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Angel Tags

Christmas Gift Giving

Return your gift to the church
Sunday, December 12 by 9:00 am.

Help a child or 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.

Contact Geralyn Moody, (805) 491-2602

For more information visit
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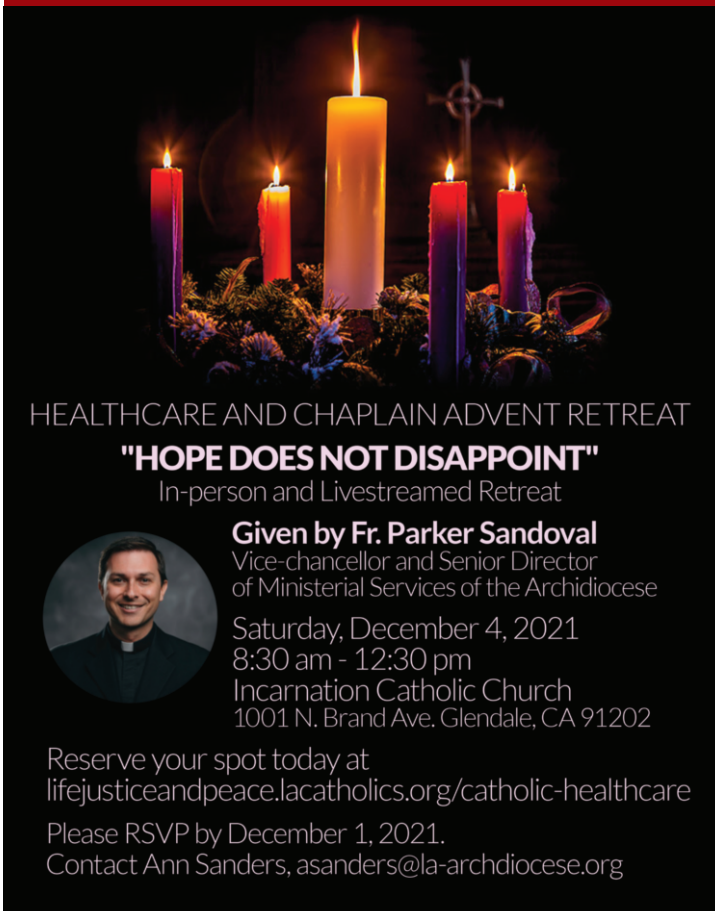
Wednesday, December 1
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Begins in the church
Fiesta to follow in the Serra Center

Let us come together for a fun, interactive, and enriching Advent celebration to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming! Come and learn how to continue this joyful faith tradition in your homes. Everyone is welcome!

Fiesta with piñatas for the kids and goodies for the adults will follow at the Serra Center.

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

HEALTHCARE AND CHAPLAIN ADVENT RETREAT

"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"


In-person and Livestreamed Retreat

Given by Fr. Parker Sandoval
Vice-chancellor and Senior Director
of Ministerial Services of the Archdiocese

Saturday, December 4, 2021
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Incarnation Catholic Church
1001 N. Brand Ave. Glendale, CA 91202

Reserve your spot today at
lifejusticeandpeace.lacatholics.org/catholic-healthcare

Please RSVP by December 1, 2021.
Contact Ann Sanders, asanders@la-archdiocese.org




Christmas Concert

Friday, December 17, 7:30 pm

\$15 reserved, \$10 general

Celebrate with Padre Serra choirs, instrumentalists and soloists as they bring you joyous music in the beautiful ambience of the church.

Ticket sales begin November 29.
Tickets will be available exclusively online at
www.padreserra.org/christmas-concert

Questions:
michelle@padreserra.org



GATHERING

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

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?

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.

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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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
 Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reading 2
 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading
 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Marty Haugen, Gather #39

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways,
 teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth,
 for you are God, my Savior.
2. For the Lord is good and righteous,
 revealing the way to those who wander,
 gently leading the poor and the humble.
3. To the ones who seek the Lord,
 who look to God's work, who live God's love,
 God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

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 Music: Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

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

Text: Lectionary for Mass, © 1969, 1981, ICEL
 Tune: Michael Joncas, b.1951, © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

INTERCESSION RESPONSE

In Memory We Hold You

Bob Hurd

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.

