

JUNE 2022



# Cursillo forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego  
Our Mission is to Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership  
Please visit our Cursillo website for more information at [www.sdcursillo.org](http://www.sdcursillo.org)

## **“TOP GUNS FOR JESUS”**

***This summer, the action packed movie, Top Gun, will return to the screen to portray the best fighter pilots in the world, how they train, what they do, and how they win. The San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Ministry also has a new major showing in San Diego on June 25, 2022, at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita. We call the event:***

## ***The San Diego Cursillo Celebration – 2022***

***While we are not fighter pilots, we fight for Jesus to bring his love into the world, we fight to bring his truth into the world, and we fight to win over our environments for Jesus. I think this qualifies all of us to be:***

## **“TOP GUNS FOR JESUS”**

***The Celebration is a combination of a Local Cursillo Leaders gathering, training to expand the love of Jesus, and an Altar Call to Follow Jesus.***

***Come and See - Come and Learn - Come and Renew***

***(Application and Schedule on last two pages)***

# ***A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO PRESIDENT***

1 TIMOTHY 1:12 SAYS,

“AND I THANK CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, WHO HATH ENABLED ME, FOR THAT HE COUNTED ME FAITHFUL, PUTTING ME INTO THE MINISTRY;”

This ministry has enabled me to be more faithful in trusting our Lord. With all the opportunities to witness, we grow in our faith. Witnessing and listening how thru faith, one can do anything thru Christ who strengthens us. Our Cursillo #147 was an amazing example of how when we pray and continue to grow God’s kingdom, we can do anything thru Christ who strengthens us. In attendance we welcomed 10 new members to the Cursillo community this spring. Please help them continue their journey for Christ. Assist them in finding a group or invite them to your group to see how it's done, and or maybe they may find the calling to start their own group. Remember we should keep our mantra of Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ.

A great place to start is attending the Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU). It is usually the two weeks after attending a weekend. You come together and talk about how your daily life has been since attending. It gives you an opportunity to let us know how Christ has changed your life if at all. You also have a chance to reunite with those from your weekend. Have you changed your environment? Have you decided to follow Jesus? Are you feeding your soul thru piety, study and action.

Our last DODU, May 14,2022 @St. Andrew’s in La Mesa, went well. A great day where lots of questions were answered, more fellowship, music and lunch provided by the secretariat. Our next one will be two weeks after the next Cursillo weekend #148 in the fall.

In June, our “Cursillo Celebration 2022” will be held on Saturday 25 June 2022. It will start at 8:30 – 3:30 pm @ Parish of the Good Shepherd in Bonita. Lots of planning is going into this event. From food to music to guest speakers will be part of the agenda. It is giving you a little introduction to what your local San Diego Cursillo Community is doing and how it functions and a chance to meet your board members. We will hear messages from the bishop, (recorded or live) and from the laity on the Secretariat. They will share with you the inner workings of our/your ministry. Let’s make this a huge success and support your team members. Since this is a catered event, we are asking for reservations for breakfast and lunch especially.

Applications are required in order to attend this event and if you are a parish representative from your church, your lunch and event is on us, (check the box for parish rep) We still need the application filled out for seating arrangements. All others attending are asked for \$20 donation to cover the cost of materials and food.

Our fall weekend will soon be upon us. Cursillo #148. It is never too early to begin considering sponsorship of candidates in your parish. Please see your Parish representative on how to sponsor a candidate. On the other hand, maybe you haven’t had an opportunity to serve. Have you been to Pine Valley Bible Conference center? The location is only part of the experience. Is it your time to serve the community and bless someone else that will experience this in the fall? Serving on a team takes commitment. The type of commitment that will bind us together in Christ’s love. Team meetings will begin in the summer. It is a requirement to attend the three team meetings for instructions to be given as we all have much to do and prepare for. Continue checking the website for dates and times for team meetings and locations around the diocese.

