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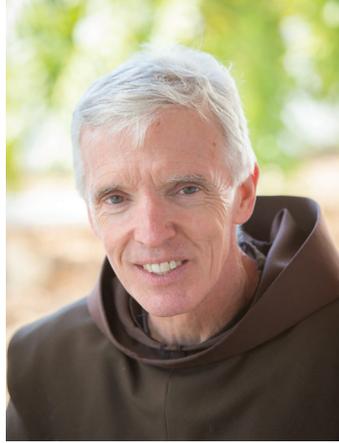


*"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. The law of the LORD is perfect refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple."
Psalm 19:8*

LETTER FROM FR. DAN

Dear Friend,
Peace and all good be yours!

Thank you for your prayers and concern. After ten days in isolation with COVID and very mild symptoms, I'm back in action, though still having to take extra care over the next week. I was in the live stream assembly last week, and took note of Father Joe Schwab's reminder that, as with Mary at Cana, intercessory prayer is important and can lead to great things! So again, thank you!



And what a Sunday to be back in action, with Jesus returning to Galilee in the “power of the Spirit”. In Luke’s Gospel (and all through Acts) “on the road” and along the journey are where things happen - most importantly sacred encounters with God and each other. Moving through Galilee, Jesus makes his way back to Nazareth, where a dramatic encounter ensues with the hometown folks; stay tuned for the climax next week.

Being on the road together and living out Jesus’s proclamation are the focus of the process of Synod, to which Pope Francis is calling us. The word “Synod” translates from the Greek as “on the road together”. The Pope is asking us to pay attention to where we are and where we are called to be as a pilgrim church. I encourage you to sign up for our parish listening sessions soon to be scheduled for March. Please invite others, especially those who might feel disconnected, discouraged, or disconcerted to join us for this time of listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit.

We’re on a sacred path. It is time for interceding for each other, listening to each other, and renewing that mission for which the Lord has anointed us. And be prepared, we might have to change direction, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus!

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm, Pastor



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

The Holy Father Pope Francis has summoned the Church to participate in a worldwide synod with the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.” Instead of an assembly of bishops in Rome only, Pope Francis invites the whole People of God to participate in the synod — to “journey together” with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the near future, an invitation will be extended to join us for a synod listening session. We encourage all to participate - young adults and seniors, active parishioners and those who have drifted away, as well as those who feel marginalized from the Church. We will pray and reflect together on where we are as a Church and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to move forward.

More information coming soon!



“WE SAW THE
STAR IN THE EAST,
AND WE CAME TO
WORSHIP HIM.”

CF. MATTHEW 2:2

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022



January 18-25 is designated as a Week of Prayer for Christian unity when the faithful from Christian denominations around the world are encouraged to pray for ecumenical peace and unity. The theme for 2022 is “We Saw the Star in the East, and We Came to Worship Him.”

Like the Magi who braved the perils of a long and dangerous journey to find the Christ child, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East face many hardships as they strive to live out their faith in Christ. Our prayer in solidarity with their suffering is a light of hope and communion.

For more information, click [HERE](#)

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of every nation, creator of human life, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, has been made manifest in human history by becoming one of us and one with us. Born in a stable, born in homelessness, he is our King and Lord. The Magi bore witness to the Light of hope coming into the world as they faithfully followed the star, coming from foreign lands in the East, until arriving in Bethlehem of Judea.

The solidarity of God with created humanity in this gift of Epiphany call us to a life of solidarity with the homeless, the refugee, the weakest and the rejected. We are all human beings worthy of redemption and prepared by that redeeming love to the glory of your Kingdom. Help us, O gracious Lord, to do this in unity and peace.

As we who bear the name of Christian, from the days of the church at Antioch, hold a special place in our hearts for the ancient Christian communities in the land we call holy, remind us to continually respond to our baptismal promises to you, who said through your Spirit at Jordan, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Help your Church, merciful One, to be a light for unity within itself and a beacon of hope for all humanity. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign as one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

FAITH FORMATION

Family-Focused Mass

Family-focused Mass is an essential part of our Faith Formation programs to help families grow in their faith together and build community. All families in the parish are invited to celebrate Mass together every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Families, youth and children are needed to serve as greeters, lectors, altar servers, and gift bearers. If you or your family are interested in participating in these ministries, please contact Donna Rubio (contact info below).



