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JANUARY 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Matthew 4:16

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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
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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,

In a recent conversation about our lives as friars, I was struck by the comment of one participant who observed that Acts of the Apostles is still being written. He was referring, of course, to the New Testament text that tells the story of the early church and the experience of Paul. It is considered to be the second volume of Luke's Gospel, and it's really the story of the Holy Spirit.



The great scholar of the Hebrew scriptures, Ellen Davis, would certainly agree. In her advice to preachers, she points out that while the biblical story as recounted in the scriptures is complete, it is not yet *finished*; that is, it is still being retold and enacted and commented upon, as it must be, as long as the church awaits the consummation of history (p. 246, Preaching the Luminous Word).

The readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time this weekend will highlight this fact with their emphasis on the themes of prophecy and authority. The voice of Jesus, as the fulfillment of prophecy and as the one who "speaks with authority" is the basis for the on-going call, conversion, and shaping of the Church, which is our story.

Our parish is so filled with stories of faith, testimonies to the work of the Spirit, the presence of Jesus, and the creative power of the Father. It has been one of the great rewards to me as Pastor to hear these stories. The questions that emerge for me are: *Amidst the anxieties Paul writes about, How do I keep attuned to the voice of the Lord?* In line with the Psalmist, *How do I soften my heart to stay open to that voice of love and life?* These questions stay with me.

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



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SANTA BARBARA MISSION CONFERENCE
February 3, 2024
First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, CA

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FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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:

Homelessness / Affordable Housing



Rev. Fr. Haralambos
(Bob) Fox



Emily Koval



Jeff Shaffer



Kayla Petersen



Kaisa Marshall

Human Trafficking

Immigration / Racial Justice



Rev. Dr. Robert
Chao Romero



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Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule February 14 -- Mission Church

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey. Please join us in the Mission church on this holy day of prayer and fasting as we celebrate our Ash Wednesday liturgies.

8:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (+ ashes)

12:15 p.m. Celebration of the Liturgy
of the Word (+ ashes)

5:30 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (+ ashes)

CALLING ALL SOPRANOS!



The parish choir is seeking soprano singers to join our beloved music ministry. The choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and on major feast days (Easter, Christmas, etc.). Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

To schedule an interview and audition, contact Lance Crane at lcrane@saintbarbaraparish.org or (805)682-4151, ext. 103.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
6:30 to 7:30 P.M. | Francis Room**

Our Men's Faith Group is a wonderful opportunity for men of faith to deepen their knowledge of Scripture and share in fellowship with like-minded men. Entrance to the Francis Room is from the front portico.



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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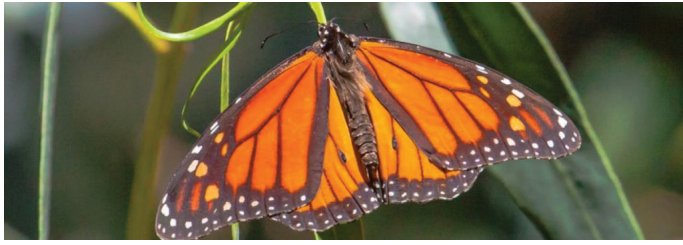
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SACRED SAUNTER



Saturday, February 10 -- 1:30 p.m.

Join the parish Green Team for a "Sacred Saunter" at the Goleta Butterfly Grove on Saturday, February 10. Enjoy the beauty of the Ellwood Mesa and the miracle of the Monarch butterfly! The walk is 1.5 - 2 miles round trip on a dirt path with some steep sections at the viewing area.

We will meet at the Elwood Mesa Open Space & Sperling Preserve parking area: 7729 Hollister Avenue, across from Ellwood Elementary School (where you can also park). In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled.

IT'S PILGRIMAGE SEASON!



Join Fr. Daniel Barica OFM as he leads three pilgrimages to holy sites this spring through Ave Maria Pilgrimage!



APRIL 12 – 20, 2024

Medugorje (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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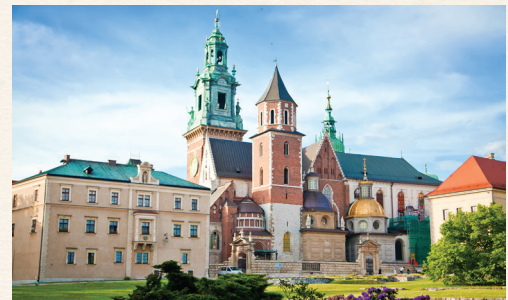
WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Saturday, February 10

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. | Francis Room

Join us on Saturday, February 10 for our Women's Faith Sharing gathering as we discuss the book *The Story of Ruth: 12 Moments in Every Woman's Life* by Joan Chittister. The book may be purchased on Amazon.

No registration required – just check in at the Porter's Office!



APRIL 20 – 28, 2024

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland

For detailed information click [HERE](#), visit www.AveMariaPilgrimage.com, or call (949)249-2500.



APRIL 27 – MAY 6, 2024

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

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BECOMING A
LAUDATO SI' PARISH

**THE BISHOPS ON PAST AND
PRESENT RACISM IN THE USA**

“During our time [in Montgomery, Alabama] we recognized the Quad-Centennial of the forced migration of African peoples from Angola to Jamestown, VA, in 1619 as an event which marked the beginning of a highly tragic period in our nation’s history...As we visited the Legacy Museum of the Equal Justice Initiative, we were made more fully aware of the indignities of slavery and the continuation of indignities after emancipation through the enactment and enforcement of prejudicial laws and policies which upheld racial prejudice, white supremacy, and inequity.” *Reaffirmation of our Commitment to End Racism*, signed by ten ecumenical leaders including Rev. Dr. Walter F. Kedjierski, Executive Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Today, I again address the grave sin of racism, which continues to plague our society and even our own Church...As my brother bishops noted in their 2018 Pastoral Letter on racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*: ‘Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people.’” Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia, *A Pastoral Letter on Racial Healing: "We Are One Body,"* June 11, 2023.

All of these documents and many others from our bishops on the subject of racism can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/library>.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- 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.)
- Jan 29 Chris and Susan Frischette
- Jan 30 † Vittorio and Maria Dal Bello
- Jan 31 Ray Family
- Feb 1 † Jerry and Assunta Pivato
- Feb 2 † Edward D. Shank
- Feb 3 Amelia Sarinana
- Feb 4 † Marilyn Dresler (7:30 a.m.)
- Feb 4 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)
- Feb 4 † Scott Francis McKeon-Hegger (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The crime of child pornography

Child pornography is the visual depiction of a minor in sexually explicit conduct. There is some general public confusion surrounding the term “child pornography” — for example, some people believe that child pornography can be accidentally found while browsing the internet, or that the “children” depicted are actually older and simply appear younger. Using the term “child pornography” can also minimize the horrors of children being exploited for profit in this way. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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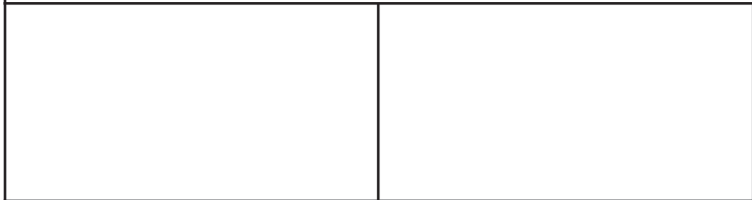
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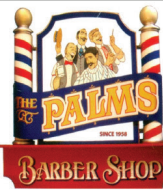


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