

# FORWARD



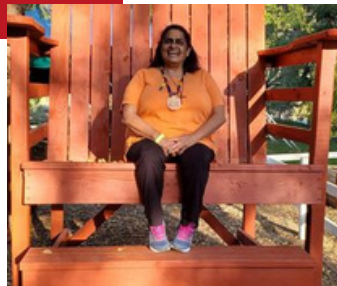
## Welcome to the NEW CURSILLISTAS of Cursillo 148

- Salvador Arce Guerra  
St. Paul's Cathedral
- Kim Blackwood  
St. Davids/  
St. Matthews, Sterling, VA
- Ana Cardenas  
St. Philip-Lemon Grove
- Luis Cardenas  
St. Philip-Lemon Grove
- Colleen Chapin  
St. Bart's-Poway
- Faith DeHart  
Good Shepherd-Bonita
- Cachy Garcia  
St. Philip-Lemon Grove
- Leyla Mendoza  
St. Paul's-Yuma
- Daniel Nuñez  
St. Philip-Lemon Grove
- Maria Nuñez  
St. Philip-Lemon Grove
- Becca Paquette  
St. Paul's-Yuma
- Jonathan Scarborough  
St. Timothy's - Rancho Peñasquitos

### The Cursillo President's Corner by Sunny Landry

Well, well, well, and just like that three years on the Secretariat has come to an end, and so has the end of my term as president. In this, my final address to the Cursillo community, I want to thank God for giving me all the strength and stamina to continue wearing many hats at one time. God surrounded me with the right people to achieve many goals for the Cursillo movement. Serving on the weekends is just as important as any function we support as a ministry. This term I have had the pleasure of serving the community during the Fall 2021 Cursillo #146, Spring Cursillo #147 in 2022 and as your Rectora this past Fall of 2022 Cursillo #148!

Every weekend was an experience all on its own. The most rewarding, of course, was as Rectora of the Fall 2022 Cursillo #148!



If you were there you know the miracles that occurred during the weekend. Bringing 12 new members to the Cursillo community was our biggest reward. Please allow them to find their place in our ministry for the Lord. Some have musical talents, so please welcome them when you see them at Ultreyas! I would also like to say farewell to one of our most dedicated saints in the Servant Community, Mr. Larry Salvadori. Larry has been at the head of the Servant Community for many more years than we can count. *(continued on p. 2)*

Due to his health conditions, he has decided to retire from his commitments on the larger scale. He will continue serving his local parish at Saint Bartholomew's in Poway but not at the secretariat level.

Larry has led many projects for the community. This summer was his latest undertaking with the 1st Cursillo Celebration held in June at Good Shepherd, Bonita in June. The successful event gave all an opportunity to meet the secretariat on a "one on one" basis.

You would always find Larry in the back of functions with a table set up for groups, a "Grouping Central" for those not yet in a group. Or signing up folks for other upcoming events. Zoom was also available at his table with Craig Noble assisting.

Larry also was editor of the Cursillo Forward. He would report and inform us of upcoming events; Ultreyas, convention, BTTM, Cursillo Weekend, just to name a few. Please thank Larry and his wife Jeanne when you see them for their dedication and time served as the liaison for the Cursillo Servant Community. We will truly miss him and his enthusiasm at meetings. Thank you again, Larry Salvadori! We pray for healing always.

I would like to also welcome our new editor to the Forward! Miss Rachel Ambasing will assume the duties as editor and take Larry's place in this role. She will now be collaborating with Susan Miller to keep the community posted with the latest events. Rachel is from St. Matthew's in National City and is also a very talented young lady who will keep us in the know on the latest around the diocese. Photos of current events around town or Cursillo weekends are always welcome. Please send those photos and articles to her at [rachel.ambasing@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.ambasing@gmail.com). Thank you, Rachel for picking up the torch and illuminating us all with the light of Christ. Welcome to the position as editor!

Finally, there is one more person I want to give a warm welcome to, and that is your new president, Jill Mora! Jill attends the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Bonita. Please give her the respect and support you have given me to carry out this mission of bringing people to Christ.

Thank you for a rewarding year on the secretariat! I am truly blessed to have served this community for the past 3 years.

