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JANUARY 1, 2023 · SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



# Epiphany

## Home Chalk Blessing

20 + C + M + B + 23

The chalking of the doors is a simple ritual to dedicate the new year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on your home and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

The numbers represent the new year

2 Meanings for CMB: names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and  
*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for *May Christ Bless this House*

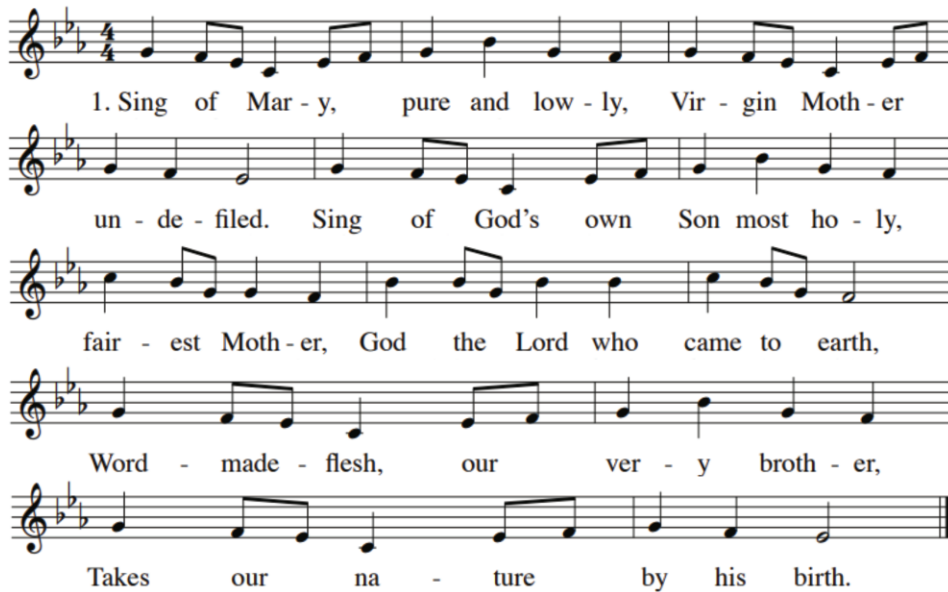
The + signs represent the cross

- Gather all in the household at the front door.
- Read an Epiphany scripture passage (Is 60:1-6, Ps 72, Mt 2:1-12, or Rev 21:22-26)
- Pray: "Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Chalk the door, door frame, or plaque with 20+C+M+B+23
- Pray the Our Father
- Sing an Epiphany song

**GATHERING**

**Sing of Mary**

Gather #457



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er  
un - de - filed. Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
fair - est Moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word - made - flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
Takes our na - ture by his birth.

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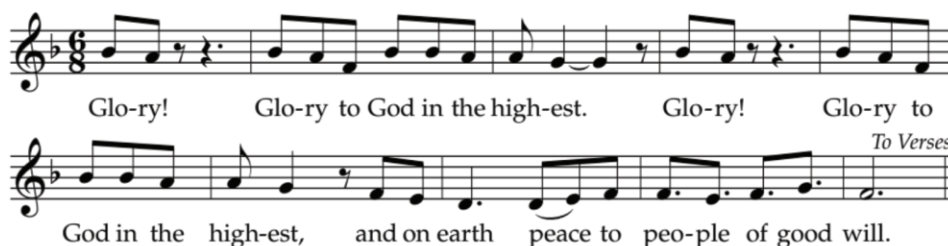
Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,  
In the home at Nazareth.  
Toil and labor cannot weary  
Love he gave her,  
Though he went forth from her side.  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,  
Till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
blessed Mary, From all saints the  
song ascends.  
And the Church the strain re-echoes  
Unto earth's remotest ends.



**Glory to God (Mass of St. Ann)**

Ed Bolduc



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to  
God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.


We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
Amen.

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**Reading 1**  
Nehemiah 6:22-27

**Reading 2**  
Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel Reading**  
Luke 2:16-21

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 67: May God Bless Us in His Mercy**

Dominic MacAller

May God bless us in his mer - cy. May God  
bless us in his mer - cy.

