








La Posada 2023

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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:

www.padreserra.org/simbang-gabi



PAX Christi

Evening of Prayer

Thursday, December 21

7:00 - 8:30 pm

San Fernando room

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God" ^{1 John 4:7}


As Advent gives way to the remembrance of the birth of Christ our Lord, we continue our prayer vigil for peace, the peace that only Christ can bring us. Christ brings light into our current darkness, especially that of war and so we join in solidarity and prayer for the people of Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine, Syria, Nigeria and all places where violence and persecution continue.

Gary Freeberg (805) 236-1953,

gfreeberg@gmail.com

or Deacon Luc Papillon

lucpapillon@gmail.com

Seeds of Faith

Monday, December 18

7:00 - 8:30 pm

San Miguel room

SEEDS (Sisters Embracing Enlightening Daughters) of Faith is a monthly evening of spirituality for women who want to grow deeper in faith and affirm our mission and worth as God's daughters and Jesus' disciples.

For more information, please contact

Gwen gwen@padreserra.org

Visit www.padreserra.org/seeds




Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday of Advent Mass

10:00 am

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00, 6:30, and 10:00 pm, in the church

4:15 pm, in the Serra Center

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am, in the church

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

Bring your family, your friends,

and neighbors. All are welcome!



GATHERING

Lead Us To Your Light

Carol E. Browning

Refrain

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain: *Lead us to your light, lead us out of dark-ness.*

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain: *Lead us to your light. Come, Je - sus, come.*

Verses

Musical notation for the beginning of the 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,

Musical notation for the end of the verses, marked D.C.

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
 Musical notation for the first Kyrie.
 (petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 (Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All
 Musical notation for the second Kyrie.
 (petition) Chri - ste e - lei - son.
 (Christ, _____ have mer - cy.)

1st: Cantor; 2nd: All
 Musical notation for the third Kyrie.
 (petition) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 (Lord, _____ have mer - cy.)

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Reading 1

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading 2

2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Prepare the way of
 the *Lord*,
 make straight his paths:
 All flesh shall see the
salvation of *God*.

Luke 3:4,6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Marty Haugen

Musical notation for the psalm: *Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved.*

- 1. You have done wondrous things, holy is your name for all time, your mercy and your love are with your people.
- 2. You are my joy and song, I would have my life speak your praise, on me your love has shown, your blessings given.
- 3. You fill all hungry hearts, sending the rich empty forth, and holding up in love the meek and lowly.

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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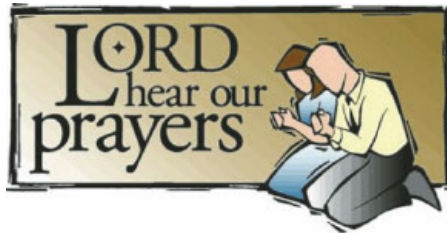
INTERCESSION RESPONSE

"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

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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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


 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.

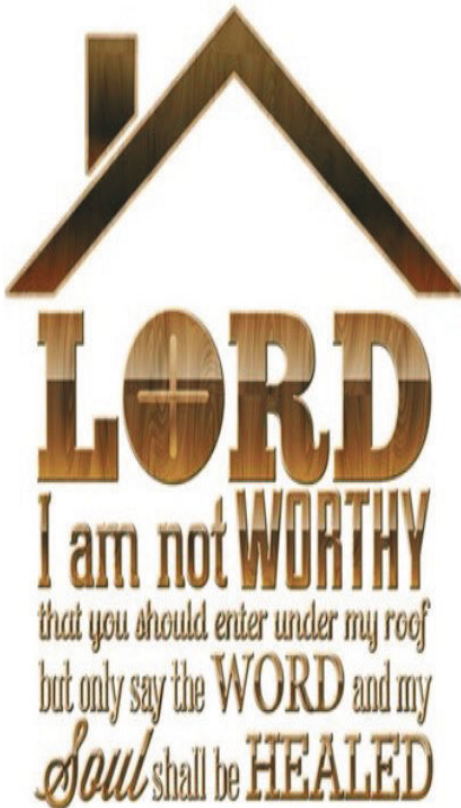
Lamb of God


 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.

Alternate Verses: for Advent/Christmas


 Adv. 1. Be with your peo-ple, Lord, send us your sav-ing Word: Je-sus
 Adv. 2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear: Je-sus
 Chr. 1. A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us, In our
 Chr. 2. With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear The sal-
 Chr. 3. You are the hope of all, our prom-ise and our call, Ra-diant


 to Refrain
 1. Christ, light of glad-ness, come a-mong us now.
 2. Christ, hope of a-ges, come to save us now.
 1. midst, Christ, our Lord and God comes as one who serves.
 2. va-tion of all the world, God's in-car-nate Word.
 3. light in our dark-ness, truth to set us free.

