

# 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, reception, and other needs.

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### 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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### YOUTH MINISTRY and CONFIRMATION

St. Barbara Parish junior high and high school youth are welcome to join their peers from St. Raphael Parish. Please contact John Vasellina, Youth Minister at St. Raphael Parish, for more info (805-964-3466 ext. 1).

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### ROSARY for PEACE

Prayed on Saturday mornings after the 7:30 Mass.

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### TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND the CROSS

Contemplative prayer and song seasonally scheduled throughout the year.

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## 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

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel tells of the Jesus who cured many—Peter's mother-in-law, the sick among the town, those who were possessed by demons. It is no surprise that everyone is looking for Jesus. Who wouldn't seek hope and the promise of a better life if someone were among us that could heal us of every ill?



Like those in the Gospel who come to Jesus for healing, we all come to Jesus with expectations (after all, prayers of petition are the most common prayers we pray). The challenge is to move beyond our expectations to what Jesus really wants to give us—the Good News of salvation. Jesus' presence to us today and his healing hand do not assure us that we will never suffer. Human life is full of suffering—physical, emotional, spiritual. The new life and hope Jesus brings by preaching the Good News does not give us the assurance of never suffering. The Good News does assure us, however, of having the strength to keep the suffering in perspective. Jesus assures us that suffering belongs to this life, but this is not all there is to life.

We need to allow Jesus' presence to transform us so that our every breath is a proclamation of God's saving mystery. Most of us won't go out to neighboring towns to preach. But we can smile a simple thank you to the tired cashier in the supermarket. We can bite our tongue rather than snap at a rambunctious child. We can do something thoughtful for someone when it is not expected. Like Jesus, we can be a living gospel, the Good News in action. Then is our normal human suffering kept in perspective.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What are the obstacles to my prayer? What helps me overcome those obstacles?

### DEAR PARISHIONERS and VISITORS,

In today's Gospel I am struck by Jesus' devotion to his work in Mark's gospel. Jesus is tireless in his service to others. He begins by healing Simon's mother from a fever after the synagogue, and then spends all evening healing the sick and those with impure spirits. Finally, He continues his work in another village the next day. It made me wonder, is there anything I do with such commitment and passion and service to others? How am I called to serve?

OK. I'll admit I've always been a bit of a workaholic serving my boss or clients while spending long hours at the office. But many promotions, raises and bonuses later this leaves me a bit empty inside.

Then about eleven years ago when we arrived in Santa Barbara, in an effort to find work-life balance, I responded to the call to service to our community and St. Barbara Parish. One of the beauties of living in this small town are the many opportunities to get involved; like the Transition House ministry and the good work of the many local non-profits.

When first arriving at St. Barbara Parish, I was reluctant to get involved although I'd always wanted to be a Eucharistic Minister. I feared I wasn't devout enough when watching the ministers I would see at Sunday Mass. After some reflection I decided to sign up and hope for the best!

Wow. What a wonderful gift. What I didn't expect is that to be able to serve the Eucharist to our parishioners is truly humbling and an honor. I realized after getting past my nervousness, that during Communion each and every congregant brings their relationship with Jesus with them to receive the Eucharist. As a minister, I get to see the beauty in their eyes, their deep faith, love and devotion and sometimes even their pain. I am always humbled to have been given this great honor to be witness to the humanity of our faith community and can't help but think this is God's gift to those who serve.

Two years ago I was honored to join the Pastoral Council. I had no idea what to expect. When we were told we would have to wash the feet of all our parishioners on Holy Thursday...OK—yes I was scared! Once gain this service to others was such a beautiful gift because of the intimate connection this foot washing makes with our parishioners... words cannot describe how full my heart is after Holy Thursday Mass and now I secretly look forward to it!

In my time at St. Barbara Parish I can truly say I have received 10 times more than the time I have given in service. Jesus reminds us today to follow in his generosity of service to others. I struggle daily with my limited time but am inspired today to strive to be more like Jesus.

Won't you join me in service to this great Parish?

