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OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.*

Psalm 23:1-2

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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

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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

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

LETTER FROM FR. DAN

Dear Friend,

As I write this, the horrific violence that is tearing apart Israel and Gaza – and which continues to lay waste to Ukraine – continues unabated. And so it will be when we gather for Eucharist this weekend – unease, anger, grief, and fear will come with us, as will the searing questions – debated across all media outlets – about how in the world we’ve reached this place of political and social unravelling.



It so happens that in the Gospel this Sunday we’ll hear Jesus tell a parable of a people in similar circumstances. What is meant to be the finest of wedding banquets becomes an occasion for communal fracturing and the head-long fall into violent disarray. Matthew too was looking to his experience of the Risen Christ to make sense of his world, for he was writing to a community that had itself experienced the violent invasion of Jerusalem by Roman armies and the flattening of the Temple, the holiest of holy places.

As Matthew has Jesus address the parable to the religious authorities, there’s no doubt he meant to call that leadership to task in a shocking way. Today, as our church leadership gathers in Rome, they are wrestling, as leaders, with the question of how to make the church a place of intimate access to God for all people and a light of hope and reconciliation in a society tearing itself apart. I believe that Pope Francis was inspired when he wrote: *"More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving."* Come Holy Spirit!

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan ofm, Pastor



World Mission Sunday 2023
October 22nd

Hearts on fire, feet on the move.
Luke 24:13-35

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BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

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GET READY TO SET YOUR
“HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE”
FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, October 22

Next weekend we’ll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis’ compelling theme, we’re invited to enkindle the flames of Christ’s love by spreading its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities.

Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s special collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Thank you for being a beacon of Christ’s love!

For more information, click [HERE](#).

On Caring for Our
Common Home
Tip of the Week



As much as 95% of clothes, shoes and linens thrown in the garbage could be reused or recycled. A number of local organizations will accept all clothes (except those that are wet, mildewed, or contaminated with hazardous materials) – even damaged or mismatched items. To learn where you can take these items, see www.earth911.com.



FINGERPRINTING SESSION FOR VOLUNTEERS
ON SITE HERE AT THE MISSION!

Wednesday, November 29
12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. | Francis Room

A fingerprinting session for volunteers will take place on Wednesday, November 29 at 12:00 noon in the Francis Room. This is a great opportunity for volunteers who have not yet been fingerprinted to do so right here at the Mission. Fingerprinting of volunteers is required by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and only needs to be done once.

There are 17 appointments available and we are giving first priority to St. Barbara Parish volunteers through Friday, October 20. After October 20, appointments will open up to volunteers from other parishes. To schedule an appointment, click below or call the parish office.

[SIGN UP](#)



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Saturday, October 14 | 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
(Check in at Porter's Office)

Join us this Saturday as we continue our discussion of the book *Braving the Thin Spaces: Celtic Wisdom to Create a Space for Grace* by Julianne Stanz. For more information or to purchase a book, contact Donna Rubio at drubio@saintbarbaraparish.org or (805)682-4151, ext. 116.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

We will be praying for the faithful departed at all Masses in November. If you would like to have the names of deceased loved ones recorded in our Book of Remembrance, please email the names to parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org or call (805)682-4151, ext. 102.



FALL FISH FRY



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SECOND SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Local Implementation of Laudato Si'

Sunday, November 12

12:15 to 1:15 p.m. | Bonaventure Hall

Speakers:

Brother Mark Schroeder

(Franciscan Province of St. Barbara)

Jim Balsitis

(Facilities Director, Old Mission Santa Barbara)

Roger Bergman

(Green Team, St. Barbara Parish)

The parish Green Team will host a Second Sunday Speaker presentation on the local implementation of Laudato Si'. Our guest speakers will discuss how the Old Mission, Franciscan Friars, and St. Barbara Parish have responded to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home in the spirit of St. Francis. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity to discuss further education and action.

To register, click [HERE](#) or call the parish office.



PRAY THE ROSARY

This Sunday, October 15 – 3:00 p.m. | Mission Lawn

Join parishioners Joe and Gisela Cooper on the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m. as they lead the Rosary by the cross on the Mission lawn.



