

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The bread of heaven isn't without its cost. For Jesus, the cost is the cross ("the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the



world"). The bread of life is the bread of self-sacrifice. Here is the real source of the crowd's murmuring and here is the giant step forward in this gospel passage: to eat the bread of life is to eat the bread of suffering.

We always like the language about receiving

eternal life; language about death and self-sacrifice is much more difficult for us to take in. However, in the mystery of Christ we are reminded that the two always go together. If we wish to live, we must be willing to die to ourselves. Lest we get too discouraged, we must always remember that the paschal mystery is a rhythm of dying and rising. We are able to embrace dying to self because, through Jesus, we know that in the very dying is new life. Jesus has gone before us and taught us that death brings life. The rhythm of the paschal mystery enables us to identify with Jesus in this great mystery of dying and eternity. Cross leads to resurrection. Dying leads to eternal life.

God's persistence in bringing us life is a gift, indeed. But the gift invites more than our own openness to receive it. To receive God's gift of life—Jesus as living bread—is to pledge ourselves also to bring that life of God to others. We are not "come down from heaven;" we have our feet planted firmly on this good earth, giving our own flesh for the life of the world through the good we do every day for others.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What must I do to accept Jesus' offer of eternal life?

DEAR PARISHIONERS and VISITORS,

This is the one place where I can express myself and have guaranteed readership!

So in this Gospel, the people question Jesus on who the heck does he think he is and boy does he let them know. I very much like the way the words of this gospel break down God's role, Jesus' role and finally our role as followers of God.

This week at our Pastoral Council meeting we focused a lot of our time on creating groups within our parish. I received a book entitled *Creating Small Church Communities*, a guide of sorts to renewing our catholic life. There are a few considerations in this book that struck me as being the key to a strong and thriving community. Firstly, small groups foster care of their members. They enables people to actually get to know one another, not just a few moments before and after Mass, but for an entire Mass time without the Mass! Being in small groups with people you know superficially is difficult. After a few meetings, that will no longer be the case.

Secondly, the thought I really appreciated was that small groups outside of church time would enable people to come to church through the back door. People come to God in many different ways, and it makes sense to me that creating a meeting time outside of church would be a great way to share and talk about God and what he means to us. This is an extension, if you will, of the parish itself.

The big hurdle is finding those interested in committing their time to enable the process. We as a parish have to want and believe that there is something to gain in doing so. If you are interested in becoming a closer community, then this is the time to let Father Daniel or anyone on the Pastoral Council know. Let us know your personal interests and what you might be interested in discussing or sharing. Your ideas are very important to creating groups that make sense and are fun/interesting. If you read down to the bottom of this week's gospel, you will read that whoever eats the bread from heaven will live forever. Wouldn't it be great if we could, as a parish, extend that possibility to others around us!

Fondly,

Jocelyne Bublitz

Pastoral Council Member

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading—Proverbs 9:1-6

Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading—Ephesians 5:15-20

Live as wise persons trying to understand
what is the will of the Lord,
filled with the spirit and giving thanks always.

Gospel—John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread...
whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever."

REFLECTION on NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGY of THE WORD

John's gospel has no direct account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Rather, it includes this sermon on the Bread of Life that we have been hearing for the past several weeks. The statement of the opening verse, "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," is very close to the account in Luke's gospel of Jesus blessing bread at the Last Supper and saying, "This is my body given for you." Accepting the teaching of Jesus, the Liturgy of the Word, important as this is, only prepares us to share his body and blood. Participation in the Eucharist brings present possession of "eternal life" and thus is a pledge of eventual resurrection.

Life Focus

- Jesus puts great emphasis on the "flesh and blood" reality of the food we now call the Eucharist. Name other ways you "feed on" the flesh and blood reality of Jesus.
- What have you done with this "Life" received in the Eucharist?

May we persist in growing in our understanding
of and living the Eucharist.

DID YOU KNOW ...

St. Clare of Assisi: Feast Day-Aug. 11

Having refused to marry at fifteen, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and her spiritual guide.

At age eighteen, she escaped one night from her father's home, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent which her father and uncle immediately stormed in rage. She clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair and remained adamant.

Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came as well. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order (Poor Clares).

The nuns went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat and observed almost complete silence. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions. When even the pope tried to persuade Clare to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ."

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of her life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick, waited on tables, washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last twenty-seven years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals and bishops often came to consult her—she never left the walls of San Damiano.

Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration. She was always obedient to his will and to the great idea of gospel life which he was making real.