Your humble Pastoral Council Servant,  
Martha Townsend

## PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### **First Reading—Leviticus 12:1-2, 44-46**

The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp.

#### **Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 32**

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

#### **Second Reading—1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

Do everything for the glory of God;  
be imitators of Christ.

#### **Gospel—Mark 1:40-45**

The leprosy left him immediately,  
and he was made clean.

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

According to Jewish law, lepers were considered unclean and outcasts from society. Yet in today's Gospel, Jesus immediately responds to a leper's request for healing. Jesus had great respect for the Law of Moses so he told the leper to fulfill the cleansing requirements by offering sacrifice and appearing before the priest. Jesus orders him to tell no one who had cured him, but the leper ignores Jesus' command and tells everyone what happened. In spite of the growing difficulties of his ministry, Jesus continues healing and preaching. He was able to proceed because people had faith in him.

### Life Focus

- Jesus reaches out to the outcasts. What groups do you have the most difficulty accepting?
- Relate a time when you were moved with compassion toward someone who was considered "unclean."
- Describe a time when you recognized and accepted another person's ability to help you.
- Tell of a time when you were or were not able to keep good news to yourself.

## DO YOU KNOW...

### Communion from the Cup

Jesus' command to us at the Last Supper is clear: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it." In the four decades since the Second Vatican Council, communion from a common cup for all the faithful was gradually re-introduced as a sign of obedience to the Lord's command. But centuries before that, sharing both the body and the blood was so much the norm that to refuse the cup raised suspicions about one's beliefs.



For a number of reasons, the practice of sharing the cup became the exception rather than the rule. Popular piety placed an increased emphasis on seeing the sacred elements. Because of the difficulty of seeing the wine in the chalice, the wine became secondary. A change in the posture for communion from standing to kneeling made reception from the cup more awkward. Fears of spillage and disease also played a role. Complicated theological disputes eventually resulted in a decision at the Council of Trent in 1562 to avoid further misunderstandings and to withhold the cup from the laity.

Good liturgy demands that our actions be consistent with our words. At the preparation of the gifts, we bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. We pray that "the fruit of the vine and work of human hands" become "our spiritual food and drink." These gifts are offered to the Father, who changes them into the body and blood of the Lord and gives them back to us. The fullness of the mystery is lost when we do not accept the gifts in return. Good liturgy also demands respect for the power of our symbols. Wine calls to mind not only the joys of the heavenly banquet table, but also the price of the covenant which led to Jesus' suffering and death. We neglect the power of such images when we ignore the cup.

"When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory." May our actions be consistent with the words we sing. May we eat and drink in obedience to the Lord's command.

### CATHOLIC HOMECOMING

St. Barbara Parish is reaching out to non-practicing Catholics by offering a program called Catholic Homecoming. Our current session of Catholic Homecoming is now underway and will run through February 15. A new session will start in the Spring. The program offers a gentle way for returning Catholics to share their faith and consider their response to God's loving invitation.

If you have family members or friends who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith, tell them about Catholic Homecoming. More information is available by calling Andrea Duda at (805) 682-4151 x201.

### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Sunday, February 1st

\$12,991.95



Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have; from substance rather than abundance.

### LET US PRAY for THE SICK

Mary Toth " Bob Carman  
 Mark Etzel " John Tapia  
 Maria Muñoz " Catharene Purdy  
 Dorothy McClellan " Consuelo Alcantara  
 May they know Christ's healing.

### TOGETHER in MISSION 2009 A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to read and reflect upon the "Together in Mission" materials that you received today. Those of you who subscribe to the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Tidings*, will receive more information about the campaign in this week's edition.

"Together in Mission" provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousand of people.

