

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 • 12:00 Noon

DAILY MASS in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

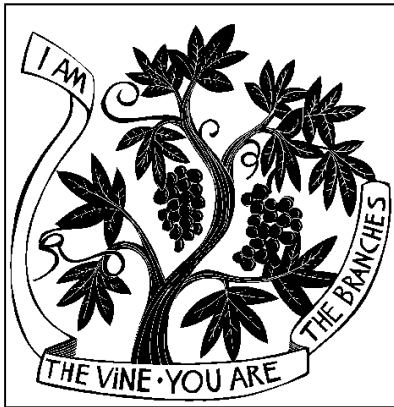
7:30 AM (Monday-Thursday, Saturday) • 12:10 PM (Friday)

HOLY DAYS

Please call (805) 682-4151 for schedule

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The willingness to remain with Jesus, be pruned, and bear fruit can be a stumbling block for us. We must remain in Jesus because this is the only way to be in relationship with the Father. Further, to remain in Jesus, we must be willing to be pruned. Even so, pruning is both the problem and the solution. Pruning is a problem because it is painful and we humans avoid what causes us pain. Yet, however painful this pruning may be, it is being done by a God whom we call Father. We bear fruit as disciples because, like Jesus, the Father (the "vine grower") lovingly tends to us. All the Father's work in Jesus continues as we remain in Jesus. Only by this personal attachment to the Son can we be in personal relationship with the Father and receive all we need to bear fruit. God prunes from us whatever does not give life, and nourishes within us whatever does.



Gospel living requires that we be willing to be pruned. We must allow God to tend us, so that we might rid ourselves of whatever gets in the way of our being faithful disciples who not only proclaim the Gospel, but also live it in deed and truth. This means that we must witness to an intimate relationship with God. We do this through prayer and worship—both private and public acts of glorifying God. We also witness in deed and truth through how we relate to others. Taking someone troubled under our wing to help them is but one example of how we remain in Jesus through our caring for others.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways have I experienced the awesome wonder of God's majesty and power?

DEAR PARISHIONERS and VISITORS,

"I am the vine, and my Father is the vine grower"

In this week's Gospel, Jesus has outlined the critical relationships and links that exist between a vine grower, the vine and the branches that exist to bear fruit. God the Father is the Vine Grower, Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches that rely on the vine grower and vine for nourishment. When all parts exist together and the branches are well pruned and connected to the vine, much fruit will be produced. Conversely, if the branches become withered or broken away from the vine the bearing of fruit will suffer and the vine grower will remove the broken branches from the vine.

Jesus has said to us, I have prepared you and pruned you to bear much fruit through my death, resurrection and your baptism. Each of us has been given the tools to bear the fruit. The fruits of the vine mean many things for many people. Keeping ourselves pruned may mean reaching out and spreading the word of God, helping others in need, living a faith-based life. All of these actions and the many others that define our Christianity will lead us to the ultimate fruit of our faith, being received into heaven. Keeping ourselves focused on living our faith-based life is keeping ourselves pruned and healthy.

When we drift from our obligations as Christians, it becomes even more important to remember to reach out to Jesus. To ask for forgiveness so that we may become bearers of His fruit.

The gospel also shows that we are truly one with Jesus. Jesus describes us as part of the plant, the branches of the vine, part of Him. He makes it clear that while we are one, the branches cannot survive without the vine.

We have, so traditionally, thought of God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus as one but sometimes forget the intimate relationship and connection we have with Jesus in that we, the church and the people, are the branches of Jesus.

We need to remain aware of our duties to keep pruned so that the fruits of heaven can be enjoyed by all of us.

Matt Boeddeker
Pastoral Council Member

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY*Sixth Sunday of Easter***First Reading—Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 98

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading—1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel—John 15:9-17

No one has greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.

