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Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

JANUARY 29, 2023 · FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



It takes a Parish

Thank you to the loving parents who serve lunch to Confirmation teens!
To volunteer, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

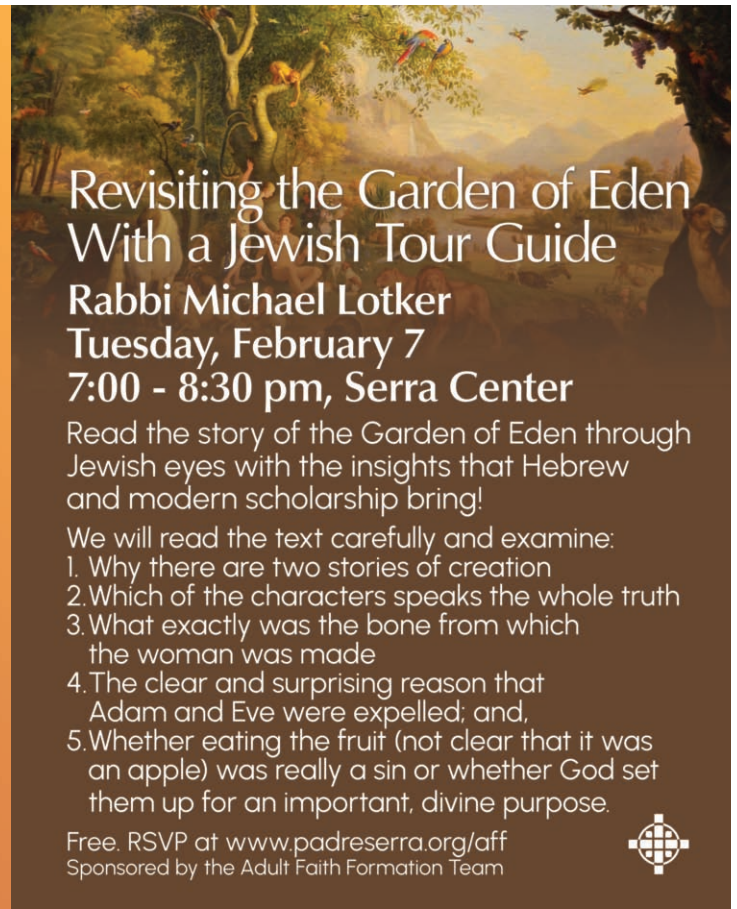


The Children's & Middle School Choir is back!

First rehearsal
January 25, 5:00 pm,
in the church

We are keen to begin our weekly rehearsals every Wednesday at 5:00 pm! Grades 2 - 5 are dismissed at 6:00 pm. Grades 6 - 8 are dismissed at 6:15 pm.

For questions please contact:
kathleen@padreserra.org or
michelle@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/cmssc



Revisiting the Garden of Eden With a Jewish Tour Guide

Rabbi Michael Lotker

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center

Read the story of the Garden of Eden through Jewish eyes with the insights that Hebrew and modern scholarship bring!

We will read the text carefully and examine:

1. Why there are two stories of creation
2. Which of the characters speaks the whole truth
3. What exactly was the bone from which the woman was made
4. The clear and surprising reason that Adam and Eve were expelled; and,
5. Whether eating the fruit (not clear that it was an apple) was really a sin or whether God set them up for an important, divine purpose.

Free. RSVP at www.padreserra.org/aff
Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team



The University Series



Registration is open now!

Plan ahead and take advantage of the special discount pricing available through February 22, Ash Wednesday; register today for the sessions at Padre Serra:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27; 7:00 PM

Fr. Patrick Mullen, Deep Dive into Matthew
Serra Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 12:15 PM

Noel Fuentes, Collaborative Ministry
Serra Center

\$75 Season Pass, \$10/session at the door,
\$5/session pre-registration discount.