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 turn to you, Lord." (Psalm 32) "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 for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

### FROM DEATH to the FULLNESS of LIFE

ELAINE ULBRICH BRADE  
 Mother of Parishioner Lark Canady  
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 May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### PARISH CALENDAR



- Feb 8 Catholic Homecoming Meeting, 1:30PM in the Parish Social Room
- Feb 11 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30PM Assisi Lounge
- Feb 11 Elementary Religious Education Sacrament Preparation Class, 6:30PM in the Social Room
- Feb 12 Altar Server Training, 5-6PM in the Church
- Feb 12 RCIA Meeting at 6:30PM
- Feb 14 Lector Training 9:30-11:30AM in the Church
- Feb 14-15 "Together in Mission" Commitment Weekend
- Feb 15 Catholic Homecoming Meeting, 1:30PM in the Parish Social Room
- Feb 17 Lector Training 6:30-8:30PM in the Church
- Feb 18 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30PM Assisi Lounge
- Feb 18 Baptism Preparation Class at 6:30PM
- Feb 18 Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30PM
- Feb 18 Elementary Religious Education Sacrament Preparation Class, 6:30PM

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

All who would like to complete their Catholic sacraments of initiation are invited to call the parish office. If there is interest we will offer preparation sessions this Spring. The Confirmation program is for adults (18 and over) who have already received a Christian Baptism and have received the sacrament of Holy Communion. Preparation sessions will be held on six consecutive Wednesday evenings. For more information please call Andrea Duda at (805) 682-4151 x201.

## RELIGIOUS CONGRESS 2009

"Love Unfolding...Igniting our Yes!"

February 27—March 1, 2009

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 four-day event. This year there will be more than 280 workshops available to choose from, covering a vast range of topics and interests from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis.

For more information or to register, stop by the Parish Office for a guidebook, call the R.E. Congress info line at (213) 637-7348, or visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org). In addition, the parish will be hosting a Friday night dinner for all parishioners who attend.

**YOU MUST RSVP  
TO THE PARISH OFFICE  
by 5PM on FEBRUARY 20, 2009  
TO BE INCLUDED  
IN THE DINNER PLANS**

(stbabs@yahoo.com or 682-4151)

## LECTOR TRAINING

Training for new Lectors (and current Lectors who may wish to brush up on their skills) will be held in the Mission Church on the following dates:

Saturday, February 14, 9:30AM-11:30AM  
Tuesday, February 17, 6:30PM-8:30PM

If you would like to attend one of these sessions and have not already been contacted, please call or email the Parish Office (682-4151 or [stbabs@yahoo.com](mailto:stbabs@yahoo.com)).

## NEW WEB SITE

The new Parish web site is up and running. Visitors to the site can access current Eucharistic Minister, Lector and Altar Server schedules, read the weekly bulletin, and learn about various parish ministries. In addition, there are links to the web sites for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Old Mission, the Franciscan Friars and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please see [www.saintbarbaraparish.org](http://www.saintbarbaraparish.org).

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Thanks to everyone who participated in the group photos that were recently taken for the new parish directory. We're now ready to move ahead with the finishing touches. If you're artistic and have some time to spare, please call Laura in the Parish Office (682-4151).

## TEA PARTY

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will host their annual Elegant Valentine's Day Tea Party at 2PM on Friday, February 13, at Serra Hall (2210 Garden Street). Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. This event sells out fast, so don't hesitate. Please call Yvonne Connolly (687-6746 or 896 4783) or Judy Manriquez (687-5959 or 451-1717).



## ST. BARBARA PARISH RECEIVES JUSTICE AWARD

On November 15, 2008, St. Barbara Parish received the 2008 Parish Justice Award for the Santa Barbara Region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles "in recognition of the Parish's dedication to emphasizing the values of the Campaign for Human Development: empowerment of the poor; commitment to institutional change which breaks the cycles of poverty and the embodiment of Catholic Social Teaching."

Through the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Ministry (JPIC), our parish is currently supporting the following social justice programs:

Transition House " Casa Esperanza " JustFaith  
Bringing our Community Home " CLUE " PUEBLO  
Bread for the World " New Beginnings " Global Gift Faire  
Fonkoze " Fair Trade Coffee

Please contact the JPIC Ministry for more information on these programs.

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

ANABELLA LUCATERO, RAMIRO and DIEGO RAMOS  
STEPHANIE and COLBY NEWTON

## TRAVELING?

**Don't forget to go to Mass!**



For nationwide Mass times and locations, please visit [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).