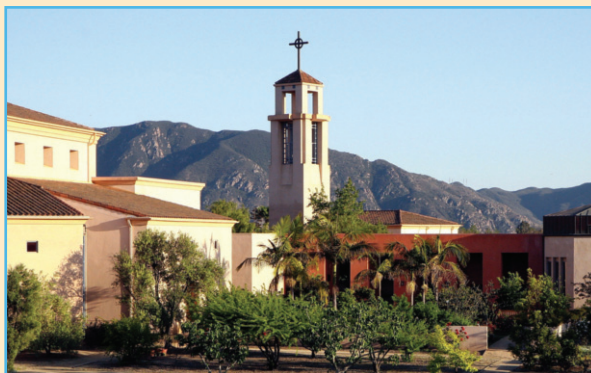


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Liturgies

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am

(preceded by Morning Prayer at 7:45 am)

Holy Days: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Adoration First Friday of each month

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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(805) 512-3208



**To our newest registered parishioners,
We welcome you to our Parish family.
May you find peace, love,
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December 15, 2013 — Third Sunday of Advent

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Deacon Bill Spies	Ext 362
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Emergency Sick Calls: Ext 320. After office hours, phone 512-3208.
 Infant Baptism: Jane Riggio at Ext 320
 Pre-baptismal instruction is required.
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 Please call at least 6 months in advance.
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Parishioner Registration/Update

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us. Please help us keep our records up to date. Complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ New parishioner. Please send registration form.

____ Change of address, phone number

____ I am **already registered** but would like to receive Sunday contribution envelopes

____ I am **moving**. Please remove me from census.

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My Dear Parish Family,

With joy and confidence I share news about changes in staff.

Teresa Runyon, our business manager for the past 4 ½ years has moved into a new role here, that of Faith Life Minister. Teresa will be sharing her gifts ministering to the adults of the parish and all involved in social, spiritual and service ministries. This is a joyful change for Teresa whose heart is at home in pastoral service.

Teresa, born and raised in Simi Valley, graduated from St. Rose of Lima Elementary School and La Reina High School. An active Peer Leader in youth ministry as a teenager, Teresa got her first part-time job at age 15 as a weekend receptionist at St. Rose Parish and has been employed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles ever since.

Teresa is married to Don and they have three children, Andrew, Ashley and Nicholas. For decades Teresa has volunteered as a catechist in preschool, baptism and confirmation and assisted with children's initiation and adult confirmation. Teresa and Don have successfully run St. Rose's fundraising events for years and were the recipients of Catholic Charities Partners in Service award in 2011. Teresa completed the three-year process to become a certified Master Catechist in 2010 and is a member of the Archdiocesan Religious Education Advisory Board, St. Rose School Board, the National Association for Lay Ministry and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.



Alan Lien from Winnetka joins our parish family as our new Business Manager. Alan will be sharing his gifts caring for the business needs of the parish including facilities, finance, staffing, information technology, marketing and Safeguard the Children. This is a joyful change for Alan whose heart is at home in parish work.

Alan has a degree in business from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree from Trinity College in Healthcare Administration. He began his career as a chaplain and parish administrator and later became chaplain in healthcare facilities before transitioning into healthcare administration.

Alan is married to Vicky and they have two children, Jennica and Christopher. They attend St. Bernadine of Siena Catholic Church in Woodland Hills. Alan has been on the Pastoral Council at two parishes, founding member of the parish school board and PTSO president for two terms. He has deep experience in RCIA and bereavement and grief counseling in addition to his skills in business and management.



We welcome Teresa and Alan in their new roles with gratitude and hope. We pray for our pastor Fr. Patrick and the entire staff and clergy, that with the constant guidance of our loving God we may help to spark an experience of Jesus for all those we meet and serve.

Sincerely,

Que Collier

Adult Ministry News

Padre Serra Women's Retreat
Called to be Christ's Light for Each Other
January 24-26, 2014
St. Mary's Seminary, Santa Barbara

Join the Women of Padre Serra Parish as we discover our discipleship for each other and the world!



Registration is still open!

Download a registration form from our website: www.padreserra.org. Click on "I Want to Grow," click on "Women's Ministry," click on "Women's Retreat/registration." Print and complete registration packet and return to the parish office.

Cost \$145.00 (early registration)
 \$155.00 after Dec 21

Questions: Mary Huebner
maryhuebner@padreserra.org

Your Input is Needed!

