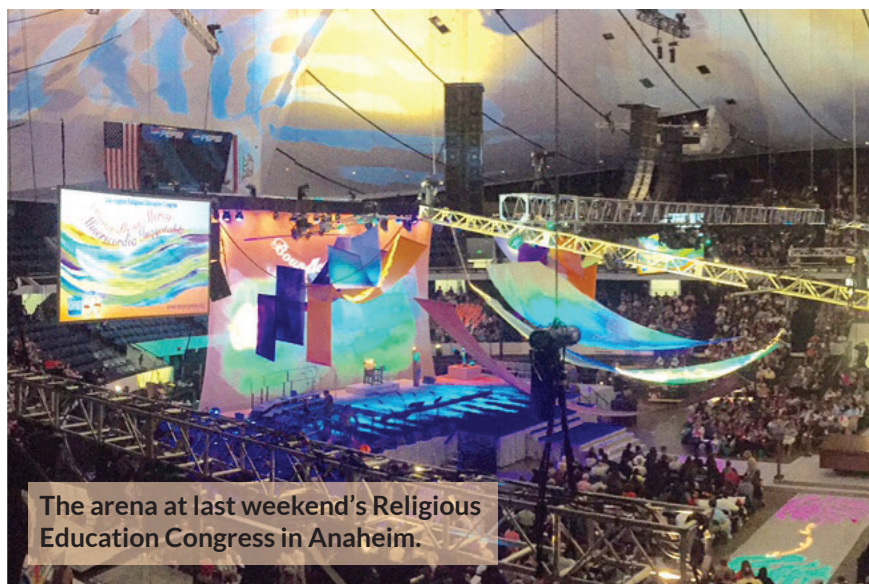




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### Liturgies

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Saturday 5:00pm

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

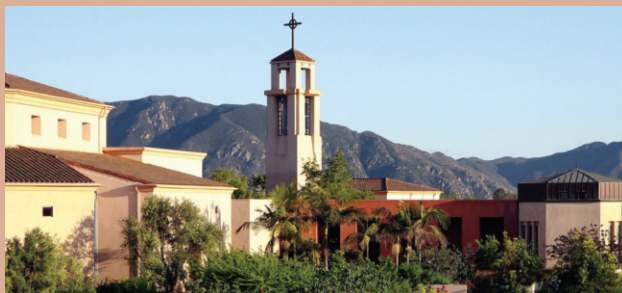
Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

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

Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

First Friday Adoration 2:00pm - 7:00pm



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**Saturday, March 12**

**6:00 social hour**

**6:40 dinner served**

**Serra Center**



Dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus includes Corned Beef and Cabbage and the traditional Irish dish Coddle

\$20 adults presale, \$22 at the door

\$10 children (12 or younger) Kids room available for the little ones 8 yrs. and younger

\$50 per family (2 adults with kids under 12).

50/50 Raffle ~ \$10/ticket or \$50/6 tickets and Silent Auction are available for extra fun!

Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus youth programs and local charities, including Ventura County Life centers, Padre Serra, St. Mary's parish and school.

Event and raffle tickets are available in the Ministry Corner: Today & March 5-6, or Ed Miller 443-8310, e.edmillerca1@verizon.net, Paul Collier 233-2810 paul.collier@kofc5272.org.

## Get on the Bus Luncheon

*Helping children and their parents*

**Saturday, April 2**

**11:30am-1:30pm**

**Serra Center**

Enjoy a presentation by Sister Suzanne Jabro, founder of Get on the Bus, a silent auction, raffles and a delicious meal prepared by our Knights of Columbus.

All proceeds help children visit their incarcerated parent on Mother's and Father's Day.

\$30/person or \$50/couple. Visit us in the Ministry Corner today or visit [www.getonthebusluncheon.myevent.com](http://www.getonthebusluncheon.myevent.com)



## 33rd Annual Crop Hunger Walk

**Sunday, March 13**

**12:30pm**

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Hungry people in developing countries walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence.



Sign up to walk by visiting us today and next weekend in the Ministry Corner!

Information: Carrie Perry [jeff.perry5@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.perry5@verizon.net)  
[www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org)

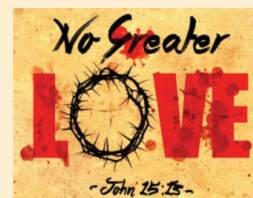


## Parish Men's Retreat

**No Greater Love**  
**Friday-Sunday, April 22-24**  
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In his farewell address, Jesus tells his disciples, "greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). What kind of love is this? The answer is found in Jesus himself. Reflect at this silent retreat on how we can love like Jesus.