Sincerely with all my heart,

*Sunny Landry*

De Colores!!!



## Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word incarnate means embodied in flesh.

Because Jesus is God's Word in the flesh, He is God's Word incarnate. As Jesus speaks and acts, God's Word is alive and lived out in the world. In the New Testament texts about Jesus, we can see God's Word as the embodied Word, the Word becomes a real living human being. Through Jesus we can have a personal relationship with the Word of God.

John 1:1-18 is the prologue to the Gospel that describes Jesus, the incarnate Word of God. In this prologue the incarnate Word directly or indirectly incorporates three previous revelations of the Word of God.

1. The Word of God before and during creation of the Universe, Genesis 1.
2. The Word of God in the revelation of the law to Moses especially the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20.
3. The Word of God revealed through the prophets.

1) The prologue of the Gospel John starts with these famous words:

"In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "He was in the Beginning with God."

"All things came into being through Him and without Him not one thing came into being."

The Word present before creation speaks creation into existence. God acts when he speaks, God's Word is powerful, the Word created the universe. God's Word comes to us through creation, but we can't know much about God through creation. God is largely hidden behind the creation. In the Biblical history of the Jewish people, God's Word would be revealed and then culminate in the Word incarnate in Jesus.

2) The Gospel of John tells us in verse 17:

"The law indeed was given through Moses; Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ."

This draws a contrast between the law given through Moses and the Grace and Truth given to us through Jesus Christ. The law shows us our need for God because we cannot live up to its requirements. The Grace and Truth of Christ fulfill the law for us. It is Jesus Christ in us who we need in order to live out the requirements of the law. The moral law shows us that we are sinners and that we can't keep the law under our own power. It shows us our need for God. God's word as moral law is not our salvation. It shows us our need for Jesus, the Word incarnate, who will bring salvation.

3) God's Word as prophecy. The prophets showed how the people of Israel fell short of what God's commandments required and dreamed of a future in which God would send a Messiah to fulfill the goodness contained in these commandments. Now back to Jesus the incarnate Word of God.

God sends the Messiah. Jesus, God's Word incarnate, fulfills the Word in creation, the Word in the moral law, the Word in the prophecy of the prophets, the Word incarnate in Jesus is the culmination and fulfillment of these previous Words.

In Jesus the Word of God is incarnate and, as individuals, we can encounter God's Word as a real loving person. Jesus is now risen from the dead, we encounter the risen person, and then look back at his incarnate existence in the New Testament.

In a few weeks, Advent and Christmas will be upon us. These seasons help us think about the mystery of Jesus, the incarnate Word. I hope that my rambling meditation will inspire you to rethink and have a deeper understanding of Jesus, the Incarnate Word.

Your friend in Christ,

*Father George*



## *Ultreyas can be Grand* by Ruben Rodriguez

### **A Toast to Larry Salvadori**

There are two Grand Ultreyas held every year as part of your Cursillo's Fourth Day. 2022 is no exception. At noon on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at St. Andrew's, La Mesa, this year's Fall Grand Ultreya and Secretariat Election started as usual with a potluck. However this potluck featured a special dessert cake with a Champagne Toast in honor of Larry Salvadori. Larry recently retired from the Cursillo Ministry after 30 years of service.

Larry's impact on the ministry has been widespread and phenomenal. Whenever ideas to improve or promote the Cursillo ministry were needed, Larry came up with great ideas and had the energy and resolute actions to implement them. The Cursillo Celebration highlighting the 46th anniversary of Cursillo in our Diocese is a recent example. Rollistas over many years benefited from his gentle and precise suggestions to improve their rolls at the Rollo Critiques that he hosted and led for many years.

Whenever there were challenges, be they minor or major, Cursillo benefited from solutions promulgated by Larry. The San Diego Episcopal Cursillo became well known nationally for its consistent holding of Cursillo Weekends and Fourth Day Activities over the years while other Cursillo movements in many dioceses succumbed to the same challenges. Larry was a major force of the ideas and encouraging energy to meet and overcome the challenges,

When I think of my friend, Larry Salvadori, I think of the true meaning of...

