

# Saint Barbara Parish

## Old Mission Santa Barbara

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**In the Franciscan tradition, we strive to live the gospel life in prayer, evangelization, outreach and stewardship.**

## WELCOME TO SAINT BARBARA PARISH!

In imitation of Jesus Christ, we welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.

### PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: Tuesday - Friday • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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### SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
(Priests are also available by appointment)

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### SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Minimum of six months' preparation time. Call the Parish Office for further information.

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### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Baptisms and baptism preparation classes may be scheduled by contacting the Parish Office. Registered parishioners only.

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### SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of THE SICK

After the Noon Mass on the last Sunday of the month, or please notify the Parish Office if there is a need for this sacrament.

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### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to coordinate music, liturgy, and other needs.

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### ROSARY for PEACE

Prayed on Saturday mornings after the 7:30 Mass.

### REGISTERING AS a PARISHIONER

New to Santa Barbara? Interested in making St. Barbara Parish your faith community? Please complete a parish registration card, available from the ushers or by calling or stopping by the Parish Office, and return it to us in the collection, at the office, or by mail.

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### HOW DOES ONE BECOME CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a community-based process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.

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### ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation  
Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist  
Sunday Religious Education Classes, Grades 1-6 (Oct-May)  
Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word (Oct-May)

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### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Barbara Parish now offers a Junior High Youth Group. All junior high teens are welcome to attend! Please contact the Youth Minister, Lauren Bergesen, for more information at (805) 682-4151 ext. 202.

For Confirmation and High School Youth Ministry, please contact John Vasellina at St. Raphael Parish at (805) 964-3466, ext. 1.

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### TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND the CROSS

Contemplative prayer and song seasonally scheduled throughout the year.

## SCHEDULE of MASSES

### SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM

### SUNDAY

7:30 AM • 9:00 AM • 10:30 AM (Children's Liturgy of the Word) • 12:00 Noon

### DAILY MASS in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

7:30 AM (Monday-Thursday, Saturday) • 12:10 PM (Friday)

### HOLY DAYS

Please call (805) 682-4151 for schedule



## FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

In last Sunday's gospel Jesus proclaimed the good news of relief and joy to all who are suffering. In today's gospel Jesus explains how to be receptive to this gift.

Jesus has just read from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. He anticipates that the people there will ask him to do good there, as he did in Capernaum, that they will claim the privilege of the hometown. But, Jesus says, the local boy is accepted as one of them only as long as his message conforms to local views. The residents of Nazareth feel that Jesus should first do good to the residents of his own native village. Jesus responds, however, that generosity of spirit is what shows the real closeness that enables a special relationship with God and not the proximity of having grown up together.

This is the reason that Jesus refers to two passages from the Old Testament. In each passage a foreigner showed a magnanimity that resonates with the divine gifts. These foreigners were the ones to whom God shows mercy and not Israelites. Thus, Elijah was sent to a Gentile widow when there was a famine for three and a half years. In this story in First Kings the woman accedes to Elijah's request for water and bread even though she and her son have only enough for a small meal left before they are without food altogether. Similarly, Jesus says that only the foreign leper Naaman was cured by Elisha the prophet. Naaman shows a generous response to God's healing of him.

The reaction of his own people to these words of Jesus is extreme. They take him up to a precipice and try to throw him over. The distinction that they think is due them is something that every group zealously guards. But Jesus grounds distinction in the large-heartedness and open-handedness that freely shares one's gifts. These qualities make people receptive to God's gifts in their own lives.

**Q** UESTION OF THE WEEK  
Has my idea or image of God ever been challenged?

## Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Last weekend at our Masses you had an opportunity to sign up for Small Faith Groups, a new parish program which will begin next month. This program, being organized by the Pastoral Council, will provide us the opportunity for additional prayer and discussion during the six weeks of Lent. The groups will meet in the homes of parishioners with a leader for each group who will help facilitate discussion.

For those who may feel uncertain about whether this is something you want to do, I thought I might share with you my experience several years back. In the mid 1980's I had moved back to Santa Barbara and I was attending St. Barbara's regularly. As we are doing now, the Parish formed small groups as part of a program for Lenten discussion and sharing. I decided to join a group, as I wanted to do something "extra" for Lent. And although I didn't really know anyone in my group, I felt welcomed and comfortable. I recall some interesting discussions on our faith and the readings, and I appreciated the time for prayer and reflection. But the opportunity to connect with other parishioners was what I enjoyed most. With some, I had little in common other than the church we belong to, but twenty years later, we still greet each other fondly and share that bond and friendship. I am glad I had the chance to get to know these wonderful people in our parish through the small group program. If you would like to feel more connected to your parish community, and have a time to share in prayer and reflection during Lent, I hope you will consider joining one of the Small Faith Groups.