It is an honor and a blessing to have been chosen to be your next Rectora for Cursillo #148. Please join me for a wonderful, spiritual, fun and enlightening weekend. Join my team early to attend meetings this summer to plan your calendar. Don’t miss out on Making a friend, being a friend, and bringing a friend to Christ!

Doris Sunny Landry

ULTREYA!!!

# ***A MESSAGE FROM THE CURSILLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR***

## **“Welcome, Happy Morning!” A Song of Triumphant Living**

The word “triumph” means to have victory, to have success, to accomplish an achievement. The word triumph should not be confused with the word “arrogant.” To be arrogant is to be prideful and pompous. In the resurrection of Jesus there is no arrogance and no room for arrogance. We encounter only the triumphant life of Jesus’s resurrection, which is the triumph of triumphs. The triumphant existence of the resurrection is one of joyful victory over all the things that can pull us down and destroy us. It is salvation! As the theologian Karl Barth has said, “The resurrection is salvation. Salvation is the resurrection.” The song, “Welcome Happy Morning!” (Hymn 179) shows the triumph of Christ’s resurrection. Let’s look at stanza #5 to let this ancient Latin hymn speak to us:

***Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,***

How does Christ’s resurrection change the reality of death? When Jesus rises from the dead, He is the author of life that triumphs over death. The song says of Jesus that death didst undergo. He died, but Jesus, who says of himself, “I am resurrection and life,” is filled with the infinite life of God and as such is the author of life who can easily triumph over death. Other religions are based on a code of conduct, a path of progress. But Christianity is based on a living savior who is the author of life and who has conquered death. Jesus is not just a religious teacher, He is risen life. And His risen life is not just the way to salvation, it *is* salvation.

***tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;***

Darkness refers to evil. On the cross Jesus took all the evil of the world, the sins of the whole world upon himself. Carrying his cross to be crucified and being crucified were treading the path of darkness. In Jesus paradoxically God became weak in order to show us His strength. That in the extreme weakness of Jesus carrying the sins of the world, God shows us His infinite strength. This is an important lesson for us, that when it seems like evil is going to triumph over us, we must always believe that God is stronger, that paradoxically God can show His strength during our moments of weakness. Jesus is there in the midst of our weakness even when it seems like evil is going to triumph over us, He shows up with His saving strength. He shows us His saving strength in the darkest places of our lives.

***come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,***

The key word Here is “now.” Jesus’s resurrection is not past tense, but present tense. It is now. How does Jesus fulfill His word? The Jesus who is risen comes to us in our present moment—the now and fulfills His word through His risen presence working in us and through us. Jesus’s words spoken in the Bible come true in our lives. When we believe in Jesus’s resurrection, we see that the words that Jesus spoke come alive and are channels of God’s grace, His active favor. Our prayer is “come then, true and faithful,” Jesus. And He does come, risen and alive, fulfilling His words in us.

***’tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!***

In this part of the hymn, we remember that Jesus predicted that He would rise again on the third day, that in the third day Jesus would rise from the dead, triumphant over sin, death, and Satan. When Jesus triumphantly fulfills His word on the third morning, He shows us that we will rise triumphant on our third morning at the end of our lives.

***“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.***

In Heaven we will say, as we are resurrected, “Welcome, happy morning!” We will also say, “age to age,” which comes from the Greek words, for ages of ages, Philippians 4:20, which means eternity of eternities or forever and ever, in other words, the ultimate eternity. We will say for all eternity, “Welcome, happy morning!” filled with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus.

This Easter Sunday we not only celebrate Jesus’s resurrection, but we celebrate our own resurrection and therefore salvation. We anticipate our being resurrected into heaven and as we do this we are filled with the joy of Jesus’s resurrection in us. We sing out from the depths of our being, “Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say!”

**Christ is risen!**

Your friend in Christ,

Father George (See you at the June 25 Cursillo Celebration at Good Shepherd, Bonita)



## NEWS FLASH



**IF YOU'RE NOT CURRENTLY GROUPING, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO GROUPING CENTRAL, CRAIG NOBLE, WITH NAME, CHURCH, AND TELEPHONE NO. FOR ASSISTANCE, AND JOIN IN THE NEXT ZOOM GROUPING JUNE 5, 2022.**



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### ***PARISH REPRESENTATIVES SPOTLIGHT***

It's Almost Here! The Cursillo Celebration!