Pope Francis has called a "synod," a special meeting of the world's bishops, to discuss the pastoral challenges facing families today.

To help prepare for this Synod, which will be held in October 2014, the Vatican has sent a survey to every archdiocese and diocese in the world.

All Catholics are invited to participate. Further information and background, along with the survey can be found at:



<http://surveys.la-archdiocese.org/>

All information provided will remain anonymous and confidential. The results of this survey will not be published and the findings will be provided only to the Synod of Bishops.

See's Candy Sale for the Holidays *In the Ministry Corner This Weekend*

St. Vincent de Paul is selling a wonderful selection of chocolates for the holidays today. All proceeds will help the needy in our community. Thank you.



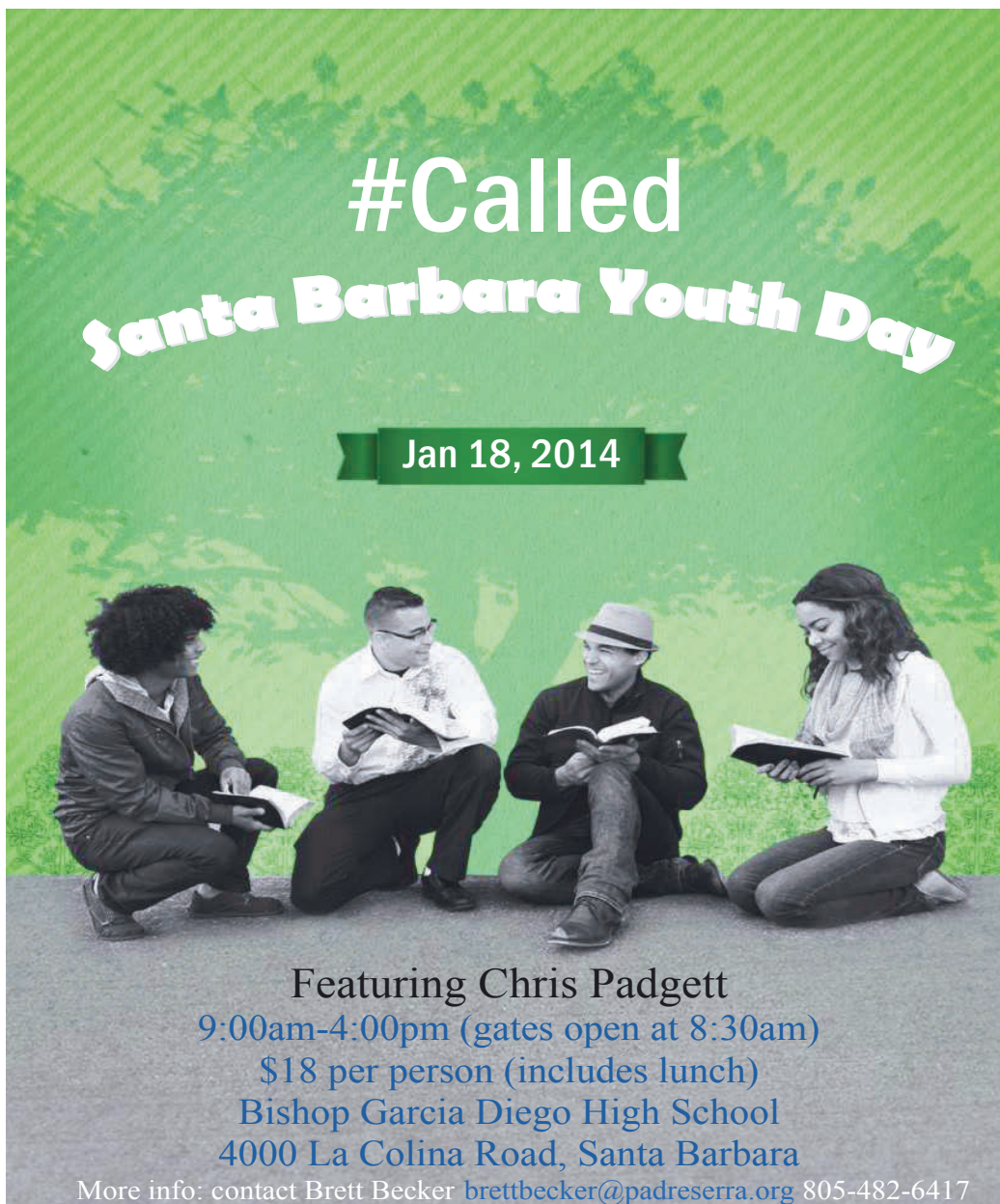
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Poinsettia Plants and Christmas Cards

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Faith Formation ... Building Households of Faith



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 More info: contact Brett Becker brettbecker@padreserra.org 805-482-6417

Youth Day Santa Barbara

Padre Serra will have a strong presence at Youth Day in Santa Barbara in January. We take our Confirmation Year 1 candidates and a few parent chaperones which is more than 100 people. Youth Day is open to all high school and college youth. So please know you are invited! It is always a good time with great speakers, praise music and a youth mass.

