



Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic Christian faith!

Victoria Avalos
Daughter of Victor Avalos
& Johanna Martinez

Harper Jean Bernardez
Daughter of Brian
& Taylor Bernardez

Vera Noelle Bupasiri
Daughter of Thirasack Jimmy
& Sheri Nicole Bupasiri

Kèlian Vincent Gutierrez
Son of Ileana Giselle Gutierrez

Sophia Lily Nacius
Daughter of Ari
& Katrina Nacius

Alexander Aguilar
Son of Federico
& Mayra Aguilar

Yaziel Guadalupe Ibarra
Son of Angel & Evelyn Ibarra

Camila Luna Santos
Daughter of Antonio Luna
& Lilian Santos

Isaac Anthony Beltran
Son of Raul Beltran
& Loren Gutierrez

**Natasha Adrielle Espino
Dacanay**
Daughter of Dann Michael
& Frances Dacanay

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Daughter of Mario
& Vanessa Manriquez

Cassandra Reveles
Daughter of Jose Reveles
& Patty Ortiz

Ariannah Ray Ambriz
Daughter of Alejandro
Ambriz & Frances Martinez

**Jazline Italia Balbino
Espinoza**
Daughter of Omar Balbino
& Blanca Espinoza

Olivia Juliett Garcia
Daughter of Antonio Garcia
& Debbie Navarro

Israel Edward Martinez
Son of Matthew
& Stephany Martinez

Love

Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
Visit www.padreserra.org/advent



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena

December 4 - December 12, 6:30 pm

Join in praying the rosary each of the nine days leading to December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will gather at the mural. Bring your rosary and a sweater.

Celebration

Monday, December 12, 4:30 pm

Join us for a prayer service. We will conclude our novena and retell the story of her apparitions to San Juan Diego. Feel free to bring flowers as an offering to Our Mother.

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




La Posada

Monday, December 5

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Begins in the church

Fiesta to follow in the courtyard

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.

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




Christmas with The Chosen

Friday, December 9

7:00 - 8:30 pm, Serra Center

All adults and children are invited to celebrate the reason for the season...Jesus...with dessert and a viewing of The Messengers.

This Christmas episode from the popular series The Chosen is the story of the birth of Jesus, as told through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. Christmas activities will be provided for smaller children.

Consider bringing a gift for baby Jesus that will be given to babies and moms in need through Life Centers of Ventura County.

For a list of gift ideas and to RSVP, visit www.padreserra.org/chosen




Blood Drive

Sunday, December 11

8:15 am - 12:30 pm

San Juan Capistrano room

You can save a life!

There is a critical blood shortage, but you can help by donating blood at our next drive.

To sign up for an appointment, visit donors.vitalant.org

Sponsor code: 8112

or please click on the QR Code

www.padreserra.org/blood-drive



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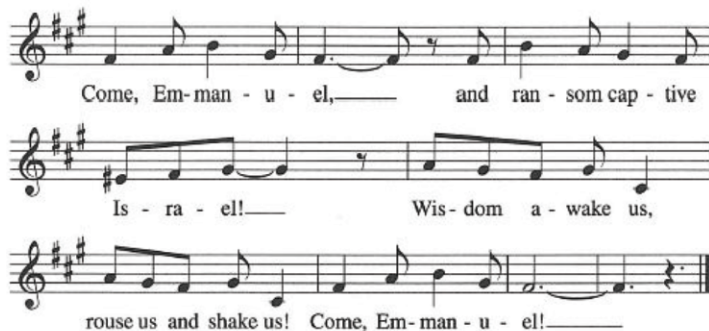
Come, Emmanuel

Deanna Light & Paul A. Tate

To a world awaiting the break of day, **Come, Emmanuel!**
 To a wand'ring people who've lost their way, **Come, Emmanuel!**
 Lord of heaven, yet Virgin's child, King by prophets foretold,
 To shepherds and wise men, to a manger of hay, **Come, Emmanuel!**

Only you can soften our hearts of stone! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 You are here among us, and yet unknown! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 In our des'late and weary land, come and bloom like a rose.
 As light in the darkness for the lost and alone, **Come, Emmanuel!**