Please put June 25th on your calendar for our Cursillo Celebration. This will be a wonderful time to meet other parish reps, participate in great music, eat, and learn more about the inner-workings of Cursillo. There will be various presentations, including one on the role and function of the Parish Rep. This will be a time to share and receive ideas how to successfully complete your very important role.

Everyone in the Cursillo community is welcome, but YOU get in for FREE. Bring members of your parish community. The location is Church of the Good Shepard in Bonita. If you are coming from north county, the desert, or Yuma, you may want to carpool. For planning purposes, we ask that you send in your registration form (attached). Please share it with others in your parish community. The more the merrier.

I look forward to seeing you, and meeting some of you for the first time. I am at your service.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Blessings,  
Kit Chevalier  
858-382-8332

## This One's for YOU!

Calling all Parish Reps! Or those who may want to do this rewarding job. The Cursillo Celebration is just around the corner, and we want you to attend. Parish Reps get in FREE!

We will go over what the expectations are for a parish rep, share tools to assist you, and you will get to meet other parish reps and share ideas. This is really for you. You won't want to miss it!

Send your application is as soon as possible. Call me if you have any questions.

## Visitors May Be Coming...

But only if you invite them! As you may know, Cursillo Awareness Month is July. If you would like a visit to promote Cursillo, just let us know. With the priest's approval, a pair of active cursillistas will visit your church one Sunday in July to introduce/reintroduce Cursillo. This is a great opportunity for parishes that don't have a parish rep, or for parishes that do and want an outside voice.

Ask your priest which Sunday, or two options, would work. A team will be available to give a brief announcement during the service, and available after the service to answer any questions. This would be a good time to find out who the 'closet' cursillistas are at your church, and who may have an interest in attending a weekend.

Please contact me after you have spoken to your priest and we will make the arrangements.

Blessings, Kit Chevalier

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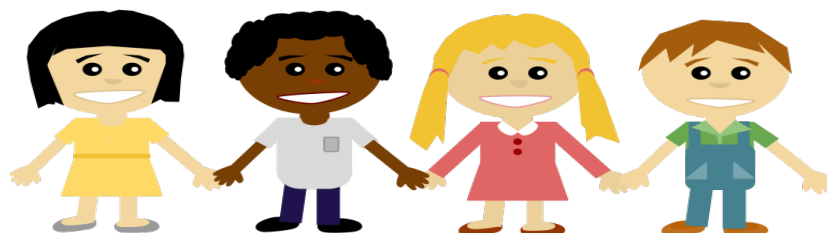
## ***The SPONSOR'S HANGOUT***

**Come to the June 25 Celebration and find out how to sponsor your weekend candidate for \$125 for a 50% savings**

**Make a friend—Be a friend--- Be a Sponsor!**

- Sponsor your new, or old friend, or best friend, to the next Cursillo Weekend. If you haven't already started, **START NOW!**

**Make a Friend, Be a Friend. It's Easy!**



# ***CURSILLO FOURTH DAY FIRST***

## ***(CURSILLO FOUR-EVER)***

### **GRAND ULTREYA-MAY 21, 2022—Forgiveness by the Forgiven**

WHAT A JOY it is to see and talk with friends from all over the Diocese. Such was the case at the Grand Ultreya held at St. Andrew's in La Mesa on Saturday evening, May 21, 2022. We are just starting to live again after the seemed-like-forever imposition of covid restrictions that kept us apart.

About thirty Cursillistas gathered for fellowship, food, songs, grouping and witness talks that did not disappoint. It was an Acts 29 experience. Kathryn Bunch gave a moving witness talk that reminded us of our creedal declaration: "We believe in the forgiveness of sins;" and our Lord's prayer: "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." The talk also reminded us of the "Sin and Reconciliation" experience during the Cursillo Weekend.

