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Care & Prepare

A Series on the End of Life

Tuesday, May 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?

This final session includes the presentations:

- Organ donation by OneLegacy
- Funeral options and the planning process at Padre Serra with Deacon Kingsley

Free. Registration helpful, visit www.padreserra.org/care-prepare




SABBATH

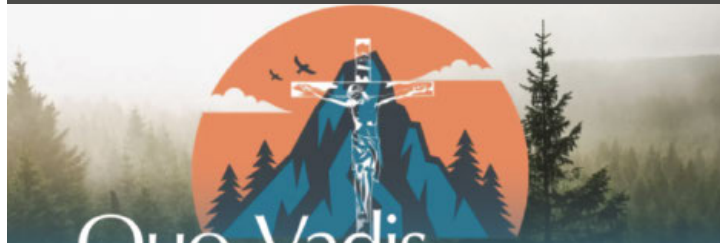
A FILM BY MARTIN DOBLMEIER

The Meaning and the Significance of the Sabbath Begins Thursday, June 1

We invite you to watch SABBATH, a two-hour documentary, at www.journeyfilms.com; visit the site and watch the film for free. Share the link with family and friends!

"We hope the film will ignite a new and much-needed conversation around the value and practice of the Sabbath. The nation needs it." - Martin Doblmeier

Find more info at www.padreserra.org/sabbath


Quo Vadis

High School Men's Youth Retreat

Tuesday, June 27 to Friday, June 30
St. Edward's Retreat Center
 5701 Acorn Dr, Wrightwood, CA 92397


Jesus asks all of us, "Where are you going?"

A four-day retreat for young men in high school to hear Jesus' voice, investigate whether Jesus calls them to marriage, priesthood, or religious life and discern the direction of their life.



Price \$150.00.
 Deposit required \$50.00
 Contact Riley Paoella,
riley@padreserra.org

Visit www.padreserra.org/youth-retreats




Boy Scout Troop 257 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 11
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Serra Center

\$5 per individual or \$20 per family tickets will be sold May 27, 28, and June 3, 4, after Mass in the courtyard.

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast while helping our scouts pay for summer camp and other activities.

For more information, please contact Michelle Weyek
michelleweyek@gmail.com

Visit www.padreserra.org/scouts




GATHERING

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

CHORUS

O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart;
 _ I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _

VERSE

To see You high and lift - ed up, _ shin -
 - ing in the light of Your glo - ry. _ Pour out Your pow'r and love; _
 _ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. _

BRIDGE

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 - ly; _ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ I want to
 see You. _ see You. _

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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

Acts 1:1-11

Reading 2

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

**The Apostles' Creed**

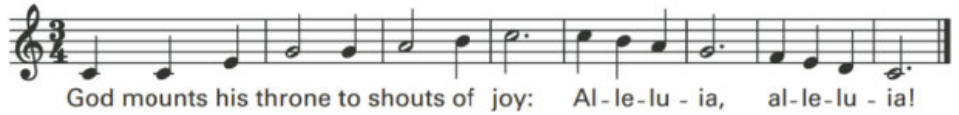
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne

Paul Inwood



All you peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High we must fear, great King over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise for God, sing praise to our King.

God is King of all the earth. sing praise with all your skill.
 God is King over the nations; he reigns on his holy throne.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Paul Prochaska



Give thanks, give thanks, the Lord is Good! God's love is forever!

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*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord:
 I am with you always,
 until the end of the world.*

Matthew 28:19a, 20b

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

All That Is Hidden

Bernadette Farrell, Gather #746

Jubilate Deo

Peter Anglea

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
 Serve the Lord with gladness:
 Come before His presence with singing.
 For the Lord is good;
 His mercy's everlasting;
 and His truth endureth to all generations.*

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

"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 -

Memorial Acclamation B

A - nun - cia - mos tu muer - te, pro - cla -
Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death;
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 - sus! sú! sú!
come, come in glo - ry. ry.

Amen

A - mén, a - mén.
A - mén, a - mén.

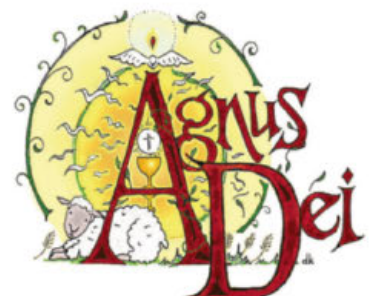
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Agnus Dei IX

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 - is pec -
do - na no - bis pa - cem.
ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.



