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MARCH 26, 2023 · FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Jn 11:25a, 26

Community Lenten Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 29
7:00 pm, in the church

Prepare for the celebrations of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection by celebrating reconciliation, the sacrament of healing, grace, and mercy.

A beautiful service followed by the opportunity for individual confession with a loving and understanding priest.

Bring a can for the food pantry and stay after for refreshments in the courtyard.

Visit www.padreserra.org/lent



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays during Lent
February 24 through March 31
2:00 - 7:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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

Spend some time for quiet prayer before our Lord Jesus. Come for 10, 20, or 30 minutes or commit to one hour.

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



Holy Week

Palm Sunday
Saturday, April 1
5:00 pm

Sunday, April 2
7:30 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am

Holy Thursday
April 6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday
April 7, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 8, 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday
April 9, 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am, in the church
9:15 am, 11:15 am,
in the Serra Center

Be at home with us at Padre Serra Parish as we encounter the greatest love of all this Holy Week and Easter.

For more information visit
www.padreserra.org/holy-week



Stations of the Cross

Mary's Way of the Cross
March 31, 7:00 pm,
in the church

These Stations of the Cross reflect Jesus' passion and crucifixion through the lens of Mary, his mother.

Hosted by the Women's Ministry.
Visit www.padreserra.org/stations



GATHERING

Christ In Me Arise

Trevor Thomson

Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.
 Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.
 Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.
 Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
 2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. } On - ward to the king - dom,
 2. where I must go. }

to Refrain

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

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Lord have mercy
 Christ have mercy
 Lord have mercy



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Reading 1

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading 2

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 30: With the Lord There Is Mercy

Marty Haugen, Gather #87

With the Lord there is mer - cy, and full - ness of re - demp - tion.

From out of depths, I cry unto you,
 Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
 O let your ear be open to my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
 then who could stand within your sight?
 But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.

Just as those who wait for the morning light,
 even more I long for the Lord, my God,
 whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

Text: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
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*I am
the resurrection
and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies,
will never die.*

John 11:25a, 6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Christopher Walker



Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

God Ever Faithful

Michael Joncas, Gather #344



God ev - er - faith - ful, God ev - er - mer - ci - ful,

God of your peo - ple, hear our prayer.

Text: Michael Joncas
Music: Michael Joncas
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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

For God So Loved the World

Marty Haugen, Gather #580



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. So much God loved the



world, so much God loves the world.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; full of grace, full of truth he made his home. He came to his own who would know him not, though all who behold him, all who receive him are called the children of God.

As Moses lifted up the serpent so that all who look to it might live, the Son of Man must be lifted up so that all who believe, all who look to him may have eternal life.

God's Son came not to condemn the world, but that the world may be saved through him, and all who believe in the Son of God shall come to the light, and live in the light, and dwell in the heart of God.

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.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Mass of the Incarnate Word”

Bob Hurd

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, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

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

Amen

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

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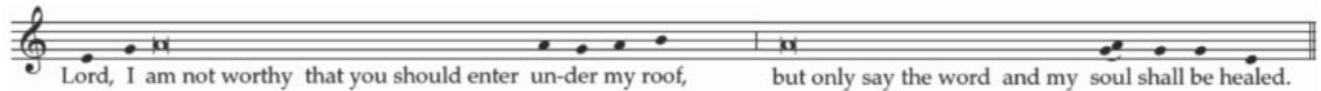
Agnus Dei IX

Plainchant

Ag-nus De - i qui tol - is pec - ca - ta mun - di
mi - se - re - re no - bis Ag-nus De - i qui tol - lis pec -
do - na no - bis pa - cem.
ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.

*Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi / Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world
miserere nobis / have mercy on us
dona nobis pacem / grant us peace*

Invitation to Communion



COMMUNION SONGS

We Remember

Marty Haugen, Gather #681

We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed; Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. *We remember...*

Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal: Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. *We remember...*

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. *We remember...*

See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side: Gifts to one another, and temples of your love. *We remember...*

Lazarus Henry Ossawa Tanner



*Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord*

SENDING FORTH

Awake, O Sleeper

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Verses 1, 2



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Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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In God's Time

Dear friends on the journey,

I'm sitting with today's gospel feeling overwhelmed by the theological depth in the story of Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead, a story with a plethora of characters, emotions, dialogue, actions, and themes. We could fill hours, days and weeks discussing each one. We can focus on the obvious theme of death, new life and resurrection, or just grief and suffering. The faith of Lazarus' sister Martha who believes Jesus is the Messiah is an entire conversation. We could spend time on this miracle being Jesus' last and its significance to his own passion, death and resurrection. One page could not do justice to the importance of this gospel.

