



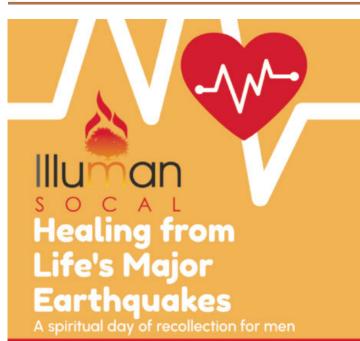
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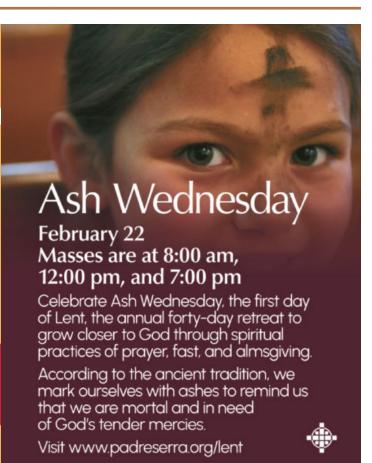
As our leaders prepare for the Year 2 Confirmation retreat, we want to thank you all for your prayers for the teens preparing for Confirmation.



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GATHERING

In Christ Alone

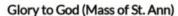
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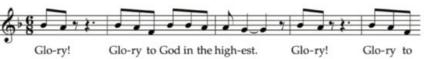


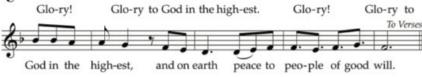
In Christ alone, Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The will of God was satisfied. For ev'ry in on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the tomb His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again. And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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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.

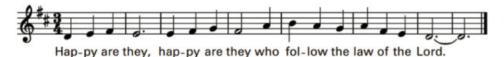
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Psalm 119: Happy Are They

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Reading 1

Sirach 15:15-20

Reading 2

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-37

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will, seeking him, seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care, O Lord. May my footsteps be firm, my footsteps be firm to obey, to obey your statutes, O Lord.

Bless your servant and I shall live, obeying your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders, all the wonders of your law. Blessed are you,

Tather.
Lord of

heaven and earth

you have revealed to the little ones the

mysteries of the

Matthew 11:25

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, "Mass of a Joyful Heart"

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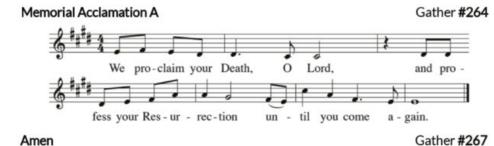
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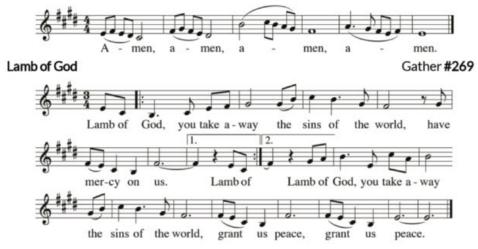
Liam Lawton Gather #263

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.

Amen









LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.

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COMMUNION SONGS

We Are One Chris de Silva, Gather #913 Refrain We one in the bod one in the Spirare one. y, the food for the hunof Lord. Here, we be - come drink for the thirst - y. At this ta-ble of love, by faith, gry, we are all made one.

Beyond the bread we break, we live the promise of new life. Beyond the cup we take, we share our lives with one another: Then we'll know the presence of God.

As we receive your love, we look to give love in return, and we believe your love will change our hearts to end divisions: Then we'll know the presence of God.

Summoned as food for all, we take the gospel to the world, When do good for all, we hear the call to choose compassion: Then we'll know the presence of God.

Text: Based on Ephesians 4:4-6; Chris de Silva, b.1967 Tune: Chris de Silva, b.1967 © 2007, GIA Publications, Inc.

