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*In response to God's call to love, we are a faith community that strives to live the gospel in prayer, formation, evangelization, outreach and stewardship in the Franciscan tradition.*

MARCH 10, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**LENT**  
Our Spiritual Journey

*Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved — raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 2:4-6

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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

Charlie Bogue	Kerry Parker
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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](mailto: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,

A recurring memory of my childhood – one I've shared with you in past letters: sitting in front of the stereo with my younger brother, both of us listening intently to the soundtrack of the Broadway musical "The Music Man". I'll never know what inspired my parents to buy this record; sadly, I never really asked them. All I know is that in my growing up years the record brought me hours of delight.



In the story of the "Music Man," the huckster travelling salesman, Harold Hill, promises small-town families that their children can become musically proficient by mastering what he calls the "think system". With this method their sons and daughters need only "think" of the note to play and it will (magically?) come out of their band instruments. No need for complicated training, just buy the instruments (and uniforms), apply the method, and soon enough you'll behold the beauty. Before anyone catches onto the madness of it all, Professor Hill is on a train out of town, money in hand....

The whole scheme falls apart – and the story really begins -- when Professor Hill falls in love with the town librarian. My brother and I ate it up. We just did.

Looking back, I see the fine line separating comedy from tragedy. Our psalm this week voices an aching loneliness; it's lamentation over human charades finally backing an entire nation into a deadly corner called exile. What about St. Paul? He was dead, he says, when the inbreaking of divine power knocked him down and woke him up. He was *brought to life* by mercy and grace. Lethal shadows are real, and our Gospel assures us that loving, not thinking, scatters them - God's way of loving which I learn slowly, over many Lents, through Jesus Christ.

Gratefully,  
Fr. Dan ofm,  
Pastor



### **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*

# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONTINUES!

## JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Sunday Gospel John 3:14-21

### **Like Father, Like Son**

"God so loved the world he gave his only son."  
Jesus so loves us he gives his love and light to each of us that we may share it with others.

**Love:** This Lent, has Jesus shined a light on a shadow in your life? If so, thank him for this gift so you can let it go with his help.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 15

5:30 p.m. – Mission olive garden

Join us next Friday in the Mission olive garden (weather permitting) for our final Lenten Stations of the Cross, led by the students of St. Therese Classical Academy. *In the event of rain, we will gather in the church.*



## LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Friday, March 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
21 East Sola Street, Santa Barbara



## MINUTE MEDITATION *(Re)Build the Kingdom*

With profound hope, we live and grow in this season as an assured and empowered people. We do not lie awake at night worried about our ultimate future; we do not question our place in God. More than in anything else, we know our place in salvation history. And this drives us forth. We fast, pray, and give alms, not as punishment for our sins, but as a redeemed and hopeful people who can do nothing else but reveal our joyful anticipation for the fulfillment of God's promise to a world that only hopes in possibilities.

What we do in this season is not something to be endured to get to the real glory. It is a taste of the very glory itself: Through these acts of sacrifice, love, and conversion, we become what God promises in us and begin to build the kingdom to which we belong.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "[Lent Inspires Hope](#)"  
by Casey Cole, OFM

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**  
**9AM - 1PM**  
... lunch will be provided... and its free!

Contact us if you are interested and want more details

## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A SISTER?

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join them for a Religious Vocation Experience in Los Angeles on Saturday, March 23. This opportunity is for single Catholic women, ages 18-40. Questions? Call or text Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at (213)210-9903 or (650) 949-8890 or email [srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org)

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The conference will be in-person only and admission is \$75 for CMF members and \$100 for non-members.

For more information or to register, please visit: [californiamissionsfoundation.org/conference](http://californiamissionsfoundation.org/conference)

## BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: YOU'VE GOT MAIL!**

Of the fourteen major documents of CST, eleven are “encyclicals,” open letters written by a pope. But to whom are they addressed? (All the Latin titles come from the first two or three words of the document. The English titles refer to the major themes.) Leo XIII’s “Rerum Novarum: On the Condition of Labor” (1891) was addressed “To Our Venerable Brethren, All Patriarchs, Primate, Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic World.” Pius XI commemorated it by publishing his own encyclical 40 years later: “Quadragesimo Anno: On Reconstructing the Social Order” (1931). In addition to the personages addressed by Leo, Pius directs his message to “All the Faithful of the Catholic World.”

John XXIII broke new ground in addressing “Pacem in Terris” (1963) not just to Catholics but to “All Men of Good Will.” John Paul II’s 100th anniversary encyclical, “Centesimo Anno” (1991), addresses “All Men and Women of Good Will.” Pope Francis addresses “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home” (2015), to “every person living on this planet.”

From the hundreds of hierarchs of “the Catholic world” in 1891 to seven billion Earthlings today, the encyclicals’ intended audiences demonstrate the Catholic Church’s expanding and now truly global vision.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Mar 9 † Rocco Paul Scaramastra
- Mar 10 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- Mar 10 † Robert Taylor (9:00 a.m.)
- Mar 10 † Aureo Miguel (11:00 a.m.)
- Mar 11 † Samuel Edward Purvis
- Mar 12 † Dr. Frank Gamberdella
- Mar 13 Joe Mathews
- Mar 14 † Bernadette “Bernie” Webb
- Mar 15 † Samuel Edward Purvis
- Mar 16 Joe Mathews
- Mar 17 Ray Family (7:30 a.m.)
- Mar 17 † Remedios Guerrero Perez (9:00 a.m.)
- Mar 17 † Joan Parker (11:00 a.m.)



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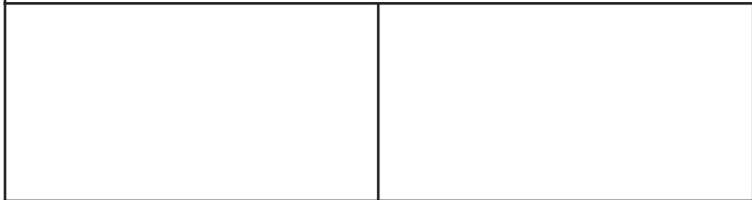
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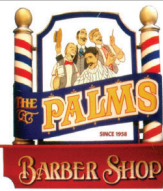
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