To learn more, please come to the information meeting for all those interested on February 6<sup>th</sup> here at the Church. I hope to meet you there.

Suzanne Michaud  
Pastoral Council Member

**PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY**

*February 7 ~  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First Reading—Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!"

**Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 138**

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading—1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]**

Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it.

**Gospel—Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus.

**REFLECTION on NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY of THE WORD**

In next weekend's Gospel we hear Jesus calling the first disciples. Jesus calls unlikely, even unworthy people to follow him, but in response to his assurance of forgiveness, we see a generous response to the call. Even Peter, first among the apostles, is first astonished at the power of Jesus and then overcome by a sense of his own sinfulness. But Jesus overlooks Peter's protests that he is unworthy and calls him beyond that to reach out to others.

**Life Focus**

- Relate an experience when you felt a sense of awe or wonder.
- What do you think God is calling you to do in your life?
- How is God calling you this week to carry out your mission?
- Describe an experience when another person helped you overcome fear.
- When were you asked to do something you couldn't handle? Where did you find the strength?

**SMALL FAITH GROUPS**

This coming Lent, St. Barbara Parish invites all parishioners to consider being part of a small faith group as a way of supporting Christian living, connecting on a faith level with other parishioners and deepening prayer.

Groups will be composed of 8-10 members, will be facilitated by trained group leaders and are asked to meet in homes. This invitation is for a 6 week trial period, beginning the first week of Lent and finishing by Palm Sunday (March 28). Afterwards, all the groups will be asked to convene after Easter and process the experience.

Please consider if you might be able to offer your home for group meetings as well as if you might already have some basic skills for group facilitation and might be able to lead a group, after an initial training and orientation process.

Please make note of the following upcoming dates:

- All potential group members are asked to come to an information and orientation gathering, at 9AM on Saturday February 6 (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel), where groups, facilitators and location of meetings will be determined.
- Facilitators are asked to attend a training session on Saturday, February 6 at 2PM (1-1/2 hours).
- Small faith groups will meet once per week during the following weekly schedule (once/week):

Week 1: February 14-20

Week 2: February 21-27

Week 3: February 28-March 6

Week 4: March 7-13

Week 5: March 14-20

Week 6: March 21-28

As you consider joining a group, take note if you would like to be part of an affinity group, which is a group with some common ground, like age, gender, life experience or common interest. Consult with others you know who may wish to join you. Or you may wish to be part of a diverse group of parishioners.

Together with the support of St. Barbara Pastoral Council, as well as the greater Catholic Church, we pray that as many as possible will be able to take advantage of this upcoming opportunity to experience faith shared on a more intimate level.



### LET US PRAY for THE SICK

Sheila Ramus " Bob Carman " Clem Krause  
 Charles Ramos " Maria Muñoz " Leona Doetch  
 Bert Aumentado " Gloria Alvarez  
 Dorothy McClellan " Consuelo Alcantara  
 Irma Nagelmann " Nick Lano " Charlotte Kopecky  
 Angie Ramirez " Barbara Krause " Kevin O'Brien  
 Felicitas Bonilla " Mary Toth " Meg Suddaby

May they know Christ's healing.

### FROM DEATH to the FULLNESS of LIFE

CAROL BOWMAN-JONES

Sister of Parishioner Sr. Christine Bowman

May HER soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### MINISTRY to the HOMEBOUND

If someone you know is not able to come to Mass, or would like a minister to take Communion to their home, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Also, with the permission of the person who is ill, we are happy to include their name in the Prayer of the Faithful and list it in the bulletin.

