

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

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

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

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

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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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

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.

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.

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)

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).

ROSARY for PEACE

Prayed on Saturday mornings after the 7:30 Mass.

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

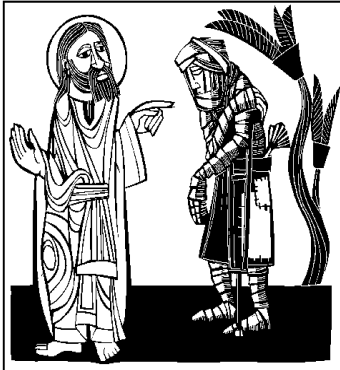
7:30 AM (Monday-Thursday, Saturday) • 12:10 PM (Friday)

HOLY DAYS

Please call (805) 682-4151 for schedule

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lepers in biblical times were required to proclaim "Unclean!" and live in social and religious isolation from the community. The leper in the gospel, excluded from the community, understandably approached Jesus with doubt: "If you wish ..." Jesus, however, has no doubt about his response, for his purpose in coming among us was to show the compassion of God for the outcast: "I do will it." Jesus' compassion gave the leper what he deeply wished—not only to be made clean, but also to once again be included in the social and religious life of the community.



The gospel begins with a leper—one who cries "Unclean!" and must remain a social outcast. The gospel ends with Jesus taking upon himself the infirmities of humanity symbolized by his remaining outside in deserted places. Living the gospel means changing "If you wish" to "I will do it."

Jesus commands the leper to tell no one, but the leper tells everyone. Jesus' commission to us is to tell everyone the Good News—do we tell no one? Gospel living means taking up our cross and actually doing what Jesus did—willing the good of others. In this we, too, risk isolation: being snubbed by our co-workers, being laughed at by people who think we are just religious fanatics, being ridiculed because we give of our time and possessions for the good of others. Risking this isolation in gospel living, however, gains for us everything: community in the Body of Christ.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Have I ever felt like an outcast?
What was that experience like?

DEAR PARISHIONERS and VISITORS,

Leprosy, which has come to be known as Hansen's disease, in the time of Jesus could be more than just a disfiguring skin disease. Leprosy was a general term that covered a wide variety of chronic skin diseases. Those with skin ailments were deemed unclean, were banished from the community, and were required to keep their distance from others, for anyone who had direct contact with someone or something unclean was considered unclean. Because social and religious alienation was so severe, it was believed that the condition was brought on by some kind of sin. Such thinking did not prevent Jesus from showing compassion.

The man in the gospel suffered from some kind of skin ailment. He boldly approached Jesus and begged to be made clean, not to be cured. Jesus' touch healed the man and restored him to the state of ritual purity. Jesus ignored social and cultural taboos as he touched and healed. He told the man to show himself to the priests to receive the "clean bill of health" necessary to rejoin Jewish society. It is interesting that Jesus told the man to tell no one, which the man promptly ignored. Obviously, good news cannot be tamed.

Many of us do have daily dealings with lepers or other outcasts. Perhaps we do but are hung up in setting up criteria on what type of individual deserves our loving care and touch. How do we interpret the lepers, the outcasts, the needy ones, into contemporary counterparts? That's easy—they are the unclean, the ones that no one wants to deal with and they are not necessarily only street people. They could be an estranged friend or relative or music minister whom we have avoided "like the plague". Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? This person is the leper in your life. It's time to reach out as the leper in today's gospel reached out for Jesus and to feel the loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls. Surprise. Maybe you were the leper all the while. Perhaps you both need healing.

Pax vobiscum,

Roy Spicer

Roy Spicer
Director of Liturgy and Music

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading—Isaiah 43:18-9, 21-22, 24b-25

It is I who wipe out, for my own sake,
your offenses.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 41

Lord, heal my soul,
for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading—2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Jesus Christ was not yes and no,
but yes has been in him.

Gospel—Mark 2:1-12

The Son of Man has authority on
earth to forgive sins.

REFLECTION on NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY of THE WORD

On the surface, next Sunday's gospel seems to be the story of an ordinary healing miracle by Jesus. But beneath the physical cure is the extraordinary act of forgiveness of sins. Only God can forgive sin. Jesus, having the spirit of God upon him and being the Holy One of God, is able to forgive sin. His cure of the man's lameness dramatizes the greater cure of the soul. Through this action Jesus declares that "...the Son of Man has the authority to forgive sins." It would have been easy merely to say, "your sins are forgiven." The physical cure gave public evidence of Jesus' power over the forces of evil.

Life Focus

- What helps me realize God's continuous love and forgiveness?
- When have you experienced forgiveness? When have you forgiven another?