What especially struck me from Kathryn's talk was when she shared her experience of a nun looking right at her and saying: "When you do not forgive someone who has sinned against you, you leave Jesus hanging on the Cross!" Ouch! I know it is difficult to forgive someone who has really hurt you or someone whom you love, but that is exactly what we are called to do. Lord, have mercy. Kathryn shared how her lack of forgiving her mother resulted in bad consequences in her life. It took that Nun to bring her to her senses and brought her the long-hope-for healing and reconciliation.

In Mike Jewett's Echo, he didn't want to talk about recovery again, but he had to anyway. Making amends to those he has hurt is an important part of his recovery. Forgiving others is not only an important part of his Christian Walk, it also complements his recovery. As part of his Scriptural Response, Archdeacon Bob Nelson also cited a couple of the Twelve Steps that dealt with seeking to follow God's will. Thank God for His grace. He knows our shortcomings and loves us nevertheless. It seems the least we can do is to forgive others for their shortcomings.

The Announcements featured exciting News! Sunny Landry was announced as the Rectora of the Fall Weekend! Cursillo #148 will be held October 28-31, 2022, at Pine Valley! Take the opportunity to serve on the Team. It's not too early to ask a friend to attend as a candidate. Be sure to ask your Priest first. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Cursillo. Check out our website [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) for more information and applications.

Larry Salvadori promoted the Cursillo Celebration that will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Good Shepherd, Bonita. Experienced Cursillistas will be giving talks on the nuts and bolts issues about Pre-Cursillo, the Cursillo Weekend, and the Fourth Day. Learn how you can be a part of expanding God's Kingdom by making a dynamic and bright future of the Cursillo Ministry. Let's help develop fruitful disciples and effective Christian leaders of Christ. Check out the San Diego Episcopal Cursillo Website at [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) for more information and applications.

Blessings and Ultreya!

Ruben Rodriguez

# ***CURSILLO MINISTRY - HELP WANTED***

Just a few of the places you can help with the Cursillo Ministry:

**Parish Representatives** - Two for each parish that are currently without. Contact Kit Chevalier, Parish Rep Coordinator.

**Clergy** - Currently to fill a 2-year term on the Secretariat. Contact Sunny Landry, president, or Rev. George Calvert, Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

**Musicians Pool**– Leaders and team musicians available for Weekends, Ultreyas and events. Contact Rachel Ambasing, Music Coordinator or Ruben Rodriguez, Ultreya Coordinator.

**Prayer Team Leader** - Receive prayer requests and distribute them to those who want to pray. Contact Craig Noble, Communications Chair.

**Songbooks** - Maintain the supply of songbooks and prepare binders for the weekends. Contact Susan Miller, (songbooks).

For more information on these and other areas of service, contact the person mentioned or visit the [“Find Your Niche”](#) page on the Cursillo Website.

## ***Cursillo Events Calendar***

### **Quarterly Meeting of the Servant Community**

June 4 - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

A quarterly meeting of any and all interested in advancing the ministry of Cursillo in the area. Bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and skills and be ready to go to work.

Location: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, El Cajon

Point of Contact: Larry Salvadori, Servant Community Convener

### **Secretariat Meeting**

June 4 - 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Monthly board meeting of the Secretariat.

Location: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, El Cajon

Point of Contact: Sunny Landry, President

### **Sunday Evening Zoom Group**

June 5 - 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

For those in the diocese who are geographically isolated, or for anyone who wants to join in, a monthly online meeting is held on the first Sunday of every month.

Request your first invitation by email the Friday before the meeting. After that, you will automatically receive the invitation link each month. Room opens 10-15 minutes before the meeting begins.

### **Cursillo Celebration 2022**

June 25 - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Please join the Cursillo Community on June 25, for a fun-filled and informative celebration of our Cursillo Ministry in San Diego.

This is a day for parish reps to get to know other parish reps, and discover new ways to fulfill your very important role. EVERYONE in the Cursillo Community is invited. Help us plan our growth, and find ways to love and serve our neighbors.