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COMMUNION SONGS

The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

Verses 1, 2

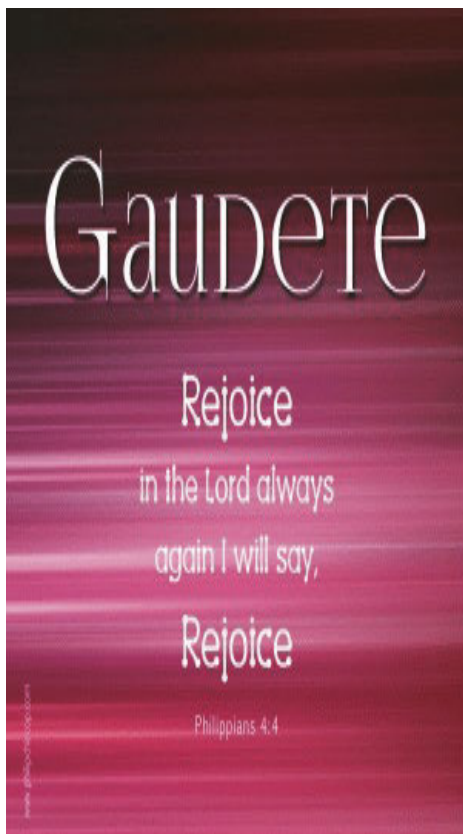


1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And
1. light tri-um - phant breaks, When beau-ty gilds the
1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
1. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
1. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
1. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.

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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

O, How I Long to See

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN:



O, how I long to see your day of
glo - ry dawn - ing, when you will
wash a - way ev - 'ry tear. *Fine*

1. O, how long, how long will it take 'til the lion lie down with the lamb?
'Til we turn our swords into plowshares,
and peace like a river flows over the land?
2. In your death, you ended our dying; in rising you brought us new life.
Quickly come in glory O Lord,
raise up your people to justice and right.
3. We who share the bread of this table await the return of the Lord.
May he find us faithful and true,
watchful and ready to open the door.

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The Lord is still among us

Dear Friends,

I am writing this in early December where the date is still in single digits (the Feast of St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop of Myra in Asia minor, known as a giver of gifts), but you are reading it only a week before Christmas. May your Advent be (and have been) one of at least some moments of peace and connection with the Lord. We are in a season of waiting for the Lord, but a friend recently put forth the idea that it's also a season where the Lord waits for us, patiently, in the hope that we will turn toward him and receive his gifts of peace, forgiveness and healing.

So, why this emphasis on *Gaudete*? Why should we rejoice? Today's scriptures give us some clues. In the first reading from Isaiah we hear a passage that Jesus himself will proclaim in the synagogue near the beginning of his public ministry: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners ..."

Our Jewish elder cousins were looking forward to the arrival (the Advent, if you will) of the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Christ. When he appeared (and we can rejoice because he did), it was revealed that he had not come to free the Jewish people from Roman occupation, but rather to free them (and us) from the hardness of our own hearts, from slavery to sin, from a bleak and hopeless resignation to the human condition. Another reason to rejoice, I think.

Unusually, today's responsorial psalm is actually taken from Luke's gospel – specifically from the *Magnificat*, Mary's song of praise to God upon hearing her cousin Elizabeth's greeting and identification of who was growing in her womb. Mary came from poverty, from a life that was difficult and uncertain, and on top of that, now had to deal with a pregnancy that could not be explained to the satisfaction of her neighbors. But she rejoices because God is faithful, and so, I think can we. As the second reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians tells us, "The one who calls you is faithful ..."

The reading from John's gospel this week is both clear and mysterious. John's humble denials in the face of the questions from the priests and Levites sent from Jerusalem ("I am not the Christ." "I am not Elijah." "I am not the Prophet.") show us one who is at peace with his role and his calling. But for me John's last answer to the question as to why he baptizes if he is none of those is also reason for rejoicing and for hope: "I baptize with water; *but there is one among you whom you do not recognize*, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

Friends, the Lord is still among us, even if we do not recognize him. He has told us himself that he is with us in the hungry, the thirsty, the lonely, the stranger, the poor, the addicted, the estranged, the victims, and even in the unacknowledged aches of our own hearts. We can find him caring for these!

And if that's not a reason to rejoice, then I don't know what is.

Siempre Adelante,



Dominic MacAller
Worship Minister



Children

Age 3 to Grade 8.

