

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 • 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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We get the hint in this Sunday's gospel that the apostles have now learned firsthand for themselves how demanding



is the ministry of bringing the Good News of salvation to others, and how many exhausting demands have been placed on Jesus by the crowds. Last Sunday Jesus sent the apostles off on

mission; this Sunday they face the harsh reality that the mission wears them out.

We all need to go off to a "deserted place" occasionally to "rest a while." Whether this means taking some time alone each day to pray and rest in God, making Sunday truly a day of rest, or setting aside a few days a year to make a retreat, all of us need time to regain our strength so we can take up our own shepherding tasks. If the mission overwhelms us, we are unable to persevere.

Achieving a balance between the work of discipleship and the need to rest from weariness can be no easy task in itself. Like Jesus, we are called to shepherd—to care, teach, heal, listen, etc. At the same time, we must know when it is time for us to be on the receiving end, to balance our work of sharing the gospel, with time to replenish our spirit and energy. Self-giving and rest are two parallel poles to the dying and rising dynamic of the paschal mystery. Too much dying can crush us. Too much rest can lull us into being uncaring shepherds.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How much time do I pray each day? What does that prayer consist of?

DEAR PARISHIONERS and VISITORS,

I often hear parents discipline their children with the warning: you are going to get a TIMEOUT! My parents disciplined with the stern phrase, GO TO YOUR ROOM! Both have the presumption that confinement to a room, alone, is a significant form of punishment. In actuality, under the right circumstances, solitude is good preparation for prayer. Jesus often withdraws from the crowds and even his disciples before several of his greater miracles in order to center himself in prayer. His words encourage us to do the same, especially as we look for ways to deepen our life of prayer in the parish. How much time do you give to prayer each day? A worthy goal to aim for is about one hour daily. This can be split into three, twenty-minute periods throughout the day: before getting out of bed, as a way to begin the day, centered in God; at mid-day, as a touchstone to help deal with whatever has been placed in our care; and at bedtime, in order to conclude the day with a period of examination before retiring to sleep.

Jesus invites his followers to "come away to a deserted place." Other than a quiet inside room, these spaces are harder to find on the outside as populations grow around the world. Even though it is a high traffic area between a parking lot and some Mission offices, I've tried to create the new garden to be a place of quiet – at least for those who enter it. Once I get some appropriate signage in there, it should get a little quieter. Nature is a wonderful place to commune with God in prayer, which is why it is so important to care for our planet. Mother Earth is suffering terribly at the hands of exploding population growth and with it, unchecked consumption of natural resources, especially by western culture, which is terribly wasteful. Our planet will not survive without making some drastic lifestyle changes. Thank God, we are a Franciscan parish, since St. Francis is the patron for the environment. The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change has put together what they call the Catholic Climate Covenant with an invitation to take the appropriately titled, St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. Our own JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) Ministry team is preparing ways for our parish to enter into a faith response to help heal and care for not just the deserted places but all of God's creation. Watch the bulletin and parish announcements for forthcoming projects on "Care for Creation, Care for the Poor."

Yours in the love for all of God's creation,

Fr. Daniel F. Barica, O.F.M., Pastor

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading—2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha feeds a hundred men with twenty barley loaves made from firstfruits, and there are leftovers.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 145

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading—Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they had received: as a unified, faith-filled, hope-filled community.

Gospel—John 6:1-15

When Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish, they want to make him king. He withdraws alone to the mountain.

REFLECTION on NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY of THE WORD

Both the first reading and the gospel next weekend tell stories of God feeding hungry people through the words and works of prophets. For the next five Sundays, we will hear the Bread of Life teaching from John's gospel. For John, all of Jesus' acts are "signs"—sacraments—that point to a deeper reality. It is clear that the people do not appreciate the deeper meaning of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The reaction of the crowd showed that they thought wrongly that Jesus was the triumphant and political Messiah. So Jesus goes "back to the mountains alone." The people had indeed misread the sign.

Life Focus

- Relate a time when you were so engrossed in something important that you forgot to eat.
- Describe a time when you were surprised that your limited resources were sufficient.
- Relate a time when your prayers were answered on God's terms rather than your own.

DID YOU KNOW ...

James the Apostle: Feast Day—July 25

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation—Peter and Andrew. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They, too, were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." (Mark 1:19-20)

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. St Matthew tells that their mother came (Mark says it was the brothers themselves) to ask that they have the seats of honor—one on the right, one on the left of Jesus—in the kingdom.

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On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem.

"When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55)

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also." (Acts 12:1-3a)

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

St. James (aka Santiago) is the patron of Spain, Guatemala, druggists, blacksmiths and those who suffer arthritis and rheumatism.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

Are you thinking about returning to actively practicing your faith? If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know you are in our prayers. We invite you to explore your faith and your future with the Catholic Church. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office (805) 682-4151 ext. 201.

