



Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

DECEMBER 3, 2023 · FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith!

Ezekiel Morales Castro
Son of Ignacio Castro
& Guadalupe Morales

Jade Emma Flores
Daughter of Resty
& Melissa Flores

Santiago Daniel Lemus
Son of Daniel Lemus Jr.
& Cynthia Ceja-Lam

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Son of Augustin Ortiz
& Samantha Lynn Rosas

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Son of Jesus Bañuelos
& Briza Alatorre

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Son of Hector Murillo
& Angie Lumbrano

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Daughter of Hector Murillo
& Angie Lumbrano

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Daughter of Ronald
& Goretti Fong

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Daughter of Nabil Abou-Diwan
& Shannon Duggan

Milo Augustus Parent
Son of Allen Parent
& Kimberly Dabbah

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Readings



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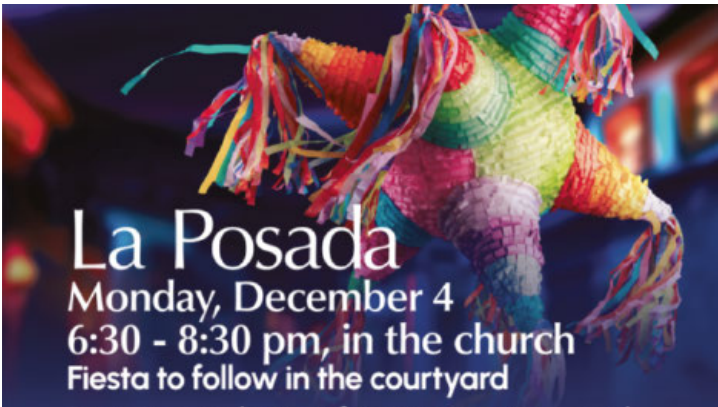


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La Posada

Monday, December 4
6:30 - 8:30 pm, in the church
Fiesta to follow in the courtyard

Prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming with a fun, interactive, and enriching Advent celebration. Learn how to continue this joyful faith tradition in your homes. Fiesta with piñatas for the kids and goodies for the adults will follow. Everyone is welcome!

 Suggested donation \$5.00.
 Donations are welcome at the front desk (checks payable to Padre Serra, 'Posada' in the memo) or scan the QR Code.

Learn more and RSVP at www.padreserra.org/posada




Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 6
7:00 pm, in the church
Hospitality to follow in the courtyard
Let every heart prepare him room!

We decorate our homes for Christmas. Even more important is readying our hearts, both for the Lord's return at the end of time, and to celebrate His birthday.

Examine your life. Confess your sins.
 Trust the Lord's mercy.
 Celebrate with joy.




Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8
8:00 am and 7:00 pm
In the church
Refreshments to follow in the courtyard
Ora pro nobis, Maria!

Celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was the first and most perfect disciple of Jesus, and is a model for all of us!

Visit www.padreserra.org/immaculate




Christmas Concert & Dinner

Friday, December 15
Dinner 6:00 pm, Concert 7:30 pm

 **Tickets available now!**
 Dinner \$15
 Concert reserved seat: \$15
 Concert General: \$10
Dinner ticket sales end Dec 8, noon

Celebrate Advent with a festive community meal and joyous music in the beautiful ambience of the church.

Visit padreserra.org/christmas-concert



GATHERING

Lead Us To Your Light

Carol E. Browning

Refrain

Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark-ness.

Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.

Verses

1. Lord, we a - wait your com - ing to our world;
 2. Lord, you are hope and heal - ing for our world;
 3. Come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.
 4. Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slum - ber,
 5. Child of the light and love be - yond all tell - ing,

bring us the gift of sal - va - tion.
 come, now, and bring us your good news.
 Come with us on earth here to dwell.
 ban - ish the dark - ness of night.
 fill our hearts with won - der and praise.

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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service John Schiavone

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 (Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.
 (Christ, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All

(petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 (Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

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Reading 1

Sirach 50:22-24

Reading 2

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

*Show us, Lord,
 your love;
 and grant us
 your salvation.*

Psalm 85:8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Marty Haugen

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and
 we shall be saved.

1. Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth, O rouse your power, and come to save us.
2. We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live, reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.
3. If you will dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love, O shine upon us, great Lord of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

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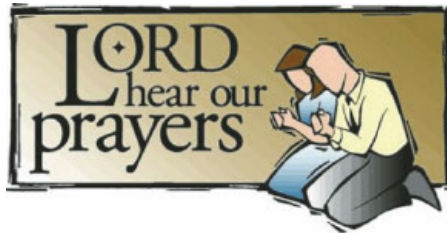
INTERCESSION RESPONSE

“Mass of the Father’s Love”

Divinum Mysterium, arr. Carol Browning

Hear us Lord, O 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.

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Mass of the Incarnate Word”

Bob Hurd

Holy, Holy, Holy

*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.*

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.

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Memorial Acclamation

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

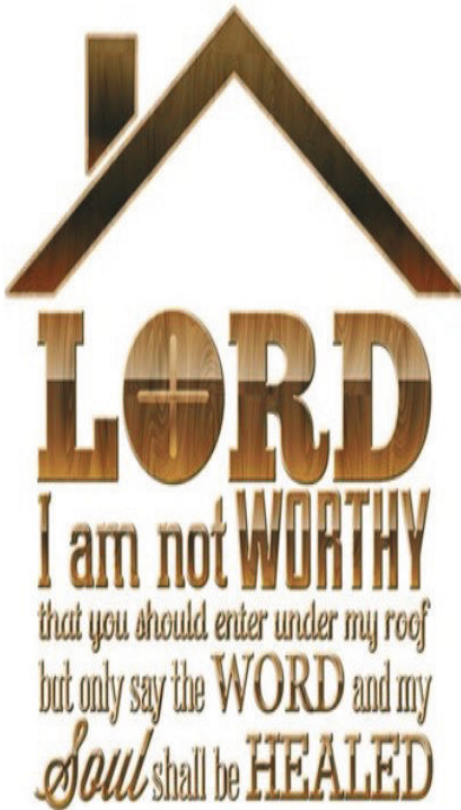
Amen

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
 world, have mer-cy on us.
 world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION SONGS

Bread of Life

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain
 Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth-er:

feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an-oth-er.

Verses

- 1. As we pro-claim your death, as we re-call your life, we re-
- 2. The bread we break and share was scat-tered once as grain: just as
- 3. We eat this liv-ing bread, we drink this sav-ing cup: sign of
- 4. Hold us in u-ni-ty, in love for all to see; that the
- 5. You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy, bro-ken

to Refrain

- 1. mem-ber your prom-ise to re-turn a-gain.
- 2. now it is gath-ered, make your peo-ple one.
- 3. hope in our bro-ken world, source of last-ing love.
- 4. world may be-lieve in you, God of all who live.
- 5. now for your peo-ple, poured in end-less love.

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COMMUNION SONGS

The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

Verses 1, 2

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And
 1. light tri-um - phant breaks, When beau-ty gilds the
 1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 1. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 1. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 1. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.

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O brighter than the rising morn
 When he, victorious, rose
 And left the lonesome place of death,
 Despite the rage of foes.
 O brighter than that glorious morn
 Shall this fair morning be,
 When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
 And we his face shall see!

The King shall come
 when morning dawns
 And light and beauty brings.
 Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray:
 Come quickly, King of kings.
 Come quickly, King of kings.



SENDING FORTH

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
 1 of the Lord. 2 of the Lord.
 Verse 1
 1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
 1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
 1. and read-y the way of the Lord. to Refrain

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As we wait for you, give us the strength
 to walk in your truth,
 so we may be more like you
 and ready the way for you, Lord.

Let us see your face; in our hearts we
 prepare a place.
 Come bring this world your mercy
 and grace
 as we ready the way for you, Lord.



Advent and Anticipation

Happy Advent!

One of the good things about Advent is that you know the day that the countdown ends. You can ask my children as they beam counting down on their Advent Calendars to the best day of their lives. They long for Christmas, all while having certainty that the day will come and they are giddy about it.

Christmas is an event that is worth the anticipation. To count the days down until Christmas is a good thing and we are blessed to have a Church assist us in that anticipation. No one should argue that Christmas is not worth waiting for.