### **...The Witness Talk**

The Witness Talk was given before a crowd of over 40 people by Herb Kelly from St. Dunstan's. Herb spoke about Amikas, a non-profit ministry that develops portable sleeping cabins for homeless women with children. Herb became involved with the ministry when he was referred to it by a friend whom he has known since their elementary school days at All Saints School. At the time Amikas had built little cabins on the plot of land at St. Luke's in North Park, When Herb saw the cabins he knew he could help with his construction skills and he signed up with the ministry on the spot. He is now a board member of Amikas.

Herb previously shared about the Amikas ministry at the fall 2019 Grand Ultreya. This talk was an update and a sharing about the just approved for opening sleeping cabin village at Meridian Baptist Church in El Cajon. The project took over 2 1/2 years to work through the El Cajon City Council and San Diego County governmental agencies. The mothers and children will benefit with shelter and safety, a time for rest and comfort, food and facilities for personal care needs, and other benefits provided by a collaboration of the Meridian Baptist Church, The City of El Cajon, the County and other agencies.

St. Dunstan's and the Church of The Good Shepherd Episcopal Churches have donated funds for the construction of the Amikas sleeping cabins.

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### **The Echo Talk**

Ruben Rodriguez, from Good Shepherd gave a talk that focused on the blessings resulting from legacy giving.

The source of Good Shepherd's donation to the Amikas ministry was a "gift to the needy" made about 22 years ago by the Estate of Kay Upstill. Kay Upstill was a retired teacher who lived a very modest life but made a substantial donation to the Church through her will. As is the case when any of us gives of ourselves to anyone in need, we do not know the full impact of that gift—it could redound for the benefit of people we don't even know—it could be life enhancing or even life saving.

### **The Scriptural Response**

Fr. Carlos Garcia gave the Scriptural Response noting that ministry and gifts to the needy is the ministry of Jesus.

### **Secretariat Elections**

The Secretariat Elections were held resulting in the election of the following:

Clergy Members: The Rev, Nancy Holland, St. Paul's Cathedral; and, The Rev. Roberto Maldonado, St. Matthew's, National City.

Lay Members: Bob Halleck, St. Peter's, Del Mar; Tim Storey, St. Bart's, Poway; Susan Miller, Good Shepherd, Bonita.

### **Announcements:**

New Rectora: Rosie Medina, St. Philip's, Lemon Grove was announced as the Rectora of Cursillo #149 to be held in April 2023, in Pine Valley. (see p. 10 for more)

Back To The Mountain retreat will take place on January 6-8, 2023, at Pine Valley. It will be hosted by Rev. George and Nancy Calvert. The theme for the retreat is The Epiphany. (see p. 11 for more)

*—Ruben Rodriguez*

### *From the Parish Rep Coordinator*

Kit Chevalier



Have you heard from your parish rep? Do you know who your parish rep is? If not, perhaps God is calling you to fill this valuable position at your parish. It's a great way to connect with other cursillistas in your parish. With a new year coming, consider this important ministry.

If you have any questions, call me.

*Kit Chevalier*

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# Meet Your New Secretariat Members

## Robert Halleck

Cursillo 146 | Pine Valley, CA  
Home Parish: St. Peter's, Del Mar



*"I believe if you are a member of an organization there comes a time when you should serve as an active leader."*

## The Rev. Canon Nancy Holland

Cursillo 123/124 | Camp Stevens, Julian, CA  
Home Parish: St. David's, Clairemont

*"I am excited to be part of the Cursillo leadership team and to witness God's delicate hand in the eyes and faces of weekend attendees and Cursillistas as they show and spread God's love wherever they go. Cursillo graduates emulate God's love by living the call to servanthood with deep joy and readiness. I love seeing and feeling God daily in creation and with the people I encounter."*



## The Rev. Roberto Maldonado

Home Parish: St. Matthew's, National City

About Fr. Roberto:

Fr. Roberto made his first Cursillo in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He made his way to San Diego after working at multiple parishes in the Diocese of Oregon since 2013. He enjoys music, car racing, and walking.