For more information, contact Padre Serra Youth Minister, Brett Becker, brettbecker@padreserra.org

Faith Formation Gatherings for ...

Sunday 12/15 – Advent Week 3 - Baby Jesus Blessing!

- Little Church 9:00 and 11:00 am
- Confirmation Y1, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Monday 12/16

- Grades 1 through 5, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Faith Factor Live, 6:30-8:00 pm
- LIFE, 7:00-9:00 pm

Tuesday 12/17

- Grades 1 and 2, 2:30/4:15/6:00 pm
- YM Peers 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday 12/18

- Grades 1,2,3, 3:30-4:45 pm
- Grades 1 through 5, 5:15-6:30 pm

Thursday 12/19

- Young Adult Gathering 7:30 pm, Carmel Room

Sunday 12/22 – Advent Week 4

- Formation resumes January 5
- Merry Christmas!

Altar Server Training 2014

When we assemble to celebrate our liturgies, someone needs to take responsibility for freeing the presider from various details so he may give full attention to presiding. The someone who takes this responsibility is called an altar server.

Sometimes we think of altar servers as ministers who simply memorize their movements and words and add solemnity to the procession in and out. The need of the presider and of the whole assembly is not for such purely mechanical help. The need is for someone who knows the order of the liturgy thoroughly, can anticipate each movement and need, and can meet these with grace and reverence. The purpose of the training period of seven sessions is to help the server to become totally familiar with the ordinary order of the Mass, and to give the server a sense of how to move, carry things, and keep stillness and silence as well as carry out the different responsibilities.



Boys and girls currently in the 5th grade and up (at least 10 years old) are invited to join this truly special ministry. Altar server training will start on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 2:30 pm in the Church. The total session time is 2.5 hours. All parents must attend the first session and each server must attend all 7 sessions. If you are interested, please contact Bob Shadduck at 989-8026 (Work) or 987-4620 (Home). You can send him an email using the following address: Robert_Shadduck@msn.com.

Class # 1	Sunday, January 12, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Class # 2	Sunday, January 26, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Class # 3	Sunday, February 9, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Class # 4	Sunday, February 23, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Class # 5	Sunday, March 9, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Class # 6	Sunday, March 23, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Class # 7	Sunday, March 30, 2014	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Married Couples Enrichment Day *Called to be One*

Saturday, February 22, 2014

One day in the Serra Center. Watch the bulletin, website & Facebook page for further details.

Reflecting on God's Word

Joy is different from happiness. Happiness is a transient experience, but joy has more depth to it, more lasting roots. It can be independent of what is going on around us. In John's Gospel, the night before he died, Jesus says to his disciples that he wants his joy to be in them and their joy to be complete (John 15:11). And Paul writes to the Thessalonians: "Rejoice always" (2 Thessalonians 5:16). Today's readings invite us to think about what brings us joy. Isaiah offers images of a world that will blossom or bloom, flowering into fullness. The prophet gives us wonderful images of dry, parched land suddenly breaking into a colorful display of new and abundant life.

This fullness also results from something being restored that had been lost or that was missing from the start: sight, hearing, being able to sing and leap with joy, health of body and spirit. Such fullness comes from God. It is gift, pure and simple.

God wants us to have this fullness of life, to be sure. It will come with the coming of the Lord. In the meantime, we are to wait patiently, not complaining, but with hearts marked by certitude. We have assurance in that we have already been welcomed into the kingdom at our baptism. The rest is only a matter of time. In speaking of John as more than a prophet, Jesus concludes by saying, "Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11).

— James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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This Week in Adult Ministry

Please check the parish website for more info about these and other great adult ministries at Padre Serra.

