Padre Serra Parish
Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

Padre Serra Church & Office
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Liturgies
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am
Monday - Friday 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours
Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday 5:00pm - 9:00pm
First Friday Adoration 2:00pm - 7:00pm

Serra Center Rental
www.serra-center.org

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

St. Mary Magdalen School, K-8
2534 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, 93010
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December 28, 2014 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Our Parish New Year's Resolution
It’s healthy. It’s holy. It’s for everyone.

The Wholiness Plan is a 40-day scripture based series from January 11 - February 19, inviting us to become the people God created us to be.

Based on five fundamentals of faith, friends, food, fortitude, and fitness, the Wholiness Plan invites us to commit to lifestyle changes leading to a healthier balance of mind, body, and spirit.

How to participate:
- Listen and reflect on the readings and homily
- Journal to track successes and inspiration
- Go deeper in small group:
  * your existing group,
  * your family, or in a
  * Connect group at church

Tools needed:
- Sunday readings
- Fr. Patrick’s homily
- Companion video
- Journal
- Small group

Visit us in the Ministry Corner
Today, Dec 27-28, Jan 3-4

Visit www.padreserra.org

Talk with Teresa or Ann Mulligan
teresa@padreserra.org
annmulliganrn@gmail.com
Dear Parish Family Members,

It seems unreal that it has been more than a year since I wrote my first bulletin letter where I shared my impressions of Padre Serra when I became your Parish Business Manager. Like any new job there are challenges that arise. I am grateful to God that for every challenge there are persons ready, willing and able to assist in overcoming them. Over the year I have continued to be impressed by this parish and truly look forward to coming to work each day.

We have opportunities for virtually everyone from the youngest members of our parish who made Stay and Play a popular new ministry all the way up to the Serra Seniors whose energy and commitment are incredible. Our ministries are growing too. For example attendance at Living Liturgy has increased by 30%. Coffee consumption has doubled in our Sunday Café. Our children and teen’s faith formation is strong without drop off. Peer leaders in Youth Ministry have increased by 30%. The Steubenville Youth Retreat grew from 12 participants in 2013 to 34 in 2014. We see our youth involved all over the place including serving as Eucharistic Ministers and even during summer break gathering three times a week for all kinds of reasons. Children and young people who complete the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation continue to stay involved instead of drifting off as happens in so many parishes.

Our choir continues to flourish with dedicated participants from all age groups. If you attended the concert a couple of weeks ago, you cannot help but be filled with a true Spirit of Christmas. We are so blessed with the talent and commitment of our choirs and all of our liturgical ministers.

We have more new things than I can possibly mention in this limited space, just a few are Connect (small groups), special message series, newly married couples group, exercises for seniors, a writer’s group, support groups such as Open Hearts (LGBT), Caritas (for caregivers) and Cancer. We have a technology team that is working on improved IT services and a beautiful new website just about to launch.

These programs and ministries require a great deal of generosity, time and talent. In order to help us understand the needs of the parish, we will be sharing our financial needs and how close we are coming to meeting those needs. That report will be in the bulletin the last Sunday of each month; we welcome your questions and suggestions. If we are not supplying the information you wish to receive please tell us and we will improve. Our management staff and Finance Council appreciate hearing from you. We are only the custodians of what truly belongs to you, our parishioners. We work to meet your needs and expectations.

We look forward to our New Year’s Eve Gala and celebrating together. Tickets are still available this weekend for this incredible evening with a wonderful menu and a full bar, two very talented music groups providing our entertainment, our Grand Raffle featuring a trip to France for the lucky winner, two second place prizes providing a weekend for two at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, and three third place gift baskets of French Wine. Wine lovers will enjoy an additional raffle taking place at the event that will be a lot of fun as we compete for 52 bottles of wine. Imagine enjoying a different wine each week for the entire year! In order to continue to support our growth we hope you will buy your tickets today in the courtyard for a chance to be a part of our New Year’s Gala and exciting raffle.

Thank you for making my first year as your Business Manager so interesting, satisfying and enjoyable.

