

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel continues last Sunday's text, and we find two of the same themes repeated: "bearing fruit" and "remaining" in Jesus. But now the evangelist has added something new to the teaching. We are to "remain in my love." The word *love* occurs eight times in today's Second Reading and nine times in today's gospel. How great is Jesus' love for us! "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Who could ever comprehend the depth of the Father's love for Jesus? That is how much Jesus loves us. And having learned how he loves us, we hear this command: "Love one another as I love you."



In today's Second Reading, the author elaborates on the nature of God's love: it is life-giving and it is reconciling. Laying this teaching next to today's gospel, we must conclude that our love for one another is meant to be precisely this: life-giving and reconciling—even to the point of laying down our own life.

Today's gospel is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples, which occurs at the Last Supper. These are the teachings Jesus would most want the disciples to remember after his death, and the instructions for their work after he has gone.

Notice the new name that Jesus gives the disciples in today's gospel. Not only are they his disciples, or students (as the word literally means), but they are his "friends." As friends, Jesus has shared intimately with them, telling them everything that he has heard from his heavenly Father.

Today let us be mindful of the Lord's love for us, and his desire to truly be our friend. In this realization, how can we be anything but loving toward each other, and how could our joy be anything less than complete?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How would our world change if, starting today, everyone obeyed Jesus' love command?

The reflection below was submitted by Pastoral Council Member Matt Boeddeker. Because of the Jesusita Fire and the closure of the Old Mission, we were unable to distribute last week's bulletin. Please note that this reflection is based on the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 10).

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 produce. 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***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*****First Reading—Acts 1:1-11**

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading—Ephesians 1:17-23

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

Gospel—Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

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

During his life, Jesus revealed to his followers what God was like. By his words and deeds he taught them. They were faithful to him and to the truth. He kept them from departing from the truth. He also kept them from getting hurt. As Jesus prepared to return to the Father, he asks the Father to keep them faithful to the truth and to witness to all that Jesus said and did. Believers are to continue the words and works of Jesus. Jesus prays that they may be one in the same way he and his Father are one. This unity of the disciples with each other will be the way the world will come to believe.

Life Focus

- Reflect on a time when you found it easier to have faith in God without seeking a commitment to the people of the Church.
- What are some of the values of this faith community that you can show to the world?
- Describe an experience when you eventually found you were not alone after all.

RITE of ACCEPTANCE

Becoming a Catholic Christian is a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA (or for un-baptized children age 7 and older, RCIC). The first part of the process is called Inquiry or Precatechumenate. In this initial phase, a person inquires about the Church and our faith. When the un-baptized Christian inquirer and the Church community are ready to move forward into a formal relationship with the Church the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens is celebrated if the person has never been baptized. By celebrating this rite, inquirers officially and publicly declare their intention for ongoing conversion, agree to learn more about the Catholic Church, as well as participate in the life of the local church community. The Church, in turn, accepts their commitment and pledges to support them on their journey of faith.

Upon celebrating the Rite of Acceptance, the inquirer gains a new title and role: Catechumen. A catechumen is someone seeking baptism.

Catechumens join the assembly at Mass on Sunday. They look to parishioners as models of how to celebrate the Eucharist and live a Christian life of love. However, because they are not yet baptized, catechumens do not participate in the Creed, the intercessions, the Eucharistic prayer, and communion. Instead, they and their catechist are dismissed after the homily to feast on the Word of God and to reflect on how God is continuing to call them.

Today at the 9AM Mass, Cara Egan-Williams and Carolyn Haggerty will participate in the Rite of Acceptance and will be accepted into the Order of the Catechumen. Please welcome them when you see them at Mass and keep them in your prayers as they take this step on their journey into the Church.

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 which Sundays and time slots you are available.

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 3 \$14,231.00
 Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity \$2,064.00
 Sunday, May 10 No collection/Parish closed



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

- Luke 3:11

**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.

LET US PRAY for THE SICK



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

May they know Christ's healing.

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).

PARISH CALENDAR



- May 17 Rite of Acceptance at the 9AM Mass
- May 17 VIRTUS Training, 1-4PM, 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 Memorial 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
- May 31 Solemnity of Pentecost; 10AM Outdoor Mass
- June 3 JPIC Meeting at 4:30PM in the Social Room
- June 3 Adult Confirmation Class, 6:30PM, Social Room
- June 11 Fr. Daniel's Scripture Study, 7PM in the Social Rm.
- June 12 Fr. Daniel's Scripture Study, 10AM, Social Room

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY



BRIAN ZANT
and
BONNIE MacDONALD

SAY "HELLO" to our NEW PARISHIONERS!

ROSEMARIE KELLY
LORIANN MANRIQUEZ
LESLENE SIMOES

THANK YOU, ST. BARBARA PARISH

"On behalf of the clients of Casa Esperanza Homeless Center, thank you for your generous gift. Because of your compassion, generosity and belief in our mission, lives are being saved and transformed every day at Casa Esperanza."

Sincerely,
Mike Foley
Executive Director

David L. Peri
Board of Directors

May we express our joy in the risen Christ's love
by loving others in word and deed.

KEEPING our CHILDREN SAFE

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 905,000 reported child abuse cases in 2006 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call your parish office or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, (213) 637-7227 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.

May we faithfully model for others
Jesus' self-sacrificing love.

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.