For God So Loved the World For God So Loved the World

Marty Haugen, Gather #580 Bob Chilcott

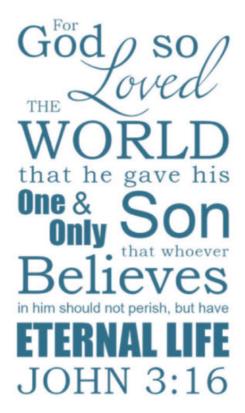
SENDING FORTH

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry, Gather #685



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, alt.
Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942



What though my joys and comfort die? The Lord my savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart. A fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Maximums / Minimums

In Mark 1:22, Jesus' audience was astonished at his teaching, "for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes," who could read and interpret the law, but couldn't legislate. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus exercising his authority. Every time he said, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors...But I say to you..." he adopted God's position as legislator, higher than that of Moses who only received the law from God. When Jesus defined the law, just as God the Father does, he pushed for more noble and caring behavior than the earlier law required.

In the years when I was in the classroom, one of the clearest differences between students was the attitudes about "the course requirements." So many of them were hungry for knowledge, and pursued every avenue of learning with enthusiasm. But not all of them. It was so clear that some wanted to know exactly what they needed to do to pass the course, so they could do that much and no more. "Getting by" was sufficient for them. They lacked any passion for their studies. As a professor, I responded by providing minimums that were, if anything, fairly substantial, based on my experience of what priests would need to know to preach and teach the Scriptures well. I felt it was important to challenge the minimalists to something more meaty and enthusiastic. I didn't succeed with everyone, but I did with some, even many.

I see Jesus encouraging us, in this weekend's Gospel, to move ourselves beyond a minimalist approach to faith and life. There were behaviors that the Hebrew Scriptures permitted, in the more violent times of the past, which Jesus no longer accepted. He took a deep look at what the Torah permitted regarding how we deal with troublesome brothers (and sisters), how permanent are our marital relationships, how to respect people other than our spouses whom we find attractive, how to speak the truth without embellishment. In each case, Jesus references the old teaching, and then corrects or amplifies it. Jesus conceives of a maximalist Kingdom of God. In essence: let's do as much as possible to create the caring Kingdom of God. No settling for the least common denominator here.

You might consider where you are on this spectrum. Are you trying to do the least possible, just to squeak by, morally and spiritually speaking? Are you desiring to do more, but struggling to attend to all of life's demands? Is your relationship with the Lord the guiding value of your life to which you dedicate your heart with enthusiasm?

In whatever place you find yourself, I encourage you to take the next step, to hold yourself up to a yet higher standard. Let the bright light of Jesus' enthusiasm shine upon *you*, and respond with ever-greater commitment.

Siempre adelante!

Ar. Patrick

Fr. Patrick Pastor

Children

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Little Church ~ February 5, 12, 19

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 ~ February 5, 12

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! ~ February 6 and 8

Grades 1 - 5. This week the children will learn about the importance of Reconciliation. Parents are welcome. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ February 8

Middle school ministry \sim Grades 6, 7, and 8. We will gather in Carmel rooms, 6:45 - 8:00 pm. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

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 ~ February 5

The weekly ministry has begun; make sure to sign in every week. If you have not yet signed up, please contact us at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ February 5

We will gather for 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch in 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

Adults

Camarillo Catholic Seniors ~ February 15

Ash Wednesday is upon us. Padre Serra's pastoral associate, Teresa Runyon, will reflect on the journey of Lent through the lens of a Holy Land pilgrimage, sharing photos and insights gleaned from walking in Jesus' steps to and through Jerusalem. Refreshments will be provided by AlmaVia at 9:45 am, followed by the presentation at 10:00, Serra Center. Jan Pirkl janpirkl@yahoo.com

Lemons on the Loose ~ February 15

Lemons on the Loose is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research and help through Alex's Lemonade Stand. 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group ~ February 16

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. 10:00am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407·3000, bettybright41@gmail.com, visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

PAX Christi ~ February 16

Walking together to embrace the spirituality of nonviolence, let us begin with Ephesians 3:17: My Christ dwells in your hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of your life. Then may you fully grasp, with all the saints, the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love, and experience this love which surpasses all knowledge, so that you may attain God's very fullness. Join in a new series centered on the spirituality of the nonviolence of Jesus. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. Deacon Luc Papillon lucpapillon@gmail.com or Gary Freeberg gfreeberg@gmail.com (805) 236-1953.

