

## MARCH 2023

### ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AND ONLINE

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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### HOLLYWOOD TEMPLE

*For in-person events, for the safety of all, masks are required indoors.*

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 What We Want  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 12 Holy Mother in the Eyes of  
Swami Vivekananda (Part 3)  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 19 We are All Philosophers  
Swami Medhananda
- 26 Sri Ramakrishna's Bhava and the  
RK Mission: Challenges in Harmon-  
izing the Ideal with the Real  
Swami Chidekananda  
Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata

#### Classes

#### Tuesdays 4:30 PM

- 7, 14 *Srimad Bhagavatam*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### Tuesdays 7:30 PM

- 7, 14 *Shanti Gita*  
Swami Sarvadevananda

- 21, 28 *Viveka-Chudamani*  
(Crest-Jewel of Discrimination)  
Swami Sumanasananda

#### Wednesdays 7:30 PM

- Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*  
1, 8, 15 Swami Sarvadevananda  
22, 29 Swami Medhananda

#### Thursdays 7:30 PM

- 2, 9, 23 Bhakti Yoga  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 16, 30 Karma Yoga  
Swami Mahayogananda

#### Fridays 7:30 PM

- Teachings of*  
*Swami Ramakrishnananda*  
Swami Atmavidyananda

#### OTHER EVENTS

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

#### Saturday chanting and retreat

- Pravrajika Dayaprana  
11, 25 2:30 – 4 PM Chanting Class

- 18 **Online Only** Antaryoga Retreat on  
*Isha Upanishad* 6 – 8 AM  
Register by March 16  
[dayaprana@vedanta.org](mailto:dayaprana@vedanta.org)

- Sundays 9 to 10:30 AM Sanskrit Class  
Sukirtha Alagarswamy  
Contact: [sukirtha@vedanta.org](mailto:sukirtha@vedanta.org)

#### 24 Friday Vigil 7 AM

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### SANTA BARBARA TEMPLE

#### SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 5 Trusting God  
Swami Arupeshananda
- 12 Sri Ramakrishna and the  
Growth Mindset  
Swami Chidekananda  
Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata
- 19 What We Want  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 26 Mission: Joy  
Swami Mahayogananda

#### Classes and Other Events

#### Wednesdays 5 PM

*How a Shepherd Boy Became a Saint: Swami Adbhutananda*  
by Swami Chetanananda  
Pravrajika Krishnaprana

#### Saturdays

- 18 **5 PM Bhagavad Gita**  
Swami Sarvadevananda

#### 4,11, 25 Gospel of Ramakrishna

- 25 9 AM - noon  
Karma Yoga Day

### RAMAKRISHNA MONASTERY

Orange County

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Swami Vivekananda (Part 4)  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 12 What We Want  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 19 Sri Ramakrishna and the  
Growth Mindset  
Swami Chidekananda, Kolkata
- 26 Vedanta and the Twelve Steps  
Swami Dhyanyogananda

#### Wednesdays

**6:30 PM** In person and online Arati

**7:30 PM** Satsanga with the  
Trabuco Brothers

**Sundays 3 PM** Spanish classes in person  
and online

#### SAN DIEGO CENTER

See [sandiegovedanta.org](http://sandiegovedanta.org) for listings

See [vedantalifeacademy.com](http://vedantalifeacademy.com) for courses

#### SATURDAY SPIRITUAL TALKS 11 AM

- 4 Holy Mother in the Eyes of  
Swami Vivekananda (Part 3)  
Swami Sumanasananda
- 11 What We Want  
Swami Sarvadevananda
- 18 Sri Ramakrishna's Divine Play  
in Kolkata  
Swami Chidekananda, Kolkata
- 25 The Powers of the Mind  
Swami Vedarupananda

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[youtube.com/vedantaorg](http://youtube.com/vedantaorg)

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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.

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### Quotes on Rama and Chaitanya from *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna*

Once Rāma asked Hanumān, 'How do you look on Me?' And Hanumān replied: 'O Rāma, as long as I have the feeling of "I", I see that Thou art the whole and I am a part; Thou art the Master and I am Thy servant. But when, O Rāma, I have the knowledge of Truth, then I realize that Thou art I, and I am Thou.'

Chaitanya said: 'The name of God has very great sanctity. It may not produce an im-

mediate result, but one day it must bear fruit. It is like a seed that has been left on the cornice of a building. After many days the house crumbles, and the seed falls on the earth, germinates, and at last bears fruit.'

Hanumān once said to Rāma: 'O Rāma, I have taken refuge in Thee. Bless me that I may have pure devotion to Thy Lotus Feet and that I may not be caught in the spell of Thy world-bewitching māyā.'

Sages like Bharadvāja adored Rāma and said: 'O Rāma, You are nothing but the Indivisible Satchidānanda. You have appeared before us as a human being, but You look like a man because You have shrouded Yourself with Your own māyā.'

The sage Vaśishtha was stricken with grief at the death of his hundred sons. Asked by Lakshmana why a man of knowledge should grieve for such a reason, Rāma said, 'Brother, go beyond both knowledge and ignorance.'

Rāma said to Lakshmana, 'Brother, whenever you find people singing and dancing in the ecstasy of divine love, know for certain that I am there.' Chaitanya is an example of such ecstatic love. He laughed and wept and danced and sang in divine ecstasy. He was an Incarnation. God incarnated Himself through Chaitanya.

## Monthly Bulletin

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