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FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



LENT
Our Spiritual Journey

"Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?"

Romans 8:31-32

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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.

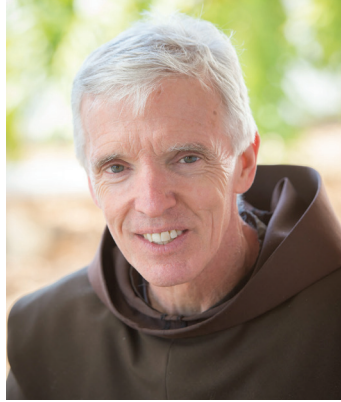
(Family-Focused Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS- 8:00 A.M.

Monday-Friday

Dear Friend,

On this Second Sunday of Lent our Gospel reading moves us from last week's desert scene to a mountaintop perspective. From a desert of temptations to a mountaintop of divine revelation. Accordingly, in our parish spiritual journey of Lent we are asked to move from a stance of *trust* to a focus on *listening*. This is the command that comes from the cloud to Peter, James, and John as they witness the transfiguration of Jesus: *This is my beloved Son, Listen to him.*



The drama of Abraham and Isaac in the first reading this week depicts a similar shift. Trusting that God has asked him to do the unthinkable, that is, to sacrifice his own son, Abraham climbs a mountain to carry out the act only to hear the Lord's messenger calling to him from heaven to hold back. (One of the most harrowing passages in all of scripture, it brings to mind the disturbances ignited in another challenging text, the Book of Job). Like Noah last week, Abraham hears the promise of a future that must have jolted him: death and destruction will not have the last word.

When we gather for our sacred liturgy, we are summoned to a mountaintop to listen. With Moses and Elijah – both well acquainted with affliction – we stand with Jesus, even while recalling our desert experience. Past, present, and future converge in liturgical space. The transformation we witness, “even if it does not mean death as we know it, will always require a heroic alteration, an agonizing reappraisal” (Bouyer). Indeed, coming down the mountain, there's no complete resolution. All along the way, our Lord will offer himself to us in love. Crowded by so many sounds of destruction, we strain to listen, to hear the word of life and to obey.

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



ZOOM LECTURE SERIES

Laudato Si' and Energy Transition: Perspectives from Working with Frontline Communities in New Mexico



Speaker: Joan Brown, OSF

Thursday, April 18 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

The spiritual, moral and practical teachings of Laudato Si' will be explored through the lens of work with frontline communities and people of faith in New Mexico & El Paso Region.

Environmental justice and how Laudato Si' can offer practical guidance and inspiration for a shift in our worldview will be covered. Franciscan-hearted people carry an important responsibility, sharing the genes of joy and community by living out the practical implications of Laudato Si' in the energy transition sphere. Some tools and resources for the way forward will be offered. To register, visit www.fst.edu/laudato-si-series/ or click below.

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On Caring for Our Common Home Tip of the Week



Consider planting trees and/or shrubs next to your house. They will help keep you cool naturally in warmer weather, lessening the desire for air conditioning, and they help to pull carbon from the atmosphere.

AN INVITATION TO TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY!

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Sunday Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain, and transfigures before them. Then God speaks from a cloud. Imagine the feeling of awe!

Listen: What is Jesus saying to you? He knows your unique voice. Listen with an open heart and open mind.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on the following Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Mission Church and Mission olive garden! All are welcome.

Friday, March 1

5:30 p.m. – Mission olive garden
(Led by the Men's Faith Group)

Friday, March 8

5:30 p.m. – Mission Church
(Led by the Women's Faith Group)

Friday, March 15

5:30 p.m. – Mission olive garden
(Led by the Secular Franciscans)

Fr. Garrett Galvin (Franciscan School of Theology)
Our Call and Conversion: A Biblical Journey
Toward Lent

Sunday, February 25
12:15 p.m. – Bonaventure Hall



The Lenten journey can be a time of real transformation for us. Most new journeys are, and we can't predict how they may change us. Come join us at the trailhead for this talk and see where it takes you. The Church gives us the tools for a deeper and more joyful relationship with both Jesus and each other.

Click below to register or call the parish office.