Happy New Year,

Alan Lien
Parish Business Manager
Families

People are Gifts from God
Enjoy the blessing of loved ones this holiday season, especially the very young and the very old. It might mean stopping what you are doing to listen to a story or play a game or rock someone to sleep. That in turn, may mean that some task goes undone. That ... is ... OK.

Altar Server Training ~ Begins January 11
Boys and girls in grade 5 and up are invited to join this truly special ministry. Intense training, offered only once a year, to learn the order of the mass and all the basics of serving will be covered in seven 2.5 hour sessions. Sign-up: Robert_Shadduck@msn.com or 989-8026.

Adults

Returning Catholics: Welcome Home!
If you have been away from the church for any reason and are considering a return, we invite you to attend Landings, a 10-week process to help you reconnect. We share our stories and discuss contemporary Catholic themes. Wednesdays, January 14 - March 25, 7:00-9:00pm. Information 482-6417 ext 341 or visit us in the Ministry Corner January 3-4, 10-11.

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass ~ January 1
This is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass is at 10:00am.

Ladies Walking Group ~ January 3
Meet at 8:30am at Santa Rosa County Park, 10241 Hill Canyon Road.  Dawn 216-8273.

Seasons of the Spirit ~ January 7
Come to our women’s spirituality and friendship group as we engage in Fr. Jim Clarke’s video series Spirituality for the Modern Individual then consider faith sharing questions in small groups. Casual dress, refreshments, fellowship! 10:00-11:30am, Carmel Room. Helen, 482-6932.

Catholics & Divorce: An Adult Formation Opportunity ~ January 13 & 20
Mark your calendars for Msgr. Craig Cox’s two- part presentation: Restoring Relationships: The Catholic Response to Divorce and Remarriage. He combines his knowledge and understanding of marriage and annulment issues with sensitive pastoral care and advice. Whether you have personally been through a divorce, are remarried, or know family and friends who are, join us to learn more about an issue that affects so many families and help to start the healing process. Child care provided. RSVP for event and child care: anne@padreserra.org 7:00pm, Serra Center.

Walk for Life: OneLife LA ~ January 17
Join our parish team to unite with thousands of Southern California Catholics in promoting all life from conception through natural death. Beginning Saturday at 10:00am at La Placita Olvera, we will walk through L.A. ending in Grand Park for a family-friendly picnic with music, entertainment, speakers, food trucks, and exhibits from local organizations serving those in need. Visit www.padreserra.org to join in.

Women’s Retreat 2015 ~ January 30-February 1
Mark your calendars now for our weekend retreat at St. Mary’s in Santa Barbara. Registration forms available at www.padreserra.org/i-want-to-grow/womens-ministryretreat or christine@padreserra.org

Career Transition Ministry (formerly Help & Hope)
Are you unemployed or under-employed? Let us help you focus your job search, improve your resume and interview skills, network, and more. Meetings are Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, San Miguel room. Bill Rumble careertransition@verizon.net or http://careertransition.me.

Children

How to Say “I Love You”
Some parents have an easy time saying the words ‘I love you’ or ‘love ya’ or ‘love, love, love you.’ Other parents say ‘I love you’ with their actions. One parent might buy you a new shirt or make your favorite meal, that to them means “I love you.” Another parent might shoot hoops or take you to a movie, that to them means “I love you.” You can say “I love you” back with your actions too. Try clearing the table, or caring for younger children, or fixing a cup of coffee or cocoa to share. All things done in love mean “I love you.”

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Are you a freshman looking for a ministry? Have you always been interested in becoming an altar server but just haven’t had time? This is your chance! Sign-up for this seven week training series: Robert_Shadduck@msn.com or 989-8026. Join this inspiring group.

Teens ~ High School

LIFE!! ~ January 5, 12, 26
Great gathering of high school teens, come meet Youth Minister Brett Becker, Serra Center, 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Youth Day ~ January 17
Expand your mind and heart with more than 1,000 Catholic teens for a day of music, worship and talks. About 100 teens from our parish will be there. Meet us there: 8:30am to 4:00pm, Bishop Garcia High School, 4000 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara. Need a ride? We have carpools going. Contact Maggie@padreserra.org.