Information/registration in the Ministry Corner next weekend or contact Dave McCormick 558-7868, [marketengr@yahoo.com](mailto:marketengr@yahoo.com)



## A Very Blessed Time of Year

For me Lent and Easter are the most meaningful times of our Christian year. We are called upon to make sacrifices realizing that Jesus Christ made the ultimate sacrifice. Our sacrifices are real to us of course. Giving up meat on Fridays and giving up candy or dessert may meet our personal definition of sacrifice and that is a personal thing.

As parishioners we are called upon to make an annual sacrifice also to the Together in Mission fund.

This year we are called upon to raise \$105,400 for our share of the Together in Mission needs. That is our share of the diocese goal of \$15.7 million. Last year we had nearly 600 donors contribute and we were able to reach our parish goal by December. So far we have 300 donors and we hope to double the number of donors in the next few months. Together in Mission is intended to be a five month campaign however Padre Serra continues our campaign until we reach our goal.

You may recall a few weekends ago we welcomed Monsignor Tim Dyer as our presider at all our masses. Father Tim is the pastor of two parishes in East Los Angeles and he shared the challenges his parishes face. It is always enlightening to hear what parishes would not have were it not for Together in Mission. In the case of Father Tim's parishes it is possible they may not keep their doors open at all. The same is true of the other 80 parishes and 63 schools who received Together in Mission funds last year. These 63 schools serve 12,190 students.

I worked in Chicago for several years and the Chicago Diocese did not have a Together in Mission program like Los Angeles. It was heart breaking to hear that another school or church would have to close because it did not have the money to keep its doors open. Often times the decision was made with very short notice and parishioners would come to mass on Sunday to learn the tragic news that their parish is closing. The diocese in Chicago had huge warehouses and they would dispatch moving vans to the closing parishes where they would pack up all the usable hymnals, pews, and other assets to put into storage for distribution to parishes that survived.

Each of us develop an attachment to our parish. Memories of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals and other important memorable events in our lives stay with us forever. Imagine the heart break seeing your parish packed up and hauled to a warehouse and the church building torn down or sold.

Together in Mission helps us to avoid such tragedies in our Diocese. Please reflect on what sacrifice YOU can make to help the Together in Mission campaign. Although I love going to Starbucks I realize that if I skipped a few trips for coffee it could make a difference to poor parishes and schools in our diocese. Join the 83,776 families in our diocese who made contributions. Envelopes remain available in the church narthex if you are able to make a pledge or can increase a prior pledge or gift.

God bless you for your sacrifices.

*Siempre Adelante,*



Alan Lien  
Parish Business Manager





## Adults

### Knitting Ministry Project ~ You're Invited!

Make a blanket for a child participating in *Get on the Bus!* This is a no-sew, pinning, cutting and tying only project. Come for a "How To" demonstration on Thursdays March 10, 17, or 31, 10:30-11:30am, Carmel room. Bring: either one piece of fleece for a single layer blanket or two pieces for a double layer, each piece should be 1½ yards, scissors 6-8 in, straight pins and a cereal box size cardboard for making a template. This project is easy, fun and heartwarming to know the children will be comfy as they travel to see their loved ones. Donna djlovato@msn.com

### Married Couples Retreat ~ April 9

Make a date with your spouse and plan to attend our day of enrichment Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm in the Serra Center. Registration begins next weekend in the Ministry Corner.

### Easter Candy

Support St. Vincent de Paul and get your See's Candy next weekend in the Ministry Corner.

### Year of Mercy

Did you know there's an app for the Year of Mercy? Our Sunday Visitor's *365 Days to Mercy* is available free in the iTunes and Google Play app stores. Did you also know our parish website has a page dedicated to the Year of Mercy? Visit [www.padreserra.org/parishioners/yearofmercy](http://www.padreserra.org/parishioners/yearofmercy)

### Is This You??

Attend the same mass most Sundays, want to be a disciple of Jesus and serve his people in a fun and interesting way, interested in bringing the "production values" aspect of our worship to the next level and beyond...

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### Or Is This You?

Sang bass or baritone in high school or college, have a good ear, or maybe even (used to) read music, have a pleasant voice and a good attitude, love people, music and Jesus...

Let's talk about you joining the choir. It is a great way to encounter Jesus and to be a disciple. [Dominic@padreserra.com](mailto:Dominic@padreserra.com), 482-6417 x327.

## Families

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party ~ March 12

Come for a bit o' good time!! Delicious food, toe-tapping music, wonderful company and games for the kids! See page 2 for details.

## Children

### Cherubs Music Program ~ March 12 and 19

Learn the basics of music on Saturdays at church!!

