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Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

JULY 30, 2023 · SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Cana is back!

A wine and food-sharing event Friday, August 25, 6:00 pm.
RSVP today at www.padreserra.org/cana

Serra Cinema

Summer movie events for adults, teens and kids



Zootopia (PG)
Tuesday, August 8
6:30 pm
Serra Center

In a city inhabited by anthropomorphic animals, an uptight rabbit police officer is forced to work with a charismatic fox con artist in order to get to the bottom of a major case involving the disappearance of carnivorous citizens.

Popcorn will be served. Free.

RSVP is appreciated, visit www.padreserra.org/serra-cinema



Children's & Middle School Summer Choir Camp!

Monday, August 14 to Friday, August 18
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Serra Center

Sign up today! Scan the QR code or visit padreserra.org/cmsc-summer

All current choir members in grades 3 to 8, and those intending to join for the coming year are invited to a week-long summer music camp. Suggested donation: \$20 per member or \$30 per family.

For more information, contact kathleen@padreserra.org or lisa@padreserra.org



Craft Camp

Let your creativity run wild!

August 7 - 10
1:00 - 4:00 pm

We are offering the first-ever Padre Serra Camp Craft for grades six to 12 grade. \$15 per day.

Sign up for individual days or the whole week; visit www.padreserra.org/craft-camp

For more information, contact christine@padreserra.org

MONDAY:
Button Bouquet

A button bouquet is the perfect way to use buttons and felt to create mini centerpieces.

TUESDAY:
Magazine Silhouette Art

Use magazines to create a beautiful backdrop for black silhouette figures. A frame is used to finish off the project.

WEDNESDAY:
Macrame Mini Wall Hanging

Weave different types of yarn on a mini loom to create different designs.

THURSDAY:
Mosaic Tray

A mosaic project is a fun way to make a pattern using small individual items such as ceramic pieces. The possible designs are endless!



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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

Jason Stoll

REFRAIN:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est___ Glo - ry___ to___ God___
 Glo-ry to God in the High - est___ and on earth, peace___ to___ peo-
 - ple of___ good will. ___

VERSE 1:

We praise You, ___ we bless you ___ we a-dore you ___ we glo-ri-fy you,
 we give ___ you ___ thanks ___ for Your great glo - ry ___
 Lord God hea - ven - ly King O___ God al - migh - ty Fa -
 - ther Lord Je - sus ___ Christ ___ on-ly be - got - ten Son ___
 Lord - God Lamb of God Son of ___ the ___ Fa - ther

VERSE 2:

You take aw-ay ___ the sins ___ of the world have mer - cy ___ on ___ us.
 ___ You take a - way ___ the sins ___ of the world re - ceive our ___ prayer

Continued...

Reading 1
 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Reading 2
 Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading
 Matthew 13:44-52

Blessed are you Father.
 Lord of heaven and earth;
 You have revealed to little ones
 the mysteries of the kingdom.

Matthew 11:25



Glory to God continued...

— You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa -
 - ther have mer - cy on us.

VERSE 3: For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One You a-lone are the Lord —
 You a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ —
 With the Ho - ly Spir it in the Glo-ry of God the Fa -
 ther.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119: More Than Gold

Tom Booth

Lord, I love your com-mands. More than
 gold is your word, so pre - cious to me.

Text: Psalm 119:97, 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128.

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I have said, O Lord, that my part
 is in keeping your words.

The law of your mouth is more precious to me
 than thousands of pieces of gold—
 than thousands of pieces of gold.

Let your kindness comfort me
 according to your word;
 let your compassion give light to my soul,
 for your law is my delight—
 for your law is my delight.

For I love your commands
 more than gold, however fine.
 For in your precepts I will go forth.

Every false way I hate—
 every false way I hate.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, Gather #334

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

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INTERCESSION RESPONSE

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd

^{*Refrain}
 O God, hear us; 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

My Soul Is Thirsting

Steve Angrisano, Gather #57

My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord, thirst -
 - ing for you, my God. My soul is thirst -
 - ing for you, O Lord, thirst - ing for you, my God,
 thirst - ing for you, my God.

O God, you are my God, and I will always praise you.
 In the shadow of your wings I cling to you and you hold me high.

Through the day you walk with me; all the night your love surrounds me.
 To the glory of your name I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

I will never be afraid, for I will not be abandoned.
 Even when the road grows long and weary your love will rescue me.