One of the other things about Advent though, is that it not only prepares us for celebrating the birth of our Lord on December 25 each year, but it also helps us to anticipate our Lord's second coming.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is pretty direct about this when he tells the disciples to "Be watchful! Be Alert!" This is also true for us. We are called to live our lives in anticipation for Jesus coming again and contrary to popular belief, Jesus coming again is a really good thing.

We hear stories and watch movies about the end times. They make us fearful and anxious. The unknown is scary to us and our imaginations can run astray when we think about the end times. Let me tell you, though, that Jesus is not advocating anticipation out of fear, but rather, he is teaching us how to live peacefully as we await Him.

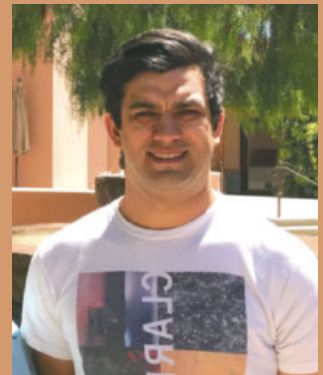
Throughout all of scripture there are themes of anticipation and the peace of when that anticipation is resolved. When the bride finally encounters her bridegroom, it is a moment of celebration. It is no different for us. Advent (whether it is in celebration of the past Incarnation, or the reminder of our current anticipation of our Lord) will always be a season of peace. You cannot separate peace from Advent.

So yes, be watchful and alert. Not out of fear of your lives, but out of joy that your Savior is coming again to be with you. This Advent, let us practice this. Let's celebrate the fact that we have a God that loves us so much, that He was willing to become man. But let's also use this Advent to learn to anticipate the glorious and peaceful return of our Lord and Savior.

God Bless,



Brett Becker
Youth and Young Adult Minister



Children

Age 3 to Grade 8.

Stay and Play ~ December 3, 10, 17

Sundays during the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Ms. Soraya and helpers will lovingly care for your little one (12- 36 months) while you go to Mass. Stop by to see all the toys and fun. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled. No-cost service. Gather in Carmel rooms.



Cherubs Music Program ~ We are back!

For kids in Preschool through Grade 2. Did you know that the most critical age for a child's music development is from birth to age 9? Preregistration is required. Please email Lisa at cherubs@padreserra.org for more information. Visit www.padreserra.org/cherubs

Little Church ~ December 3, 10, 17

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. It's super fun to make friends and be at church on Sundays! Registrations for the new program year are now open, visit www.padreserra.org/registration. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ December 3, 10, 17

Offered during 11:00 am Mass Grades 1 - 5. Children are invited to listen to the readings and Gospel, read and explained at their level. No preregistration is required. Leaders Needed! No Experience Necessary. contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ December 4 and 6

Grades 1 - 5. This week the children will learn about "Be Alert! The Messiah is Coming." For more information contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Children's & Middle School Choir

All children grades 3 to 8 are invited! No experience is necessary. Weekly rehearsals, every Wednesday, 5:00 pm. For more info, visit www.padreserra.org/cmssc

Three-Sixteen ~ December Whole Family Events

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. No Wednesday sessions this week, we will gather for our Family and parish events during the month of December.

12/4 La Posada 6:30 pm in the church

12/6 Advent Penance service 7:00 pm in the church

12/8 Immaculate Conception (HDO) Mass 7:00 pm

For more information please contact tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

Confirmation Y1 - December 3

Teens will gather for liturgy at 11:00 am, followed by lunch and conclude with our sessions in the Serra Center. Contact youth@padreserra.org for more information.

Confirmation Y2- Weekly Ministry

Weekly Ministry has begun. If you have not yet gotten started please contact youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org with any questions regarding sessions or weekly ministry.