REFLECTION on NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY of THE WORD

In next Sunday's Gospel Jesus makes it clear that his leaving is not everything. He promises that his disciples will live on in his love by keeping the commandments. He promises them joy in their continued union, and he is glad to call them friends. Jesus reminds them that he has made known to them all that he heard from the Father. The challenge for them is to go forward and bear fruit by loving one another. God sent his only Son that "we might have life through him." Others are to have life through us. In the reading from Acts, Peter comes to realize that this gift is to be extended to uncircumcised Gentiles as well as Jews. Anyone who reverences God and acts according to God's will is acceptable to God.

Life Focus

- As you reflect on Jesus calling you his friend, what thoughts and feelings come to you?
- When in the last two weeks did you recognize God's love in your life?
- What things in you hinder you from loving yourself?
- Who has helped you to understand God a little more?

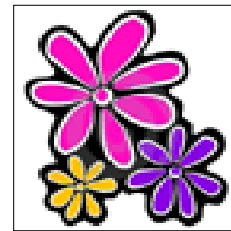
A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

We thank you, God, for the gift of our mothers, for grandmothers and godmothers and mothers-in-law, too.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our mothers, at whose breasts we were fed, by whose hands we were cleaned and clothed, at times corrected, in whose laps we learned to sing and speak and play and pray, at whose side we hear your word and celebrate your mysteries. Heal their pains and disappointments. Forgive all that needs to be forgiven. Give to them the good that they have given others.

Fill this world, O God, with a mother's love!

Happy Mothers Day!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Parish has a need for volunteers on Sunday mornings. Since the Porter's Office is no longer staffed on Sundays, we need folks to monitor the front door, allowing church access for handicapped and other special needs, and to answer general questions. No phone duties are included in this volunteer position. Two shifts are available:

7AM-10AM
10AM-1PM

If you have 3 hours to spare, please call or email Laura in the Parish Office (682-4151 / stbabs@yahoo.com) to let her know what particular Sundays and time slots you are available.

MEMORIAL MASS for FR. VIRGIL CORDANO, O.F.M.

A memorial Mass will be held in the Mission Church at 7PM on Thursday, May 21, to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Fr. Virgil Cordano, O.F.M.

BREAD for the WORLD SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 26, we as a parish had the opportunity as a covenant church, to renew our commitment to overcoming hunger and poverty in God's world. Thank you to all those who signed letters to our congresswomen last Sunday. Over 240 letters were signed and sent from our parish, urging our leaders to reform the foreign aid program.

These letters are very timely! On April 28, Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA-28) and Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL-10) submitted a bipartisan bill to the House Foreign Affairs Committee that starts the process of overhauling U.S. foreign assistance.

Thank you for your prayers and support!
JPIC Ministry

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Sunday, May 10 \$14,231.00
Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity \$2,064.00



"Let him with two coats give to him who has none."

- Luke 3:11

RETIREMENT FUND for ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS

Next weekend, May 16-17, all parishioners throughout our Archdiocese will be asked to give generously to support the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests via a special collection.

Currently, the fund provides for 149 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, the number of priest who will reach retirement age will number 349. All of these individuals have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of parish communities.

Beginning in 2000, and in each year since, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has asked for financial support for the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests. The faithful of the Archdiocese have responded generously and tremendously in support of this important special collection. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who have been so generous.

LET US PRAY for THE SICK

Sheila Ramus " Bob Carman " Clem Krause
Mark Etzel " John Tapia " Charles Ramos
Maria Muñoz " Catharene Purdy " Roger Heroux
Dorothy McClellan " Consuelo Alcantara
Charles Kopecky " Paul Conover
Irma Nagelmann " Sandra Baker

May they know Christ's healing.

PARISH CALENDAR

- May 13 Baptism Class, 6:30PM, Social Room
- May 13 Adult Confirmation Class, 6:30PM, Social Room
- May 14 RCIA/Mystagogy at 6:30PM
- May 17 Rite of Acceptance at the 9AM Mass
- May 17 VIRTUS Training, 1-4PM in the Social Room
- May 17 Baptisms at the 10:30AM Mass
- May 20 Adult Confirmation Class, 6:30PM, Social Room
- May 21 RCIA/Mystagogy at 6:30PM
- May 21 Fr. Daniel's Scripture Study, 7PM in the Social Rm.
- May 21 Vigil Mass for Fr. Virgil Cordano at 7PM
- May 22 Fr. Daniel's Scripture Study, 10AM, Social Room
- May 26 Parish Leadership Meeting at 6:30PM
- May 27 Adult Confirmation Class, 6:30PM, Social Room
- May 28 RCIA/Mystagogy at 6:30PM



SAY "HELLO" to our NEW PARISHIONERS!