Faith Formation Open Enrollment

Faith Formation registration for grades 1-8, First Communion preparation and Confirmation is ongoing. If you are interested in registering your child for classes, please complete the online registration form at

<https://www.saintbarbaraparish.org/faith-formation>

Interested in volunteering? There are many ways to get involved. You can sign up to volunteer on Sunday mornings to share the

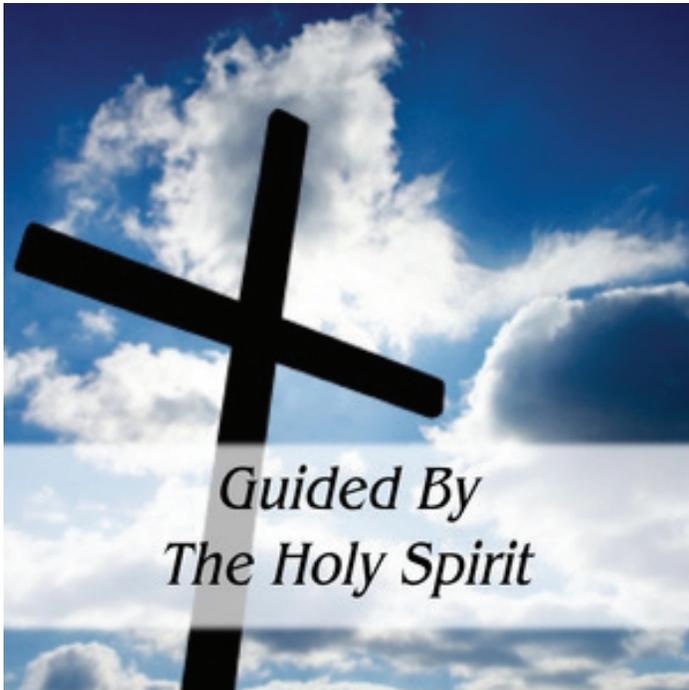


Gospel, lead discussions, and provide interactive opportunities to bring faith alive. Help is also needed on Wednesday nights to work on special projects or help with special events. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Donna Rubio at drubio@saintbarbaraparish.org.

What is RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, is a process in which adults learn more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic. Although it is primarily the process by which people become full members in the Roman Catholic Church, we welcome inquirers at all levels of knowledge, faith and intent. If you are interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or a Catholic who would like to brush up on the basics, please join us on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. on the Portico in front of the Porters Office.





The Rite of Welcome and Acceptance for our RCIA candidates/catechumens will be celebrated on Sunday, January 30 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for them as they continue on their RCIA journey!

Michael Ghens

Trevor Harley

Carlos Osuna

Erica Siordia

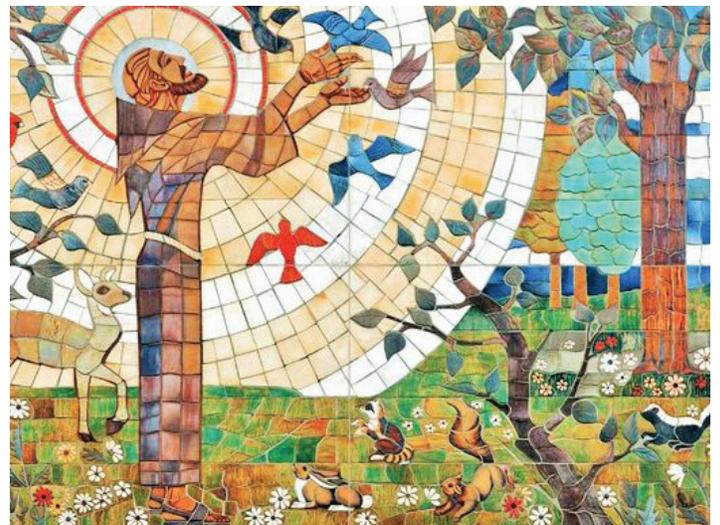
Eloise Smith

Marguerite Williams



I believe that Francis's message is even more important in light of this most recent pandemic. Francis -- and his spiritual sister, Clare -- remind us we are all connected. The paths of greed, consumerism, individualism, and nationalism endanger the planet and its peoples. In the spirit of Francis, we need to break down barriers of friend and stranger, citizen and immigrant, rich and poor, if we are to survive in this increasingly interdependent world. Nations need to see patriotism in terms of world loyalty as well as self-affirmation. We need the Franciscan vision of all creation singing praises to the Creator if we are to flourish in the years and centuries to come. Like Francis and Clare, we need to become earth-loving saints, committed to our planet and its peoples -- in our time and our children's and grandchildren's time.

— from the book *Walking with Francis of Assisi: From Privilege to Activism* by Bruce Epperly



HELP THE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Fr. Virgil Cordano Center is seeking volunteers to help out at the Center. All volunteers must be vaccinated and will be tested for COVID-19 prior to admittance.

Also needed are sub-zero grade sleeping bags, warm coats (size Large), and bibles (monetary donations are also greatly appreciated!).

To volunteer, or make a donation to help our homeless brothers and sisters, please call (805)563-1051.

For more information, visit <https://frvirgilocordanocenter.org>

Fr. Virgil Cordano Center is sponsored and operated by the Daughters of Charity at St. Vincent's and the Franciscan Friars at Old Mission Santa Barbara.



CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Thursday, January 27

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon via Zoom

Our Caregivers Support Group is a community of encouragement for anyone facing the challenges of caring for an elderly or disabled relative. The group facilitator is parishioner Gina Bell, who has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, teaches at Santa Barbara City College, and runs The Journey to Wellness Workshops. All sharing is completely confidential.



If you would like to attend this meeting or obtain more information, please email the parish office at parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org or call 805-682-4151, ext. 102.