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O God,
 you are my God,
 earnestly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you,
 my body longs for you,
 in a dry and weary land

Psalm 63:1



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 Creation"	Marty Haugen
Holy, Holy, Holy	#198
Memorial Acclamation	#199
Amen	#202
Lamb of God	#204



COMMUNION SONGS

Only This I Want

Dan Schutte, Gather #782

Refrain
 On - ly this I want: but to know the Lord,
 and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

Verses
 1. All but this is loss, worth - less ref - use to me,
 2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
 3. Let your heart be glad, al - ways glad in the Lord,

to Refrain
 1. for to gain the Lord is to gain ___ all I need.
 2. so to win the prize of the king - dom of my Lord.
 3. so to shine like stars in the dark - ness of the night.

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COMMUNION SONGS

Blessed Are the Poor (Rejoice, Be Glad)

Adam M. L. Tice & Kate Williams

1. Bless - ed are the poor— the peo - ple who
 2. Bless - ed are the kind— the mer - ci - ful
 3. You are salt and light— let earth taste and

live in God's ho - ly reign. Bless - ed are the
 ones shall mer - cy re - ceive. Bless - ed are the
 see God's glo - ry re - vealed. Let your good - ness

sad, for com - fort is yours through sor - row and
 good; your heart shall see God be - cause you be -
 shine; the lost are re - stored, the bro - ken are

pain. Bless - ed are the meek, for you will in -
 lieve. Bless - ed chil - dren, come— grow peace for a
 healed. All will be ful - filled— the law and the

her - it what long was de - nied. Hun - gry,
 plan - et still chok - ing with hate. Per - se -
 proph - ets have shown us the way. Heav - en

thirst - y ones, your long - ing for jus - tice will
 cut - ed ones, for you all the bless - ings of
 comes to earth; re - joice and be glad for cre -

be sat - is - fied.
 heav - en a - wait.
 a - tion's new day.

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.

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SENDING FORTH

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry, Gather #685

Verses

1. My life flows on in end - less song; A -
 1. bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 1. far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.

Refrain

No storm can shake my in - most calm, While to that rock I'm
 cling - ing. Since Love is Lord of heav - en and earth,
 How can I keep from sing - ing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
 I hear that music ringing;
 It sounds and echoes in my soul;
 How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roar,
 I hear the truth it liveth.
 What though the darkness 'round me close,
 Songs in the night it giveth.

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
 And their death knells ringing;
 When friends rejoice both far and near,
 How can I keep from singing?

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?

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Seeking the Kingdom of God

Today's Gospel tells us about the immeasurable value of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is always present and mysteriously hidden. In both examples of the parable, the person finds the treasure and recognizes its value, filled with immense joy and giving up their previous possessions (treasures) in order to acquire it.



As I meditated over the Gospel it made me think about an experience one of our Summer Camp children shared with his mother and me. One of our camp activities is a scavenger hunt; the kids have some clues to solve and go around our parish campus and find the treasures (toys). As this camper, who is new to our parish, was on his quest, he noticed the palm trees of the Prayer Garden; he thought how beautiful and wanted a closer look. As he walked into the garden he said he received the best welcome from “the myth, the man, the legend ... Jesus himself!” He said he was suddenly filled with joy and so much peace. He shared how he felt Jesus was telling him, “Welcome home, you belong here.” This was extremely impactful for him as he has been struggling with certain issues and felt that he was attending summer camp by “accident.” His joining summer camp was a very last-minute change of the family's plans, and being new he was not sure if “he belonged.” In this scavenger hunt he found the real treasure — he had an encounter with our Lord.

Friends, we too are seekers, looking for the perfect treasure. Is it the perfect job, life companion, money, happiness, etc.? All these things that we hold with so much value and importance, may only give us temporary happiness, but our Lord's gift of the Kingdom of Heaven, will give us true everlasting joy and peace. This gift is free for us to take; he has already paid the price. When we are open to having a true encounter with the living God! How will you know if you have had this encounter with our Lord? Well there isn't a “one-size-fits-all” experience. What I can tell you is, we will forever be changed; we will know it in our souls, in our minds and in every part of our being. When we come to Mass and see Jesus waiting for us in the Eucharist, do we understand and see its true value? It is now our turn to seek the Kingdom of Heaven. Are we willing to change our ways, give up everything in order to attain it?

Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you all that we may continue to have strength in the journey, and not miss the opportunities to have true encounters with our Lord. May we obtain the Kingdom of Heaven.

Siempre Adelante,

Tere Delgado

Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister



Families

Friday in the Backyard ~ August 4, 11, 18

Bring your dinner and friends to enjoy a summer backyard evening! We'll have games for kids and adults; all ages can enjoy giant games and corn hole. 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Serra Center patio. Contact teresa@padreserra.org

Serra Cinema ~ August 8

To RSVP, visit www.padreserra.org/serra-cinema

Children

Age 3 to Grade 8

Cherubs Music Program ~ Returning September 9!