Visit www.padreserra.org/university



Men's Retreat

Embracing God's Gift of Hope

March 24 - 26

Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center Sierra Madre

Who is Jesus Christ? Who am I?

Finding the Divinity Within.

A weekend retreat to explore these questions and do a deep dive to discover where Jesus Christ resides deep inside us. All parish men are invited on this epic adventure to the interior of our souls.

\$275/person, \$50 deposit required.

Learn more and register in the courtyard:

**January 28 - 29, February 4 - 5, or online
at www.padreserra.org/retreats**

Contact Dave McCormick

(805) 987-7629,

dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com



GATHERING

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name



REFRAIN: Ev -'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say,
"Bless-ed be the name of _ the Lord, _ bless-ed be Your name. Bless-ed be the
name of _ the _ Lord, _ bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." _

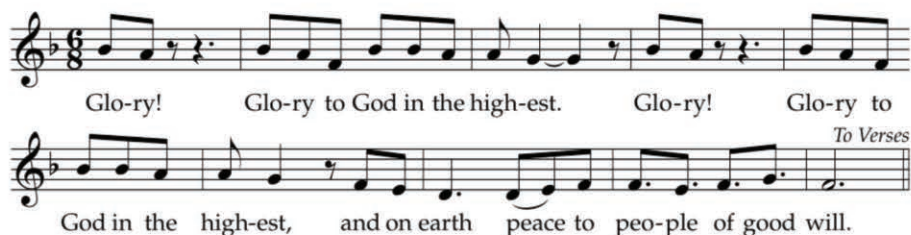
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

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Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)

Ed Bolduc



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

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 take 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.

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Reading 1
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Reading 2
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146: Praise the Lord, O My Soul

Timothy Smith



Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The Lord is faithful forever,
giving justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.
The Lord frees all the captives.

The Lord restores the blinded
and straightens those bowed low.
The Lord protects the stranger;
the Lord loves the just.

The Lord guards widows and orphans, but the
way of the wicked he blocks.
The Lord shall reign forever, for every generation.

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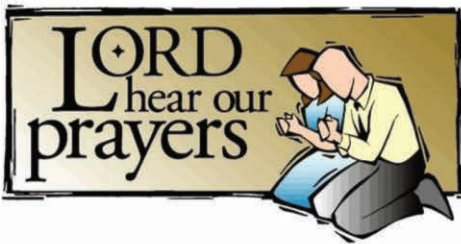
Alleluia, "Mass of a Joyful Heart"

Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia. lu - ia.

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Rejoice
AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD,
FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN.
MATTHEW 5:12



INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"Mass of the Father's Love"

arr. Carol Browning

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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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

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard, Gather #751

1, 6. Will you let me be your ser- vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil- grims on a jour- ney, We are trav- 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ- light for you In the night- time
4. I will weep when you are weep- ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav- en We shall find such

1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth- er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor- row
5. har- mo- ny, Born of all we've known to- geth- er

1, 6. Let you be my ser- vant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour- ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag- o- ny.

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9:00—Seek to Serve
11:00—Lord, I Need You

Pfautsch
Matt Maher

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Glendalough Mass”

Holy, Holy, Holy

Liam Lawton

Gather #263

*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.*



Memorial Acclamation A

Gather #264



Amen

Gather #267



Lamb of God

Gather #269




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

Blessed Are the Poor (Rejoice, Be Glad)

Adam M. L. Tice & Kate Williams

- 1. Blessed are the poor – the people who live in God’s holy reign.
Blessed are the sad, for comfort is yours through sorrow and pain.
Blessed are the meek for you will inherit what long was denied.
Hungry, thirsty ones, your longing for justice will be satisfied.
- 2. Blessed are the kind – the merciful ones shall mercy receive.
Blessed are the good your heart shall see God because you believe.
Blessed children, come: grow peace for a planet still choking with hate.
Persecuted ones, for you all the blessings of heaven await.
- 3. You are salt and light – let earth taste and see God’s glory revealed.
Let your goodness shine; the lost are restored, the broken are healed.
All will be fulfilled – the law and the prophets have shown us the way.
Heaven comes to earth; rejoice and be glad for creation’s new day.



