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APRIL 30, 2023 · FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Celebrate New Life!  
**Baby Shower**  
 Sunday, April 30  
 2:30 - 5:00 pm Serra Center

You are invited for an afternoon tea to support women and families experiencing unexpected pregnancies.

Includes: Keynote speaker Michele Loughman, director of Life Centers of Ventura County, information about local services, baby shower activities, and tea-tasting. \$10/person, \$60/table of eight; baby shower gift.

Sponsored by Padre Serra, Life Centers, and Zonta International.

Learn more and register at [www.padreserra.org/baby-shower](http://www.padreserra.org/baby-shower)




## Celebrate Mom!

Mother's Day Corsages

Preorder April 30, May 6, and 7, after Mass, in the courtyard.

Pick up your preorder on May 13 and 14.

Beautiful orchid corsages are perfect gifts for your mother, grandma, or that special "mom" in your life, or donate a corsage to a mom in a local nursing facility!

Your purchase supports the life-giving work of Life Centers of Ventura County, which provides much-needed help and support for moms-to-be.

\$5 each. Order online today! Visit [www.padreserra.org/mothers-day](http://www.padreserra.org/mothers-day)




## Care & Prepare

A Series on the End of Life

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23  
 7:00 pm, Serra Center

*What is Church teaching about the difficult choices that can occur near the end of life? How can I best care for my loved one and myself? What documents are important to have in place and why? Who do I call after my loved one dies? How can my parish help?*

Professionals in health care and the Church will share their knowledge of what to expect when a person nears the natural end of life, how to provide compassionate care, and what steps to be taken in the preparation and upon death. Each session is independent.

Come for one, two, or all four sessions.

For more information and to RSVP, visit [www.padreserra.org/care-prepare](http://www.padreserra.org/care-prepare)




## Mother's Day Novena

First Mass May 13.

Novena Cards are available in the church lobby for those who wish to enroll their mother, living or deceased.

For nine consecutive Masses, your mom will be prayed for in a community of love.

This prayer tradition originates in the nine days the apostles prayed in the upper room while waiting for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit. It is concentrated prayer for a specific intention.

Contact [srlana@padreserra.org](mailto:srlana@padreserra.org)



**GATHERING**

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name  
 — Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. —

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
 It's time to sing Your song again.  
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
 The end draws near, and my time has come;  
 Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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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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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God**

Marty Haugen, Gather #35

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
 yond my fears, from death in - to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
 you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
 my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
 I fear no evil, for you are at my side;  
 your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
 crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
 I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Text: Psalm 23, Marty Haugen  
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**Reading 1**  
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**Reading 2**  
 1 Peter 2:20b-25

**Gospel Reading**  
 John 10:1-10

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Paul Prochaska

REFRAIN

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

to Verses Last time

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

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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.

**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

Prayer of the Faithful

Donna Pena, Gather #349

O Lord hear our pray'r. Lord hear us, O Lord hear our pray'r.

**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

Shepherd of My Heart

Francis Patrick O'Brien, Gather #723

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart;  
 lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day.  
 Show me the way of truth and light;  
 keep me always in your sight.  
 May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.

Cantate Canon

Donald Moore

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

"Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante"

Bob Hurd

Santo/Holy

(Bilingual) San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,  
 (English) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Dios del u - ni - ver - so. Heav - en and earth are  
 God of pow'r and might.  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -

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 B

A - nun - cia - mos tu muer - te, pro - cla -  
 7 7 Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; 7 7

ma - mos tu re - su - rrec - ción. ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je -  
 ris - ing you re - stored our life. Lord Je - sus,

sús! ¡Ven, Se - ñor Je - sús! sús!  
 come, come in glo - ry. ry.

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Amen

A - mén, a - mén. A - mén, a - mén.

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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, quitolis 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

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.



COMMUNION SONGS

We Are One

Chris de Silva, Gather #913

Refrain

We are one, one in the bod - y, one in the Spir-  
 it of the Lord. Here, we be - come food for the hun-  
 gry, drink for the thirst - y. At this ta-ble of love, by faith,  
 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.

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The Lord Is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

The LORD is my *Shepherd*;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me  
lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my *soul*.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies  
Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over  
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23

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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## God is good, all the time!