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May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, "Mass of a Joyful Heart"**

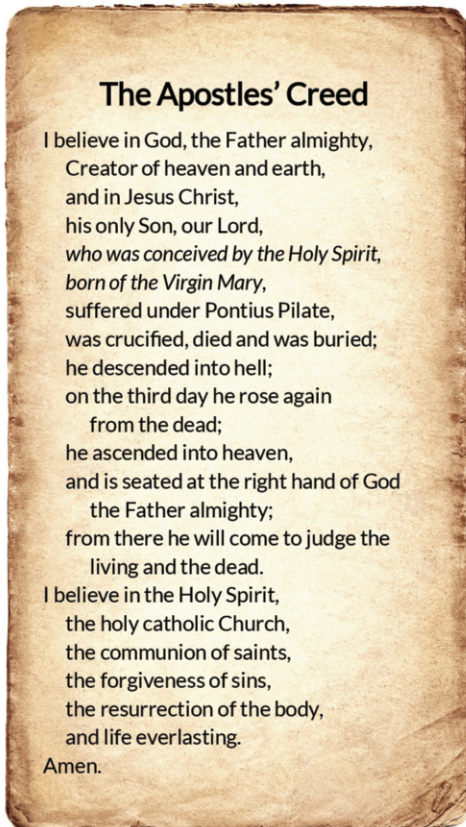
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*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.*

Hebrews 1:1-2



**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

**"Mass of the Father's Love"**

arr. Carol Browning

Hear us Lord, O hear our prayer.

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**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Gather #451

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, As seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas fortold it, The Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we beheld it, The Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

The Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God, From sin and death he saves us,  
And Lightens ev'ry load.



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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

“Mass of Creation”

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gather #198

4

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

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Memorial Acclamation A

Gather #199

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

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Amen

Gather #202

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

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**Invitation to Communion**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,  
 behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,  
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Lamb of God

Gather #204

Cantor: Assembly:

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

To repeat  
 Last time

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**COMMUNION SONGS****O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Gather #446

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gather all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us our Lord Emmanuel!



Mid-winter

Bob Chilcott

**SENDING FORTH****Angels We Have Heard on High**

Gather #430

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
*Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
*Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing:  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.*

See him in a manger laid whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
*Glória in excélsis Deo. Glória in excélsis Deo.*

**Holy Is Your Name**

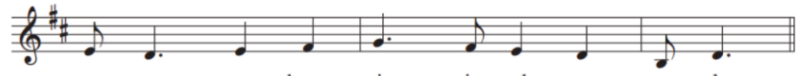
arr. Tony Alonso



1. My soul is filled with joy as I  
2. I am low - ly as a child, but I  
3. I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work  
4. To the hun - gry you give food, send the  
5. In your love you now ful - fill all you



sing to God, my Sav - ior. You have looked up - on your  
know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -  
won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -  
rich a - way with noth - ing. In your mer - cy you are  
prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my

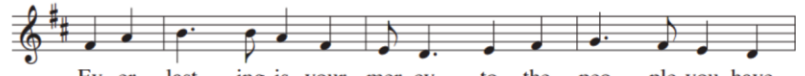


ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.  
mem - bered, and the world will call me bless - ed.  
heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.  
mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.  
Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

## Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions!



Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple you have



cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

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## New Year ~ New Covenant

Dear friends on the journey,

Merry Christmas, Blessed Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and Happy New Year!

The first of January ushers in a new year, a fresh beginning, and a time when we resolve to improve ourselves. Typically, these resolutions are focused on improving our body, our physical well-being through new diet and exercise routines, or perhaps we desire to expand our minds by trying a new hobby, reading more, or expanding our knowledge base. All good and necessary, but this year I invite you to consider a spiritual resolution, a commitment to attending to your spiritual life with the goal of deepening your relationship with God, understanding your Catholic faith better, seeking ways to encounter Jesus, and living as an intentional disciple here at church but in your daily living.

