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MAY 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ASCENSION



*"Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe." Ephesians 1:17-19*

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**-SATURDAYS FROM 2:30 TO 3:30 P.M.-**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in the confessionals at the back of the church every Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Access to the church is through the side door near the iron gate.

Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Call (805) 682-4151, ext. 101 to schedule.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Charlie Bogue	Kerry Parker
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday through Friday:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday and Sunday:** CLOSED

If you wish to visit the parish office in person, please make an appointment by emailing [parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org) or calling (805) 682-4151.

## MASS SCHEDULE

*All Masses take place in the Mission church.*

**SATURDAY VIGIL – 4:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY — 7:30 A.M.**

**SUNDAY — 9:00 A.M.**

*Live Stream and public Mass  
(Live stream may be accessed on our website  
or YouTube channel.)*

**SUNDAY – 11:00 A.M.**

*(Family-Focused Mass)*

**WEEKDAY MASS- 8:00 A.M.**

*Monday-Friday*

### Cover Photo:

*The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated by Bishop Sławomir Szkredka at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5*



## LETTER FROM FR. DAN

Dear Friend,

I don't know about you, but for me the dilemma of time is with me constantly. How to manage it? How much is left? Deadlines?! I'm currently reading two books and it dawned on me recently, well into the second book, that I'm starting my day with a book entitled "The Music of Time," and at night, before bed, I'm making my way through one called "The Noise of Time." Maybe that's the question, noise or music? (And would I sleep better if I ended my day with music instead of noise?)

Regarding time in this Sunday's readings, Jesus says this to his disciples: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons the Father has established by his own authority." This in response to the disciples' question: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Jesus is about to be taken up into heaven, the Ascension, the account of which we hear in the first reading from Acts, as well as in the Gospel reading from Mark. As scripture scholar Andrew Davis points out, the readings come from opposite places in their respective books; namely, from the opening scene of the Book of Acts, and the final verses of Mark's Gospel. Beginnings and endings converge in time for all of us.

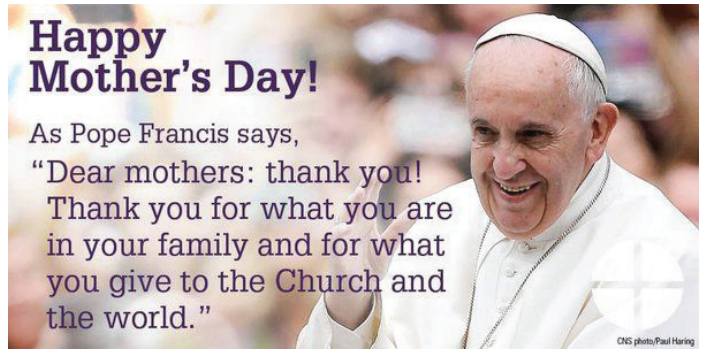
The most characteristic feature of the Judeo-Christian tradition is its conviction that God's self-revelation to humanity took place in history, i.e. historical time (Sandra Schneiders, Written That You May Believe, p. 70). God entered the noise of history through love. In prayer I let go of noise. As a church we bear Christ into history, as his body, which like music shaping time, becomes as Paul writes, "the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way."

Gratefully,  
Father Dan ofm



## Happy Mother's Day!

As Pope Francis says,  
"Dear mothers: thank you!  
Thank you for what you are  
in your family and for what  
you give to the Church and  
the world."



### Blessing of the Owl!

A few weeks ago, a young, wounded owl was spotted by parishioner Deanna Pini running through the back parking lot. It was unable to fly and clearly in distress. Deanna called Santa Barbara Animal Control and they sent one of their staff who gently captured the owl and wrapped it in a towel. Brother Angelo Cardinali, who was out on his daily walk, gave the owl a special blessing. Once it has been nursed back to health, it will be returned to the Old Mission and reunited with its mom and sibling!

Care for creation at its best!





## LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024"

May 19 – 26, 2024

*"There are no lasting changes without cultural changes ... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes."*  
(LD, 70)

May 19 to 26 is Laudato Si' Week, an eight-day campaign held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark 2015 encyclical on creation care and his follow-up exhortation titled Laudato Deum (LD). Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

To fully experience Laudato Si' Week, download the Celebration Guide below.

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### Livestream Mass — a great way to worship when you can't be there in person!

Here's how our Sunday 9:00 a.m. livestream Mass can work for you!

- Participate in the Mass remotely when you are out of town or on vacation.
- Listen to a great Franciscan homily one more time (or catch one you missed).
- Ideal for caregivers who can't leave the side of their charge.
- Flexibility to attend Mass remotely during the week, on your schedule, when it is most convenient.
- For a boost of Franciscan spirituality any time.
- For out-of-town family and friends to view the Mass intention of a loved one.

To access the 9:00 a.m. Mass livestream link, visit the home page on our web site ([www.saintbarbaraparish.org](http://www.saintbarbaraparish.org)) and scroll halfway down or Google "YouTube St. Barbara Parish livestream."