4:12 ~ Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

Join Brett and peer leaders, for fun and fellowship Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm in San Juan Capistrano rooms. Follow us on Instagram [@youthpsp](https://www.instagram.com/youthpsp) for more information or contact brett@padreserra.org

Adults

Bible Faith Share ~ December 4, 11, 18

Faith sharing on Sunday's readings, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing

Bible Study ~ December 5, 12, 19

Dr. Ford leads a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday readings, which helps us better understand scripture, the Gospel message, and how it applies to our lives. Resource books are available for purchase, or bring your Bible or smart device. 8:30 - 9:30 am, Serra Center. Contact Paul Ford paulfford@stjohnsem.edu

Conversational Spanish ~ December 5, 19

We gather to share faith, fun and Spanish. Come learn and practice Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and conversation to help you gain confidence and feel more comfortable in everyday situations. All levels are welcome. First and third Tuesday, 9:45 - 10:45 am, San Fernando room. Patricia Guzmán spanish@padreserra.org

Advent Faith Sharing ~ December 5, 6

Gospel Hangout is a virtual faith sharing group that reads, reflects and responds to the previous Sunday's Gospel. Tuesdays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For Zoom link, contact teresa@padreserra.org

Healing from Divorce ~ December 5, 19

A support group for those 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. First and third Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Zoom. Cynthia cynthia@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary, Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the church. Exception: December 6 at 6:00 pm in Serra Center. Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Knitting & Crocheting ~ December 7, 14, 21, 28

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. To see our projects from this past year, visit www.padreserra.org/knit. Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Groups ~ December 7, 21

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, especially at the holidays, 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

Becoming Catholic

Various Paths to Becoming Catholic

The process of becoming a Catholic is not one-size-fits-all. It always considers each person's unique background, circumstances, and needs. 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. It's OK to "test the waters" by attending an Inquiry meeting or two to see what it's like. We meet every other Tuesday evening in a relaxed setting where you can ask all your questions without judgment or pressure to join the Church. Call or email Mary Huebner today for more information: (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Other Notes



Phishing Alert

Scammers posing as Fr. Patrick are sending fraudulent emails and texts. Perpetrators use various techniques to gain your trust and may provide specific instructions, which, if followed, could result in monetary loss. Do Not Become a Victim. Fr. Patrick, or any other member of Padre Serra Parish, will never request money from any parishioner by email or text. Please do not email or text these individuals, divulge personal information, or provide money/credit card/gift card payments. When in doubt, contact us to authenticate the text message. Please forward any questionable emails/text screenshots claiming to be from Fr. Patrick to gaby@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/scams

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

First Sunday of Advent ~ Be ready and open

Today's readings emphasize the importance of being alert and ready for the Lord's coming. They call for a transformation of hearts and a steadfast commitment to discipleship, reminding us to remain watchful and prepared for the unexpected. In what specific ways can I prepare my heart and mind to be more open to encountering Christ daily?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Mary Ahearn, Blanca Alegria de Rivera, Ronald Anthony, Nicole Barrera, Myra Beltran, Mary Butler, Chris Cartaino, Fermin Cortes, Ben Fisco, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, Joanie Forte, Helen Galang, Jose Galvan, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Jasna Haller, Barbara Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Eric Johnson, Michael Johnson, Amber Lewing, Matthew Lewing, Sheila Lewing-Floyd, Mary Ellen Massman, Dave McDonnell, Bob McNally, Thomas Mingay, Ed Morera, Mary Mullen, Ruben Nieva, Maria Luisa Orelan, Daniel Orr, Dave Proett, Mike Robles, Laurie Schulze, Irene Siddons, Dorothy Simmons, Bill Stevens, Andrew Tamayo, Silvia Venegas, Terri Vosper, Rita Wronkiewicz, Amanda Yeager and Jerry Zins Sr. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

- Norm Beckert, RIP
 - Joseph Binh Ninh, RIP
 - Ann Kilkelly, RIP
 - Steven Schietromo, RIP
- May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.*

Funerals

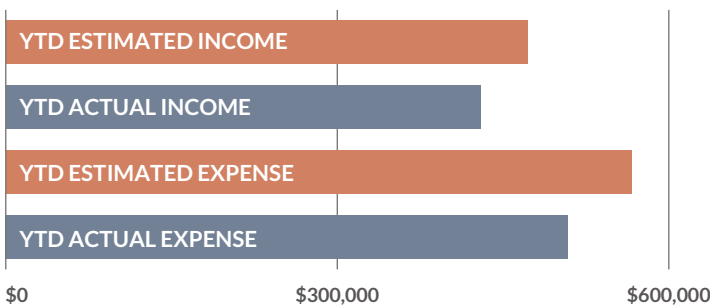
- Dr. Alicia Bryant ~ January 9, 10:00 am
- For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/funerals

Giving

See's Candies in the Courtyard Sunday, December 10

Double your giving this season! Your See's Candies purchase for friends, family, and coworkers will benefit the good work of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. For more information, visit www.padreserra.org/svdp

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Camarillo Catholic Seniors Christmas Luncheon

**Wednesday, December 13
11:00 am, Serra Center**

The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much. – Henry David Thoreau

Come enjoy a delicious brunch, fellowship with old and new friends, 50/50 raffle, entertainment by internationally renowned mandolin virtuoso Evan Marshall, and lots of Christmas cheer.