**“The Letter: A Message for our Earth”
Documentary Screening**

Saturday, November 18

10:00 a.m. – Bonaventure Hall

Discussion and light lunch to follow

If you missed last year’s screening of this wonderful documentary, join us on November 18 as we offer a second viewing in Bonaventure Hall. “The Letter: A Message for our Earth” is a powerful 2022 film that tells the story of the Laudato Si’ encyclical letter by Pope Francis. The 80-minute film features environmental champions from around the world, from different faiths and worldviews. Each represents an unheard voice in conversations on the planetary crisis. These are the voices of the Indigenous, the young, the poor, and wildlife. We follow their journeys from the Amazon, India, Senegal, and Hawai’i to the Vatican. They meet Pope Francis, who shares his vision in beautifully human interactions. They find new hope for our planet in each other. Those who watched last year’s screening found it deeply moving. You will walk away feeling educated, uplifted, and inspired!

Watch the trailer here:

[Official Trailer | The Letter: Laudato Si Film - YouTube](#)

To register, click below!

REGISTER NOW

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI'

PARISH

RECKONING WITH SLAVERY AS AN AMERICAN CATHOLIC: PART 16 WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR THE CHURCH TO CONDEMN SLAVERY?

In *Fratelli tutti* (2020) Pope Francis describes slavery: “human persons created in the image and likeness of God are deprived of their freedom, sold and reduced to being the property of others.” Asserting that “believers come to know that God loves every man and woman with infinite love and thereby confers infinite dignity upon all humanity,” the pope then wonders why “it took so long for the Church unequivocally to condemn slavery.”

Three main answers are made apparent in Fr. Kellerman’s book. First, the authority of the bible has been enormously influential. Slavery is taken for granted throughout. Neither Jesus nor Paul took issue with slavery, although Jesus absorbed its stigma by “taking the form” of a slave in washing the feet of his disciples and on the cross. Early Christians were both slaves and slaveholders and that became an accepted part of Christian culture.

Second, Aristotle gave philosophical rationale to slavery, arguing that some people were natural slaves and some natural masters. Ancient Greece and Rome practiced slaveholding. With the combined authority of scripture and classical civilization, Catholic theologians from Augustine to Aquinas and beyond presented justifications for slavery. Minority voices such as Gregory of Nyssa, Duns Scotus, and Las Casas cried in the wilderness. Third, when Europeans discovered a world new to them, kings and conquistadors like Columbus saw the need for forced labor to produce riches from mines and plantations. Popes and theologians were poised to provide ecclesial support. The Church itself profited from slaveholding.

Why did it take the Church so long—not until 1888!—to condemn slavery? The authority and example of biblical and classical civilizations provided rationale when modern Western imperialism made slavery its economic foundation. Saint Paul provided the corrective: Put on the mind of Christ; be not conformed to this sinful world—“for believers come to know that God loves every man and woman with infinite love and ‘thereby confers infinite dignity’ upon all humanity.” As did Jesus: Repent, and believe in the Gospel.

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

[For further reading: Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ, All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church (Orbis, 2022).]

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Oct 14 † Francesco Picucci
- Oct 15 † Patrick Krejdosky (7:30 a.m.)
- Oct 15 Josephine Arca-Sun (9:00 a.m.)
- Oct 15 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (11:00 a.m.)
- Oct 16 Bob Fitzgerald
- Oct. 17 † Manuel Ubana
- Oct. 18 † David Petrini
- Oct. 19 Bob Fitzgerald
- Oct. 20 † Henri John Van Hirtum
- Oct. 21 Pro Populo – People of the Parish
- Oct. 22 Bob Fitzgerald (7:30 a.m.)
- Oct. 22 Kristin Gotori (9:00 a.m.)
- Oct. 22 † Richard Housel (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Protecting vulnerable adults

While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else who may be unable to consent to or understand what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse against vulnerable adults are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well — know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Protecting Vulnerable Adults” lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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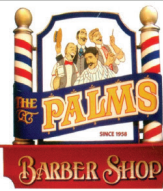


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