Refrain

Re - joice, be glad, for heav-en is com-ing. Re -
 joice, be glad, for heav - en is com - ing. Re -
 joice, be glad, for heav-en is com-ing to you.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b.1979
Tune: Kate Williams, b.1986
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The Peace of the Earth Gather #820

The peace of the earth be with you,
 the peace of the heavens, too.
 The peace of the rivers be with you,
 the peace of the ocean, too:
 deep peace falling over you,
 God’s peace growing in you.

La paz de la tierra esté contigo,
 la paz de los cielos también.
 La paz de los rios esté contigo,
 la paz de los mares tambien.
 La paz profunda cayendo sobre ti.
 La paz profunda creciendo en ti.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

SENDING FORTH

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, O God;
 You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
 You lead us by still waters into mercy,
 And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember your people...

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob.
 You use the weak to lead the strong.
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
 And all Your people sing along.

So remember your people...



So re-mem-ber your peo-ple, re-mem-ber your chil-dren,
 re - mem - ber your prom - ise, O God.
 Refrain
 Your grace is e-nough, your grace is e-nough, your
 grace is e-nough for me.

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The Blessing of Humility

We are living in a time of uncertainty, cultural-political disquiet, conflicts, and advancing secularism. These are just a few challenges to civil society, governance, relationships, Christianity, and more. The direction and future forward is unclear and can be disconcerting. The author T.S. Elliott offered relief from the distractions we face in life when he wrote we can be *“distracted from distraction by distraction.”* Many of us knowingly or unknowingly do that. The above life concerns are far more than distractions which will not be addressed by other similar distractions.

Today’s advancing world and societal-cultural issues may change how our lives of faith may be lived and broadened. With the challenges we face, today’s three scripture readings from Zephaniah, Paul and Matthew offer hope and guidance. The common thread of their words today is about living life in humility.

In the Old Testament the prophet Zephaniah warns of political turmoil, false prophets, arrogance and idolatries in the Kingdom of Judah. With admonishment he says to the Jewish people, *“Seek the Lord, all you humble of earth, ... seek justice, seek humility.”* They did not listen to his warnings. Soon thereafter their kingdom was defeated and exiled to Babylon.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians about God choosing the “foolish, weak, lowly, despised and those who count for nothing,” to shame those who *“might boast before God.”* God chose the humble not those humbled before God.

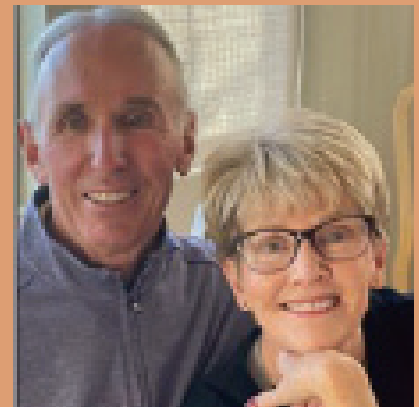
Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount lists eight beatitudes or blessings as desirable qualities for life. The first beatitude is “Blessed are the poor in spirit” which directs us to be aware and conscious of the need for God’s help. It is a humble admission of the poverty of not being able to do everything ourselves. Humility is not to be understood as an embarrassment from a humbled failure but about personal moral poverty which is humility. We need God’s help in overcoming the challenges ahead of us in the world.

Humility is a virtue that uniquely offers us the companion virtue gratitude which is associated with greater happiness. Humility and gratitude are on opposite sides of the same coin. One cannot help but expose and lead to the other. As we humbly live blessed in “poor spirit” a perspective of gratitude for our lives and God’s loving forgiveness arises.

