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*Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples*

APRIL 3, 2022 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## First Reconciliation

We are overjoyed for the 70 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this month!



# Prayer against war

Prayer composed by Italian Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples.  
Prayed by Pope Francis  
*(as reported by CNS Rom correspondent, Junno Arocho Esteves, only very slightly adapted)*

Forgive us for war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, son of God,  
have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv,  
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in  
Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, present in the 20 year olds sent  
to the frontline, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands  
armed with weapons under  
the shadow of the cross,  
forgive us Lord.

Forgive us that, if not content with the nails  
with which we pierced your hand  
we continue to drink from the blood  
of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had  
created to protect, have been turned into  
instruments of death.

Forgive us Lord,  
if we continue to kill our brother.

Forgive us Lord,  
if we continue, like Cain,  
to remove the stones from our camp  
to kill Abel.

Forgive us Lord,  
if we continue to justify cruelty  
with our efforts,  
if with our pain, we legitimize  
the cruelty of our actions.

Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God,  
we implore you to stop the hand of Cain;  
enlighten our conscience;  
let not our will be done.

Do not abandon us to our own doing.

Stop us, Lord.

Stop us, and when you have stopped  
the hand of Cain,  
take care of him also;  
he is our brother.

Oh Lord, stop the violence.

Stop us, Lord.

Amen

**GATHERING**

**Christ In Me Arise**

Trevor Thomson

*Refrain*

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness.

Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.

Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

*Verses*

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me  
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. | On - ward to the king - dom,  
2. where I must go. |

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

*to Refrain*

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*Cantor/Choir/Assembly*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.      Chri - ste e - le - i - son.      Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 126: Filled With Joy**

Kathleen MacAller

The Lord has done great things for us

we are filled with joy; the Lord has done great things for us

we are filled with joy!

When the Lord brought back the captives from Zion.  
We were like those in a dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
our tongue with rejoicing;  
We were like those in a dream.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
Like torrents in the southern desert,  
like the torrents in the southern desert.  
Those that sow in tears, those that sow in tears  
shall reap rejoicing, rejoicing, rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations the  
Lord has done great things for them,  
The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad, glad indeed, we are glad, glad indeed.

Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed, the seed to be sown  
with their sheaves, they'll come back rejoicing.  
Oh, they'll come back rejoicing.

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**5:00—Psalm 130: With the Lord**

Francis Patrick O'Brien

With the Lord mer - cy is found;

with the Lord there is full - ness of re - demp - tion.

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to sound of my pleading.

If you, O God, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
With you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting, waiting for the Lord. I count on God's word.  
My soul is longing, longing for the Lord more than those who wait for daybreak.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
Israel God will redeem from all its iniquity.

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**Reading 1**

Isaiah 43:16-21

**Reading 2**

Philippians 3:8-14

**Gospel Reading**

John 8:1-11



**3<sup>RD</sup> SCRUTINY (5:00)**

**Reading 1**

Exodus 37:12-14

**Reading 2**

Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel Reading**

John 11:1-45

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Celtic Lenten Gospel Acclamation**

Christopher Walker



Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Go in peace to hear the word of God.  
Go in peace to meet the risen Lord,  
the One who speaks to us in the Gospel.  
Go in peace, go in peace.

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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.

**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

God Ever Faithful

Michael Joncas, Gather #344

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

Return to God

Marty Haugen, Gather #478



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Now the time of grace has come,  
the day of salvation;  
come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone  
and place a heart within you,  
a heart of compassion and love.

If you break the chains of oppression,  
if you set the pris'ner free;  
if you share your bread with the hungry,  
give protection to the lost;  
give a shelter to the homeless,  
clothe the naked in your midst,  
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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**EUCCHARISTIC 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 -