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

My Soul In Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen, Gather #415

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
 waits; tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
 2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
 3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -

glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
 spir - its; our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
 in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to

you; come, light the hearts of all in dark and
 Word; come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
 you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in

shad - ow.
 hearts.
 ris - ing.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

The Glendalough Mass

Liam Lawton

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation A

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

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Amen

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

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Lamb of God
"Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Steven R. Janco, Gather #388

Cantor: Have mer - cy on us. All: Have mer - cy on us.
 Cantor: Grant us peace. All: Grant us peace.

Music: *Mass of the Angels and Saints*, Steven R. Janco, © 1996, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.



SENDING FORTH

The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

Verses 1, 2

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And
 2. O bright-er than the ris - ing morn When

1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 2. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some

1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 2. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.

1. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 2. O bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall

1. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 2. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in

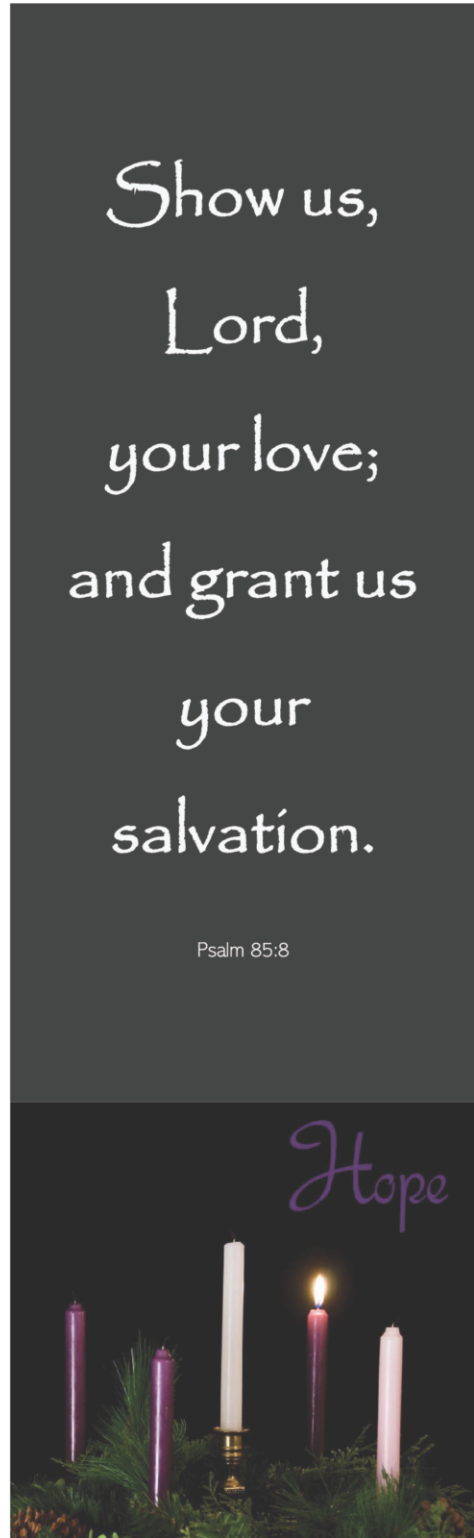
1. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 2. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!

Verse 3

3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau -
 3. - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy peo-ple pray: Come

3. quick - ly, King of kings. Come quick - ly, King of kings.

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Be Still

Dear friends on the journey,

Jesus is of the past, the present and the future. We know from scripture that he has already come into our world in history and that he will come again at the end of time, though we do not know when. But every Advent is a time to renew ourselves to welcome Jesus in the present, at Christmas when he comes to dwell in our homes, consciousness, and hearts.

As I read today's gospel, I was struck by Luke's use of the words *drunkenness* and *anxieties*, things that cause drowsiness and keep us from being alert. Recently I heard a simplistic explanation of depression and anxiety: depression looks to the past while anxiety looks to the future. Drunkenness, or any substance or addiction, masks the pain of our past. Anxiety thrusts us into the future worrying about things that have not happened yet and may not ever occur. Both keep us from living in the present, the only time we truly have.

The Advent season is our opportunity to embrace the present. Stillness helps us to pay attention to where Jesus is active in our lives. *Who or what has he set in your path as a messenger?* Stillness allows us to be attentive to the stirrings of our hearts and minds. *What might God be calling you to right now?* Stillness affords us the opportunity to engage our whole being and senses to see the kindness in people, hear the music and sounds around us, feel the breeze on our skin, smell the seasonal scents, and taste the goodness of food and drink. *Who or what needs your attention this week?*

Our parish offers many ways to be present in our relationship with God, to ready our hearts and homes, and to simply enjoy the season. On this first Sunday of Advent, I invite you to consider one or two of these spiritual activities:

- Little Blue Book ~ simple daily reflections
- Waiting in Joyful Hope ~ weekly faith sharing groups
- Advent Calendar ~ inspirations emailed daily
- Communal Reconciliation Service ~ prepare your heart with confession

Visit www.padreserra.org/advent for details on these and many other ways of being still with God. You will also find ways of giving to others this Christmas along with events for community and fellowship.

My prayer for you these next weeks is that you will make time to be still, listen, and encounter Jesus in someone, in some way, that bring you his peace, light, and love.

Siempre Adelante,



Teresa Runyon
Faith Life Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ No Session Today

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Little Church has returned to in-person sessions on Sundays during the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Because of the pandemic, only children who are registered may participate. Limited spaces are available. Register today: www.padreserra.org/registration. Contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! Grades 1 - 5 ~ November 29, December 1

This week children will learn: Deliverance is Coming.

Three:Sixteen ~ Grades 6 - 8 ~ November 30

Middle School Ministry. This week children will learn: Deliverance is Coming.

Advent is Here!

Share your pics! Send them to tere@padreserra.org



High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1

Our next session is on December 5, the Gift of Right Judgment. Contact youth@padreserra.org for more information.

4:12

Join Brett and peer leaders for fun and fellowship on most Wednesday nights. Teens make connections, share insights and concerns, and grow in faith. Ask brett@padreserra.org or follow us on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/padreserra).

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More

We gather 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

Adults

Little Blue Books for Advent ~ Available Now

Little Books are beautiful daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons designed to be insightful, inspiring, simple, and easy to read. Suggested donation of \$2 each, available in the church and office.

Embracing Hope: An Anthology

The Padre Serra Writers have published an anthology of their writing in time for Christmas. Titled *Embracing Hope*, this beautiful book with a foreword by Father Patrick, is inspired by the parish mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe and looks to a positive future. Available for purchase in the courtyard after Mass during Advent. \$15 (\$25 for two or \$30 for three copies). The Writers Group meets every Friday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando Room and always welcomes new people.

Bereavement Support ~ December 2, 16

We offer support to those who have lost a loved one. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Contact Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, bettybright41@gmail.com

Knitting Ministry ~ December 2, 9, 16

A fellowship and service ministry where all skill levels of knitting and crocheting are welcome. Thursdays 10:00 am -12:00 pm, Carmel room. Contact: Donna healthysneaker7@gmail.com

First Friday Adoration ~ December 3

Come spend 10, 30, 60 minutes with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 2:00 - 7:00 pm. teresa@padreserra.org

Military Family Ministry

We accompany active duty members, reserve military members, and your families for as long as you're here. Our ministers will welcome you, help you connect with the parish and ministries, discern any particular needs, support your family while you're here or deployed, and be of assistance in any way possible. If you're an active or reserve member of any branch of the military, we'd love to meet you and your family. Contact: Dave Gutierrez mfm@padreserra.org

Adults

Divorce Support ~ December 7, 21

We offer 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, online. Contact Cynthia cjonescampbell@yahoo.com

Becoming Catholic

Dismissal of the Catechumens

Every Sunday at 9:00 am Mass, a group of children, teens, and adults are called forward to the presiding priest's chair after the homily. These are our catechumens, those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They are sent forth from the church as the assembly sings, "May the word of God strengthen you ..." They follow the Book of the Gospels, held high by a catechist, to small meeting rooms (one for the adults, another for the children) to reflect more deeply on the readings they have just heard. They talk about the significance of the scriptures, especially the Gospel, in their own lives. It is an encounter with Jesus, and they are strengthening their resolve to live as his disciples. Please pray for our six catechumens as they journey toward the Sacraments. If you would like to know more about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Catherine Shadduck at (805) 482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

Safeguard the Children

Understanding the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is often undetected. More than 400 people in the U.S. die every year from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and thousands more are hospitalized. When gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it in can be poisoned. Consider installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector, and have your furnace, water heater, and other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced regularly, along with your chimney. For more information, visit www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide

Giving

Together in Mission "Forward with Faith" ~ Update!