Dear Friends,

Many symbols of the Risen Christ are present in our Easter season celebrations. They are gifts to us, all conspiring to lead us to a deep, joyful relationship with the Lord — if we will let them.

One of those symbols that is constantly present is the assembly of which we all are a part. As we look around our beautiful worship space, it is the People of God, next to us, or across the way that we see week after week. The actions that we do together in worship — like standing, singing, praying, listening, walking in procession, sharing silence — all of these are ways the Lord can become present to us ... if we will allow it.

Of course you have noticed the white banners, the beautiful pedestals with the Holy Oils on display near the baptismal font and the Easter Candle, and all the lovely flowers and greenery that lift our spirits and tell us without a doubt that we are in a special place during a special season. Their purpose also is to serve as “signposts” or icons pointing toward God, if we will open “the eyes of our hearts” to see.

Next weekend at the 5:00 pm Mass we will confirm seventy young men and women, completing the initiation that began with their baptism and continued with their participation in the Eucharist. That group, in white garments, being anointed with the sacred chrism, is another symbol of the Good Shepherd, the Risen Jesus, active in our midst. Many of us know these young men and women and have been blessed to minister with them in a number of ways. Those experiences are all blessings from our loving God.

Two weeks later, another group of younger Catholics (my granddaughter among them) will make their First Communion at our 5:00 pm, 9:00 am and 11:00 am liturgies. The love and care which have gone into their preparation for this sacrament are still more evidence that Jesus lives among us. And of course they themselves in their Sunday best, on their best behavior, receiving the Bread of Life for the first time are signs of the love of God, present and active.

Let's continue to pray that Jesus the Living Savior may be more and more revealed to us and to the world by the way we live and care for one another and all we meet.

*Siempre Adelante,*



Dominic MacAller  
Director of Liturgy and Music



## Children

*Age 3 to Grade 8*

### Little Church ~ April 30

Age 3 through Kindergarten. No sessions this week; we resume on April 16. 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](http://www.padreserra.org/registration). For more information, contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)



### Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ April 30

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](mailto:tere@padreserra.org) for more information.

### Spark! ~ May 1 and 3

Grades 1 - 5. This week children will learn "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life." For more information, please get in touch with [jennifer@padreserra.org](mailto:jennifer@padreserra.org) or [christine@padreserra.org](mailto:christine@padreserra.org)

### Three-Sixteen ~ May 3

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. We will gather in Carmel rooms at 6:45 pm. Don't forget your Bible. For more information, contact [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

## High School

*Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!*

### 4:12 ~ May 3, 10, 17, 24

High school teens, join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 in San Juan Capistrano room. [youth@padreserra.org](mailto: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](mailto:youth@padreserra.org) or [tere@padreserra.org](mailto:tere@padreserra.org)

### Confirmation Y2 ~ Saturday, May 6

Confirmation Liturgy is Saturday, May 6, at 5:00 pm. Rehearsal is Friday, May 5, at 6:00 pm in the Church. For more information, contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

## Peer Leaders

*Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!*

### Peer Leaders ~ May 2

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](mailto:brett@padreserra.org). To sign up, scan the QR Code or visit [www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders](http://www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders)



## Young Adults

*Everyone 18 to 39ish is welcome! [www.padreserra.org/young-adults](http://www.padreserra.org/young-adults)*

### Bible Study and More ~ May 4 and 18

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](mailto:brett@padreserra.org)

## Adults

### Bible Faith Share ~ May 1, 8, 15, 22

In-person faith sharing group, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Sherry Reynolds [sherryr2256@gmail.com](mailto:sherryr2256@gmail.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing](http://www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing)

### Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Dr. Paul Ford leads a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday scriptures that helps us better understand the Bible, prepares us for liturgy, and how Jesus is present in our lives. 8:30 - 9:30 am, Serra Center. Contact: Dr. Paul Ford, [paulford@stjohnsem.edu](mailto:paulford@stjohnsem.edu). Visit [www.padreserra.org/bible-study](http://www.padreserra.org/bible-study)

### Gospel Hangout ~ May 2, 3

Come hang out virtually as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus is intersecting with our lives at this moment. Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For Zoom link: [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing](http://www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing)

### Healing after Divorce ~ May 2, 16

Our healing from divorce support group offers 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, Zoom. Cynthia [cjonescampbell@yahoo.com](mailto:cjonescampbell@yahoo.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/divorce](http://www.padreserra.org/divorce)