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Fr. Joe Schwab – The Gospel of Luke:
Apply Luke's Message to Your Daily Living
(Part 2)

Sunday, March 3
12:15 p.m. – Bonaventure Hall



Luke's Gospel includes some of Jesus' most familiar parables, stories and conversations. They may be overly familiar to us. How might they be speaking to you today? Come listen with new ears, an open heart, and open mind. You may be surprised by your insights.

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MINUTE MEDITATION
The Divine Dance of Lent

Prayer as a spiritual practice never goes out of style. Throughout the entire year, prayer is a powerful way of participating in divine community. By lifting our own broken pieces and those of others in prayer, we attest to — rather than run from — the vulnerable parts of our lives. Prayer connects us with each other and with God. This sacred unity connects our individual broken pieces with those of others, creating a beautiful new kind of wholeness. God is ready to heal our woundedness, to make us more whole than ever before. Lent is our call to make room for the divine dance to work its sacred magic within us.

- from *St. Anthony Messenger's "Dust to Dust: An Ash Wednesday Reflection"* by Mary Ann Steutermann

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MEN'S FAITH GROUP
Wednesday, February 28

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.

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WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP
Saturday, March 9

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. | Faith Formation Room

Join us 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!



HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Church)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)

** Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (No Mass)

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (Olive garden)

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Quiet Prayer (Church)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)

** Solemn Liturgy will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 30

7:30 p.m. Glorious Easter Vigil (Church)
(No Confessions; No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

** Will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

11:00 a.m. (Outdoor Mass in front of the Church; weather permitting)

300 chairs will be provided

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

FROM THE POPE'S *FRATELLI TUTTI*: A REFLECTION FOR LENT

Forgiving is not forgetting. Pope Francis admonishes us that “The Shoah [the Holocaust] must not be forgotten.” He prays that God would “Grant us the grace to be ashamed of what we men have done...Nor must we forget the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki... Neither must we forget the persecutions, the slave trade and the ethnic killings...that make us ashamed of our humanity.”

“Nowadays, it is easy to be tempted to turn the page, to say that all these things happened a long time ago...For God’s sake, no! We can never move forward without remembering the past; we do not progress without an honest and unclouded memory.” Francis remembers not only the atrocities, “but also those who, amid such great inhumanity and corruption, retained their dignity and, with gestures small or large, chose the part of solidarity, forgiveness and fraternity.”

Shame, when it arises from an honest conscience, can be healthy and even necessary for spiritual growth. This is altogether different from the shaming of others as an act of oppression and hate – for which we should be ashamed. Honoring those who know the difference and act accordingly for universal brother/sisterhood maintains our spiritual equanimity. Forgiving is not forgetting.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact
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Feb 24	† Katherine Pattison
Feb 25	† Kenneth Glover (7:30 a.m.)
Feb 25	† Angel Frank Perez (9:00 a.m.)
Feb 25	Pro Populo – People of the Parish (11:00 a.m.)
Feb 26	Caroline Chufar
Feb 26	Joe Mathews
Feb 28	Steven West
Feb 29	Josie A. Jones
Mar 1	† Thomas Kelly
Mar 2	† Katherine Pattison
Mar 3	Joe Mathews (7:30 a.m.)
Mar 3	Pro Populo – People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)
Mar 3	† Eva Gwazdauskas (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Understanding “sexting”

“Sexting” is the sending of sexually explicit messages or images via text. Sexting commonly happens in conversations between teens and tweens, and usually involves nude “selfies.” When these images are shared or distributed on social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat, the problem is made worse. Some states have laws against sexting that could have criminal ramifications for teens. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://www.lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

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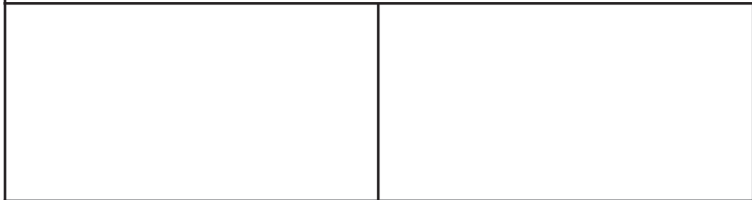
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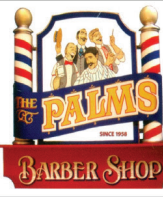


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