Conversational Spanish ~ February 17

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

Seeds of Faith ~ February 20

Our new study is Unleashed: A Catholic Women's Walk with Scripture by Sonja Corbitt, in which she weaves the Word of God with her life experiences to illustrate how the Holy Spirit flows through our relationships, suffering, and prayer. 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

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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

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 5:17-37 ~ God's Commandments are a way of life.

The Law is God's gift of life. The holiness of Jesus' followers is a choice of life. Jesus gave six examples of how to follow the Law, four of which are in today's gospel. He declared that sin really begins with the decision before the action is taken. When you hear the word commandment, what do you feel? What did Jesus mean when he said he did not come to abolish but to fulfill the law of the prophets?

Giving

Angel Tags ~ Thank You!

Maria Santana, Catholic Chaplain at the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility, extends heartfelt and deep gratitude for your generosity in donating gift cards totaling \$2,435 at Christmas. This allowed the chaplain to purchase items for Christmas goody bags and fresh tamales. The rest will cover ongoing faith events until the facility closes on June 30. Two different youths created images to symbolize their gratitude for being remembered and cared for by the community; one of the young men said, "I truly appreciate not being forgotten." Thank you! Visit www.padreserra.org/angel-tags

SMMS ~ Scholarship Fund

Over 108 Padre Serra children are students at St. Mary Magdalen School, and of those students, 8 receive financial aid totaling over \$13,000. Help our Padre Serra parents give their children the gift of Catholic education. For more information, please contact pam@padreserra.org or visit www.padreserra.org/smms

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Remember Our Dead

Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently: Magdalena Ybarra, RIP

May she enjoy peace in her life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- Kenneth Kerr ~ February 18, 10:00 am
- Carmela Grossberger ~ March 18, 10:00 am
- Arlene Amantia ~ April 1, 10:00 am

For more information about Funeral & Memorial announcements, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

In the Community

Life After a Spousal Loss ~ March 3 - 5

Beginning Experience is an international lay ministry serving men and women who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. The weekend is led by trained peer ministers who guide and encourage hurting people to take steps on their grief journey to move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. Info/register: Maria Rojas (310) 365-0186.

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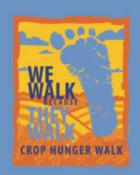
\$275/person, \$50 deposit required.

Learn more and register in the courtyard on February 25 - 26, March 4 - 5, or online at www.padreserra.org/retreats

Contact Eileen Richards richards.eileen@gmail.com



Sunday, March 12 12:30 pm Padre Serra Parish



Hungry people in developing countries walk as many as six miles a day to get food and water for their families. We walk in solidarity with their struggle to raise awareness and funds for international and local groups: St. Columba's food pantry, St. Mary Magdalen Christian Service Program, RAIN, and more.

Walk 2.8 miles on March 12, Sponsor Fr. Patrick, or volunteer! All ages can participate!

Learn more and register February 18 - 19, or 25 - 26, in courtyard or register online today at www.padreserra.org/crop-walk

Contact Carrie Perry (805) 443-5266



Social Spanish

NEW SCHEDULE!

First and third Friday of the month 9:00 - 10:00 am San Juan Capistrano room

All levels and ages are welcome!

Learn and practice conversational Spanish to talk with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and learn prayers, songs, and traditions in the Mexican Catholic culture.

For more information, contact Patricia at patty.g.q14@gmail.com Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish



You Did What? With Whom? How Many Times?

Fr. Patrick Mullen Tuesday, March 14 7:00 pm, Serra Center

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can seem hard...but it doesn't need to be. It's intended to be a loving grace in our lives. Hear Fr. Patrick speak on the Scriptural roots, the Divine plan of forgiveness, and the place confession has in our spiritual growth and family life.

Free. Registration appreciated. Visit www.padreserra.org/aff Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team