### Senior Adapted Exercise ~ May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

All are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class Wednesdays, 8:45 - 9:30 am, San Miguel room. Contact Marg (805) 405-9901. Visit [www.padreserra.org/seniors](http://www.padreserra.org/seniors)

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the church. Fellowship reception following prayer on May 3. Madel [omphnovenapsp@gmail.com](mailto:omphnovenapsp@gmail.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/prayer](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer)



## Adults

### Knitting & Crocheting ~ May 4, 11, 18, 25

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](http://www.padreserra.org/knit)

### Bereavement Support ~ May 4, 18

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](mailto:bettybright41@gmail.com), visit [www.padreserra.org/bereavement](http://www.padreserra.org/bereavement)

## Becoming Catholic

### The Sacraments

The seven sacraments are essential to the Catholic way of life. They are marvelous gifts from God and might be described as blessed, grace-filled moments along our earthly journey. Each sacrament is an encounter with the risen Jesus. Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are called the Sacraments of Christian Initiation because they incorporate us into the saving, death, and resurrection of Jesus (the "Paschal Mystery"). Padre Serra is blessed to have 14 neophytes — newly initiated Catholics — who inspire the whole church to holiness and openness to God's call. If you are an adult who would like to investigate receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, please get in touch with Mary Huebner at (805) 482-6417 x321 or [becomingcatholic@padreserra.org](mailto:becomingcatholic@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic](http://www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic)

## Funerals

- **Karena Gutierrez ~ May 13, 10:00 am**
- **Linda Madden Hapgood ~ June 17, 10:00 am**

For more information about Funeral & Memorial announcements, visit [www.padreserra.org/funerals](http://www.padreserra.org/funerals)

## In the Community

### St. Phoebe Prayer Service ~ May 3

At the Resurrection, Jesus told the women, "Go and Tell," and we have been sharing the Good News ever since! Please join a virtual prayer service as we celebrate Easter hope and joy with women disciples past and present, especially the first-century female deacon Phoebe. Wednesday 4:00 pm PT. Zoom registration is required; visit [discerningdeacons.org/event/st-phoebe-prayer-for-a-synodal-church-%e2%80%96-monthly-prayer-service](https://discerningdeacons.org/event/st-phoebe-prayer-for-a-synodal-church-%e2%80%96-monthly-prayer-service)

### Mass at Serra Cross ~ May 6

All are invited to pilgrimage from San Buenaventura Mission to Serra Cross in Grant Park. 7:30 am walk from the mission garden, praying the rosary, to the cross where an 8:00 bilingual Mass will be celebrated with a spectacular view of San Buenaventura and the coastline. Refreshments to follow. [www.sanbuenaventuramission.org](http://www.sanbuenaventuramission.org)

## Faith Sharing Question

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table*

### John 10:1-10 ~ Jesus the Good Shepherd

Today's gospel invites us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow Him and to trust in His guidance and protection. How well do I recognize the voice of Jesus as the Good Shepherd? Do I take the time to listen for his guidance in my life?

## Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Olga Arellano, James Biggs, Erlinda Boral, Mary Butler, Carlos Calvo, Theresa Clemons, Catherine Doles, Catherine Enerio, Ben Fisco, Jeanne Gaffney, Dorothy Gilmore, Tim Graf, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Patrick Hair, Arlene Harris, Leticia Heiter, Mark Jackson, Frank Legrove, Fr. Bill Lowe, Dave McDonnell, Carole Mingay, David Minkin, Bonnie Jo Moeller, Mary Mullen, Angela Ortiz, Catherine Pierce, Derrick Rosal, Eric Sams, 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:*

Nico E. Cabalu, RIP  
Gunigonda Caunna, RIP  
Consuelo Soriano, RIP

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

## Giving

### Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity

There are a dozen or so special collections every year, all for different groups and all needed. This one, the Cardinal McIntyre Fund, goes to 'emergency needs' for people who are already poor and are now faced with crises and have nowhere else to turn. Envelopes are in the church lobby.