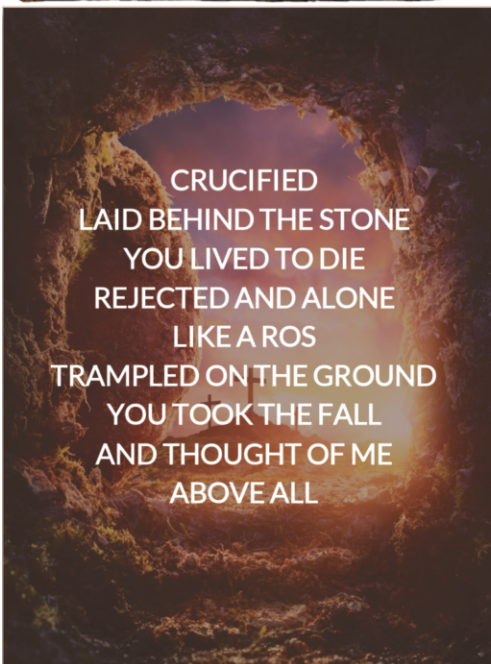
est. Blessed is he, blessed is he



who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

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

*Agnus Dei, quitolis 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

The Lord says,  
**"TURN TO ME NOW**  
*while there is time.*  
**GIVE ME YOUR**  
**HEARTS.**  
*Come with fasting, weeping*  
*and mourning.*  
*Don't tear your clothing in your grief,*  
*but tear your HEARTS instead."*  
**RETURN TO THE**  
**LORD YOUR GOD,**  
*for he is merciful and*  
*compassionate, slow to*  
*get angry and filled*  
*with unfailing Love.*  
*He is eager to relent and not punish.*  
Joel 2:12-13

**COMMUNION SONGS**

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

Ed Bolduc

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,  
And a promised grace made good;  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
There is healing in Christ's blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.
3. For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple,  
We would know the living Word;  
And our lives would be thanksgiving  
In the kindness of the Lord.

So be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is  
mer - ci - ful. Be mer - ci - ful, just as our God is  
mer - ci - ful to us. Let there be a wide - ness in our mer -  
- cy. Let there be a kind - ness in our hearts.  
Oh, may our lives be mer - ci - ful.

Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.  
Ref.: Ed Bolduc

Ed Bolduc  
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... and all the people said *Amen!*

**SENDING FORTH**

**Amazing Grace**

Gather #645

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved \*a  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my  
1. soul like me! I once was lost, but  
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.  
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: CM; verses 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; verse 5, anon., fr. *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.  
Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.



Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing Gods praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## Go and Sin No More

Dear Faith Family,

This Sunday's Gospel is one that we have heard countless times, for good reason. There are so many things to take to heart from this reading. We learn about who perfect judgment comes from, we learn about how we should conduct ourselves and we learn about the immense nature of God's mercy.

How many times have we been in situations where we are quick to condemn? I don't bring this up to make any of us feel bad, but I bring it up to help us to recognize our imperfection. We are truly human and obviously because of our nature, we are imperfect. This is also common when it comes to our own lives and the mistakes that we have made. How many times have we condemned ourselves, thinking that there is no way to turn back to goodness?

Jesus' mercy in this Gospel really stands out. He doesn't affirm the adultery that was committed by the woman, nor does he affirm the men who were looking to condemn her. What does he express instead? Mercy. Our Lord understands that none of us are perfect, but instead of simply saying, "Oh well, nobody is perfect," He instructs the woman caught in adultery to sin no more (John 8).

This hits me especially hard. How easy could it have been to ignore her sin and enable her in the face of the men who were committing an evil against her? How easy could it have been to be too firm about her sin, and scare her with the threat of condemnation? These might be the two approaches that I would be tempted with, but our Lord shows both compassion and the pathway to a strong, moral life.

Lent is so interesting because, from the moment that we receive our ashes, we are asked to repent. Repent seems like a heavy word prescribed for heathens, but to repent is an instruction to "turn back." With this Gospel, it is obvious that it leads to a strong life of discipleship for Mary Magdalene. I have a feeling that she wasn't perfect, but she really took the instruction to sin no more, seriously.

I pray for all of you during these final stages of Lent. Please do not lose hope, if it has been a difficult one. I know our God has not lost hope in you.

God Bless,



Brett Becker  
Youth and Young Adult Minister



## Children

*12 months to Grade 8.*

### Little Church ~ April 3, 10, 24

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! Parents love it too. Children must be registered to attend; visit [www.padreserra.org/registration](http://www.padreserra.org/registration). For more information, contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)

### Spark! ~ April 4 and 6

Grades 1 - 5. This week the children will learn about The Paschal Mystery. For more information, please get in touch with [jennifer@padreserra.org](mailto:jennifer@padreserra.org) or [christine@padreserra.org](mailto:christine@padreserra.org)

### Three:Sixteen ~ April 6

Grades 6 - 8. This week kids will learn about Holy Week and pray the Stations of the Cross. Contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org) for more information.