All the deaf shall hear and the blind shall see! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 And the mute shall speak and the lame run free! **Come, Emmanuel!**
 Sun of Justice and Prince of Peace, you are light of the world,
 who was and who is, and who ever shall be! **Come, Emmanuel!**

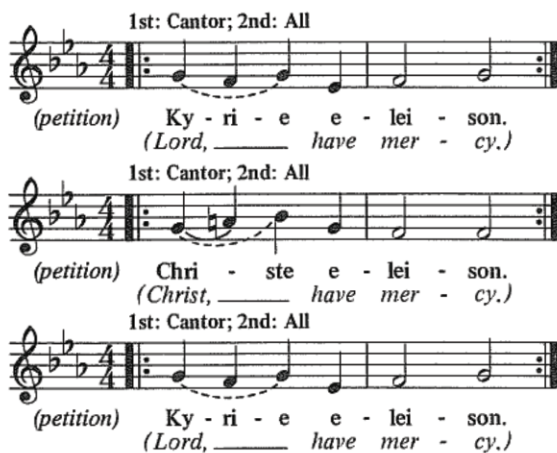


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PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent Wreath Service

John Schiavone



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Reading 1
Isaiah 11:1-10

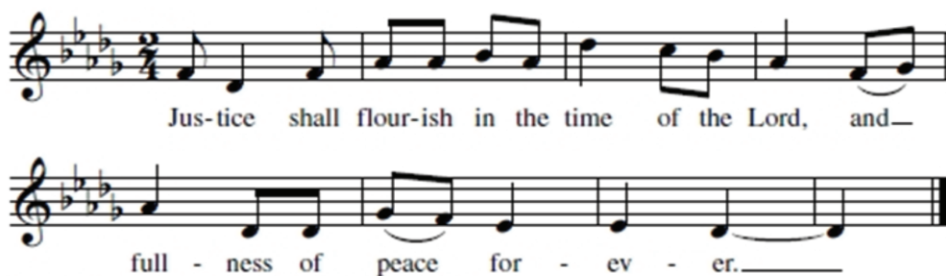
Reading 2
Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Reading
Matthew 3:1-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72: Justice Shall Flourish

Steven C. Warner



Pour down your justice on our leaders, on the heirs of our leaders your wisdom, that they may judge your people with justice, and your poor and discouraged with good counsel. Justice shall blossom and flourish, and peace till the moon is no more. May ev'ry span of the seas, ev'ry ocean, all the earth, ev'ry river sing of justice. Help our leaders respond to the anguished, to the cries of the lost and the helpless, and may they shelter the weak with protection, may they save all the poor in their despair. May the names of the just live forever, may they blaze like the sun in its glory, and may the people rejoice in God's blessing, ev'ry nation proclaim the Lord's blessing.

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Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make straight
his paths;
all flesh shall see
the salvation
of God.

Luke 3:4, 6

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.

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

O God, Hear Us

Bob Hurd

O God, hear, us; Hear our prayer.

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PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell, Gather #590

Verses

- 1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
- 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
- 3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
- 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
- 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

- 1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
- 2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
- 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
- 4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
- 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

- 1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
- 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
- 3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
- 4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
- 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain/Estrillo

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Mass of the Incarnate Word”
Holy, Holy, Holy

Bob Hurd

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.

Lamb of God

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

LORD
I am not **WORTHY**
that you should enter under my roof
but only say the **WORD** and my
Soul shall be **HEALED**

COMMUNION SONGS**Jesus, Hope of the World**

Deanna Light & Paul 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

2 All:
Come, Lord Je-sus!

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My Soul In Stillness Waits Haugen, #415

*For you, O Lord,
my soul in stillness waits,
truly my hope is in you.*

Come, Emmanuel!

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*

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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Preparing for Conversion

Hello Friends,

As has been our tradition for years, decorating for Christmas in our house begins just after Thanksgiving. After taking down and packing the Fall and Thanksgiving decorations, we move some furniture around to make room for the Christmas tree. The rest of the day is spent putting up and decorating the tree and the rest of the house. When we finish, we sit down to enjoy the newly decorated tree and think to ourselves, “our home is prepared for Christmas.” Our Gospel today teaches about a different kind of preparation.