Tickets available November 15 - December 6 in the parish office. \$25/person.

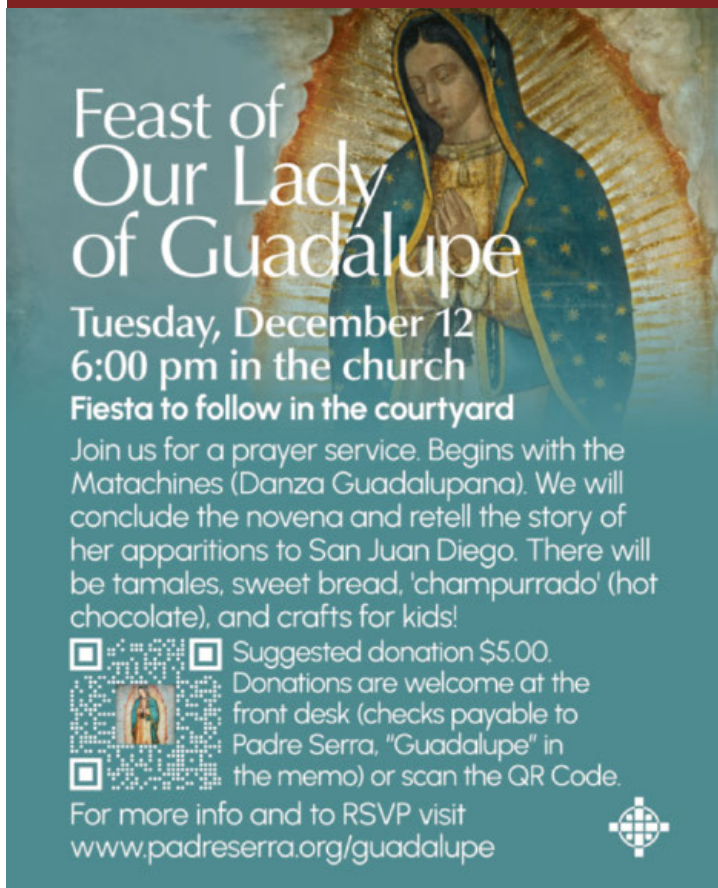
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Angel Tags

Christmas Gift Giving Return Gifts by December 10


Help a child or senior adult have a special Christmas morning! Pick up a tag from the Christmas trees in the church, purchase at least one of the items listed, and attach the Angel Tag firmly to the outside of the package. Return the wrapped gift to the church no later than 9:00 am on Sunday, December 10. Contact Geralyn Moody (805) 551-4410 angeltags@padreserra.org
Visit www.padreserra.org/angel-tags


Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Tuesday, December 12
6:00 pm in the church**
Fiesta to follow in the courtyard

Join us for a prayer service. Begins with the Matachines (Danza Guadalupana). We will conclude the novena and retell the story of her apparitions to San Juan Diego. There will be tamales, sweet bread, 'champurrado' (hot chocolate), and crafts for kids!

 Suggested donation \$5.00. Donations are welcome at the front desk (checks payable to Padre Serra, "Guadalupe" in the memo) or scan the QR Code.

For more info and to RSVP visit www.padreserra.org/guadalupe




Simbang Gabi

**Sunday, December 17
11:00 am Mass**
Reception to follow in Serra Center

Halina't Tayo'y Magsaya!

The Padre Serra Filipino Ministry invites everyone to celebrate Simbang Gabi! A Filipiniana or any multicultural attire is encouraged.

 Volunteers also needed. Contact: Deacon Roy & Ana Gacasan (805) 236-6840, gggacasan@gmail.com
 Freewill donations accepted.

RSVPs appreciated:
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