Enjoy music, have lunch, and learn about opportunities to be involved in Cursillo beyond serving on the weekend.

The cost of \$20 includes materials, a catered lunch and desert. Parish reps attend pro bono.

We want everyone to join us. Bring a group from your church!

### **Secretariat Meeting**

July 21

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Monthly board meeting of Secretariat members. All are welcome to attend.

Location: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, El Cajon

Point of Contact: Sunny Landry, President

### **Forward Deadline**

July 24

Send in your articles, announcements, photos, and information for inclusion in the newsletter.

### **[View Calendar Online](#)**

## ***Prayers to Support Cursillo Weekends***

From the Palanca Coordinator---

As I have become more involved in Cursillo, I realize the power of prayer Palanca. We know the Palanca of prayer begins months before the actual weekend. Keeping the rector and all the team in prayer is a vital part of the pre-weekend. Everyone in the Cursillo Community can participate and it can be incorporated into daily prayer time.

---Kit Chevalier- Palanca Chair

Please keep the following Cursillo Weekends in prayer.

June 9- Alabama

July 28- Springfield

June 9- Coventry, UK

August 11- Texas

June 23- Wellington, NZ (women)

August 21- East Carolina

July 14- Wellington, NZ (men)



## **2022 SECRETARIAT LAY MEMBERS**

Name	Email	Function	Term Exp.
Sunny Landry	ricanmama13@yahoo.com	President	2022
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Miguel Cosio	miguelcosio1971@gmail.com	Community/ Hispanic Partners	2024
Nancy Calvert	nancycalvert@ymail.com	3- Day Weekend, Vice Chair	2023
Ginny Rodriguez	ginnykrodriguez@gmail.com	At Large Special Events	2023
Kit Chevalier	kmsopsinger@yahoo.com	Parish Reps, Palanca	2023
James Ambasing	cvista.ja@cox.net	4 th Day, Vice Chair	2022
Craig Noble	craignoble@cox.net	EMC Liaison, Grouping Central	2022
Jeanna Timan	jeannestime@gmail.com	Lutheran Partners	2024

## **2022 SECRETARIAT CLERGY MEMBERS**

Name	Email	Function	Term Exp.
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Rev. Paul Gambling	gfrpaul@gmail.com	Assistant Spiritual Advisor	2022
VOLUNTEER?	SERVANT LEADER	PRIEST/DEACON WANTED (EXCELLENT RETIREMENT)PROGRAM	OPEN
Rev. Peter Sickles	psickles@msn.com	Assistant Spiritual Advisor	2021 ext.

## **2022 SPECIAL CURSILLO SERVANTS**

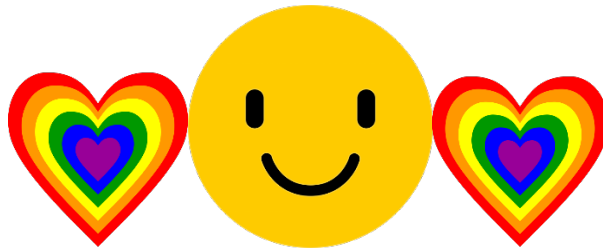
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Mike Jewett	hdbg90@hotmail.com	Hospitality – Diocesan Events
Judy Brown	Jbrown3944@aol.com	Treasurer, Pine Valley Liaison

## ***CURSILLO CORNER – COMMITMENT DONATIONS***

The Cursillo community accepts donations year-round. These donations allow us to set up “scholarships” to help defray the cost of sponsoring new Cursillistas and workers, pay our bills, support ministries, and pledge to the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry. If you’d like to make a Blessed Commitment Gift to Cursillo, please send it to:

Judy Brown – Treasurer  
51 Viejas Grade Road  
Alpine, Ca. 91901-1605

Checks made out to: Cursillos in Christianity



# San Diego Cursillo Celebration – 2022

Plan our Growth.....A time to serve  
 Follow Jesus.....A time to love



*Church of the Good Shepherd*  
 3990 Bonita Rd, Bonita, CA 91941

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

**8:30 am-3:30 pm**

**Cost: \$20** — includes the agape lunch and take-home materials—a real **bargain!** Parish reps attend pro bono.

**YOU are invited to attend Cursillo Celebration 2022.** Come and find out more about everything new in your Cursillo Ministry, connect or reconnect with other Cursillistas, renew old friendships, and make new friends. Find inspiration and support for living out your 4th Day with informative talks. Group with the best! Be inspired to serve as a Parish Representative. Enjoy Agape lunch, and Celebration Cake.

2022 Secretariat ❖ Servant Community ❖ What's New on The Weekend ❖ Putting the 4th Day First ❖ Your Rule of Life ❖ New Weekend Team Formation ❖ New Weekend Financials ❖ The Path to Becoming a Weekend Rector ❖ The Latest Grouping Options ❖ Parish Reps Plus... ❖ and **MORE!**

**BRING YOURSELF!** Bring your best friend. Bring all your grouping buddies. Invite your Parish Reps and the Cursillistas in your Parish. This is for ALL who want and need to know what's new and going on in our ministry—in other words—OUR FEARLESS SERVANT LEADERS.

Mail Applications & Payments to: **Susan Miller, 15815 Indian Valley Rd, Jamul, CA 91935**  
 or RSVP by email to: **miller.sv@mailbox.org 619-206-1741 (txt)**

.....Detach Portion Below & Mail with Payment (Checks to: **Cursillos in Christianity**).....

Name(s):	Are you a Parish Rep? <input type="checkbox"/>
Address:	Parish
City, State, Zip:	Phone
List any Special Dietary or Accommodation Needs:	Email
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## SAN DIEGO CURSILLO CELEBRATION – 2022

### SATURDAY SCHEDULE - JUNE 25, 2022 - GOOD SHEPHERD, BONITA

#### *“OUR MINISTRY ROOTS – PLAN OUR GROWTH – FOLLOW JESUS”*

8:30AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Fellowship – Susan Miller, Yazmin Lozano
8:50	Gathering Music (3) – Ruben Rodriguez
9:00	Welcome, Orientation, Facilities, Opening Prayer – Fr. George Calvert
9:15	Video Message from the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry – Craig Noble, Beau Malsbary
9:25	Bishop’s Welcome – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Brown Snook
9:35	The Cursillo Secretariat – Sunny Landry
9:50	The Servant Community, The Forward – Larry Salvadori
10:05	The Three Day Weekend – Susan Miller
10:20	The Fourth Day First – Ruben Rodriguez
10:35	<b>Break</b> , Music to re-gather (3) – Ruben Rodriguez
10:50	Grouping Options – Craig Noble
11:00	Grouping, Attendees – Craig Noble
11:40	Rule of Life – Fr. George Calvert
12:00PM	Agape Lunch – pizza, lasagna, salad, Celebration Cake, Martinelli’s – Yazmin Lozano
12:40	Music to re-gather (3)- Ruben Rodriguez
12:50	Parish Representatives- Kit Chevalier
1:30	Weekend team formation/ Music – Ruben Rodriguez
1:45	Weekend Financials –Judy Brown
2:00	The path to becoming a Weekend Rector – Sunny Landry
2:15	<b>Break</b> – Music to re-gather (3) – Ruben Rodriguez
2:25	Sponsorship and the vital importance of grouping – Susan Miller
2:40	The SD Cursillo Ministry way forward and challenges – Larry Salvadori, Sunny Landry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Table discussions – How to: Plan our Growth, Follow Jesus - All</li><li>• Forum – Table Summaries – Table Leaders (Write on white boards)</li><li>• Questions - All</li><li>• Summary of the day – Larry, Sunny</li></ul>
3:20	Closing Blessing (Isaiah 6:1-8) – Fr. George/The Lord’s Prayer – Ruben Rodriguez
3:30	The Peace of Christ – Fr. George Calvert