### PARISH CALENDAR



- Jan 31 Anointing of the Sick after the 12Noon Mass
- Feb 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles at 7:30AM Mass (please bring your own candle)
- Feb 2 Book Club Meeting, 6PM in the Social Room
- Feb 2 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30-8PM Bride's Room
- Feb 2 Youth Group Meets in the Tailor Shop, 7-8:15PM
- Feb 3 Feast of St. Blaise; Blessing of Throats at 7:30AM Mass
- Feb 3 Small Group Discussion / Care of God's Creation, 7PM in the Tailor Shop (Fr. Ludo de Clippel, guest speaker)
- Feb 3 Sacrament Preparation (First Eucharist) 6:30-8PM in the Social Room
- Feb 4 Community Kitchen (help serve the noon-day meal)
- Feb 6 Small Faith Group Meeting begins at 9AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (see pg 4 for details)
- Feb 9 Leadership Meeting at 6:30PM in the Social Room
- Feb 9 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30-8PM Bride's Room

### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Sunday, January 24th

\$11,200.75



"Always seek to do good to one another and to all."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:15

### DONATIONS to ST. BARBARA PARISH

Your donations to St. Barbara Parish are tax deductible and may be made in the form of a check (made payable to St. Barbara Parish) or cash. If you choose to place cash in the Sunday collection basket, be sure to enclose it in an envelope with your name and/or envelope number on the outside in order for the donation to be recorded. Checks that are mailed to the parish should be addressed to St. Barbara Parish (not Old Mission), 2201 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. As always, we thank you for your generosity!

### TOGETHER in MISSION 2010

#### A TIME FOR REFLECTION

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the "Together in Mission" materials that you received today.

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of our sisters and brothers.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support.

The theme of the campaign is "I Give Thanks to You, Lord." (Psalm 138:1). Together in Mission provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. Also, we will conduct our annual Together in Mission in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

As always, what you give should be given in gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

## JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP February 2nd!

We have a very fun Youth Group meeting planned for Tuesday, February 2nd! ALL Jr. Highers are welcome to join us for a crazy game: "Indoor Superbowl!" As always we'll have a great time! Guests are always welcome—bring your friends! We meet from 7-8:15PM in the Tailor Shop Room. See you there!

## SAY "HELLO" to OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

Clarissa Chenovick  
Jeff & Lourdes Hicks  
Barbara Riis

*"Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love."*

*- Luke 4:18a*

## KEEPING our CHILDREN SAFE

News reports on the recent earthquake in Haiti have shown how easily families can become separated during the chaos of a natural disaster. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children offers the following recommendations to all families potentially impacted by a natural disaster:

- Know where your children are at all times;
- Stay together;
- Take photos of your children with you when evacuated;
- Give children identification information to carry with them, including the child's name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, etc.;
- E-mail digital photos of all family members to extended relatives and/or friends;
- Photocopy important documents and mail to a friend/relative in a safe location.
- Make a plan with your children, so they know what to do if your family becomes separated during an evacuation.

For particular help, you may call the Archdiocesan Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Linda Ruffton is the Chairperson of St. Barbara Parish's Safeguard the Children Committee. She can be reached at 682-4151 x104.

## FAITH and FILM

### Fireproof (2008)

February 8 "6:30PM " Bonaventure Room

*Fireproof* has a strong agenda: stay married, lead an honest life, and let your faith in a higher power help guide you. Kirk Cameron (*Growing Pains*) stars as Caleb Holt, a mercurial-tempered firefighter whose marriage is on the rocks. He clearly enjoys his status as a hero, but it comes at the expense of his marriage. His wife Catherine (Erin Bethea) is tired of the distance and wants him to make more of an effort at home, rather than surf porn on the Internet and hoard his earnings toward his dream fishing boat instead of helping out her disabled mother. Faced with impending divorce, Caleb's dad challenges him to follow the "40-day love dare," in which each task (cook her dinner, say nothing negative, etc.) is means for him to better understand love and commitment and try to win his wife back.

*-Jae-Ha Kim*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

### "Incredible Abundance" March 18-21

The annual Religious Education Congress held in Anaheim is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Congress draws in excess of 40,000 participants over the course of this internationally acclaimed 4-day event. This year there will be more than 315 workshops available to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. This year the Congress is scheduled for March 18 (Youth Day), through March 21 and focuses on the theme "Incredible Abundance." Over the weekend participants will enjoy morning praise, workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of prayer experiences with renowned leaders in the areas of liturgical music and worship. Concerts at noon-time and evening offer additional opportunities for praise and worship—delightful experiences which engage and renew participants!

Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! For more information or to register, stop by the Parish Office for a guidebook, or call the RECongress info line at (214) 637-7384. For more information or to register online, visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).