## Susan Miller

Cursillo 110 | Camp Stevens, Julian, CA  
Home Parish: Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita

*"My Cursillo Weekend was a formative event in my Christian life. There I found not only the opportunity, but the desire and means to reorganize my life with Jesus Christ at the head. Much more can be said but suffice it to say that I have felt called to support Cursillo ever since. I want to do my part to see that it continues as a productive ministry in our diocese, serving on Weekends when possible, sponsoring candidates, participating in Grouping, the Servant Community and by being able to serve as a Secretariat member. Thank you for the opportunity!"*



\*The bio for Tim Storey was written by Tim's 144 prayer partner & Forward editor, Rachel Ambasing, and may need clarification or correction in an upcoming edition of The Forward.

## Tim Storey

Cursillo 144 | Pine Valley, CA  
Home Parish: St. Bart's, Poway

About Tim\*: Tim is an accomplished singer and actor and made his musical theater debut in a 2022 production of "The Sound of Music." He loves music, occasions that allow him to wear tuxedos, and the color purple. His favorite Cursillo weekend event is the Agape Eucharist because, at Cursillo 144, it reminded him of a Christian prom. Tim is also a very thoughtful friend.



# Cursillo Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Time</b>
Dec. 15	Secretariat Brown Bag Supper	St. Alban's	Jill Mora	6:00 PM
Dec. 15	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alban's	Jill Mora	6:30 PM
Jan.6-8, 2023	Back to the Mountain	PVBCC	Fr. George Calvert	ALL DAY
Jan. 8	Group by Zoom	Online	Craig Noble	4:00 PM
Jan. 15	Cursillo Sunday	Parishes		ALL DAY
Jan. 24	Forward Deadline		Forward Editor	ALL DAY
Feb. 04	Secretariat Retreat	Home of Cursillista	Jill Mora	9:00 AM
Feb. 05	Group by Zoom	Online	Craig Noble	4:00 PM
Mar. 04	Quarterly Meeting of Servant Community	St. Alban's	TBD	10:00 AM
Mar. 04	Secretariat Meeting	St. Alban's	Jill Mora	12:30 AM

Contact a Secretariat member by email by visiting [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)

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Dear Cursillistas,

This is the time of year when we make our resolutions and plans, in preparation for the New Year. The same is true for those of us who are on the Secretariat, whether newly elected or continuing members. Starting with the December meeting and finalized at our yearly retreat in February, we take on the yearly task of organizing leadership and supporting roles as defined by our organizational chart. (Newly elected members: you will find yourselves with a job as well, so consider where you might like to serve!) Continuing members may choose to remain in their current role, or if their talents and interests might be leading in a different direction, to a different area of responsibility.

Even if you're not a member of the Secretariat, you are a valued member of the Servant Community. This is a great time of year to consider your involvement with Cursillo. For starters, look at "Find Your Niche" under "Quick Links" on the Cursillo website. There are 2 ways to do this. You have the option to browse through each Ministry: Servant Community Committees, e.g., 4 th Day, Ultreyas, Pre-Cursillo, Community Partners; Secretariat; Weekends; or Action. Another option is to choose your specific interests and skills from the drop-down list and see where that takes you. Jobs come in all shapes and sizes. Be involved as little or as much as you want!

I'll mention one need. We no longer have an email list to address the needs of those who ask for prayers, or a coordinator. If this is something that interests you, please get in touch with me.

Please, prayerfully consider what you might do for others next year through the Cursillo Ministry. Feel free to attend a Secretariat meeting to see what goes on. If you have questions, use the contact form on the website to send a message or contact any secretariat member for information and assistance.

Blessings for the New Year,

*Susan Miller*



*From the Webmaster*

Please take advantage of all that [sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org) offers. It's there for you!

- HOME – Calendar preview, Current Events. Shortcuts to the most-used sections are at the bottom of the HOME page. (Applications, Video Ultreyas, "The Forward" from 2001 to current, Grouping, and more)
- COME TO CURSILLO – Overview of the Cursillo Weekend for potential candidates
- WHAT'S NEXT – Next steps for new Cursillistas
- MORE ON CURSILLO – History and documents, videos, outside links
- GOING ON NOW – Calendar, current news, and opportunities
- "Quick Links" – Find Your Niche, Calendar, and Contacts

Suggestions for improvements or for new features or content are especially helpful. It should work equally well on a phone or a PC. We'd love to hear your concerns and ideas to make it easier to use and useful to you.