Children will sing faith based songs, play rhythm and tonal instruments, move to music, create bible stories through music and dance and have creative fun making friends.

Preschool – Kindergarten 9:30 – 10:20am

Grades 1 – 2 10:30 – 11:30am

Contact Lisa today!! 217-6106 or [drilisab@verizo.net](mailto:drilisab@verizo.net)

Join anytime, \$25 suggested per family for 8 weeks, parents always welcome



### Stay and Play ~ Every Sunday!

Please come by and see all the fun we have for toddlers!! Your little one will be lovingly cared for by Miss Nicole and her wonderful volunteer helpers while you go to Mass. Stay and Play is in the fourth room on the right when you enter the courtyard, during the 9:00 and 11:00am masses, no cost. Toddlers stay and play so you can pray!!

### Little Church ~ March 6, 13 and 20

Sunday preschool for ages 3 years through kindergarten during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses. The first room on the right when you enter the courtyard, Carmel room. Meet Elaine, [edenham1@aol.com](mailto:edenham1@aol.com).

### Three:Sixteen ~ March 7 and 14

Bring your bible and a friend!

## High School Teens

### 4:12 Youth Ministry ~ March 7 and 14

Come hang out with friends, 7:00-9:00pm, Serra Center.

### Confirmation Y2 ~ March 6 and 20

Sunday Session!!! 11:00am mass, lunch, session. March 13 is CROP Walk, wear your walking shoes and bring water.

### Good Friday Meditation ~ March 25

Meet in San Juan Capistrano room 8:30 to 9:30pm following the 7:00pm service in church.

## In the Community

### Life Centers Dinner Dance ~ April 23

Save the date. Saticoy Country Club, 5:00pm.

## Becoming Catholic



### Come and See

Curious about the Catholic Church? We have an ongoing inquiry group that meets on Tuesday evenings to answer any questions you may have. Please accept this invitation to 'come and see' by emailing Catherine Shaddock at [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org) or call 482-6417 x331.

## Special Liturgies

### Communal Reconciliation Service ~ March 14

As a community, let's join to empty ourselves of the lesser things of this world to make room for Jesus in our hearts and lives. Next Monday, 7:00pm in church.

## Our Giving — Time, Talent and Treasure

### Catholic Relief Services ~ This Weekend

This Special Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next weekend, please give generously to Catholic Relief Services and help Jesus. Envelopes are in the church lobby.



## Protect the Children



### Teach About Safe and Unsafe Touch

Predators are a real danger to children today. Among the list of safety talks parents address with their children today, we must also teach children about safe and appropriate touch and what to do if boundaries are violated. Teaching touching safety is critical for kids because it focuses on empowering them to resist predators. When a child learns about touching safety they are able to respond to boundary violations in the best way possible and to talk about these situations with a trusted adult. Teaching touching safety is addressed in Faith Formation at the parish; parents are welcome to attend these sessions. We also recommend "Protecting God's Children" awareness training for all parents and grandparents. For all information and/or a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Teaching Touching Safety" email [eve@padreserra.org](mailto:eve@padreserra.org).

## Faith Sharing



*Reflection questions for any gathering around a table.*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

*A generous spirit*

"Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Like the younger son, when have I been lost and were found by the merciful and compassionate Father who loves me?

## Our Prayer Life



### Pray for Our Sick

Devan Boyd, Katie Ceurvorst, Jordan Dobson, Eileen Flores-Chuayusio, Larry Hinds, Jane Maiello, Jose Martinez, Ailish McAlorum, Patricia Melchert, Isidro Parducho, Peter Samaha, Samantha Simental, Dorothy Simmons, Judy Thompson, Linda Valdez, Tom Vesey, Bella Villareal, Connie Williams & Pat Wisener. (Names are refreshed monthly.)

### Remember Our Dead

*Prayers and sympathy to family and friends of those who have died recently.*

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

### Prayer Opportunities

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30pm, Church

Adoration: First Fridays 2:00pm-7:00pm, Chapel

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45pm, Brides Room

Daily Readings: [www.usccb.org](http://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: Monthly schedules are available in the parish office, and [www.padreserra.org](http://www.padreserra.org) and via the QR code at right.



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CROP Walk Registration

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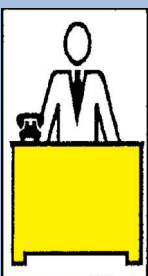
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**Wednesday, March 9**

**Picturing the Passion of Our Lord**

**Robert Pisapia**

**Currently working on archeological excavations in the southwest U.S., Mr. Pisapia will share many famous works of art depicting the central events of Jesus' life.**

**7:30-9:00pm, Serra Center**

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