Agnus Dei, qui tollis 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

COMMUNION SONGS**Come and Eat This Living Bread**

Rob Glover, Gather #942

Come and eat this liv-ing bread, take and drink this wine.

Come be nour-ished, healed and fed, shaped in - to God's sign.

Gath - ered 'round as fam - i - ly, man - y are made one.

Form - ing love's com - mu - ni - ty, one we now be - come.

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Saint and sinner welcome in to this meal of harmony.
Lonely people, next of kin journey toward the glory tree.
Gathered strangers, scattered sheep, at this table all are fed.
Blood and body bonds run deep as your kingdom feast is spread.

May we see the Christ revealed in the breaking of the bread.
Living stories, holy meals, we become what we are fed.
Broken shattered, fragile life, now received by you and me.
Eating, drinking, joy and strife, Gospel living sets us free.

See the Christ in saddened sighs, blood poured out in every land.
Wounded people, wailing cries lie upon our outstretched hands.
Jesus is the way through death; truth beyond the present rage.
Life unfolding, healing breath now enfleshed in youth and age.

Bless us, Lord, and these your gifts, fruit of vine and human hands.
With our hearts and minds we lift all the goodness of these lands.
Praise and thanks we shout and sing, from your bounty we are blessed.
Joyfully all gifts we bring to receive our Lord and guest.

Death and life in water meet, drenching us in floods of light.
Marking us with oil so sweet, clothing us in glorious white.
Priest and prophet, spirit led, we are God's new living sign.
Feeding on this holy bread, drinking of this holy wine.

Witnessing to love and peace, hands of blessing we remain.
Helping fear and hate to cease, we bring forth God's wondrous reign.
Strength and power here we find, given in this kingdom feast.
We go forth to heal and sign everyone, both great and least.



Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

Teresa of Avila

SENDING FORTH**Our God Is Here**

Chris Muglia

Here in this time, here in this place,
here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
And we cry...

Here in the word, God is revealed,
here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
our God is here.
And we cry...

Refrain

And we cry: "Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly are you!" We cry:

"Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly and true!" A - men, we do be-lieve

our God is here. Our God is here.

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Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Dear Parish Family,

The joy and excitement of First Communion Day in the parish is palpable. Beautifully dressed boys and girls in their First Communion outfits. Parents and grandparents are beaming with pride. Children eager to come and receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. This weekend we welcome 96 children to the Lord's table for the first time. What a special day!

I love to see their eyes lock and light up as the Eucharist is presented to them — “The Body of Christ.” Their hands raised in anticipation, making an altar for Jesus in the Eucharist to be placed, excitedly responding “Amen.” Ever so carefully, they pick up the Eucharist and consume it. Some return to their seats almost bouncing with joy, while others, so reverently and slowly, knowing they have the most precious gift possible within them.

If you are like me, this day always brings to mind memories of my own First Communion. One of the best days of my life! Every time we receive the Eucharist, we can do so with the eyes of a child receiving for the first time. It is a time for us to pause and think about how we receive the presence of Jesus under the form of consecrated bread and wine, as well as the witness we give to those around us.

This sacrament not only unites us intimately with Jesus but solidifies our unity as the Body of Christ. We are now the Body of Christ! As St. Teresa of Avila reminds us, “Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless his people.”

Join me in praying for all the children and their families; may this day be an initial step to a life-long love of the Eucharist.

This is my body, given for you ... how will I be his body in the world today?

Siempre Adelante,

Tere Delgado

Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister



Families

Scouts Pancake Breakfast ~ June 11

See page 2.

Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Little Church ~ May 28

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

Grades 1 - 5. C.L.o.W. is taking a summer break, and we will return in the fall. Consider joining this beautiful ministry. No Experience Necessary. Contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ May 22 and 24

Grades 1 - 5. The final session for the year, we'll have fun games and ice cream. First Communion Certificates will be handed out at this session. Registrations for the 2023/2024 program year begin on June 1. For more information, please get in touch with jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ May 24

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. The final session for the program year. A fun evening is planned. First Communion Certificates will be handed out at this session. We will gather in the Carmel rooms at 6:45 pm. Don't forget your Bible. For more information, contact tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

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

The youth group is taking a short break. Join us for super fun summer activities. We begin on June 19. For more info, contact youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1 ~ Look out for summer activities and service opportunities.