## Save the Date

### Scouts Pancake Breakfast ~ Sunday, June 11

Tickets in the courtyard May 27, 28, and June 3, 4

## Safeguard the Children

### National Child Abuse Prevention Month

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, we reviewed how we work together as a community of faith to prevent abuse and protect children and young people. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles stands resolute in its commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors, and protect minors and the vulnerable. An updated flyer that summarizes the efforts of the Archdiocese to ensure that our parishes, schools, and ministries are safe places for children and young people is available at [lacatholics.org/protect/protect-resources](http://lacatholics.org/protect/protect-resources)

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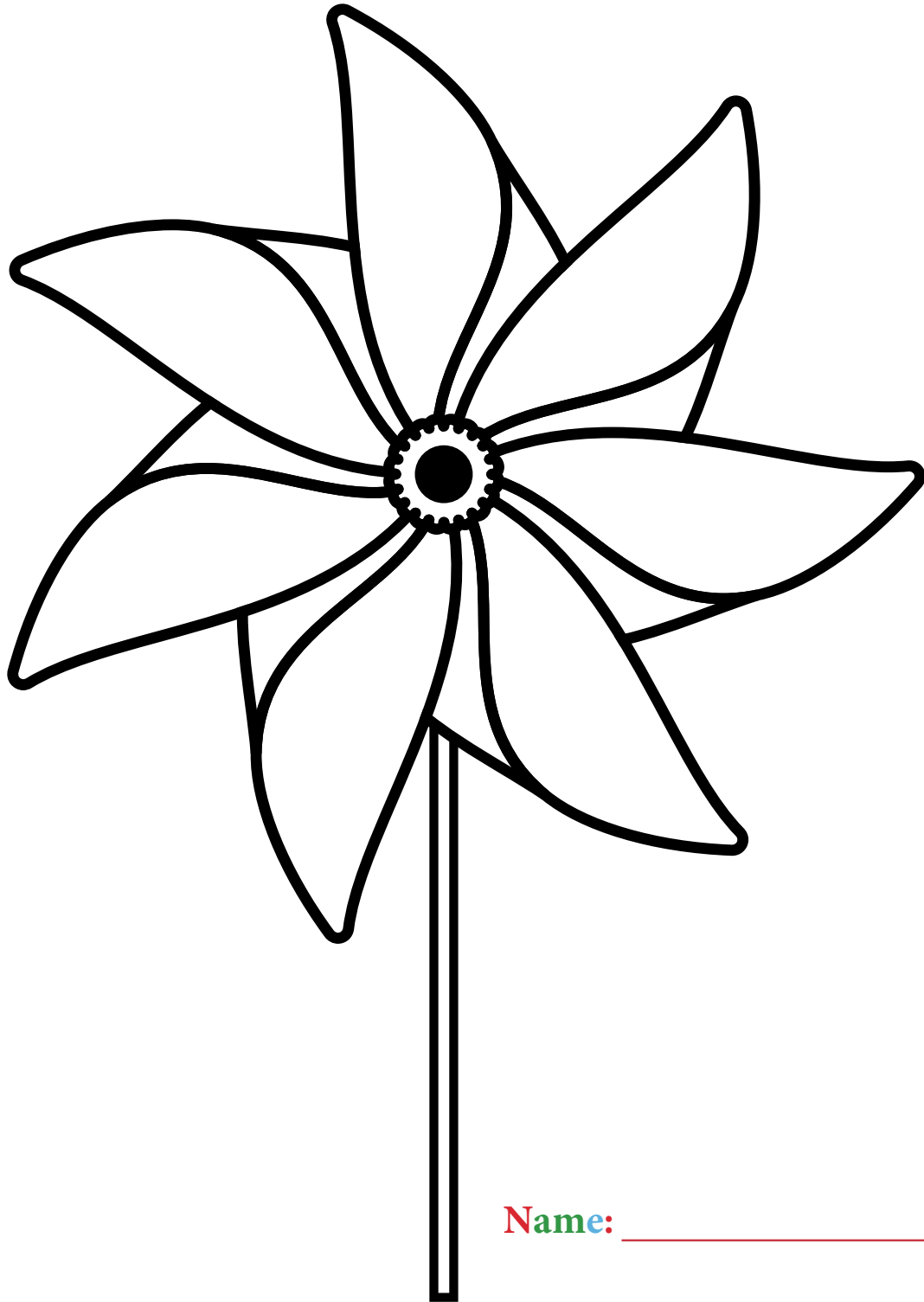
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