I did what I do every week in Gospel Hangout, namely using the prayer form Lectio Divina to allow the Holy Spirit to guide me. She pointed me right to the line about Jesus waiting for two days before traveling to Judea. On the surface, it seems a little heartless for Jesus to hear that his dearest friend Lazarus is ill and not rush to his bedside, but rather wait two days all the while knowing that travel time would delay him further. Lazarus was dead and buried for four days by the time Jesus arrived. This behavior is not like Jesus at all.

We know that Jesus is not at all cold, heartless and uncaring. Jesus is God after all so he must have had a good reason for delaying. After prayerful reflection, I wondered if God is giving me a message, a lesson that my time, our time, is not God's time. So often, we want certain things, a particular way, right now, or at a precise time. In addition, when things do not work out the way we want, we wonder if God even cares. When our prayers seem unanswered, we wonder if God forgot our address. When suffering comes upon us, we wonder how God could let it happen.

Have you ever wondered where God was in a particular situation? Did it seem like God was absent in your suffering? I have. How could I become a mom at 17? How could I lose three grandparents in six weeks? How could my parents have cancer at the same time? Lord, please explain this to me.

Lazarus' sister Martha exemplifies the faith with which we are to live. Faith calls us in these times to lean ever more firmly on trusting in God's wisdom and timing. Faith challenges us to accept life's mysteries, especially those with no answers. Faith invites us to believe that God has us in his palm, even when we do not feel it. Faith gives us hope that God just might have a better way for us, that each suffering and trial could very well be a "death" in us that opens us to a new opportunity, a new life.

I encourage you to sit with this gospel this week. Put yourself in this story and reflect on your own faith story. Is it firm or needs some attention? What needs to die in you? What might God be doing in seemingly unanswered prayers? What healing do you want from Jesus? Imagine what God has cooking for you in his time.

Siempre Adelante,



Teresa Runyon
Pastoral Associate



Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Little Church ~ March 26

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 ~ March 26

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! ~ March 27 and 29

Grades 1 - 5. This week children will learn of Jesus' other title, "The Son of David." For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ March 29

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. Middle school kids will lead the Shadow Stations of the Cross. For more information, contact tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 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

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

Confirmation Y2 ~ March 26

Teens will gather at 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch in the San Juan Capistrano room. The session concludes in Serra Center 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

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



Adults

Meditative Movement ~ March 28, 30

Women and men of any age are invited to join instructor Sheila Montgomery for meditative movement: Tai Chi Tuesdays, 2:00 - 2:45 pm \$5/class, and Yoga Thursdays, 2:00 - 2:45 \$10/class. Sheila Montgomery sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

Caregivers Support Group ~ March 28

Caritas supports those caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Meets fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm San Fernando room and via Zoom. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ March 29

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary Wednesdays. This week we will begin at 6:00 pm in the Santa Barbara room to allow attendees to attend the 7:00 pm reconciliation service. Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Illuman ~ March 29

Founded in 2012 by the Franciscan mystic and teacher Richard Rohr, *Illuman* exists to help men do their inner, spiritual work to become healthier and more authentic human beings. Our chapter offers personal growth and spiritual transformation opportunities, a liberating environment, support and brotherhood, and contemplative spirituality. Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, San Miguel room. Contact Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

In the Community

Villanova Middle & High School

Founded in the Augustinian tradition nearly 100 years ago, Villanova Preparatory for middle and high school, located in Ojai, seeks to instill the values of unity, truth, and love are embodied in all aspects of the school, from the rigorous academics to sports and clubs. Enrollment for 2023 - 24 is open. Financial aid and scholarships are available. Learn more: www.villanovaprep.org

La Reina Open House ~ April 1

La Reina Middle & High School is a college preparatory school for girls in Thousand Oaks. Your family is invited at 10:00 am to an informational session followed by a tour of our beautiful campus and learn more about our academic, spiritual, athletic, art, and co-curricular offerings at La Reina. Reservations: www.lareina.com/spring23. Scholarships are available; 2 parish scholarships (valued at \$2,000) will be awarded to two new incoming students per parish for 2023 - 24. Apply online: www.lareina.com/parish

Becoming Catholic

All Begins in the Baptismal Font.

On Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil liturgy, the font will be the focus of much of the night's activity. This year 14 people will be immersed in the waters of baptism, and our parish community will be enriched and renewed by their gifts as together we strive to encounter Jesus and be disciples. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact Mary Huebner at (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Funerals

- **Belinda Peres ~ March 29, 10:00 am**
- **Arlene Amantia ~ April 1, 10:00 am**
- **Raul Contreras ~ April 26, 11:00 am**
- **Karena Gutierrez ~ May 13, 10:00 am**

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

Giving



Together in Mission 'Shine His Light'

Goal: \$143,830

Year to Date: \$22,691 donated by 78 households

Gap: \$121,139 to reach our goal

"All of us are being called to step up and open every door for Jesus Christ, to **Shine His Light** into every area of our culture and society, to bring every heart to a new encounter with the living God." — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez. Prayerfully, we ask for your support to help schools and parishes continue their ministries and missions. For questions, please contact pam@padreserra.org. Envelopes are in the church lobby or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

Helping Someone in Need

If you are approached by a stranger at church asking for money, please refer them to the office for information about assistance from St. Vincent de Paul. Our outreach ministry has volunteers on call Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Someone in need needs to call (805) 504-4753.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring communion to patients on Wednesdays and Fridays. Current qualified ministers are encouraged. Orientation and training provided. Questions: Liz Leung eksleung@aol.com

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

John 11:1-45 ~ New Life in Jesus

The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

David Alstot, Tina Alvarado, Olga Arellano, William Berg, Rick Bergman, Tim Bennett, James Biggs, Erlinda Boral, Chuck Bueker, Cathy Busch, Theresa Clemons, Cassandra Cliona Bravo, Catherine Doles, Ben Fisco, David Flood, Mark Garcia, Dalia Gettings, Dorothy Gilmore, Tim Graf, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Leticia Heiter, Esther Hughes, Mark Jackson, Jeanette Lotz, Edwina Manalang, George Martinez, Freddie Masaoy, Dave McDonnell, Rosita McKnight, David Minkin, Bonnie Jo Moeller, Gerilyn Moody, Mary Mullen, Leonardo Nieva, Delia Quintana, Chris Ramirez, Renee Ramonette, Derrick Rosal, Dorothy Simmons, Jessica Slagel and Hugo Viveros. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Michael Dilley, RIP

Rosario Labaguis, RIP

Dave Murphy, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

In the Courtyard

Parishioners Directory ~ March 26

It's so important to get to know each other! There will be a volunteer in the courtyard after 9:00, and 11:00 am Mass to help you take your picture and fill out the form. See page 12.

Safeguard the Children

Continuing to Help Victim-Survivors and Prevent Abuse

In a letter to parishes, Archbishop Gomez has addressed the lifting of the statute of limitations on childhood sexual abuse civil claims in California that concluded on December 31, 2022. Archbishop Gomez emphasized the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will continue to help victim-survivors and to prevent abuse. The dedicated efforts of those in the Archdiocese who have taken part in Safeguard programs and ensured reporting of suspected abuse have been important, and over the last two decades credible cases of misconduct have become rare. At this time, no one who has been found to have harmed a minor is serving in ministry. While strides have been made to combat this grave evil, we must stand resolute and continue efforts to help victim-survivors find healing and ensure that this tragedy never happens again. Let us continue to offer our prayers for all victim-survivors of abuse and their loved ones and let us renew our commitment to remain vigilant and do all we can to prevent abuse.

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The choir sings at Mass about once a month and in the annual parish Christmas Concert. No experience is necessary – we will train you!

To join, contact
kathleen@padreserra.org
For more information, visit
www.padreserra.org/cmsc

Contact Us

Our parish staff is available via email using their firstname@padreserra.org

We want to answer your questions about:

Baptism	Sr. Lana
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Parishioners Directory

Please help and encourage one another to contribute to our parish directory. It's so important to get to know each other!

Please submit a separate form and picture for each adult member of your household at www.padreserra.org/parishioners-form

Pictures of parishioners will be displayed by individuals and by family. In the interest of their safety, we will not publish children's photographs or information.

For questions, please get in touch with gaby@padreserra.org