This is weekly ministry; 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 ~ June 11

The final session of the year. Teens will gather for a Mystagogia discussion and lunch. Confirmation Certificates will be handed out at this session, don't miss it! We will gather at 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch in SJC and sessions in the Serra Center. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ May 22

In-person faith sharing group, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. We meet year-round, so consider joining us this summer. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Gospel Hangout ~ May 23, 24

Come hang out (virtually) as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect 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. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Senior Exercise ~ May 24, 31

All seniors 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

Knitting & Crocheting ~ May 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. To see our projects from this past year, visit www.padreserra.org/knit

Writers ~ May 26

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

Illuman ~ May 31

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 at dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/men

Caregivers Support Group

Did you know ... our parish has a ministry to love and support adults who are caregivers of loved ones who are ill, homebound, young, elderly, addicted, struggling. *Caritas* supports those caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. Meets fourth Tuesday, 7:00 pm San Fernando room and via Zoom. Our next meeting is June 27. Contact Patricia sentclan@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/caritas

Pastoral Care

We care about you. Pastoral Care is available with Teresa Runyon, Pastoral Associate. She will work with you to help discern your needs and provide referrals to our many support ministries, clergy, and other resources, including therapists and local support groups. Contact Teresa at teresa@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/care

Becoming Catholic

Catholic Inquiry, Discovering Faith

Have you been thinking about investigating becoming Catholic but have not yet taken the step to email or call the parish? Now is the time to meet Mary to explore the possibilities and create a plan for you. Or perhaps you want to learn more about your spouse's faith. We meet on Tuesday evenings in a relaxed setting where you can ask questions without judgment or pressure to join the Church. For more information, call or email Mary Huebner today at (805) 482-6417 x321 or adultinitiation@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Welcome!

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

- Dixon Brahmakulam and Roshel Tauro
- Rocio Villalobos and Raul Ramos
- Isabella, Andrea, and Elijah Ramos
- Cindy Avila Flores and Erik Rea Santoyo
- Michelle and Sebastian Rea Avila
- Fernando Avila Angeles
- Jose and Iriany Aguilar
- William and Stephanie Barnes
- Zachary and Danielle Luce
- Emerson and Evelyn Pedro
- Jack and Josephine Eberts
- Robert and Leaetta Boyles
- Mayra and Ricardo Naranjo

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 Sister Lana at (805) 482-6417 x320 or srlana@padreserra.org

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Olga Arellano, Marianne Brooks, Mary Butler, Carlos Calvo, Hector Cicta Sanares, Theresa Clemons, Catherine Enerio, Ben Fisco, Jeanne Gaffney, Dorothy Gilmore, Tim Graf, Patrick Hair, Jasna Haller, Arlene Harris, Leticia Heiter, Fr. Bill Lowe, Dave McDonnell, Carole Mingay, Mary Mullen, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, Catherine Pierce, Diana Reed, 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. May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- **Byron Hithe ~ June 1, 10:00**
- **Linda Madden Hapgood ~ June 17, 10:00 am**
- **Frank Le Grove ~ June 24, 10:00 am**
- **Kathleen Forgette ~ July 15, 10:00 am**

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

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 28:16-20 ~ Making Disciples

Today's gospel, also known as the Great Commission, tells us of the resurrected Jesus' commissioning his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything he has commanded. We, too, are commissioned to make disciples. Often this requires us to step outside our comfort zone and engage with people of different backgrounds, cultures, or beliefs. Have you ever stepped out of your comfort zone to engage with someone? How did that experience impact you and the other person? How might you step out of your comfort zone this coming week?

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Belinda Peres

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Janice and Bob Fostakowsky

In loving memory of Dave Murphy

Joan Murphy

In loving memory of Daniel Cravens, beloved grandson

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To be considered for nomination, please contact:

Sir Lance King
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LanceKing1955@gmail.com

Garden of Healing in Ventura

Our Lady of the Assumption is home to a new garden where those suffering from abuse or trauma at the hands of the Church can pray, find tranquility, and perhaps even begin to heal. One of two such places in the archdiocese, this place is for those who do not feel ready to step inside a church due to ongoing feelings of anger, resentment, or other reasons. [Read the Angelus article.](#) [Visit the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry](#)

Post Abortion Healing

By Your Side is an archdiocesan ministry to connect women and men in need of healing following an abortion with accompaniment from our trained Merciful Companions and resources in the community to help them heal. If you know someone who needs healing, they can call (877) 301-9684 to be connected with a Merciful Companion. Visit lacatholics.org/unplanned

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