For kids in Preschool through Grade 2. Saturdays, 3 years to K, 9:30 am; K to Grade 2, 10:30 am; Carmel room. Please email Lisa at cherubs@padreserra.org for more information. Visit www.padreserra.org/cherubs

Live a Life of Faith, Understanding, and Love...

Children Faith Formation Registration for the 23/24 program is open! Register your child today! Parent Meetings: Little Church, Sunday, September 10, 10:15 am, Carmel rooms; Faith Formation Grade 1 through High School, Monday, September 11, and Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 pm, Serra Center. Visit www.padreserra.org/registration



Little Church ~ On Summer Break

Age 3 through Kindergarten Sunday preschool during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Little Church will take a short summer break; we will continue sessions on August 13, 20, and 27. Children must be registered to attend. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ On Summer Break

Grades 1 - 5. We will return in the fall. Leaders needed! Consider joining this beautiful ministry. No experience necessary! Contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ At Home

Grades 1 - 5. In today's Gospel, Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus tells us what is truly important; he teaches us we are to set aside or give up unimportant things so that we can accept God's gift of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are called to make the Kingdom of Heaven the most important thing in our lives.

Three-Sixteen ~ At Home

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 13:44-52, we are challenged to think about what is most valuable to us. Jesus tells us the importance and value of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Craft Camp ~ August 7 - 10

Campers Grades 6 - 12. Join us for one day or all week! Sign-up today at www.padreserra.org/craft-camp

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12

Come join Brett and peer leaders for summer youth activities or to hang out in the youth lounge. Follow us on Instagram [@pspyouth](https://www.instagram.com/pspyouth) for more information, or contact brett@padreserra.org

Confirmation ~ Summer gatherings continue!

Stop by the youth lounge to play games, watch movies, or hang out with Brett and peers for summer fun and fellowship. Lots of summer service and event opportunities available. Contact us for more information at youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More ~ August 3, 17

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

Adults

Gospel Hangout ~ August 1, 2

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

Meditative Movement ~ August 1, 3

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. Serra Center. Sheila Montgomery sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

Healing from Divorce ~ August 1, 15

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. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Bereavement Support Groups ~ August 3, 17

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. Our bereavement support groups offer mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. Morning session at 10:00 and afternoon session at 2:00. San Fernando room. Betty Bright Martinez (805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com, visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

Adults

The Chosen ~ August 3, 10, 17, 24

You are invited to explore the gospel stories through prayer, discussion, and The Chosen Season 2, a popular, contemporary dramatization of the life and times of Jesus and the apostles. To RSVP, visit www.padreserra.org/chosen

First Friday Adoration ~ August 4

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time — even just 10, 20, or 30 minutes — adoring the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Come rest in silent prayer with our good and gracious God. 2:00 - 7:00 pm. Or commit to a holy hour: teresa@padreserra.org, visit www.padreserra.org/adoration

Become a Knight!

The Knights of Columbus is for everyday men who choose to live their faith in their homes, parish, and neighborhood. Our programs and resources provide men 18+ opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Our local council #5272 is for men from Padre Serra and St. Mary Magdalen parishes. They coordinate and carry out service opportunities and fundraising and social events to support a variety of charitable causes and Catholic education. Learn more www.padreserra.org/knights

Becoming Catholic

Reception into the Catholic Church: A Sign of Unity

This weekend, at the 5:00 pm Mass, one baptized Christian will be received into the Catholic Church through a beautiful ceremony called “The Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.” We do not re-baptize validly baptized Christians. They will be asked to profess their faith by saying the Creed along with us and by stating their belief in Catholic teaching with an “I do.” They will then receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The high point of the rite is when they receive Holy Communion for the first time since the Eucharist is a sign of unity not just with Jesus but with each other who are the Body of Christ. If you would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, please get in touch with Mary Huebner at (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Safeguard the Children

Protect Children with Disabilities

Children living with disabilities are nearly three times more at risk for abuse and maltreatment compared to children who do not have special needs. This mistreatment can include physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. Safe adults can help prevent this abuse by recognizing the higher risk for these children and being alert to any signs of abuse. Because parents and caregivers of these children are at increased risk of stress and isolation, abuse may be harder to spot. For more information, [read the VIRTUS® article “Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization” here.](#)