We are to be a new kind of *“distraction”* ... seeds cast to the wind to help bring about a virtuous awakening of the beatitudes to offer hope, light, clarity, respect, truth, dialogue and God’s love to these challenged times.

We can start with something rather simple for a world in need to see. Pastor Rick Warren in his book *Purpose Driven Life* wrote, *“If you have Jesus in your heart, please inform your face.”*

Deacon Jack and Sharon Redmond



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ January 29

Age 3 through Kindergarten. 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 ~ January 29

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! ~ January 30, February 1

Grades 1 - 5. This week the children will learn about "Let Your Light Shine." Parents are welcome. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ February 1

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week kids will learn about "Let Your Light Shine." Parents are welcome. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

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

Weekly ministry begins; if you have not yet signed up, please contact us for more information. youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ January 29

We will gather for 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch at San Juan Capistrano rooms, sessions in the Serra Center conclude at 2:00 pm. For more information, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Peer Leaders

Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!

Peer Leaders ~ Tuesdays

Peer leaders help engage our youth and Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly confirmation sessions, annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. We meet Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. If you are confirmed, 14 to 39 years old, and interested in joining, contact brett@padreserra.org. To sign up, scan the QR Code or visit www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders



Young Adults

Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! www.padreserra.org/young-adults

Bible Study and More ~ February 1

We gather on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. On the first Thursday, we do a Bible study, and on the third Thursday, we play a game. See our Instagram [@pspyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/pspyoungadult) or Facebook [@PadreSerraYA](https://www.facebook.com/PadreSerraYA) for other events! Contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ February 7, 14, 21, 28

New year ... new commitment to studying scripture. 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 paulford@stjohnsem.edu

Centering Prayer ~ February 1, 8, 15

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a contemplative, silent prayer that opens us up to experience God's presence within us, both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Come and rest with God! Wednesdays at 6:45 pm, San Juan Bautista room. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377-0704, vpstv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ February 1, 8, 15, 22

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church. Madel, omphnovenapsp@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Bereavement Support Group ~ February 2, 9, 16, 23

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support group offers mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com, visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

Knitting & Crocheting ~ February 2, 9, 16, 23

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome; if you don't know how we would love to teach you. Thursdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Carmel rooms. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Conversational Spanish ~ February 3, 17

New schedule ... now first and third Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 am in the San Juan Capistrano room. 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. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish

Adults

Writers Group ~ February 3, 10, 17, 24

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

Becoming Catholic

Encounter Jesus

The seven sacraments are essential to the Catholic way of life. The Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist incorporate us into His saving, death, and resurrection. The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us to live as disciples of Jesus; it is also a sign of unity with Jesus and each other. For adults who seek the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, contact adultinitiation@padreserra.org. For children aged six and older who have yet to be baptized, contact childreninitiation@padreserra.org. For adults who want to complete their sacraments with Confirmation, contact confirmation@padreserra.org. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Giving

Together in Mission "Shine His Light"

For 30 years, your tremendous support directly helped thousands of students, families, and parishioners in underserved communities. Together, as ONE Catholic family, we have helped parishes and schools become thriving communities of faith – vibrant, alive, and rooted in the love of Christ. We prayerfully ask that you make a special gift and shine His light in an extraordinary way for all communities to see. Envelopes are in the church lobby, or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Ken Kerr

Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul
Louis & Chris Yered

In the Courtyard

Men's Retreat ~ January 28 - 29, February 4 - 5

Safeguard the Children

What to do when a child discloses abuse

The first thing to remember is to stay calm. Coming forward takes incredible courage and trust; it is usually very hard for children to open up. If a child discloses abuse to you, listening fully to what they are saying is important. Limit your questions to short, simple queries: What happened? Who did this? Where? When? Let the child know you want to help and coming forward is the right thing. As soon as possible, make a report with a child protection agency in your state. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "When a Child Discloses," at https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/When-a-Child-Discloses.Dec_.31.2022.Jan1DYKs.pdf

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 5:1-12a ~ The Beatitudes — a way of life — a map to happiness.