VINA ADAM
AVILA FAMILY

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

St. Barbara Parish will be offering a VIRTUS training session from 1-4PM on Sunday, May 17, in the Parish Social Room. Protecting God's Children is a beginning awareness training session for adults to enable us to provide a safe environment for children, in order to protect them from sexual abuse. It is highly recommended for parents, grandparents and all those working with or around children. To register, please contact Laura in the Parish Office (682-4151 x102 or stbabs@yahoo.com).

May we be willing to be pruned of our weaknesses
so that we might ever remain in Jesus.

KEEPING our CHILDREN SAFE

A hallmark of the Catholic Church is the protection of life and the dignity of the human person. Through Scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response of what we are called to do as Church. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the parish office or visit: <http://archdiocese.la/protecting>.

For particular help you may call the Archdiocese's 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On Saturday, May 30, St. Barbara Parish is invited to participate in the annual "Looking Good Santa Barbara" Spring Clean-up Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to join other local churches, volunteers and families in building a sense of community in the East Side of Santa Barbara.

Since 2003 local churches have worked with the City of Santa Barbara to enhance neighborhoods throughout our city. Tasks include tree planting, creek restoration, graffiti removal, trash pick up and a children's reading circle. To date, over 1,700 volunteers have provided 5,100 hours of service. The goal this year is to get 500 volunteers to participate.

The event is from 9AM-12Noon at East Side Park (the corner of Yanonali and Soledad streets). Lunch will follow.

Volunteering is easy. Simply email pastoral council members Eric Friedman at NDeric2000@gmail.com or Joan Amon at jbamon@yahoo.com and show up at the event. They can also answer any questions you may have about volunteering.

Together we can all make a difference in keeping our community safe and clean. Let's do our part to help reach the goal of 500 volunteers on May 30.

SWINE FLU and YOUR HEALTH

The parish, aware of the concerns about the spread of the Swine Flu, encourages all parishioners and visitors to take precautions until the outbreak is contained.

PREPARE for PENTECOST MASS

Sunday, May 31

As you know, the parish will celebrate ONE MASS on Sunday, May 31, at 10AM, for the entire parish family. Seating will be provided in front of the Mission steps. With that in mind, please note the following:

- **WHAT SHOULD YOU WEAR?** Red is the color for Pentecost, so consider wearing something red. We also wish to celebrate the diversity of our parish, so another option is to wear something that represents your cultural background. And we will be outside for almost two hours, so check the weather beforehand. If it is going to be a warm, sunny day, please feel free to wear a hat and use sunscreen.
- **ARRIVE EARLY** – More than half of our lot will be taken up with seating for Mass. Parking for the disabled will be located in marked spaces across from the fountain, facing the Mission. In addition to the parking lot to the left of the Church, we will be using the field behind that lot. Attendants will be on hand to help everyone find parking, yet extra time will be needed to walk from parking to the seating. The side lot behind Serra Chapel will be occupied with retreat parking.
- **RECEPTION** – A reception plan is in the works.
- **CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE** – As we celebrate the birthday of the Church, we also celebrate our particular parish faith community in all of its diversity. If you speak and read a language other than English, we would like to include this in the Mass. Please call the Parish Office for more details on how your native language can be a part of our celebration.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, reception, food & beverage. Please call the parish office if you can help.

ALWAYS our CHILDREN

The Catholic support group for parents of Gay and Lesbian Children from the Santa Barbara and Ventura area meets on the fourth Monday of every other month. We will be meeting on the third Monday, May 18, at 7:30PM, due to the holiday weekend. This is a comfortable environment where you can share your feelings and ask questions. The meetings are informal and confidential.

For more information call Kathie and Joe Schneider at (805) 687-4338.