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 13:44-52 ~ God’s Kingdom

Today’s gospel reminds us that God’s kingdom is a treasure beyond price and worth sacrifice. How does the message of these parables challenge you to reevaluate your priorities and make any necessary adjustments in your life? What things in your life might you need to give up or sacrifice to prioritize the kingdom of heaven?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Don Absey, Mary Ahearn, Patrick Bair, Kurt Basco, Sharon Berg, Wyatt Biggs, Marianne Brooks, Mary Butler, Ryan Carrigan, Marie Coop, Stephanie Cruz, Bob Dickie, Shari Edie, Ben Fisco, Jennifer Flores, John Goblisch, Tim Graf, Jasna Haller, Tish Hearne, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Jane Joubert, Maria Maldonado, Dave McDonnell, Janet McPike, Leticia Melendez, Carole Mingay, Donald Mingay, Robert Moody, Mary Mullen, Daniel Orr, Angela Ortiz, Lorna Pajo, Mel Pajo, Jeffrey Paoella, Dina S. Pascual, Dave Proett, Diana Reed, Michael Robles, Bill Rumble, Zion Salatan, Hector Victa Sanares, Dominick Savo, Dorothy Simmons, Shelly Stiven, Fr. Stephen Szeman, Louis Wolters, Rita Wronekiewicz and Jerry Zins Sr. (*Names are refreshed monthly.*)

Remember Our Dead

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

Susan Craddock, RIP

Francisca Saucedo, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Giving

Food Pantry Donations

Many thanks to all who have provided food for the hungriest in our community. Please continue to use the collection bins in the church for your donations of non-perishable food and small toiletries. Members of St. Vincent de Paul regularly transport your contributions to the food pantry at St. Mary Magdalen. God bless you for your compassionate caring of those less fortunate in our midst.

Funerals

For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

• **Bob Tuleya ~ August 16, 11:00 am**

In the Community

Spanish Teacher Needed

Looking for a position where you can make a difference in the lives of young people? Looking to join a team dedicated to welcoming all to God’s family and uplifting cultural and linguistic heritage? All Souls World Language Catholic School (Alhambra) is seeking a full-time dual-language immersion Spanish teacher for middle school. Interested candidates send resumes to Dr. Patrick Allison, pallison@allsoulsla.org

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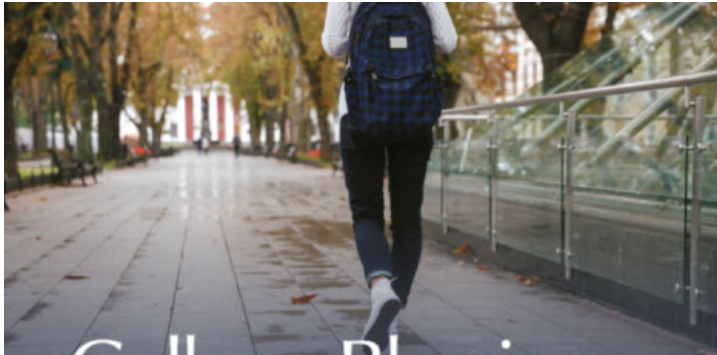
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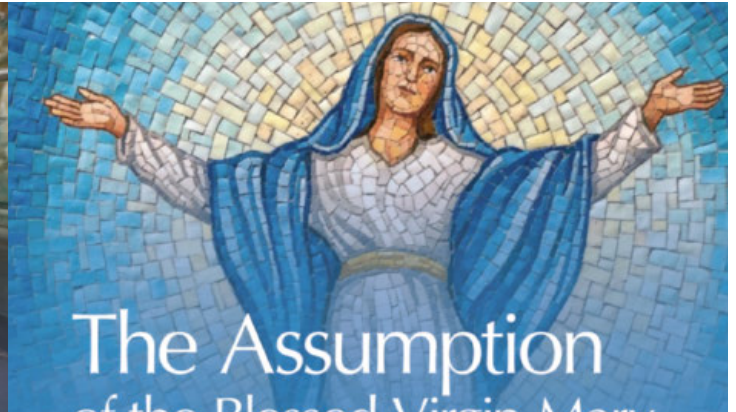
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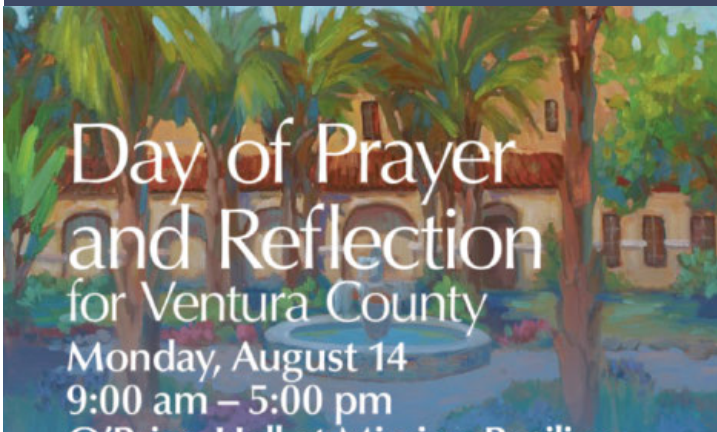
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