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DECEMBER 12, 2021 · THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Joy
We are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.
Visit www.padreserra.org/advent



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 12
12:00 pm
Serra Center Patio

Come enjoy tacos and music on the lawn to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, who appeared here on our continent. She is our Lady, our Madonna.

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



See's Candies

December 12, 19
In the courtyard

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.

Visit them in the courtyard after Mass today!



Advent Reconciliation Service

Let every heart prepare him room

Wednesday, December 15
7:00 - 8:00 pm, in the church

There will be hospitality at the bell tower after confession.

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.



Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 18
4:00 pm, Mass

All are invited to this celebration of preparing our hearts, minds and lives to welcome and receive Jesus at Christmas.

Learn more about Simbang Gabi at www.padreserra.org/simbang-gabi

Sponsored by our parish Filipino Ministry.



GATHERING

Ready the Way

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
of the Lord. of the Lord.

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Make straight the road,
raise the valleys, and mountains make low.
Turning from sin, let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.

As we wait for you,
give us the strength to walk in your truth,
so we may love 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.

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

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Reading 2

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12: Cry Out With Joy

Marty Haugen, Gather #97

Cry out with joy and glad-ness, for the Lord is in your
midst, the ho - ly one of Is-ra-el, cry out, cry out with joy.

1. God indeed is my Savior, I will never be afraid,
my strength and courage is the Lord, my Savior and my song.
2. Give thanks and praise the name of God, sing out to all the earth
the wondrous deeds that God has done, our Savior and our song.
3. Shout with joy, O Zion, for dwelling in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and your song.

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 6; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen; refrain adapt. by Diana Kodner
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Advent Alleluia**

Michael Joncas, Gather #411

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

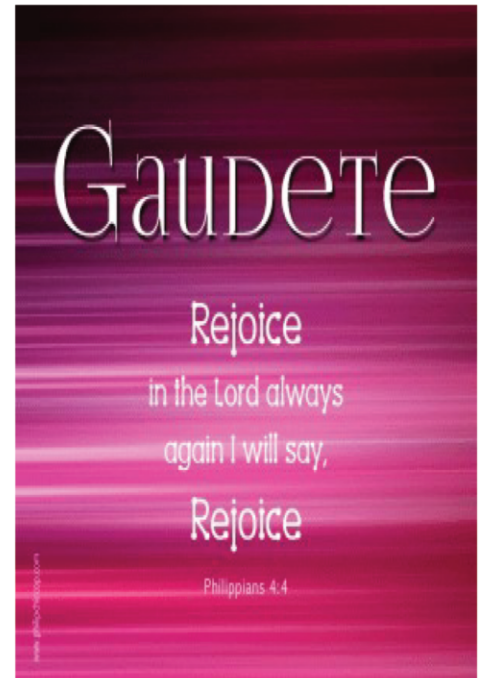
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INTERCESSION RESPONSE**In Memory We Hold You**

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**Blessed Are the Poor, Rejoice, Be Glad**

Adam M. L. Tice & Kate Williams

Blessed are the poor – the people who live in God's holy reign.
Blessed are the sad, for comfort is yours through sorrow and pain.
Blessed are the meek, for you will inherit what long was denied.
Hungry, thirsty ones, your longing for justice will be satisfied.

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.

Blessed are the kind – the merciful ones shall mercy receive.
Blessed are the good; your heart shall see God because you believe.
Blessed children, come – grow peace for a planet still choking with hate.
Persecuted ones, for you all the blessings of heaven await.

You are salt and light – let earth taste and see God's glory revealed.
Let your goodness shine; the lost are restored, the broken are healed.
All will be fulfilled – the law and the prophets have shown us the way.
Heaven comes to earth; rejoice and be glad for creation's new day.

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

Steven R. Janco, Gather #388

"Mass of the Angels and Saints"

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

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COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, Hope of the World

Paul A. Tate, Gather #909

Refrain

Je - sus, hope of the world, Je - sus, light in our
 dark - ness, here we a - wait you, O Mas - ter Di - vine.
 Here we re - ceive you in Bread and in Wine:
 Je - sus, hope of the world.

Verses

All:
 Come, Lord Je - sus!

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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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The spirit of the
 Lord is upon me,
 because he has
 anointed me to
 bring glad tidings
 to the poor

Isaiah 61:1

Rejoice



Blessed Mary Our Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Dear parish family,

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is one I look forward to every year. As a Mexican-American this feast holds a very special place in my heart. As a child my parents instilled in us a deep love and devotion for Our Lady of Guadalupe. As children, we participated in a beautiful tradition of dressing up in Native Tarasco outfits to make our pilgrimage to the parish and present ourselves to her and give her our gift of love and gratitude through a bouquet of roses. This was no easy task for a young child to get up at 3 in the morning, if we wanted to make it inside the packed church, but we all did it with such love and joy. We participated in the “Mañanitas” and sunrise Mass, where the parish choirs and members of the community would serenade with traditional songs and the Matachines and Aztec dancers offer their dance as an expression of prayer. It made such an impact to see her surrounded in what seemed like an ocean of fragrant flowers, all gifts of hope, love and gratitude for the miracles that through the intercession of Our Lady have been granted. A fitting tribute to offer our gifts of time and talent to celebrate Our Holy Mother.