According to a New York Times article, resolutions will be successful if the SMART principle is used. They need to be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time bound. If you choose to include a spiritual resolution for 2023, I think you'll find we have just the tool to assist you.

Today as we usher in 2023, our Pastoring Team is happy to share a new parish covenant. Three years have passed since our last one so I'll refresh your memory. Our annual parish covenant between the Pastoring Team and parishioners is meant to draw us into discipleship by committing to a level of engagement in a Catholic way of life and a closer relationship with Jesus. The document you received this weekend is the result of collaborative efforts between our Parish Council and Pastoring Team who spent the last six months brainstorming and crafting a fresh new document. Know that the Pastoring Team is committed to our promises, our guiding principles. And I hope you find the proposed parishioner promises to be just - simple, practical, yet challenging. Growth happens when we step out of comfort into the new, different, or unknown.

Please read the covenant prayerfully, sign it, keep a copy to post on your fridge, and return next week. I pray this new covenant will be a helpful aid in living your new year's spiritual resolution all year long.

Our first reading from Numbers offers these beautiful words for the new year:

*The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD let his face shine upon  
you, and be gracious to you!  
The LORD look upon you kindly and  
give you peace!*

*Siempre Adelante,*



Teresa Runyon  
Pastoral Associate



## Children

*12 months to Grade 8.*

### Little Church ~ January 8, 15, 22, 29

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](http://www.padreserra.org/registration). For more information, contact [soraya@padreserra.org](mailto:soraya@padreserra.org)

### Children's Liturgy of the Word ~ January 15, 22, 29

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](mailto:tere@padreserra.org) for more information.

### Spark! ~ January 9/11, 23/25, 30/February 1

Grades 1 - 5. Grades 1 - 5. No sessions this week; see you in January. May the New Year bring you happiness, peace, and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous 2023! 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 ~ January 11, 18, 25

Middle school ministry ~ Grades 6, 7, and 8. No sessions this week; see you in January. May 2023 be graced with peace, joy, and blessings! Happy New Year! For more information, contact [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

## High School

*Everyone 14 to 18 is welcome!*

### 4:12

High school teens. No sessions this week; see you in January. Happy New Year! May God shower your life with unlimited blessings on this day. Join Brett, and the peer leaders, for fun and fellowship. Wednesdays 7:30 in San Juan Capistrano room. [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

### Confirmation Y1 ~ January 14

No sessions this week; see you in January. Let the warmth of this holiday season bring happiness and comfort to your life. Enjoy every moment with your family, friends, and loved ones. Happy New Year! We meet at the 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch and sessions in the Serra Center. For more info, [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

### Confirmation Y2

The weekly ministry continues, be sure to sign in every time. If you have not gotten started yet, please get in touch with [youth@padreserra.org](mailto:youth@padreserra.org)

## Adults

### Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

New year ... new commitment to studying scripture. 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 [paulford@stjohnsem.edu](mailto:paulford@stjohnsem.edu)

### Gospel Hangout ~ January 3, 4

Come hang out (virtually) as we read Sunday's gospel and reflect on how Jesus is intersecting with our lives at this moment. Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. For Zoom link: Teresa [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing](http://www.padreserra.org/faith-sharing)

### Meditative Movement ~ January 3, 5

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 pm \$10/class. Sheila Montgomery [sheilam274@yahoo.com](mailto:sheilam274@yahoo.com). Visit [www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement](http://www.padreserra.org/meditative-movement)

### Healing from Divorce ~ January 3, 17

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). Visit [www.padreserra.org/divorce](http://www.padreserra.org/divorce)

### Bereavement Support Group ~ January 5, 19

Grief can be overwhelming and difficult to understand and navigate, but you don't have to do it alone. 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), visit [www.padreserra.org/bereavement](http://www.padreserra.org/bereavement)

### Writers Group ~ January 6, 13, 20, 27

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 [calmestl@verizon.net](mailto:calmestl@verizon.net). Visit [www.padreserra.org/writers](http://www.padreserra.org/writers)

