

DECEMBER 2022

ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Go to vedanta.org for internet links.

For in-person events, for the safety of all, masks are strongly recommended.

HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Compassionate Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 11 Vedanta in an Age of
Instant Gratification
Swami Medhananda
- 18 Holy Mother Puja**
10 AM Puja
1 PM Homa Fire
1:45 PM Flower Offering and Prasad
5:15 PM Talks by Swamis
6 PM Special Arati
- 25 Jesus Christ's Sermon on the Mount
Swami Sumanasananda

Classes

Tuesdays 4:30 PM

Srimad Bhagavatam
Swami Sarvadevananda

Tuesdays 7:30 PM

Shanti Gita
Swami Sarvadevananda

Wednesdays 7:30 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

- 7, 21 Swami Sarvadevananda
14 Swami Sumanasananda
28 Swami Medhananda

Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 1, 8, 22 Bhakti Yoga
Swami Sumanasananda
- 15 Brahma Satyam Jagat Satyam:
Swami Turiyananda on Sri
Ramakrishna's Philosophy
Swami Medhananda
- 29 A Tale of Two Birds: Mundaka
Upanishad verses 3.1.1–3.1.3
Swami Medhananda

Fridays 7:30 PM

Teachings of Swami
Ramakrishnananda
Swami Atmavidyananda

OTHER EVENTS

- 3 Sat. 6:30 PM Ram Nam
- 10 Sat. 9 AM – 1 PM
Karma Yoga Day

Saturday classes with Pr. Dayaprana

- 10, 31 2:30 – 4 PM
Chanting Class
- 10 **On line only:** Antaryoga Retreat on
Holy Mother 6 – 8 AM
Register by Dec. 8
dayaprana@vedanta.org

Sundays

**No Sanskrit Classes from Nov. 27
through December 31**

Contact: sukirtha@vedanta.org
For more information

- 24 Saturday 6 8 PM**
Christmas Eve Service with Carols
- 30 Friday 7 AM Vigil**
- 31 New Year's Eve Meditation**
11:30 PM

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SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Holy Mother – Giver of Essence
Pravrajika Vedaprana,
Vedanta Convent, Vedanta Society
of Northern California.
- 11 In Mother's Service
Swami Arupeshananda
- 18 Loving God
Pravrajika Vrajaprana
- 25 Christ, the Messenger
Swami Sarvadevananda
Followed by Christ Puja; Prasad in Hand

Classes and Other Events

Wednesdays 5 PM

Swami Subodhananda
By Swami Chetanananda
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

3 Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM

Retreat with Pravrajika Vedaprana
Outside World of Our Inner I
Inside World of Our Inner I
Bring your own lunch.

15 Holy Mother Puja

11 AM Puja
12:45 Homa Fire
Followed by Prasad Lunch

10, 17 Saturday 5 PM

Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna

24 Saturday 6 to 7 PM

Christmas Eve Service with Carols

31 New Year's Eve Meditation

11:30 PM – 12 Midnight

RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Holy Mother in the Eyes of Swami
Vivekananda (Part 2)
Swami Sumanasananda
- 11 Compassionate Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 18 The Nondual Reality
Swami Vedarupananda
- 25 I and My Father are One
Swami Dhyanyogananda

Wednesdays 6:30 PM

In person and online Arati
7:30 PM Satsanga with Trabuco Bros.

Sundays 3 PM

Spanish classes in person and online

24 Saturday 10 AM – Noon

A Message of Love
Special Christmas Program

SAN DIEGO CENTER

See sandiegovedanta.org for listings

See vedantalifeacademy.com for courses

SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 3 Ecotheology and Love
Professor Bahar Davary, USD
- 10 Compassionate Mother
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 17 **10 AM – 1:30 PM**
Holy Mother Puja
Prasad Lunch to be served
- 24 **Saturday 5 PM to 8 PM**
Christmas Eve Service with Carols
Potluck supper to follow
- 31 No Talk

THE VEDANTA SOCIETY ONLINE

For information: www.vedanta.org

For books: www.vedanta.com

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youtube.com/vedantaorg

About the Vedanta Society

Vedanta teaches that humanity's real nature is divine, that the true object of human life is to unfold and manifest this divinity, and that truth is universal. Vedanta accepts all the religions of the world and reveres the great prophets, teachers and sons of God, because it recognizes the same divine inspiration in all.

The Vedanta Society of Southern California was founded in 1930 and incorporated as a non-profit religious corporation in 1934. The Society maintains a temple, convent, and monastery in both Hollywood and Santa Barbara; a monastery and shrine each in San Diego and Trabuco Canyon; and the Vivekananda House in South Pasadena. There are a number of official Vedanta societies in the United States, Europe and South America. Although the societies are under the spiritual guidance of the Ramakrishna Order of India, each is an independent, self-supporting unit.

Membership is open to those who are seriously interested in the teachings of Vedanta and have attended lectures and classes for some time. In addition, an interview with Swami Sarvadevananda is required. Applications are available in the Society office and/or bookshops.

Private instruction in spiritual practice is available by appointment from Swami Sarvadevananda to those who have attended classes and lectures for some time and want to deepen their spiritual life in the path of meditation. There is no charge for this instruction. Appointments may be made at the local centers

Information and a large selection of books on Vedanta and other religions are available at the Hollywood, Trabuco and Santa Barbara bookshops. Some books are also available at the San Diego Center. Check our website for current hours. Some of our centers maintain a lending library for the use of members.

A letter from from Sister Nivedita to Holy Mother

Beloved Mother,

This morning, early, I went to church—to pray for Sara. All the people there were thinking of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and suddenly I thought of you. Your dear face, and your loving look, and your white sari and your bracelets. It was all there. And it seemed to me that yours was the presence that was so soothe and bless

poor S. Sara's sickroom. And—do you know?—I thought I had been very foolish to sit in your room, at the evening service to Sri Ramakrishna, trying to meditate. Why did I not understand that it was quite enough to be a little child at your dear feet? Dear Mother! You are full of love! And it is not a flushed and violent love, like ours, and like the world's, but a gentle peace that brings good to everyone and wishes ill to none. It is a golden radiance, full of play. ...

Dearest Mother—I wish we could send you a wonderful hymn, or a prayer. But somehow even that would seem too loud, too full of noise! Surely you are the most wonderful thing of God—Sri Ramakrishna's own chalice of His Love for the world—a token left with His children, in these lonely days, and we should be very still and quiet before you—except indeed for a little fun! Surely the 'wonderful things of God', are all quiet—stealing unnoticed into our lives—the air and sunlight and the sweetness of gardens and of the Ganges, these are the silent things that are like you!

Do send to poor S. Sara the mantle of your peace. Isn't your thought, now and then, of the high calm that neither loves nor hates? Isn't that the sweet benediction that trembles in God, like the dew-drop on the lotus-leaf, and touches not the world?

Ever, my darling Mother,
your foolish Khooki,
Nivedita

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