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome! [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)*

### Confirmation Y1

Teens are doing weekly ministry; if you have not yet signed up for a ministry, contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org) for a ministry assignment.

### Confirmation Y2 ~ April 3

Teens are encouraged to attend Mass at 11:00 am, then join us for lunch in the San Juan Capistrano room and sessions in Serra Center. Make sure you are signed up to GroupMe for up-to-date information. Contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

### 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](mailto:brett@padreserra.org) or follow us on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com).

## Adults

### Reconciliation Opportunities ~ April 4, 5, 9

If you missed our communal parish service, the following services remain in our area:

Monday, April 4, 7:00 pm at Holy Cross, Moorpark, and Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 pm at St. Peter Claver, Simi Valley. The final Saturday opportunity for confession before Easter at Padre Serra is April 9 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

### Bible Faith Share ~ April 4, 11, 18, 25

In-person faith sharing group, Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Sherry Reynolds [sherry2256@gmail.com](mailto:sherry2256@gmail.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing](http://www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing)

### Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ April 5, 12, 19, 26

We're back in person for Dr. Paul Ford's weekly reflection and study of the Sunday scriptures, which helps us better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. Resource books are available for purchase, or bring your Bible or smart device. Tuesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 am. Masks required. Visit [www.padreserra.org/bible-study](http://www.padreserra.org/bible-study)

### Divorce Support ~ April 5, 19

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](mailto:cjonescampbell@yahoo.com)

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ April 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the church. Madel [omphnovenaps@gmail.com](mailto:omphnovenaps@gmail.com)

### Bereavement Support Group ~ April 7, 21

Are you seeking a place of support in a time of loss or grief? Our bereavement support group offers mutual support to those who have lost a loved one through death. 10:00 am, San Fernando room. Betty Bright-Martinez (805) 407-3000, [bettybright41@gmail.com](mailto:bettybright41@gmail.com)

### Social Spanish ~ April 8, 22

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and to learn a new language and experience the benefits in mind and spirit. 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Patricia [patty.g.14@gmail.com](mailto:patty.g.14@gmail.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/spanish](http://www.padreserra.org/spanish)

### Writers Group ~ April 8, 22, 29

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome any Friday to share your work and listen to others' inspiring writing. Fridays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, San Fernando room. Linda Lowe [calmest1@verizon.net](mailto:calmest1@verizon.net). Visit [www.padreserra.org/writers](http://www.padreserra.org/writers)

### Lenten Friday Adoration ~ April 8

Come prepare your heart for Holy Week and spend 10, 30, 60 minutes with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 2:00 - 7:00 pm. Teresa [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org)

## Becoming Catholic

### The Scrutinies

Lent is an important time for the Elect who are in their final period of preparation for initiation into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and first reception of Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, they celebrate three important rites called Scrutinies. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to uncover and then heal whatever is weak and sinful in the Elect ... and in us, as we pray together. Please continue to pray for our Elect as they draw nearer to the sacraments. For more information about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Catherine Shaddock at (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org)



**Faith Sharing Question**

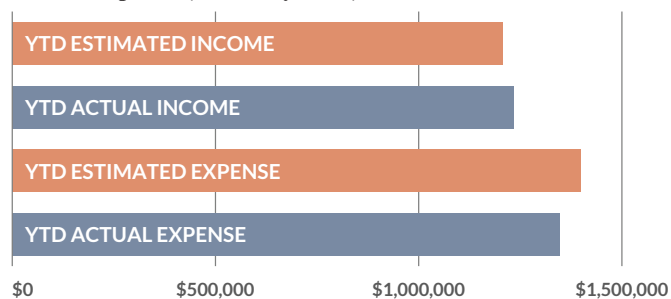
*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table*

**John 8:1-11 ~ Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom**

In today's gospel, the Pharisees, intent on trapping Jesus, present to him a woman accused of adultery. Jesus did not contradict the law nor declare the woman guiltless. Instead, he forgave the repentant sinner and confronted her accusers with their own sinfulness. Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness? Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

**Giving**

**Fiscal Snapshot (February 2022)**



**Lenten Opportunity**

For your Lenten almsgiving consider donating non-perishable food and staples such as toilet paper and diapers to our St. Vincent de Paul. Items can be dropped off in our two collection bins - one is located in the church lobby and the other near the outdoor Mass area. Thank you!