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Advent and the Blessed Virgin Mary
Advent is an especially meaningful season for those who are preparing to join the Catholic Church. They catch the spirit of joyful anticipation as they worship with us on Sundays and reflect on the scriptures more deeply during the week. It is also a time when inquirers, baptized candidates, and catechumens gain an increased understanding of the importance of Mary to the Church. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, prayers and songs provide an opportunity to see the special place that Mary holds in the hearts of Catholics. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic, please contact Catherine Shadduck at catherine@padreserra.org or call 482-6417 ext. 331.

Other Notes
Office Hours This Week
Our parish office will close at noon Wednesday, December 31 and reopen 8:00am January 4. In case of an emergency requiring a priest, please call (805) 512-3208.

If you are having problems with gluten that are affecting your ability to receive Communion, please contact Jane in the parish office 482-6417 or jane@padreserra.org. Tell her your name and the mass you usually attend. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities!!
Just in time for your New Year’s resolution!! A great way to get to know your neighbor and feel more a part of a community is to work side-by-side with other great people just like you! Email anne@padreserra.org.

In the Community
5K Nun Run ~ January 31
The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you and your family to their 5K and 1-Mile event at La Reina High School, Thousand Oaks. Proceeds benefit their Life and Ministry Fund. Visit their website for details on the race, schedule, course, sponsorships, and volunteering: www.sndca.org/nunrun.

Ministry Corner: Discover, Engage, Enjoy
Get the scoop! On the fountain side of the courtyard.
This Week: Wholiness Plan Info & Connect Group Sign Ups
New Year’s Eve Party and Raffle Tickets
Next Week: Landings (Returning Catholics)
Wholiness Plan Info & Connect Group Sign Ups

Faith Sharing
Gospel reflection question for small groups, meals and gatherings.
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ Families grow through good times and bad.
Adults: Whether single, married, or divorced, how does Paul’s advice in Col 3:12-17 ring true in my own life?
Children: What family member needs my compassion and kindness right now?

Pray for Our Sick
Valerie Birgy, Helen Burger, Judy Chuidian, Michella DiNielli Ortega, Kathy Dugan, Aurelia Garza, Miles Go, Helen Hollenbeck, Howard Koch, David McFarlin, Paul Rockenstein, Bill Sabol, Phil Shean, Bobby Taylor and Connie Williams. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

Remember Our Dead
Prayers and sympathy to family and friends of those who have died recently:
Rose Abbate, RIP
Beloved wife of Emanuel Abbate
Peppercorn Mary Traina, RIP
Beloved newborn daughter of Christopher and Kristen Traina
May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.

Prayer Opportunities
Adoration: First Fridays 2:00pm-7:00pm, Chapel
Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45pm, Brides Room
Daily Readings: www.usccb.org
Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday 7:45am, Church
Rosary: Monday – Friday 8:30am, Church
Prayer Chain: offers prayers and support anytime.
Contact Dorothy Brotea 388-0041 or Bette Church 482-0067
Mass Intentions: www.padreserra.org or

Our Giving
Fiscal Snapshot
November Surplus $34,998
November Budget
November Actual
YTD Shortfall $57,834
YTD Budget
YTD Actual
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An Evening in Paris!

New Year’s Eve Party
Ring in 2015 with Friends, Food, Dancing, & Fun

An Incredible Evening
Pre-dinner music by Justin Ramos and Friends
Gourmet menu perfectly prepared and served by Command Performance
Entertainment by Boomerang featuring rich vocal harmonies and the contagious energy of an all female horn section

Premium Wines, Champagne Toast and Party Favors
All in the beautiful Serra Center transformed into Paris, France for the night

Tickets: $150.00 per person

Wednesday, December 31, 2014
7:30pm – 12:30am

To RSVP:
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alan@padreserra.org
805-482-6417