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JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

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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

Zandra Cholmondeley Kitty Murphy
William Espinosa Kerry Parker
Victoria Kline Majalisa Van Thyne
Scott Maier

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,

What a contrast this week's Gospel from Mark offers compared to last week's from John. Both present the call of the first disciples, and both mention John the Baptist, Peter and Andrew, but that's where the similarities end.



For me, it's not a matter of which story gives us the historical truth (i.e. what actually happened) but rather of how, taken together, these stories present a way of thinking about my own "yes" to Jesus, and how the short story and long story of discipleship actually unfold.

Last week's Gospel highlighted John the Baptist's prophetic vision, his perception of Jesus: Behold the Lamb of God. This week, we hear of John's arrest. Last week we heard about a string of directions to Jesus: John the Baptist to his disciples; Andrew going to Peter. All of it led to a "staying with" Jesus. This week, by contrast, we see Peter and Andrew dropping everything (even their father!) to follow Jesus immediately.

I recently enjoyed the gift of spending an afternoon with cousins who first welcomed me into their lives back in 1979, when I first moved to California, years before I was a friar. We caught each other up on our lives and after we said goodbye what took shape in my mind was the long-haul journey of my life that couldn't have happened without a sturdy network of love and care. I remembered, too, how crazy it felt when I discovered the Franciscans and eventually jumped in. The short story – the moment-to-moment fears, the fumbles, and the sometimes-jarring consequences of saying "yes" – all of it continues. At the same time, it does give way to a longer story of "staying with", reconnecting, and getting perspective, all of which makes it possible to set out, again and again.

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE



Kitty Murphy and her husband Ken, pictured here, have been parishioners since 2014.

As we embark on a new year, the Pastoral Council bids farewell to a valued member, Kitty Murphy. Kitty has faithfully served on the Council for six years, drawing upon her deep integrity, extensive experience in church ministry and leadership. She has been a strong advocate for Catholic spirituality and justice, exemplified by her dedicated service in the detention ministry at the Santa Barbara jail.

The Pastoral Council is pleased to welcome two new members:

Charlie Bogue and Daniel Thomas who each began a three-year term on January 9, 2024.

Charlie brings with him a wealth of expertise in business management and a vibrant involvement in Catholic family life and ministry. His joyful partnership with his wife, Sanya, and their children Lucia, Rocco, and Chiara, along with their diverse extended family, adds a multicultural dimension to our council.

Daniel and his wife Ellie have been active members of our parish for the past four years. Daniel's gift of communication, coupled with his love for poetry, enriches our council. He also brings extensive experience in non-profit management, including his successful tenure as the Development Director of the Santa Barbara Food Bank.

We are excited to have these two new members joining our Pastoral Council, which includes: Majalisa Van Thyne (Chair), Zandra Cholmondeley, William Espinosa, Scott Maier, Kerry Parker, and Father Dan Lackie.

SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

January 20-21

This weekend we will take up a second collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples – these and all the Church’s needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



SAVE THE DATES!

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

February 15-18, 2024

(In-Person)

THIS YEAR’S THEME: BE LOVED!

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. Held at the Anaheim Convention Center, it is sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and includes people of all ministries, vocations and faiths. It opens on Thursday, February 15 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, February 16 to Sunday, February 18) include hundreds of workshops in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Participants also receive access to arena keynotes, the opening ceremony, a variety of liturgies, entertainment, evening events, and the Exhibit Hall, which showcases religious art, music and publishing houses.

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Rev. Dr. Robert Chao Romero

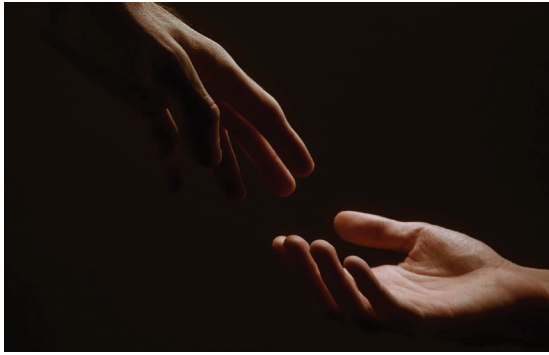
We are excited to present our 22nd annual conference. The theme of the conference is Engage, and more than in prior years, the conference will drive people to act. The conference will focus on four relevant societal issues, providing biblical bases and opportunities to work on solutions. Here is our speaker line-up:

<p>Homelessness / Affordable Housing</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Rev. Fr. Haralambos (Bob) Fox </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Emily Koval </div> </div>	<p>Human Trafficking</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Jeff Shaffer </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Kayla Petersen </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Kaisa Marshall </div> </div>
<p>Immigration / Racial Justice</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Rev. Dr. Robert Chao Romero </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Karla Can </div> </div>	<p>Creation Care</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Dr. Sandra Richter </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Barbara Greenleaf </div> </div>

On Caring for Our Common Home Tip of the Week



Showering typically uses half the water of taking a bath, possibly even less. To save even more water, spend less time in the shower and make sure it is equipped with a low-flow shower head.