## *San Diego Cursillo Celebration Forum: A Summary* by Larry Salvadori & The Cursillo Celebration Core Team

The results below include input from the June 25, 2022 San Diego Cursillo Celebration Event Forum, from the Secretariat, and from our Special Servants. The list is not final, and remains open for further input.

### HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS – A TIME TO LOVE

1. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
2. Jesus lived on this earth to show us the way to the Father, the way to a godly life, and the way to salvation.
3. We need to walk as he walked, if we are to follow in his footsteps.
4. Include actions to follow Jesus in our personal rule of life.
5. Call upon Jesus faithfully and know that he is near and walking with us.
6. We need to be doers, not only listeners and talkers.
7. Do at least one act of kindness each day.
8. Spend time with those whom no one else cares about.
9. Place the needs of others before our needs.
10. Serve in places we didn't know that we were called to be there.
11. We need to make friends, we need to be friends, and we need to introduce our friends to the ways of Jesus.
12. Slow down. Be quiet. Hear the voice of the Shepherd. Answer the call.
13. When the Holy Spirit tells us to do something, say something, or pray for someone, do it right away!
14. Serve others with the humble heart of a servant leader.



*From the Palanca Coordinator*  
Kit Chevalier



De Colores and Merry Christmas!

As you can imagine, most of the world where there is Cursillo, preparations are being made for the celebration of Christmas. Cursillo weekends are scheduled, but not top of mind for planning. There are no weekends planned, as far as I can tell, until later in February. That doesn't mean we don't remember the worldwide Cursillo community in prayer, and that God will guide those he has chosen to lead, plan and attend weekends in 2023.

Blessings, Kit Chevalier



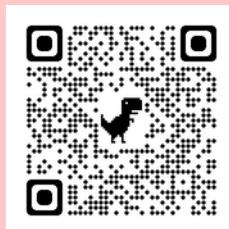
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**CURSILLO #149**

**CURSILLO 149: April 27-30, 2023**  
**Pine Valley Bible Conference Center**  
**Rosie Medina, Rectora**

**Team, Candidate & Sponsor Applications are available NOW at**  
**[sdcursillo.org](http://sdcursillo.org)**

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**January 6-8, 2023**  
 Pine Valley, California  
**Back to the Mountain 2023**



Your Hosts:  
**Fr. George and Nancy Calvert**

**Weekend Theme: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

**Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12—The Epiphany,**

*An in-depth conversation and meditation about the meaning of the Epiphany*

**Where:** Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, 8668 Pine Creek Road, Pine Valley, CA, 91962

**When:** 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 6th until 11:30 a.m. Sunday, January 8th

**Who:** All Cursillistas (and adults who have been on an equivalent three-day weekend)

**Cost:** \$170 per person. Last day to register is January 4, 2023.  
 (No refunds after January 4, 2023 if you are unable to attend.)

**Saturday Movie:** Galaxy Quest (1999, Directed by Dean Parisot. With Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman, Tony Shalhoub.)

*There will be singing, activities, talks, laughter, and tons of free time to enjoy the beautiful camp and each other. We hope you will join us!*

Please mail your application with enclosed payment to The Rev. George Calvert, Church of the Good Shepherd, 3990 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902. Questions? Call Fr. George at (619) 479-0943. Attach application below and mail with payment. Please make check payable to "Cursillos in Christianity."

Name(s):	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone:	# of Reservations      Male [    ] Female [    ]
Total Amount Enclosed:	I/we will attend Friday dinner Yes [    ] No [    ]
List any special dietary or accommodation required:	

*This edition of The Forward is dedicated to*  
**LARRY SALVADORI**



for his faithful servanthood to God and neighbor,  
for everything he has achieved, particularly for the Cursillo ministry,  
for all the ways he has encouraged, nurtured, and made room for  
new leaders and new Cursillistas,  
and for the person who God has created him to be.

We are grateful for you, Larry!

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND,.....



.....BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST