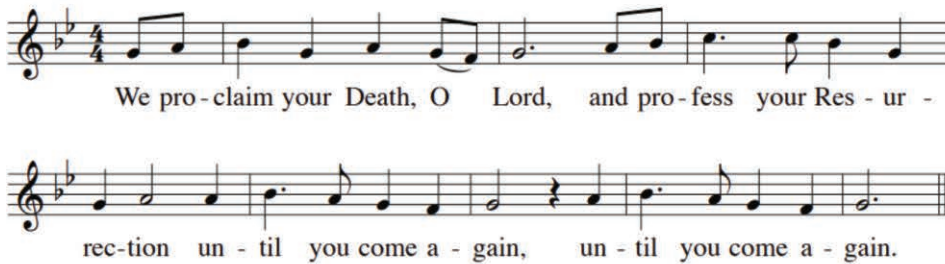
#### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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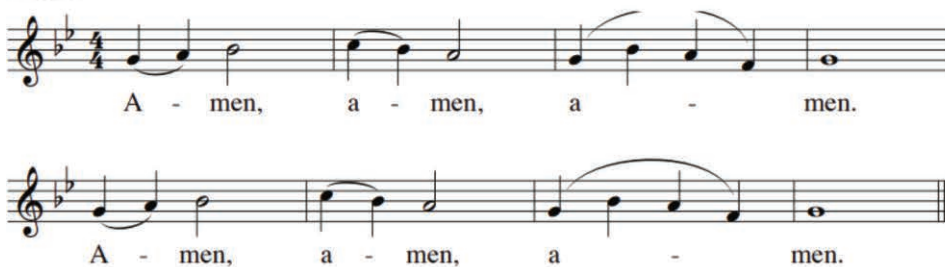
### Memorial Acclamation A



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -  
rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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### Amen



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

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### Lamb of God

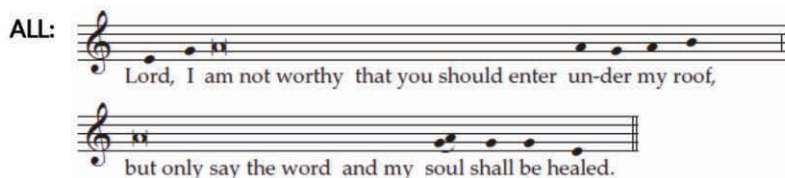


*Cantor:* Lamb of God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the  
*To repeat*  
world, have mer - cy on us.  
*Last time*  
world, grant us peace.

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### Invitation to Communion

Priest: *Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*



ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Spiritual Communion

O God, you are my God,  
it is you I seek!  
For you my body yearns;  
for you my soul thirsts,  
in the land parched,  
lifeless and without water.  
I look to you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips shall ever praise you.  
I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands,  
calling on your name.  
My soul shall be filled,  
as with choice food,  
with joyous lips my mouth  
shall praise you!  
I think of you upon my bed,  
I remember you through  
the watches of night.  
You indeed are my savior and,  
in the shadow of your wings,  
I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

*Psalms 63:2-9*





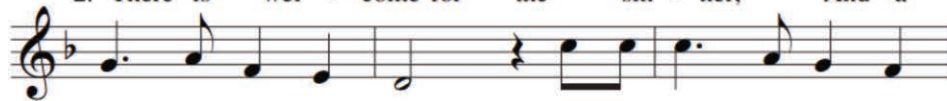
**COMMUNION SONG****There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

Ed Bolduc

## VERSES



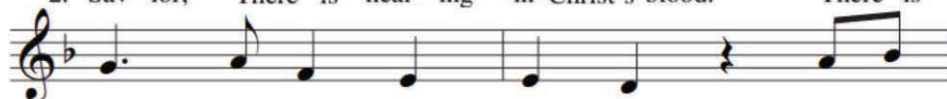
1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the  
 2. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And a



1. wide - ness of the sea; There's a kind - ness in God's  
 2. prom - ised grace made good; There is mer - cy with the



1. jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is  
 2. Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in Christ's blood. There is



1. plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the  
 2. grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new



1. blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the  
 2. worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh cre -



1. mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head. *To Verse 2*  
 2. a - tions In that up - per home of bliss. *To Refrain*

## REFRAIN



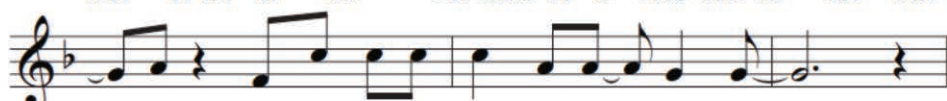
So be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is



mer - ci - ful. — Be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is



mer - ci - ful to us. Let there be a wide - ness in our mer -



- cy. Let there be a kind - ness in our hearts.



Oh, may our lives — be mer - ci - ful. —

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.

4. 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.



## SENDING FORTH

## For God So Loved the World

Marty Haugen

Refrain



For God so loved the world, God gave the on - ly Son,



so that ev-'ry-one who be-lieves in him may not die, but have life.

Last time to Coda ◊



So much God loved the world, so much God loves the world.

Verses 1, 2



1. The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a - mong us; full of  
 2. As Mo - ses lift - ed up the ser - pent so that



grace, full of truth he made his home. He came to his own who would  
 all who looked to it might live, the Son of Man must be



know him not, though all who be - hold him,  
 lift - ed up so that all who be - lieve,



all who re-ceive him are called the chil - dren of God.  
 all who look to him may have e - ter - nal life.

D.C.

Verse 3



3. God's Son came not to con - demn the world, but that the



world may be saved through him, and all who be-lieve in the



Son of God shall come to the light, and



live in the light, and dwell in the heart of God.

D.C.

◊ Coda



much God loves the world, so much God



loves the world.

## Rejoice in the Good News

Dear friends on the journey,

Here we are at the fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as the Laetare Sunday, which comes from the Latin *laetor*, meaning to rejoice, to be joyful. What do we have to rejoice today? Being two thirds of the way through Lent? Being a week away from spring and longer days? Being that much closer to Easter? Being closer to the majority vaccinated? Seeing the light at the end of this long tunnel of pandemic? Yes, to all the above! However, today's readings give us something even better to rejoice and celebrate...God's love for each of us.

In today's gospel, we hear probably the most famous and quoted lines in scripture: John 3:16 "For God so love the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is amazing news, right? Our God love us so much and he is so generous that he sent his Son to save us. This love is unconditional, but (there's always a but) on the other side of this same coin is our response, our choice to accept this gift.

To be saved is to accept this gift and believe in Jesus. But what are we being saved from exactly? As John describes, it means escaping darkness and coming fully into the light of salvation and living with God. To fully rejoice in this light requires an understanding of the darkness. The darkness is the sinful state of the world, where we live in unbelief and distrust in God. Our tendency to sin is a direct result of original sin when Adam and Eve, first man and woman, disobeyed and distrusted God by taking things into their own hands. Because of this, humanity is predisposed to the same distrust and rebelliousness. The first reading in 2 Chronicles describes the fall of Judah, when the priests and people deny God's compassion and the subsequent destruction. So much of the Old Testament is God's persistent pursuit of the chosen people who time and time again try to do things their own way. Today, for us, the darkness is not much different as we hunker into self-absorption, self-reliance, greed, anger, stubbornness, pride, control, doubt, self-righteousness and so on.

The good news is that we do not have to stay in the darkness. The light is always there for us. We just must be willing to let go of the comfort of darkness and step into embracing our identity as children of God, surrendering control to God, trusting in God's guidance, and leaning into God's mercy. The other good news is that, as we step back into darkness at times in our lives, God is waiting patiently with open arms. There in the middle, the bridge from darkness to the light, is Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. He is our teacher in word and deed. He is the sacrifice so that we can live in light. How can we not rejoice in that Good News!

*Siempre Adelante,*



Teresa Runyon  
Faith Life Minister



## Children

12 months to Grade 8.

### Little Church ~ March 14

Age 3 through kindergarten. Ms. Soraya is putting together a video for Little Church families. Children will have so much fun learning through Bible stories and songs. Spaces still available to join Little Church. To receive videos please contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)

### Spark! ~ March 15

Grades 1 to 5. This week Children will learn about Jesus revealing to the disciples he will die. Share your pictures at [photos@padreserra.org](mailto:photos@padreserra.org)

### Three: Sixteen ~ March 17

Middle School Ministry. Work on your Lenten Photo Challenge, We will gather once again on Wednesday, March 24, via Zoom. Share your pictures at [photos@padreserra.org](mailto:photos@padreserra.org)

### Online Mass Activities

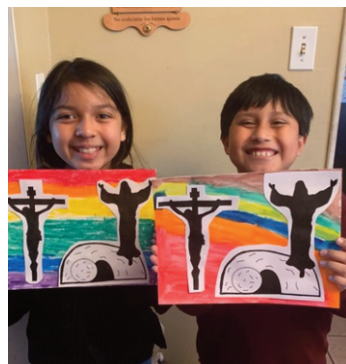
To be done at certain times during Mass, watch carefully! (see page 14)

### Proclamation of the Gospel

[Watch a children's video here.](#)

### Living Faith

Share with us how you are living out your faith at home with your kids. Send your pics to [photo@padreserra.org](mailto:photo@padreserra.org)



#pspsparkathome

## High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

### Confirmation Y2

How is your Lenten journey coming along? We will gather once again via Zoom on March 21. Please contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org) for Zoom login and information.

### 4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship via Zoom. Ask [brett@padreserra.org](mailto:brett@padreserra.org) to add you to our GroupMe to keep you updated.

## Adults

### Women's Faith Sharing ~ March 15

*Seeds of Faith*, our women's faith sharing group, begins the new year with a new series: The Year of Saint Joseph - by Pope Francis and The Hidden Life of Saint Joseph. 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. Contact Gwen [gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com](mailto:gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com), Cynthia [cjonescampbell@yahoo.com](mailto:cjonescampbell@yahoo.com)

### Healing from Divorce ~ March 16

We offer a welcoming environment for people dealing with divorce, whether in the earliest stages of grief, the initial stages of coping with severe changes, or through the worst of it and now looking to move forward, grow, and serve. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, online. Contact Cynthia [cjonescampbell@yahoo.com](mailto:cjonescampbell@yahoo.com)

### Chitchat Check-In ~ March 17, 26

A Lenten virtual social hour to connect with others while we're apart. Come and connect with parishioners you haven't seen in a while or meet new friends. Bring your coffee, tea, or cocktail for an hour of friendly chitchat conversation. Wednesday, March 17, 9:00 - 10:00 am and Friday, March 26, 6:00-7:00 pm. RSVP for link: [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

### Serra Seniors ~ March 17

Spring is here! Join us for Spring Gardening Preparation and More with David Nichols from Green Thumb Nursery, who will demonstrate gardening tips to help you prepare for and enjoy the beauty of new life in spring. Join us via Zoom at 10:00 am. [Register today to receive the link.](#)

### Bereavement Support Group ~ March 18

We offer support to those who have lost a loved one. 10:00 am, via Zoom. Contact Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, [bbright41@verizon.net](mailto:bbright41@verizon.net)

### PAX Christi ~ February 18

As Lent begins, we will virtually walk the "The Stations of Justice" in the light and footprints of Jesus. All are invited for our monthly gathering 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. If you'd like to read a station during the session, please let us know when registering: Gary [gfreeberg@gmail.com](mailto:gfreeberg@gmail.com) or Deacon Luc [lucpapillon@gmail.com](mailto:lucpapillon@gmail.com). "The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." - Ida B. Wells-Barnett

## Adults

### Lenten Longings

Join a weekly one-hour get-together to read and discuss Sunday's gospel. We share our thoughts and experiences as inspired by scripture. Come prepare your heart and mind to fully celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior. Tuesdays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm. RSVP for link: [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

## Mass Schedule

### New Mass Schedule for This Weekend

Daylight saving time begins this Sunday, March 14, at 2:00 am. Remember to "Spring Forward" one hour Saturday night. We will celebrate Mass outdoors in the Serra Center's backyard this Saturday and Sunday.

- Saturday, March 13, 4:00 pm: Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, March 14, 9:00 am: Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, March 14, 11:00 am: Livestream Mass at [www.padreserra.org/mass](http://www.padreserra.org/mass) or [www.youtube.com/psptv](http://www.youtube.com/psptv)
- Sunday, March 14, 5:00 pm (NEW TIME): Mass on the Grass

## Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to our newest registered parishioners! May you find faith, fellowship, love, and peace.

- Annette Rodarte
- Kevin Cox
- Kevin Cox Jr.
- Joseph Chaparro

If you are not yet registered or have moved, dropped your landline, added a cellphone or email, or have adult children who have moved out, please keep us updated. If you live alone, provide us with an emergency contact. Contact Mary (805) 482-6417 x321 or [mary@padreserra.org](mailto:mary@padreserra.org)

## Giving

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## In the Community

### Morning of Prayer & Education ~ March 28

Join the Sisters of Notre Dame in Uganda for an energizing morning of prayer, fellowship, and education. Hear their stories, learn about recent and upcoming developments. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, via Zoom Webinar. RSVP: Jen Coito, [jcoito@sndca.org](mailto:jcoito@sndca.org), (805) 917-3730.

## Faith Sharing Question

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table*

### John 3:14-21 ~ The light came into the world

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the truth seen in faith. Those who choose eternal life receive it because of faith in Christ. The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move toward the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Rosemarie Acosta, John Barra, Shirley Brown, Katie Ceurvorst, Bette Church, Thomas Collins, Wyatt Davis, Alex Estrada, Jeanne Gaffney, Isaac Garcia Castillo, Rosie Gutierrez, Connie Lakowski, Stephen Maulhardt, Stacey McColley, Maureen Rider, Blanca Rivera, Phyllis Ross, Jackson Soyster, Sue Spies, Gregory Wasserman, Midalma Wasserman, Veronica Wasserman, Francisco Tapia, Luis Christian Zanartu and Vicki Zanartu. (*Names are refreshed monthly.*)

### Remember Our Dead

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

Guadalupe Aldana, RIP

Clara McCarty, RIP

*May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.*

### Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

Parish Book of Intentions: [www.padreserra.org/intentions](http://www.padreserra.org/intentions)

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

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## Memorial & Honorarium

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## Becoming Catholic

### The Scrutinies

Lent is an important time for the Elect who are in their final period of preparation for initiation into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and first reception of Eucharist. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, they will celebrate three important rites called scrutinies. The purpose of the scrutinies is to uncover and then heal whatever is weak and sinful in the Elect ... and in us, as we pray together. The scrutinies also are meant to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. (RCIA #141) By celebrating these rites with the parish community on three successive Sundays, the Elect reflect ever more deeply on the mystery of sin and the power of Christ to overcome sin. Please continue to pray for our Elect as they draw nearer to the sacraments.

### Jesus talks to Nicodemus about God's love.

John 3:1-21



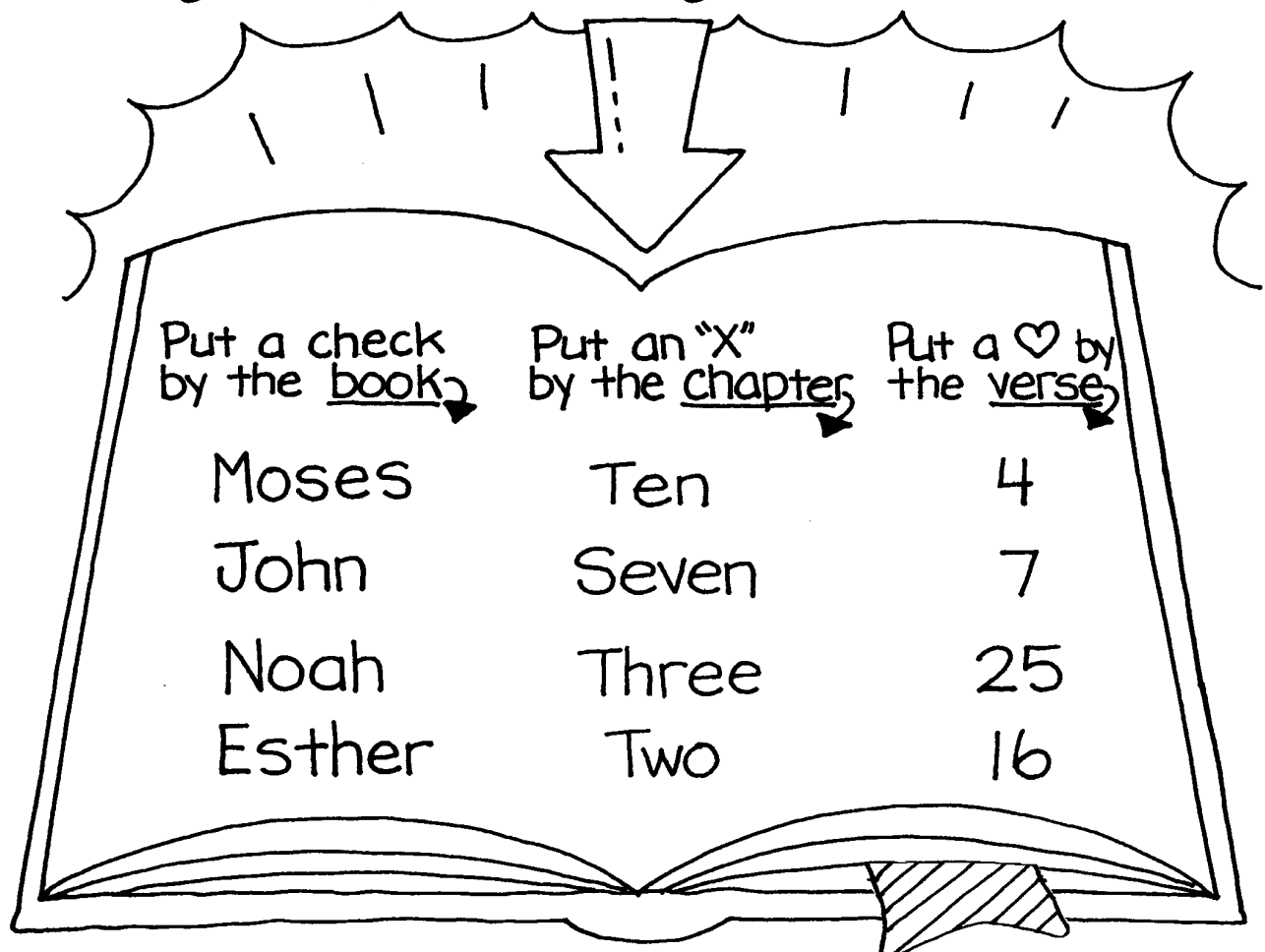
## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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