Sunday, December 15 ~ Advent Week 3

~Angel Tag Gifts are due by the 11:00 am Mass
~See's Candy in the Ministry Corner after all Masses
~Poinsettia Plants & Christmas Cards in the Ministry Corner after all Masses

Monday, December 16

~Rosary 8:30 am, Church
~Communal Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm, Church

Tuesday, December 17

~Rosary 8:30 am, Church
~Living Liturgy Bible Study 8:30 am, SJ Capistrano Rm
~Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm, Conference Rm

Wednesday, December 18

~Rosary 8:30 am, Chapel
~Serra Seniors Christmas Luncheon 11:00 am, Serra Center
~Centering Prayer 6:45 pm, Brides Rm
~Help & Hope 7:00 pm, San Miguel Rm

Thursday, December 19

~Rosary 8:30 am, Church
~Bereavement Support 9:00 am, Conference Rm
~Knitting 10:00 am, Carmel Rm

Saturday, December 21

~Simbang Gabi Mass 5:00 pm, Church followed by reception in the Serra Center

Blood Drive ~ Sunday, January 5

Make a New Year's resolution to donate blood this year. Blood donations are needed every day to help hospital patients.

Padre Serra will be helping out the blood supply by sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, January 5 from 8:00 am -12:30 pm in the bloodmobiles. Please sign-up by calling United Blood Services at 877-UBS-Hero or online at www.blood4life.org using the sponsor code: PadreSerra



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Third week of Advent "Gaudete Sunday"

*Father of our Lord Christ,
ever faithful to your promises
and ever close to your Church:
the earth rejoices in hope for the Savior's coming
and looks forward with longing
to his return at the end of time.
Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling the joy
which his presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.*



~*Blessing of the Infant Jesus* at all Masses today

~*Hot Cocoa & Candy Canes* at the Sunday Cafe

~*Communal Reconciliation Service*

Monday, December 16, 7:00 pm in the church

Fourth week of Advent

~*Simbang Gabi Filipino Advent Celebration*

Saturday, December 21 5:00 pm liturgy
with reception to follow in the Serra Center

In the Ministry Corner This Weekend ...

December 14-15

~St. Vincent de Paul with See's Holiday Candy

~Poinsettia Plants & Christmas Cards after all Masses

NEW Mass Time Stay and Play ... So You Can Pray!

Free for toddlers, 12 to 36 months, during the 9:00 and 11:00 masses. San Juan Bautista Room (4th room on the right in the courtyard)



Schedule of Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm

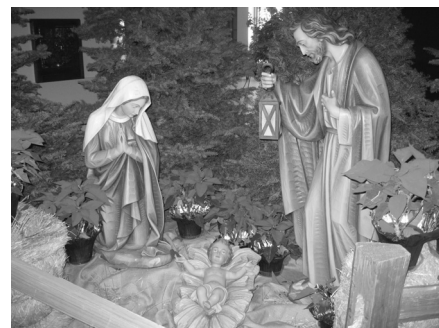
4:15 pm (in the Serra Center)

6:00 pm

11:00 pm

Christmas Day

10:00 am



Support Ministries

visit www.padreserra.org

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Memorial & Honorarium Gifts for Padre Serra Building Fund



In Loving Memory of Dorothy Bohannon

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Douglas Clark

Bereavement Support Group provides support to those who have lost a loved one. Meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:00 am (see Week-at-a-Glance). For more information contact Julia Snell at 482-6596 or jhsnailmail@roadrunner.com

Good Samaritans Ministry provides assistance with meals and/or transportation while recovering from illness, accidents, injuries, and surgeries. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, contact Denise Ginty 388-3897 or Rose Cameron 482-6588.

Help & Hope Ministry for the unemployed and underemployed; get the tools you need to get back to work! Meetings are held weekly (see Week-at-a-Glance). Contact Bill Rumble at 482-6417 ext 359 or HelpnHope@verizon.net

Many Meals of Camarillo is a non-denominational, community program providing hot meals, food, clothing and other life essentials for those struggling to make ends meet. Meals are served twice a week 5:00 – 6:15 pm Monday at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Las Posas Rd. and Thursday at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Las Posas Rd. Contact Pat Yost 388-8742.

Camarillo Special Families offers support to parents or guardians of those with special needs or disabilities. If you would like the support of others and the church contact Monica Spooner at 484-8379 or ronspooner@verizon.net

Padre Serra Prayer Chain offers prayer support anytime, all year long. Please call Dorothy Brotea 388-0041 or Bette Church 482-0067.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. Aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. Those in need of assistance should call 504-4753.