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

Are you looking to deepen your faith through service? Would you like to experience the Mass in a humble and meaningful way?

### Answer the call by becoming an Altar Server!

We are seeking adult and youth servers to serve at weekend Masses and funerals. If you are Catholic, an active member of the parish, and have an understanding and reverence for the Mass, we'd love to have you join this rewarding ministry! Youth servers must have received the Sacrament of First Communion. All that's required is a commitment to serve at least once a month. Training is provided and we offer easy online sign-up. To learn more, contact Kathleen Setka at [setkafamily@yahoo.com](mailto:setkafamily@yahoo.com).







## MINUTE MEDITATION

*Pause. Then Pray.*

St. Francis of Assisi understood the spiritual and psychological toll that life could bring. His tired feet carried him to faraway lands to spread the Gospel, and yet he craved solitude so acutely he would hide out in caves to recharge. Understandable given the task laid before him: He was a repository of the good news and a channel by which that news spread to the world. Little wonder he craved solitude!

None of his life's work would have been possible without a vibrant and complex prayer life. Through prayer, he celebrated the world around him, it is where he longed for peace, and it was how he embraced his own mortality. Prayer was both Francis's compass and his destination: his every step and his journey's end. It was more than communion with the divine. It was a sacred call to action.

- from the book [Pause+Pray: Reflections, Prayers, and Actions for Everyday Life](#) by Franciscan Media



## ASCENSION SUNDAY PRAYER

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.*

*May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will.*

*And may we do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace!*

*And remembering this glorious event, help us to seek what is above,*

*Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!*

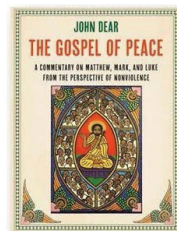
Amen

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Dear's newest book *The Gospel of Peace* will be available for sale for an additional \$20.

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## On Caring for Our Common Home Tip of the Week

Switch to a low-flow showerhead. Newer efficient showerheads use 2 gallons of water per minute or less, compared with 3 or more gallons a minute for older models. A family of four using low-flow showerheads can save about 20,000 gallons of water a year.

## BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

### OUR MONARCH WAYSTATION

In early 2022, the parish conducted six study sessions on *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for Creation. Approximately 40 parishioners participated. That series culminated in a workshop whose purpose was to recommend ways the parish could put *Laudato Si'* into action. One of the recommendations was to create a pollinator garden on OMSB grounds.

With expert advice from Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 25 parishioners planted 50 different pollinator-friendly native species, 80 plants total, including many narrow leaf milkweeds, on which Monarch butterflies depend for food and reproductive habitat as they make their famous but endangered migration along the California coast. According to Ed Heron, along with Sanja Bogue the coordinator of the project, the parish applied for and received certification from the Monarch Watch organization. Our 1600 square foot garden (south of the main parking lot and east of the picnic tables) met criteria for plantings, sun, and shelter.

The OMSB pollinator garden seems to be the only certified Monarch Waystation in our area except for the Goleta Elwood butterfly grove. Ed reports that butterflies and caterpillars have already been sighted. A plaque featuring Saint Francis' *Canticle of Creatures* suggests he would have been among the happy gardeners.

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

## MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact [parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org)

- May 11 Joseph and Nicole Pigato
- May 12 † Domitille de Baritault du Carpia (7:30 a.m.)
- May 12 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)
- May 12 † Kappy Pattison (11:00 a.m.)
- May 13 Jeff Bascombe
- May 14 Ray Family
- May 15 Belgard Family
- May 16 † James Rauber
- May 17 Scott Jones
- May 18 † Felicitas Bonilla
- May 19 † Mary L. Berry (7:30 a.m.)
- May 19 † Eleanor Morrisey (9:00 a.m.)
- May 19 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (11:00 a.m.)



## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

### When a child discloses

It is incredibly difficult to hear the stories of abuse victims — and even harder when the victim is a child. But how an adult reacts when a child trusts him or her with an abuse disclosure is very important. Staying calm and listening attentively is critical. Let the child know you hear and believe him or her, and that you are here to help. After your conversation, be sure to document any details that could help an investigation and begin taking steps to report the abuse and ensure that the child is safe. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “When a Child Discloses” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

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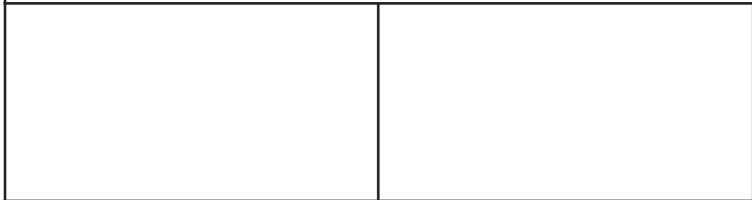
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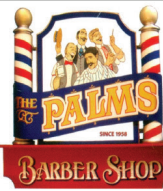
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