MINUTE MEDITATION

Divine Assistance

Padre Pio's letter to Raffaelina Cerase, 1914: Be careful not to lose sight of the divine presence in any of your actions. Never undertake any work or activity without first having lifted your mind to God and committing that activity to him with holy intentions. Do the same when you offer thanks for the outcome of all your actions. Always examine whether things unfolded in accord with the right intentions you had at the outset, and if you find anything defective, humbly ask the Lord for forgiveness with a firm resolution to amend your failings.

You must not be disheartened or sink into sadness if your actions do not attain the perfection you intended. What do you expect? We are all fragile, we are earth, and not every plot of land produces the fruit intended by the farmer. Let us always humble ourselves after our failures, recognizing that we are completely helpless without divine assistance.

— from the book *Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day* by Gianluigi Pasquale and Marsha Daigle-Williamson Ph.D

RECONFIGURATION OF CHURCH TABERNACLE



In partnership with Old Mission staff and with important assistance from Father Joe Schwab, the space behind the main altar in the Mission Church has been reopened for a tabernacle.

The new tabernacle space was crafted by parishioner (and master carpenter) Dave Schiefen, along with Jim Balsitis (Director of Facilities), in collaboration with Father Henri (with his expertise in architectural design), and Maria Cabrera (finishing touches!). The space will provide access to the tabernacle both from the front and from the sacristy side of the reredos. This location will enhance the area of the front pews as a space for prayer and devotion, while the Portiuncula Chapel near the front doors of the church continues as an adoration chapel.



MISSION CHURCH MOBILITY RAMP

In collaboration with Old Mission Santa Barbara, the parish has received approval from the Santa Barbara Historic Landmark Commission on an initial conceptual rendering of a mobility access ramp to the front of the Mission church. The decision of the Commission represents a major step forward on an issue of church access and hospitality that has been under discussion (and partially addressed in various ways) for over 30 years. The next steps in the Commission's process require a geological review of the proposed space and final design approval prior to the issuance of building permits and initial construction.

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

ELIAS CHACOUR: BLESSED IS THE PEACEMAKER

PFather Elias Chacour describes himself as a “Palestinian-Arab-Christian-Israeli.” To that seemingly contradictory identity you can add even more complexity: Chacour served as Archbishop of Akko, Haifa, Nazareth and All Galilee in the Melkite Greek Catholic Church from 2006 to 2014. The Melkites are in full communion with Rome but celebrate the Byzantine rite. His church traces its origins to the earliest years of Christianity and its roots to the land walked by Jesus. Chacour grew up near the Mount of Beatitudes, where it is believed Jesus delivered his famous sermon.

Born in 1939, Chacour attended minor seminary in Haifa but for his ecclesiastical degree journeyed to the famed Seminary of Saint Sulpice in Paris. He later became the first Arab to earn a graduate degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, studying Bible, Talmud, Aramaic, and Syriac. He speaks eleven languages. His memoir *Blood Brothers* has been translated into more than twenty languages and its sequel *We Belong to the Land* into eleven. The former Archbishop of Galilee has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times and received many other awards, including five honorary doctorates from such universities as Duke and Emory. We’ll explore why in future columns.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Jan 20	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
Jan 21	Marie Favro (7:30 a.m.)
Jan 21	Ines Dias da Silva (9:00 a.m.)
Jan 21	† Victor Ramirez (11:00 a.m.)
Jan 21	† Giancarlo Mercado (11:00 a.m.)
Jan 22	† Kappy Pattison
Jan 23	Richard and Mary Klimek
Jan 24	† Ramon Camacho Fejarang
Jan 25	David and Maureen Klimek
Jan 26	† Mary Genetti
Jan 27	LaBorde Family
Jan 28	Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
Jan 28	† Robert James Gillanders (9:00 a.m.)
Jan 28	† Alan Wiechman (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Guidelines for online interaction with young people

Appropriate behavior online is critical to maintaining boundaries and being a trusted adult to the young people in your care. Do not use your personal social media account to “friend” or “follow” the children you work with. Do not email from a personal email address. If you do interact with young people online, do not comment on their social media accounts or use them to obtain more information or start conversations. If your organization does not have rules about social media use for employees, work with management to put some in place. For more, read the VIRTUS® article “Social Media Rules to Follow with Children” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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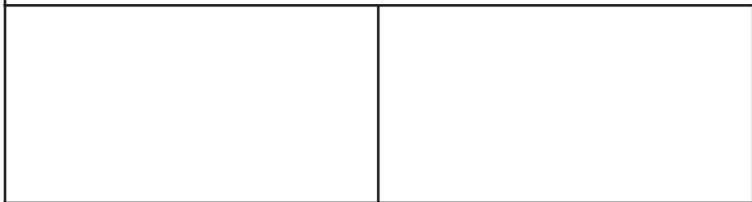


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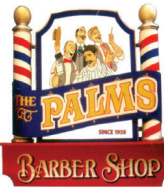
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