While his followers are being baptized, John the Baptist is teaching them (and us) to “repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt 3:2). For John, repentance does not only mean acknowledging our sinfulness and whatever it is that keeps us away from God. It also means a willingness to live our lives in a new and different way. John scolds the local religious leaders who come out to be baptized for the sake of appearing repentant but are not willing to demonstrate their repentance by their actions.

When we hurt someone we love, we feel sorrow for having caused the hurt and if we truly love the other, we will experience a desire to right the wrong and restore our relationship with the one we hurt. But, if we don’t confront the root of what caused us to hurt, we are likely to repeat the hurt. A lasting change requires a conversion of heart.

In our relationship with God, the sacrament of reconciliation provides us the opportunity to encounter our loving God in a deep and personal way. In the sacrament, we acknowledge those times when we have fallen short and express our desire to do things differently.

If we can take that incredible moment of grace and really work on that constant relationship and conversation with Jesus, He will guide you toward being a more selfless, kind, tolerant, and centered soul. If we allow this time of Advent to truly prepare for Christ’s birth into our heart and world, we will experience the love of God in a new and transformative way.

As we near the celebration of Christmas and the coming of our LORD into our world, we can prepare by examining how we treat each other and making a genuine effort to remove that which prevents us from being disciples of Jesus. When we can do this, then we can say that we’ve prepared our hearts for Christmas.

Siempre Adelante,

Deacon Joe Torti

Deacon Joe Torti



Advent

Life is Advent

- **Wear purple to Mass on December 4 and 18, and wear rose on December 11**
- **Advent daily email inspirations ~ Sign up today!**
- **Weekly Faith Sharing ~ Sign up today**
- **Angel Tags ~ Ends Sunday, December 11**
- **Christmas Mass ~ December 24, 25**

Children

12 months to Grade 8.

Little Church ~ December 4, 11, 18

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! 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 4 and 11

Grades 1 - 5. Children at the 11:00 am Mass are invited to hear the readings and reflection at their level. No registration is required. Parents consider joining this ministry and leading a session. Please contact tere@padreserra.org for more information.

Spark! ~ December 5 and 7

Grades 1 - 5. This week the children will learn, The Lord comes to Save Us. For more information, please contact jennifer@padreserra.org or christine@padreserra.org

Three-Sixteen ~ December

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. Families are encouraged to join us for La Posada on December 5 at 6:30 pm, Liturgy of Immaculate Conception on December 8 at 7 pm, and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 at 6:30 pm. Sessions resume on December 14. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

High School

Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!

4:12 ~ December 7

High school teens, join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 in San Juan Capistrano room. youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y1 ~ December 4

Teens will learn about the Holy Spirit's gift of Reverence. Also this week, teens and their families are encouraged to join us for La Posada on December 5 at 6:30 pm, Liturgy of Immaculate Conception on December 8 at 7 pm, and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact youth@padreserra.org

Confirmation Y2

The weekly ministry has begun, be sure to sign in every time. If you have not gotten started yet, please get in touch with youth@padreserra.org

Young Adults

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

Bible Study and More ~ December 15

We gather on 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

Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ December 6, 13

Dr. Paul Ford's weekly study of the upcoming Sunday scriptures helps us better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. 8:30 - 9:30 am, Serra Center. Contact: Dr. Paul Ford paulfford@stjohnsem.edu

Conversational Spanish ~ December 6, 13

All levels and ages are welcome. Learn and practice conversational Spanish to communicate practically with friends, neighbors, and people in our community, and learn prayers, songs, and traditions in the Mexican Catholic culture. Tuesdays, 9:45 - 10:45 am, San Fernando room. Patricia patty.g.q14@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/spanish

Meditative Movement ~ December 6, 8

Women and men of any age are invited to join instructor Sheila Montgomery for meditative movement: Tai Chi Tuesdays 2:00 - 2:45 pm \$5/class and Yoga Thursdays 2:00 - 2:45 \$10/class. Sheila Montgomery sheilam274@yahoo.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement

Healing from Divorce ~ December 13

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. Visit www.padreserra.org/divorce

Adapted Exercise Class ~ December 7, 14

All seniors are invited to a weekly adaptive exercise class Wednesdays, 8:45 - 9:30 am, San Miguel Room. Contact Marg (805) 405-9901