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

Sunday, July 12

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The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service, and through giving of one's resources.



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
- Paul Conover " Irma Nagelmann " Sandra Baker
- Charles Kopecky " Rose Margaret Braiden
- Margaret Mary Craig " Nick Lano " Kevin O'Brien

May they know Christ's healing.

**HELLO YOUNG ADULTS!
"Theology-on-Tap"**

If you are a young adult, married, single, dating between the ages of 18-39, you are invited to the eighth annual summer speaker series, Theology-on-Tap! Come meet other young adults for fun, networking & opportunities to discuss and learn about current issues of faith.

When: Sundays: July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9
Where: Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall
3175 Telegraph Road, Ventura CA 93003
Time: 5:15PM Young Adult Mass; 6:30PM Doors Open

For more information or if you would like to be part of the Santa Barbara Regional Theology-on-Tap Team, please contact Sherie Holaway at sholaway@aol-vta.org or (805) 642-7966 x128. You can also check out their web site at <http://archdiocese.la/mya>.

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. They will be meeting on Monday, July 27, at 7:30PM. This is a comfortable environment where you can share your feelings and ask questions. The meetings are informal and confidential.

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is an opportunity for a person to regularly spend time reflecting and discovering how God is present and working in one's life. The spiritual director is a sacred listener, one who is attentive to how the Holy Spirit may be calling the directee into a deeper relationship with God.

Andrea Duda, the parish coordinator for adult faith formation, is starting her third year of training in a program called the Art of Spiritual Direction. As part of her education she will do an internship by providing individual spiritual direction for two or three people. Spiritual direction sessions usually take place monthly for about an hour.

If you would be interested in discussing the possibility of receiving spiritual direction, give Andrea a call at 682-4151 x201 or email andrea@suscipe.com.

PARISH CALENDAR



- Jul 25-26 Catholic Charities Food Collection after all Masses
- Jul 26 Anointing of the Sick after the 12Noon Mass
- Jul 28 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:45PM
- Jul 29 "Safeguard the Children" Committee Meeting at 6:30PM in the Social Room
- Jul 29 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30PM in the Assisi Lounge
- Aug 4 Book Club Meets at 6PM in the Social Room
- Aug 6 Misa del Presidente at 10AM (Fiesta)
- Aug 12 Baptism Preparation Class at 6:30PM
- Aug 13 Summer Cinema Series, 6:30PM (see pg 6)
- Aug 16 Baptisms at the 10:30AM Mass
- Aug 18 Leadership Meeting at 6:30PM
- Aug 25 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:45PM

May we always be a haven of rest for those weary in body and spirit.

KEEPING our CHILDREN SAFE

A key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In children, the following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect: Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance. Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention. Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen. Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn. Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit: <http://archdiocese.la/protecting>.

Linda Ruffton is the Chairperson of St. Barbara Parish's Safeguard the Children Committee. She can be reached at 682-4151 x104. For particular help you may call the Archdiocese's Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

May we excel in giving and receiving, thus deepening our bond with each other as Body of Christ.

SUMMER CINEMA SERIES

Mark your calendars for the Summer Cinema Series. Enjoy a movie followed by discussion of issues and themes.

August 13 " August 20
6:30PM " Bonaventure Room

"*A River Runs Through It*"
Craig Sheffer " Brad Pitt " Tom Skerritt

A lyrical and nostalgic film from director Robert Redford, based on the popular autobiographical novel by Norman MacLean, *A River Runs Through It* shows the best that modern filmmaking has to offer. The film chronicles two brothers coming of age in early-20th-century Missoula, Montana, under the stern tutelage of their minister father, played by Tom Skerritt (*Top Gun*). Their father instills in them a love of fly fishing, which for one brother (Brad Pitt) becomes a lifelong passion even as he sets out to become a newspaperman and struggles with his addiction to gambling. The other brother, Norman (Craig Sheffer), dreams of exploring the world outside of Missoula as he falls in love with a local girl (Emily Lloyd) who also dreams of broader horizons. Soon one brother must discover the true meaning of family loyalty when the other finds himself in deeper trouble than ever before. An Oscar winner for Philippe Rousselot's luminescent cinematography, this is a poignant and special film.

-Robert Lane

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Parish is offering exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday afternoons. We need to know that parishioners will be available to pray after the Friday Noon Mass until 5PM (3PM on July 31) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please call Laura in the Parish Office if you are available for a portion of that time.

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.

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.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

-Jeremiah 23:5a

VILLA MAJELLA is HERE to HELP

Single, pregnant, stressed, need housing? Beautiful Villa Majella Maternity Home near Santa Barbara is here to help ... offering shelter, food, clothing and support for you and your baby. Lack of money and income is no barrier to acceptance. Must be 18 or over. Please call (805) 683-2838 for a confidential interview.

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.