Stay and Play ~ December 17 and January 7, 14, 21, 28

12 - 36 months. Ms. Soraya and teen leaders will lovingly care for your little one while you go to Mass. This no-cost service is on Sundays during the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. Stop by the Carmel rooms to see all the toys and fun! You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled. For more information, contact soraya@padreserra.org



Cherubs Music Program

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 17 and January 7, 14, 21, 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. It's 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 ~ December 17 and January 7

Grades 1 - 5. Offered during 11:00 am Mass. 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 18, 20

Grades 1 - 5. This week, the children will learn about our "Generations Have Waited." 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 20

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. This week, the children will learn about our "Generations Have Waited." For more information, please get in touch with tere@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone from 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ Youth Group Gatherings

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

Confirmation Y1~ December 17

No sessions today. We resume on January 7. Have a happy and holy Christmas, and may the new year be filled with grace and blessings. youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2 ~ Weekly Ministry

If you have not yet gotten started or have any questions regarding sessions, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org or tere@padreserra.org

Peer Leaders

Every confirmed teen and young adult is welcome!

Peer Leaders

Peer Leaders help engage our youth and Confirmation candidates by acting as mentors and facilitators during our weekly Confirmation sessions, annual retreats, and at 4:12 youth nights. We usually meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. If you are confirmed, 14 to 39 years old, and interested in joining, contact brett@padreserra.org. To sign up, scan the QR Code or visit www.padreserra.org/peer-leaders



Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More ~ December 21

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

Conversational Spanish ~ December 19

We gather to share faith, fun, and Spanish. 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

Healing from Divorce ~ December 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 20, 27

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 ~ December 21

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. The morning session is at 10:00, and the afternoon session is at 2:00, San Fernando room. Betty Bright Martinez (805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com, visit www.padreserra.org/bereavement

Writers Group ~ December 22, 29

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

Becoming Catholic

Advent ~ Bring a Friend!

Advent allows those seeking to join the Church to immerse themselves more deeply into the Catholic way of life. There are many opportunities where they can experience our joyous and welcoming community. Often, all it takes for someone to consider the possibility of becoming a Catholic is an invitation from us. Bring a friend! For information about the process of becoming Catholic, call or email Mary Huebner today for more information: (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

In the Community

Diaconate Information Day ~ January 14

The Lord called, and Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Is the Lord calling you to the diaconate? The archdiocese is offering a virtual information session from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Any men between the ages of 30 and 55 who feel a possible call to the ministry of deacon are encouraged to contact Fr. Patrick frpatrick@padreserra.org

Memorial & Honorarium

In loving memory of Dr. Luis Blando

Celia Blando

In loving memory of John Menne

Carolyn Menne

In loving memory of Jerry DeVillers

Judith DeVillers, Dublin OH

In loving memory of Manuel & Rosario Gaerlan

Rosa Gaerlan

In loving memory of John Papillon

Gifted to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Mike & Georgia Robles

In honor of Mary Butler's 80th Birthday

Other Notes

Name Badge

Let's call each other by name. Wear your work or any name badge to church. To order a Padre Serra name badge, email srlana@padreserra.org or call or stop by the parish office. They are \$10.

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Be the light!

Much of the northern hemisphere is in a season of extended darkness due to the movements of the sun. Communities all around the world are also facing the darkness of injustice, war, and poverty. John the Baptist came to testify to the light ... Jesus. We, too, are called to reflect the light of Christ to the world around us. Where will you shine and be Jesus in these days leading up to Christmas?

Prayer Life

Prayer Opportunities

- Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions
- Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime
Shirley (805) 482-2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com
or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests
- Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer
- Faith Sharing Groups: www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph

Pray for Our Sick

Mary Ahearn, Blanca Alegría de Rivera, Ronald Anthony, Nicole Barrera, Myra Beltran, Mary Butler, Chris Cartaino, Fermin Cortes, Rita DaCorsi, Ben Fisco, Bobby Floyd Jr., Bobby Floyd III, Joanie Forte, Helen Galang, Jose Galvan, Tim Graf, Wendy Grasso, Jasna Haller, Lisa Hiatt, 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, Flower Nguyen, Ruben Nieva, Maria Luisa Orelan, Daniel Orr, Dave Proett, Mike Robles, Matthew Savage, Laurie Schulze, Irene Siddons, Dorothy Simmons, Bill Stevens, Andrew Tamayo, Mark Vanvakaris, 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:

Joseph Doam, RIP

Conchita Espedido, RIP

Teodoro Maggay Sr., RIP

John Papillon, RIP

Beloved father of Deacon Luc and Diana Papillon

Francine Rossi, RIP

Stephen Stoltze, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Funerals

- John Papillon ~ December 18, 11:00 am
- Dr. Alicia Bryant ~ January 9, 10:00 am

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

Giving

Following Jesus means putting God before all earthly desires. It means recommitting our life to Jesus every day. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

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Sunday, December 31
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am

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10:00 am

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