Today's gospel begins the Sermon on the Mount, a collection of Jesus' sayings describing the qualities of his followers. The way righteousness is described in today's reading is through a traditional Hebrew form called Beatitude. Beatitudes simply declare that someone is happy or blest. Take a close look at all the Beatitudes. Can you find one that sounds like an invitation, an area God might be calling you to grow?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Adrien Abare, Mike Acosta, David Alstot, Bob Amantia, Olga Arellano, William Berg, Nancy Brooks Smalle, Asher Buffo, Mary Butler, Greg Cannon, Denise De Caro, Theresa Clemons, Raul Contreras, Michael J. Dille, Ben Fisco, Alice Fisher, David Flood, Asher Flores, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Mark Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Ellana Gilbert, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Letitia Heiter, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Baby Lucia Lalieu, Doreen Learned, Jeanette Lotz, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Geralyn Moody, Mary Mullen, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Rodney Nichols, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrieta, Donna O'Neil, Belinda Peres, Sister Carol Quinlivan, Renee Ramonette, Alice Redondo, Dorothy Simmons, Ken Solovy and Melissa Yeager. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:
Chad Cody, RIP
May he enjoy peace in his life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities

- Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org
- Faith Sharing Groups: www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing
- 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

In the Community

Art Exhibit ~ February 14

AlmaVia invites you to an afternoon filled with art created by residents, family, and friends. Enjoy refreshments and learn more about our vibrant senior living community. 1:30 pm, 2500 Ponderosa Dr.. RSVP Ashley (805) 590-5784.



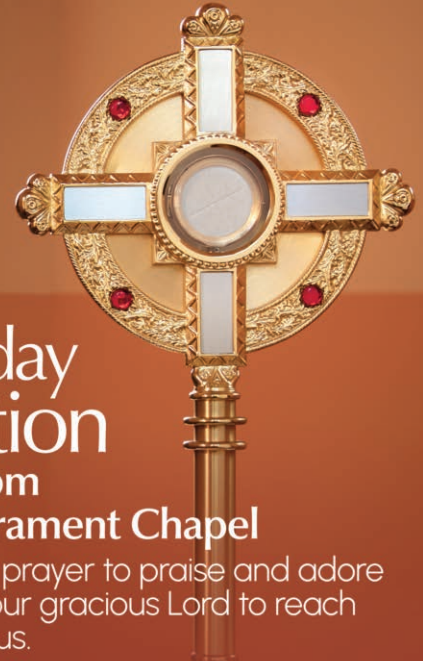
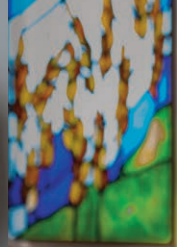
Cancer Support Group

Thursday, February 9
6:30 – 8:00 pm
San Fernando room

Our group provides hope, empowerment, love, and prayer in a comforting, safe atmosphere where people touched by cancer can spiritually connect with others. We also offer practical tools for physical and spiritual wellness.

Meets the second Thursday of the month.

Contact teresa@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/cancer



First Friday Adoration

2:00 - 7:00 pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

This devotional prayer to praise and adore Jesus, and for our gracious Lord to reach out and adore us.

Come spend 10, 20, and 30 minutes for quiet prayer before our Lord Jesus.

To commit to one hour, contact teresa@padreserra.org
www.padreserra.org/adoration



Jason Stoll Piano Recital

Friday, February 10,
7:00 pm
Padre Serra Parish

An eclectic recital program encompassing a variety of musical styles. You will hear pieces from romantic, impressionistic, jazz, and musical theater genres, ultimately culminating in the classical "rock n roll" Waldstein Sonata by L.V Beethoven.

Join Jason in this "Musical Potpourri" to lift your spirits!

Visit www.padreserra.org/jasonstoll



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