Stephen Ministry provides confidential, one-on-one support to those hurting or in need of support. Don't take the journey alone, a trained minister is waiting to help you! Call today! 482.6417 ext 363.

Becoming Catholic



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? It is our greatest joy, as well as our mission as a community, to welcome new members. The RCIA is a gradual process of formation for those interested in experiencing the Catholic faith. The process is designed for individuals who are seven years or older who are not baptized, those baptized in other Christian traditions, and adults who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. It is a faith journey that encourages participants to broaden and deepen their prayer life, to know God through the scriptures, to come to know themselves more fully, and to participate more actively in parish life.

For more information, please contact Catherine Shaddock, Coordinator of Initiation, at (805)482-6417 ext 331 or catherineshaddock@padreserra.org.

Living God's Word

We can ask God to give us that joy that the world cannot give, a joy that is found rooted in our faith in God, in our trusting that the God who raised Jesus up will also bring us to fullness of life.

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If you are having problems with gluten that are affecting your ability to receive the Body of Christ in Communion, please contact Jane Riggio in the parish office 482-6417 or email

her at janeriggio@padreserra.org and give her your name, and the mass you usually attend. Thank you!

Liturgy

Mass Intentions & Readings of the Week



Sunday, December 15, 2013

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

7:30 am Doug Wilkinson, RIP
9:00 am Maria Hoa Luu, RIP
11:00 am Parishioners of Padre Serra Parish

Monday, December 16, 2013

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

8:00 am Isabella Urbano, RIP

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

8:00 am Tom Gerrety, RIP

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

8:00 am Parishioners of Padre Serra Parish

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

8:00 am Scott Gasperino, RIP

Friday, December 20, 2013

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am Bert Cunningham, RIP

Saturday, December 21, 2013

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

5:00 pm Parishioners of Padre Serra Parish

Sunday, December 22, 2013

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

7:30 am Jerry Hapgood, RIP
9:00 am Angie Drake, RIP
11:00 am Doug Wilkinson, RIP

The parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of those who have died recently:

Sylvia Baccaro, RIP

John Baumgardner, RIP

Michael Fries, RIP

Bayani Martin Jr., RIP

Beloved brother of Josie Manzano

Petra Villeda-Orta, RIP

May they enjoy peace in their new life with Christ Jesus.



Sick Relatives & Friends



Remember the sick — Pray for the return of good health for the following: Valerie Birgy, Bill Cheesman, Emely Ciccari, Mavoureen Corpal, Jackie Durazo-Murphy, Norma Maidel, Earlene McCormick, David McFarlin, Edward O'Donnell, Michael Ann Rockenstein and Kelly Valdez.

Faith Sharing ... Around the Table



~ At meals and meetings: Read the Gospel, discuss the question ~

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Actions worthy of praise

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 (Israel's deliverance)

Reading II: James 5:7-10 (patience)

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 (Christ's witness to John)

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

Adult: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Youth: How can you be Christ for others around you?

Child: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

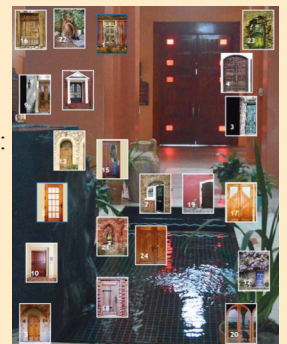
Introducing ...

Padre Serra Parish's Online Advent Calendar

Visit our parish online Advent Calendar (see address below) to discover a reflection, prayer and a suggested activity for adults, youth and children for every day of Advent:

<http://canaryberry.com/advent/>

You may also find the link on our website or Facebook page.



Protect the Children



Santa Safety

Here are some simple guidelines for parents, guardians, and grandparents to employ to make sure that children have a safe and happy visit with Santa's helper: When your child is with Santa's helper, consider encouraging him or her to stand next to Santa or sit on the floor between his feet rather than sitting on his lap. Let your child know that it's okay to tell Santa what he or she wants for Christmas but that he or she should also tell mom and dad because they are also Santa's helpers... Secret surprises are special but no adult should ask a child to keep secrets from the child's parents. Make sure that the Santa visit is out in the open—or make sure that parents, guardians, and grandparents are included in the interaction. For copy of the VIRTUS® article "Safety for Children and Santa Helpers," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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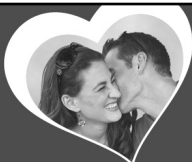
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