Goal: \$139,726

Year to Date: \$83,490 donated by 204 households

Gap: \$55,936 to reach our goal

Together let's make a difference for those in need especially after this most challenging year. Our faith calls us to continue to care for our struggling communities and the challenges they face. Envelopes are in the church lobby or visit www.padreserra.org/tim

"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith not only with words but with our actions" - Pope Francis



Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 ~ Christ: Past, Present, Future

Jesus has already come into our world in history. Scripture tells us he will come again at the end of time. This Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas when he comes to dwell in our homes, consciousness, and hearts. We can choose to let him in. Will you? Do you see and hear him? Be still and listen.

Prayer Life

Weekend Schedule

- Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, 7:30 am Mass in the church
- Sunday, 9:00 am Mass on the Grass
- Sunday, 11:00 am Mass in the church and livestreamed

Weekday Mass

- Monday to Friday, 8:00 am in the church

Reconciliation

- Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or by appointment:
barbara@padreserra.org (805) 482-6417 x324

Pray for Our Sick

Bob Alexander, Michelle Alexander, Kevin Benn, Rich Bergman, Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Pearl Canon, Maeve Castillo-Reyes, Maria Castillo-Reyes, Thomas Collins, Morton Cook, Wyatt Davis, Roy Farmer, Toni Farmer, Jeanne Gaffney, Frances Garcia, Sharon Garcia, Esper Divina Gracia, Tim Graf, Jun Grey, Eugene Hatton, Jennifer Henderson, Tina Herford, Salvador Jimenez, Edna Jost, Tom Keens, Shirley Koval, Tom McAleer, Chuck Menerey Sr., Minerva Ortiz, Chuck Purcell, Dorothy Reason, Cristina Reyes, Esther Reyes, Lolita Reyes, Hilda Soller, Jeannie Wilkes and Kylie Wilson. (*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.

Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: bible.usccb.org

Parish Book of Intentions: www.padreserra.org/intentions

Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime

Bette (805) 482-0067 bette_church@hotmail.com

Shirley (805) 482-2617 brownshehorn@gmail.com

or visit www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests

Stations of the Cross: www.padreserra.org/stations

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: www.padreserra.org/news/olph

Blessed Sacrament Chapel: www.padreserra.org/prayer

In the Courtyard

Embracing Hope: Writers Group Anthology

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Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

IN-PERSON

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Fridays, 8:45 - 9:45 am

Advent is a time filled with God's love, grace, and hope as we await the most wonderful event of Christmas, the coming of Jesus into our lives in new ways, and Christ's return at the end of time.

You are invited each week for an hour of scripture, stillness, and sharing as we wait in joyful hope.

Please register at
www.padreserra.org/advent-faith-sharing



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8
7:00 pm

Livestreamed Mass
in the church

*A holy day of...opportunity to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary who, by the grace of God, was born free of original sin, and kept free from sin her whole life. She was the first and most perfect disciple of Jesus, and is a model for all of us!
Ora pro nobis, Maria!*



Embracing Hope

Writers Group Anthology

Available for purchase in the courtyard after Mass during Advent.

The Padre Serra Writers have published an anthology of their writing in time for Christmas. This beautiful book with a foreword by Father Patrick, is inspired by the parish mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe and looks to a positive future.

\$15 (\$25 for two or \$30 for three copies)

The Writers Group meets every Friday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando Room and always welcomes new people.

*We gather. We pray. We write.
Visit www.padreserra.org/writers*



Camarillo Catholic Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 15
11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Serra Center

Celebrate the joyous season with friends, enjoying a catered meal, 50/50 raffle, and musical entertainment!

Tickets are \$25/person (includes meal and one glass of wine). Available in the parish office or in courtyard December 5.

The deadline is December 8.

Contact teresa@padreserra.org
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