As I have grown up I have been able to see past the deserved fanfare celebration. I recognize now how Our Lady has been our Advent countdown to prepare to welcome Jesus in our hearts and homes. Just like every week of Advent is dedicated to a virtue, through Our Lady we get to experience this as well. We come to her filled with HOPE, knowing that she will take our petitions to our God. We experience God’s PEACE as we are held in her comforting and loving embrace, knowing she has heard us and will be our advocate. We are filled with JOY, in the answer to our prayers. Even in those moments that the answer may not be what we wanted, but recognize God’s response to our prayers is perfect and better than what we could have imagined. We become enveloped in LOVE, in knowing we are valuable, seen and heard by our loving God and his mother. Knowing this only makes my love for Our Blessed Mother grow stronger.

This Advent season let us follow Mary’s example and prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in our midst. She is the best example on how to love him. She left her image for us to be reminded she is with us, we are not alone as we face life’s challenges. She will be there to pick us up when we stumble and lead us back on our path. “Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.” — St. Maxamilian Kolbe

Siempre Adelante,

Tere Delgado

Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister



Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ December 12, 19

Age 3 through Kindergarten. Because of the pandemic, only children who are registered may participate. Register today:

www.padreserra.org/registration. Contact soraya@padreserra.org

Spark! ~ December 13 and 15

Grades 1 - 5. This week children will learn about the leap for joy, in recognition of Jesus.

Three:Sixteen ~ December 15

Grades 6 - 8. This week children and their families will participate in the Advent Penance service.

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~ December 12

This week teens will learn about the Gift of Courage. 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).

Adults

Christmas Office Doors

Our annual Christmas door decorating contest is back! Come by the parish office to enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Bible Faith Share ~ December 13, 20

A study of the previous Sunday's readings. Mondays 8:45 - 9:45 am, San Juan Capistrano room. Masks required. Sherry Reynolds sherryr2256@gmail.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 15, 22, 29

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary. Due to the penance service December 15, we will meet from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the San Fernando room. Then return to our normal time and location: 6:30 - 7:30 pm, in the church. Masks required. Contact Madel omphnovenapsp@gmail.com

Ladies Night Out ~ December 15

Lemons on the Loose is a women's social gathering to share fellowship and laughter while playing Bonkers. \$5/person. Proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand. 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center. Masks required. Kathy quannys5@yahoo.com or Michelle mcpaschens@gmail.com

Centering Prayer ~ December 15, 22, 29

Silence is God's language. Centering Prayer is a method of contemplative, silent prayer that opens us up to experience God's presence within us. Both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Come and rest with God! Wednesdays at 6:45 pm, Santa Clara room. Masks required. Questions: Vivian Patrick (805) 377-0704, vpatv@outlook.com

Bereavement Support ~ December 16

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

PAX Christi ~ December 16

Join in person for prayer, study, and act for justice and peace in the spirit of nonviolence and Catholic social teaching 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Fernando room. Masks required. Contact Deacon Luc Papillon lucpapillon@gmail.com

Women's Ministry ~ December 20

Seeds of Faith, our women's faith sharing group, invites you to a special gathering for some Christmas cheer, sharing of traditions, and to learn more about our next series beginning in January. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, San Miguel room. Masks required. Contact Gwen gwendolynjoy1@hotmail.com

Meditative Movement Ministry

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Tuesday Tai Chi and Thursday Yoga classes are temporarily canceled.

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 Shaddock at (805) 482-6417 x331 or catherine@padreserra.org

In the Community

Many Meals of Camarillo

Through volunteer efforts and generous donations, Many Meals provides free home-cooked meals once a week to the under-served and homeless in Camarillo. Meals are available for curbside pickup on Mondays from 5:00 - 6:15 pm at St. Mary Magdalen Church Hall, corner of Las Posas Rd. and Crestview. Questions or to volunteer/cook: manymealsvolunteers@verizon.net

In the Community

Nun Run ~ February 5

Sisters of Notre Dame and La Reina High School & Middle School invite runners and walkers of all ages and ability levels to their Nun Run 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run. Registration includes 5K chip timing, race medals for all finishers, and a post-race pancake breakfast. The day will feature a community service fair of non-profits from Ventura and Los Angeles counties who will share their organization's mission, programs and volunteer opportunities. Proceeds will support the spiritual, educational and social outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame, locally and around the world. Visit: nun.run or Jen Coito jcoito@sndusa.org

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Give in Gratitude ~ Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others — educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to this fund helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously. For more info, visit retiredreligious.org

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Give God the first serving, the first portion of our gifts. Giving is not based on the church's need for money, but on our need to give back to God as a way to say 'thank you.'



Memorial & Honorarium

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Judy DeVillers, Dublin, Ohio

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Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 3:10-18 ~ Baptized in the Holy Spirit

In today's gospel, John the Baptist announces the coming of the Messiah, a message of readiness, and instructions to live justly in our work. What can you do to ensure that, even after Advent, you will remember John the Baptist's message: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

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

Reconciliation

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

Weekday Mass

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

Pray for Our Sick

Shirley Brown, Michele Burger, Elsa Casillas, Brianna Castillo, Thomas Collins, Wyatt Davis, Jeanne Gaffney, Frances Garcia, Sharon Garcia, Tim Graf, Jennifer Henderson, Tina Herford, Tom Keens, Chuck Menerey Sr., Sheila Montgomery, Chuck Purcell, Jeannie Wilkes and Kylie Wilson. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Rose Auchinleck, RIP

Deacon Ike Edie, RIP

Beloved husband of Shari Edie

John Kelly, RIP

Beloved son of Robert & Jean Kelly

Leslie Maulhardt, RIP

Beloved mother of Beth, Paige, Victoria & Tessa

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

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