May we welcome the outcast
and heal broken relationships.

DO YOU KNOW...

Holy Days in History

Sunday is our original—and at first our only—holy day. As time went on, some churches began keeping other days holy, too: days to remember an event in the life of Christ or Mary, or the anniversary of the death of saint.

In medieval Europe, these "feast days" were important. There was no such thing as a "weekend." Every day—except Sunday—was a long and hard work day. A feast day meant that you only had to do the most necessary work. Then you could go to town for Mass, for socializing, playing, resting. It didn't take long for feast days to multiply. Every so often the church would have to cut back the number, or else folks would go four or five days without working! Feast days were possible because most everyone in a locale was Catholic.

When Spanish Catholics came to North America, they tended to create Catholic towns. Many Native Americans, too, live in Catholic communities. To this day the pueblos of New Mexico still keep feast days with dancing and special foods. French Catholics, especially in Canada, kept alive some of their holy days. But Catholics from other countries lived in mixed communities with people of different religions. They could not close their stores because it was Ascension Thursday, or not help neighbors raise a barn on All Saints. Not until the great Catholic neighborhoods formed in the bigger cities could Catholics close up shop, go to morning Mass, and then spend the day feasting and relaxing—even on a week day!

Bishops began to designate certain holy days as "holy days of obligation." Usually these were feast days that were already popular in a given community. The number of holy days that Catholics observed in the United States varied until 1885. Then, six days were set: January 1, Ascension Thursday (a different date each year), August 15, November 1, December 8 and December 25. Prior to this, how many and which holy days you kept depended on whether you lived in English, Spanish or French America. For example, English-speaking Catholics had 11 holy days of obligation from 1777 until 1885. As our neighborhoods and parishes change, so do our rules about keeping holy days.

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 8th

\$10,612.00



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

1 Thessalonians 5:15

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.

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH in YOUR WILL or TRUST

For more information, please contact H. Richard Closson, Archdiocesan Director, Trust and Estate Programs (213) 637-7472, HRClosson@la-arch-diocese.org. The correct legal title for our parish is: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the Benefit of St. Barbara Parish.

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.

May we be a welcoming home for all who are troubled and alienated.

PARISH CALENDAR



- Feb 15 Catholic Homecoming Meeting, 1:30PM in the Parish Social Room
- Feb 17 Parish Leadership Meeting 6:30 PM in the 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
- Feb 19 Altar Server Training 5-6PM in the Church
- Feb 19 RCIA Meeting at 6:30PM, Assisi Lounge
- Feb 19 Fr. Daniel's Scripture Study at 7PM
- Feb 20 Fr. Daniel's Scripture Study at 10AM
- Feb 22 Anointing of the Sick after the 12Noon Mass
- Feb 21 Baptisms at the 4PM Mass
- Feb 24 Elementary Religious Education Sacrament Preparation Class, 6:30PM in the Social Room
- Feb 24 Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:45PM
- Feb 25 Ash Wednesday, Masses at 7:30AM, 12Noon and 7PM
- Feb 25 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30PM Assisi Lounge

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please put your name on the special sign-up sheets in the Church if you can serve at one of the Ash Wednesday Masses (February 25). Masses will be held in the Mission Church at 7:30AM, 12Noon and 7PM. Please be generous with your time. Thank you!

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.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY



STEVEN WELTON
and
ANN WELTON

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. 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).

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.

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).

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a re-discovery program designed to provide the tools for better communication between husband and wife. If your marriage has grown cold and distant or has become unloving and uncaring, if you are thinking about separation, then consider the Retrouvaille Program.

Registrations are open for a weekend retreat March 20-22 in Ventura. For confidential information, please call Paul and Marisa Montgomery at (805) 642-4023. Space is limited.

SAY "HELLO" to our NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

Krista Marie Diaz
Jimmy, Gloria, Daphne, Barbara & Zoey Kallas
Anabella, Raul, Elena & Alek Lehne-Calzada

HEARING IMPAIRED?

Assisted Listening Devices are now available to those who are hearing impaired. We currently have four devices that pick-up the transmission of our sound system. Upon arrival at Mass, please see an usher for assistance. A listening device may be checked out by giving your name and phone number. We ask that the devices be returned to an usher immediately following Mass so other parishioners may make use of them.

GETTING in the PARISH BULLETIN

For Parish announcements, call Laura in the Parish Office (682-4151). Please contact Mission Publishing at (888) 253-4358 for business ads.

TRAVELING?

Don't forget to go to Mass!



For nationwide Mass times and locations, please visit www.MassTimes.org.