### First Friday Adoration ~ January 6

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time — even just 10, 20, or 30 minutes — adoring the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Come rest in silent prayer with our good and gracious God. 2:00 - 7:00 pm. Or commit to a holy hour: [teresa@padreserra.org](mailto:teresa@padreserra.org), visit [www.padreserra.org/prayer](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer)

## In the Community

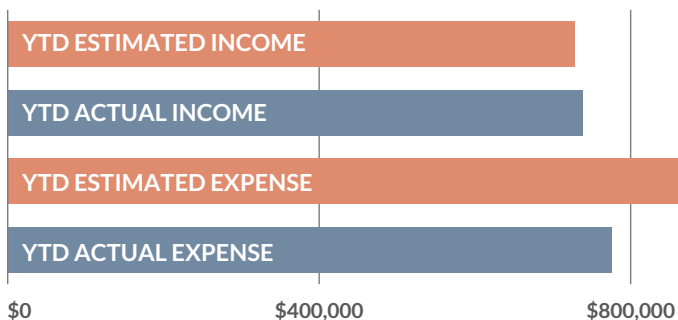
### Our Mission is Love ~ January 21

*OneLife LA* is an annual event to promote the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. This family-friendly event begins with a solidarity-building walk through downtown Los Angeles, ending with a festival, live music, food trucks, entertainment, and inspiring speakers who share powerful stories of what they have overcome in life and how they use that struggle to help others in areas such as beginning life, homelessness, end of life, racism, immigration, environment, the disabled and more. Learn more and participate at [onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org)



Giving

Fiscal Snapshot (November 2022)



All Creation Belongs to God

... including everything we are and everything we own. Strive to be loving and giving, just as God is.



Other Notes

Lost and Found

Have you lost a pair of glasses, a sweater, or maybe car keys? The Lost and Found basket is located on the east side of the main church doors, or please stop by the office to inquire. Claim any items in the office by the end of the year. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Office Closed for New Year!

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2. Happy New Year!



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. When in doubt, contact us to authenticate the text message. 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)

Becoming Catholic

The Catholic Way of Life

Catholicism is a way of life rooted in a loving relationship with Jesus and with each other. So one does not become a Catholic simply by attending classes. Seekers “catch being Catholic” by entering into the life of the parish: attending Mass, participating in parish activities, building relationships, and serving others. It is a faith journey that all of us share as we encourage one another along the way. The purpose of the Tuesday evening meetings is to assist the seekers as they strive to enter fully into the Catholic way of life. For more information, contact Mary Huebner at (805) 482-6417 x321 or [becomingcatholic@padreserra.org](mailto:becomingcatholic@padreserra.org). Visit [www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic](http://www.padreserra.org/becoming-catholic)

Faith Sharing Question

Reflection questions for every gathering around any table

Luke 2:16-21 ~ Unlikely Messengers

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the crib ... then shared the message that had been told to them, glorifying and praising God. Shepherds at that time in history were considered undignified, part of society’s lowest class. This is exactly why God chose them for such an important role. God lifts up the lowly, believing in the value of all people. We are challenged to do the same. Who are the shepherds in your life? When has an unlikely messenger taught you a valuable lesson?

Prayer Life

Pray for Our Sick

Adrien Abare, Mike Acosta, Bob Amantia, Olga Arellano, William Berg, Nancy Brooks Smalle, Mary Butler, Greg Cannon, Denise De Caro, Theresa Clemons, Michael J. Dille, Ben Fisco, Alice Fisher, Asher Flores, Duane Fowler, Hyman Garcia, Ramona Garcia, Tim Graf, Jay Graham, Robert Gutierrez, Braidyn Haff, Jessica Haff, Letitia Heiter, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Jost, Hank Koval, Baby Lucia Lalieu, Doreen Learned, Dave McDonnell, Jackie Miller, Geralyn Moody, Mary Mullen, Maggie Murtha, Hector Navarrete, Rodney Nichols, Binh Ninh, Robert Olavarrietta, 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. 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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or visit [www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests](http://www.padreserra.org/prayer-requests)
- Stations of the Cross: [www.padreserra.org/stations](http://www.padreserra.org/stations)
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