**Together in Mission "As One We Believe" Update!**

Goal: \$128,384

Year to Date: \$21,445 donated by 72 households

Gap: \$106,939 to reach our goal

Your support gives essential faith-based and educational funding to struggling parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. By seeking to serve God these foundations of faith strengthen families and communities, enrich parish life, and educate future generations. Envelopes are in the church lobby or visit [www.padreserra.org/tim](http://www.padreserra.org/tim)



**Other Notes**

**Phishing Alert**

Fraudulent emails and texts are being sent by scammers posing as Fr. Patrick. 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 forward any questionable emails/text screenshots claiming to be from Fr. Patrick to [gaby@padreserra.org](mailto:gaby@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/news/scams](http://www.padreserra.org/news/scams)

**Prayer Life**

**Weekend Schedule**

- Saturday, 5:00 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](#)

**Reconciliation**

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

**Weekday Mass**

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

**Pray for Our Sick**

Mia Aceves, Manny Alandy, Sean Badon, Patty Barajas, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Sylvia Chang, Joe Cicciari, Kristi Colell, Bruce Colell, Thomas Collins, Paul Davis, Sue Dodd, Jess Gonzalez, Tim Graf, Martin Guillen Sr., Sally Harrington, Patricia Holden, Therese Kaiser, Shirley Koval, Lala Mejia, Sheila Montgomery, Abby Pizzo, Brandon Ramirez, Tracy Reason-Kerkhoff, Dorothy Simmons 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](http://bible.usccb.org)
- Parish Book of Intentions: [www.padreserra.org/intentions](http://www.padreserra.org/intentions)
- Prayer Chain: Prayers anytime  
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- Stations of the Cross: [www.padreserra.org/stations](http://www.padreserra.org/stations)
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: [www.padreserra.org/news/olph](http://www.padreserra.org/news/olph)
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel: [www.padreserra.org/prayer](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer)

**In the Community**

**Many Meals of Camarillo ~ Mondays**

Through volunteer efforts and generous donations, Many Meals provides free home-cooked meals once a week to the under-served and homeless in Camarillo. Mondays at 5:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalen parish hall (corner of Las Posas and Crestview). Meals are available for curbside pick up. Walk-ups are welcome. Masks are required.

**Partners in Service ~ June 26**

Save this date for the Catholic Charities 21st Annual Partners in Service Dinner and Awards that recognizes outstanding parish volunteers for their gift of Christian service in Ventura County. Sunday 5:00 pm in the Serra Center. Proceeds from this special event benefit Catholic Charities in Ventura County who reach out to the unreachable to give them hope and purpose in their lives. Learn more about Catholic Charities in Ventura County at [www.catholiccharitiesvc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesvc.org)

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# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 9-10**

**Saturday 5:00 pm (outside)**

**Sunday 7:30 am (inside), 9:00 am (outside),  
11:00 am (inside and livestreamed)**

**Holy Thursday, April 14**

**7:00 pm (inside and livestreamed)**

**Good Friday, April 15**

**Noon (inside), 7:00 pm (inside and livestreamed)**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday April 16**

**7:30 pm (inside)**

**Easter Sunday, April 17**

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### This Week

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7:00 PM, VIRTUAL**  
Noel Fuentes, *The Creed*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5,  
7:00 PM, IN PERSON**  
Dr. Robert Piccioni,  
*Our Place in the Universe*  
Holy Cross, Moorpark

**Fr. Gregorio Hidalgo,  
Jesus & His Parables**  
St. Rose of Lima, Simi Valley

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6,  
7:00 PM, VIRTUAL**  
Fr. Jim Gallagher,  
*Treasure of Prayer*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7,  
7:00 PM, IN PERSON**  
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