*On her deathbed, Clare was heard to say to herself:
"Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road.
Go forth without fear, for he who created you has made
you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a
mother. Blessed be you, my God, for having created me."*

- from "Saint of The Day"
St. Anthony Messenger Press



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, August 2nd

\$13,671.00



"Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind"

- Hebrews 13:16



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
 Rose Margaret Braidon " Nick Lano " Kevin O'Brien

May they know Christ's healing.

TOGETHER in MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL

- ✓ Parish Goal \$65,544
- ✓ Received \$51,762
- ✓ Unpaid Balance \$13,782

Together In Mission provides substantial financial support to 32 parishes and 46 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people.

Together In Mission provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

Many thanks to those who have already responded with either one-time donations or pledges. If you have not yet made a donation or pledge to Together In Mission, please prayerfully consider doing so.

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is in recess during the summer months and will return in September. During this time singers are being sought for the upcoming choir season. Interested singers should contact Roy Spicer, Director of Music, for information and to schedule an audition (682-4151 x103.)

SAY "HELLO" to OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

BOEDEKER FAMILY

FROM DEATH to the FULLNESS of LIFE

MARLENE BULFONE
 Parishioner

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

YOUNG ADULTS at ST. BARBARA PARISH

Sunday, August 23 " 10:30AM
 Social Room

Young adults of the parish are invited to come to a meeting to discuss establishing a young adult group. We will discuss whether there is a desire for such a group. If there is, then what kinds of activities should be included? Who will organize things? When should it meet?

Before the meeting you might think about what the perfect parish for yourself and other young adults would look like. How might a young adult group contribute to that dream?

If you are interested in the group but cannot attend the meeting, send a note to andrea@suscipe.com to be added to the mailing list.

PARISH CALENDAR



- Aug 9 Jr. High Planning Meeting, 11:45AM
- Aug 12 Baptism Preparation Class at 6:30PM
- Aug 12 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30PM, Assisi Lounge
- Aug 13 Summer Cinema Series, 6:30PM (see pg 6)
- Aug 14 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1-5pm
- Aug 14 Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 5PM
- Aug 16 Baptisms at the 10:30AM Mass
- Aug 18 Leadership Meeting at 6:30PM
- Aug 19 Inquiry Into Catholicism, 6:30PM, Assisi Lounge
- Aug 20 Summer Cinema Series, 6:30PM (see pg 6)
- Aug 21 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1-5pm
- Aug 21 Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 5PM
- Aug 23 Young Adults Group Planning Meeting, 10:30AM
- Aug 25 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:45PM

NEW FRIAR at MISSION SANTA BARBARA

Br. Luis Alberto Guzman OFM, who recently graduated from the Franciscan School of Theology, has been assigned to St. Barbara Parish. He will be ordained a Transitional Deacon in Oakland on September 26 and will be assisting Fr. Daniel with Parish ministries and needs. Br. Luis will be introduced at all Masses on August 15 and 16, with a reception after the 9AM Mass on August 16. Welcome Br. Luis!

**BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL
Discovery Days 2009**

8th grade students are invited to a morning of "discovery" on the Bishop campus. Class time, campus tours, Q&A session with student ambassadors and more. Experience high school at BGDHS!

September 24th or 25th
8:45AM—11:45AM

Reservations are required. Call Debbie Herrera, Director of Admissions at 805.967.1266 x 118. Questions welcome!

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 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please call Laura in the Parish Office if you are available for a portion of that time.

KEEPING our CHILDREN SAFE

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15-20% are women, and 20-40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female. For more information about child safety programs in the Archdiocese, please call Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, (213) 637-7227.

Linda Ruffton is the Chairperson of St. Barbara Parish's Safeguard the Children Committee. She can be reached at 682-4151 x104.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL PRIORITY:
Small Church Groups**

At our June meeting and further developed at the July meeting, the Pastoral Council made a decision to prioritize the formation of small faith/church groups for the parish. Some time ago, the Santa Barbara Regional Bishop, Most Rev. Thomas Curry, told the pastors at one of our deanery meetings that he desired our parishes to move in this direction and so several have begun a program called RENEW. St. Barbara parish implemented this program about twenty years ago and, according to parishioners from that time, it was quite successful.

This time we have decided to engage our own process. It will allow parishioners to have an opportunity to meet in small groups on a regular basis to share their faith and their lives on a more intimate level than is possible through other parish activities or liturgy.

Keep your eyes and ears open in the next couple of months, through the bulletin and Mass announcements, for more information about Small Faith/Church groups, to discover what they are and how they help us live our faith, offering fellowship to support and nourish us along the way.