SAVE THE DATES!



**THIS YEAR'S THEME:
*LIVING WATERS OF HOPE***

**March 17-20, 2022
(In-Person and Virtual Options)**

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. This four-day event is held at the Anaheim Convention Center and is sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and includes people of all ministries, vocations and faiths.

The event opens on Thursday, March 17 with Youth Day - a gathering of high school aged young people that features keynote speakers, workshops and a liturgy planned by young people, for young people.

Adult Days (Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20) include hundreds of workshops in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Participants also receive access to arena keynotes, the opening ceremony, entertainment, and evening events. Choose from more than a dozen liturgies that embrace and celebrate the diversity of our faith. In-person participants also receive access to the Exhibit Hall, showcasing religious art, music, publishing houses, academic institutions and Catholic apostolate groups.

Registration info coming soon! For more information, click here:

[RECONGRESS](#)

**HOSPICE OF SANTA BARBARA
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**“A Resilient Heart” Virtual Event
Sharon Salzberg -- LIVE!**

Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 PM



In this live event via Zoom, Sharon Salzberg explores the resilience of the human spirit as we look at and practice the tools that help deepen steadiness of mind and compassionate understanding. People who care for others play a vital role in our communities, and often it is caregivers (we are all caregivers to those around us) who support the front lines of our society: helping those who face challenges on a daily basis.

However, this support can come at a high cost. How can we best maintain compassion for ourselves while caring for others? How do we infuse our actions with the wisdom that we must do our best, while knowing that we're not in control of the unfolding of events, of the choices of others, of the rhythm of healing or the pace of change? This FREE event will consist of a talk, short meditation, and discussion. To register, click the button below.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

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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. Everyone entering the church must wear a face mask.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 or calling (805) 682-4151.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL – 4:00 P.M.

In the Mission church.

SUNDAY — 7:30 A.M.

In the Mission church.

SUNDAY — 9:00 A.M.

*Live Stream and public Mass: In the Mission church.
(Live stream may be accessed on our website or YouTube channel.)*

SUNDAY – 11:00 A.M.

(Family-Focused Mass)

In the Mission church.

WEEKDAY MASS- 8:00 A.M.

Monday-Friday

In the Mission church.

WE ARE A LAUDATO SI PARISH

A Correction Regarding Junípero Serra

This column for July 12, 2020, quoted Archbishop Gomez's statement in his 2013 book *Immigration and the Next America* that "Junípero Serra is credited with writing one of North America's first defenses of human rights." According to James Sandos in *Converting California: Indians and Franciscans in the Missions* (2004), this claim originates in Junípero Serra: *The Illustrated Story of the Franciscan Founder of California's Missions* (1985) by Don De Nevi and Noel Moholy, in reference to Serra's 1773 letter to the Viceroy of New Spain in Mexico City. However, "this is incorrect and can be found in no other biography of Serra," now including the definitive 2015 biography by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz. De Nevi and Moholy cite the great Franciscan historian Maynard Geiger, but Fr. Geiger himself does not make the claim. Sandos observes that "Indian rights were already defined in the Laws of the Indies," Spain's official policy for the New World from 1512 on. The letter says nothing about Indian rights. Rather, Serra argues that "no chastisement or ill-treatment should be inflicted on any of them...without the Missionary Father's passing upon it." Punishment was "an essential condition for the rightful training of the poor neophytes."

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

[The letter is available in the original Spanish and in English translation in The Writings of Junípero Serra, Volume 1, pages 295-327, published by the Academy of American Franciscan History in 1955.]

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact
parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org

- Jan 21 † Sandra Weissenberg
- Jan 22 † Mildred T. Colahan
- Jan 23 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- Jan 23 Robert and Grenda Moran (9:00 a.m.)
- Jan 23 † Ronald Maus (11:00 a.m.)
- Jan 24 Edward Roberts
- Jan 25 David and Maureen Klimek
- Jan 26 † Maria Alvarez
- Jan 27 † Jerry Lundstrom
- Jan 28 † Wanda Hulsebusch
- Jan 29 Pro Populo – People of the Parish
- Jan 30 † Emma Rosa Margarita Valdes Sarmiento (7:30 a.m.)
- Jan 30 Norma Jade and grandfather Perkins (9:00 a.m.)
- Jan 30 † Mirra Manneschi

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Talk to your teenagers about Instagram. Teens and social media have been in the news a lot over the past several months, as research shows how damaging social media sites can be for self-esteem, productivity, and overall well-being. Instagram has been called out, with research citing harm done by filters and by bullying in private messages. How can parents protect their children from the negative impacts such a popular and prevalent site cause? Experts recommend keeping open lines of communication with your teenagers, talking to them often about what they see and how they feel about it. Use age and activity limits or monitoring to keep tabs on how your teens are using Instagram and other social media sites.

For more information, read the Associated Press' "Instagram and teens: How to keep your kids safe," at <https://apnews.com/article/technology-social-media-instagram-parents-guide-d5124f7229bbd6a892d9ac487cc04f96>.

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