Contemplative Prayer ~ December 7, 14

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. Vivian Patrick, (805) 377-0704, vpatv@outlook.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Adults

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ December 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us for prayer and devotion to our Mother Mary Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, in the church. Madel, omphnovenapsp@gmail.com. Visit www.padreserra.org/prayer

Benedicts Books

Spiritual reading can help you grow in your faith life and knowledge of our Catholic tradition. Visit our lending library, where you can find books to expand your knowledge, deepen your faith, and grow your relationship with God. Stop by the church lobby, pick up a book, return when you're done, or pass it on to someone else. If you have spiritual books to donate, please bring them to Teresa in the parish office. Questions teresa@padreserra.org, visit www.padreserra.org/benedicts-books

Spiritual Direction

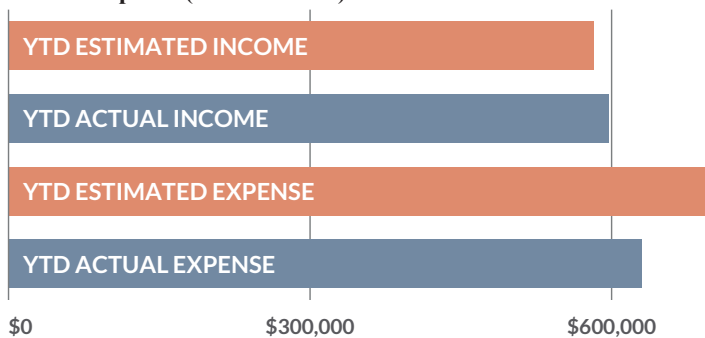
Spiritual direction is a unique one-on-one relationship, exploring the spiritual aspect of being human with a trained, confidential companion. Spiritual directors help you see the themes, threads, and designs emerging in your life, identifying where God is at work in your sacred story. Learn more: Ann Pettit annpettit@mac.com, Deacon Bob Fargo deaconbobfargo@msn.com

Giving

See's Candies ~ December 17, 18

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. In the courtyard. Visit www.padreserra.org/svdp

Fiscal Snapshot (October 2022)



Becoming Catholic

Advent and Catholic Inquiry

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. For information about the process of becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Huebner; at (805) 482-6417 x321 or becomingcatholic@padreserra.org. Visit www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Matthew 3:1-12 ~ Reform your lives!

In today's gospel, John the Baptist is preaching a radical conversion of the whole person to God. Name the one thing in your life that you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, a hurt, or a feeling.

Prayer Life

Weekend Schedule

All liturgies are celebrated inside our beautiful parish church:

- Saturday, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, 7:30 am
- Sunday, 9:00 am
- Sunday, 11:00 am [Livestreamed](http://www.padreserra.org/mass). Visit www.padreserra.org/mass

Pray for Our Sick

Mike Acosta, Bob Amantia, Greg Cannon, Michael J. Dilley, Ben Fisco, Asher Flores, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Baby Lucia Lalieu, Earlene McCormick, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Mary Mullen, Hector Navarrete, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrieta, Donna O'Neil, Sister Carol Quinlivan, Alice Redondo, Juan Andres Sanchez, Dorothy Simmons, Ken Solovy and Melissa Yeager. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

Remember Our Dead

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

Tim Hanlon, RIP

Mary Henderson, RIP

Janice Sali, RIP

Edith Simbol, RIP

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

Other Notes

Phishing Alert

Especially during this season, 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 do not email or text these individuals, divulge any personal information, or provide money/credit card/gift card payments. Please forward any questionable emails/text screenshots claiming to be from Fr. Patrick to gaby@padreserra.org Visit www.padreserra.org/news/scams

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Wednesday, December 14
11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Serra Center

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Come enjoy a delicious, traditional holiday meal, entertainment by Halcyon Hamel, conversation with old and new friends, sing-a-long, and lots of Christmas cheer.

\$25/person. Tickets are available in the parish office through December 7.

Contact Jan PirkI, janpirkl@yahoo.com
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Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 14
7:00 pm, in the church

Hospitality at the courtyard
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both for the Lord's return at the end of time,
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Saturday, December 17
5:00 pm Mass
Followed by Dinner in the Serra Center

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