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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.

APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said: *"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

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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,

The song “Someone to Watch Over Me” was created by the brothers George and Ira Gershwin in 1926, and I had to smile when I heard it this week while preparing my homily for Good Shepherd Sunday.



It has that lyric of great longing and gentle humor: *I'm a little lamb who's lost in the wood/ I know I could/ always be good/ to one who'll watch over me.* Irresistible – the ballad's been covered by everyone from Willie Nelson to Ella Fitzgerald.

The word *shepherd* is weighted with so much meaning in the Hebrew scriptures, including connections to the life story of David, with all his wanderings, getting lost, and as referenced in Psalm 132, “all the many hardships he endured” (and brought on himself). To all of this, Jesus counters with “I am the good shepherd,” bringing all the assurance and relief anyone could ask for: *I know mine and mine know me.*

And yet, for any “little lamb” lost in the woods of depression, grief, or hardship, that deep longing and even deep loneliness can persist. It is only through the grace of God that the Body of Christ as Church or any individual disciple can become the voice of Jesus for another person. As scholars point out, there are no “second generation” disciples for the writer of John's Gospel; rather, each one of us knows and is known through direct contact with the Father through Jesus himself. In the life of St. Francis Jesus is the author of every moment of “holy newness.”

Surely the Gershwin brothers had none of this in mind when they wrote their song back in 1926. Though in fact - talk about needing a good shepherd - Ira Gershwin was hospitalized at the time with a ruptured appendix!

Gratefully,
Father Dan ofm

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st 2024



Prayer for Vocations

*Loving God, you call all who believe in you
to grow perfect in love by following in the
footsteps of Christ your Son.*

*Call from among us more men and women
who will serve you as religious.*

*Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful
servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests,
sisters, brothers and deacons,
who will spend themselves for your people
and their needs.*

*Bless those who are serving now with
courage and perseverance.
Grant that many will be inspired by their
example and faith.*

*By their way of life, may they provide a
convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church
and the whole world.*

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SANTA BARBARA EARTH DAY APRIL 27-28, 2024



SATURDAY, APRIL 27 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Alameda Park

The Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival is one of the longest-running Earth Day celebrations in the country.

Santa Barbara’s environmental reputation attracts national media, celebrity attention, and local crowds. This year the festival is aligning with the Earth Day Network’s theme of Planet vs. Plastics – with calls to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risks of plastics, rapidly phasing out single use plastics and pushing for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution by the end of 2024.

Highlights of the festival include a Green Car show, the Environmental Hero Award, a Kids Corner, music and entertainment, and delicious food and drinks.

Admission is FREE!



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Thank you to all who have donated to our 2024 Together in Mission campaign! Together in Mission is a lifeline for financially struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, providing essential resources that enrich parish life, strengthen families and communities, and allow ministries and programs like the ones we enjoy at St. Barbara Parish to flourish and grow.

The Church is ONE body whose members need one another. Each depends on the prayerful gifts of all.

If you haven't donated or pledged yet, please help us reach our year-end goal of **\$86,314** by placing a check payable to *Together in Mission* in the collection basket at Mass, mailing a check to St. Barbara Parish, 2201 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 or donating online by clicking below and selecting TOGETHER IN MISSION 2024 from the Fund dropdown menu.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Coffee and Donuts After Mass

This Sunday, April 21

Join us on the front portico for coffee, donuts, and fellowship after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses this Sunday! To sign up as a volunteer for future post-Mass hospitality, click below or call (805)682-4151, ext. 102.

[VOLUNTEER](#)



On Caring for Our Common Home Tip of the Week

To commemorate Earth Day (April 22), consider rereading, or reading for the first time, Pope Francis’ landmark encyclical letter about our planet’s environment. If you don’t own a copy of *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, you can find it at

<https://bit.ly/1Lh3szp>.



MINUTE MEDITATION

Wait in Silence

I have found that if someone is going to work hard at being immersed in God, the effort should not be just in the praying itself but in becoming yourself a place of prayer. This place of prayer, so carefully prepared, sometimes by extensive work, is where we can just be. Be silent. Be alone. Be at peace with our solitude. So, to learn to pray, we, like St. Francis, need to find our own sacred place of solitude and silence. Then, once we've come to that oasis, we need only enter and wait in silence.

We often don't really know what we're waiting for, but we trust that something will come; and when it does, it will be a surprise, both in *when* it comes and *what* it is.

- from the book *God's Love Song: The Vision of Francis and Clare*
by Murray Bodo, OFM, and Susan Saint Sing
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Men's Faith Group **Wednesday, April 24 – 6:30 p.m.** **Francis Room**

Our Men's Faith Group meets every other week and is a wonderful opportunity for men of faith to deepen their knowledge of Scripture and share in fellowship. Entrance to the Francis Room is from the front portico.



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Mercy and Compassion in Francis of Assisi by Stephen J. McMichael, OFM, Conv.

Thursday, May 16 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Via Zoom

This presentation will focus on the theme of mercy and compassion in the writings of Francis of Assisi, especially his Testament, Earlier Rule (1221), and Letter to the Minister. Mercy/compassion is the lens through which to interpret Francis' entire life and is the epicenter of Franciscan spirituality as revealed by Pietro Maranesi, Pietro Messa, and other Italian scholars. To register for this FREE Zoom lecture, click below or visit fst.edu/events

Steven J. McMichael, OFM Conv., is an Associate Professor in the Theology Department at the University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, Minnesota) and has published three recent books.

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BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

HOW THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH DOES SOCIAL JUSTICE

I was recently asked to speak with the Franciscan novices in residence at the Mission about how the Catholic Church in the U.S. implements its social teachings. An imam from a local mosque and a rabbi from a local synagogue also presented on how their traditions understand justice. It was a rich conversation. I suggested that the witness of the Catholic Church to human dignity and the common good could be categorized under the three headings of service, advocacy, and education. I offered examples of each, indicating that this was not meant to be a comprehensive list.

Service programs include parish food pantries, the Cordano Center and St. Vincent's here in Santa Barbara and St. Anthony's Foundation in San Francisco, Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, and Catholic Relief Services. Advocacy efforts include the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, state and national conferences of bishops, NETWORK (aka "Nuns on the Bus!"), and Catholic Climate Covenant. Educational initiatives include parochial schools in low-income neighborhoods, Nativity middle schools, Cristo Rey high schools, and Catholic college and university programs. In coming weeks, we'll take a quick look at each of these laudable efforts, all of which deserve our support. It's an embarrassment of riches!

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- April 20 Jourdan and Roman Ray
- April 21 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- April 21 † Alejandro Castellanos (9:00 a.m.)
- April 21 † Enrique Gomez (11:00 a.m.)
- April 22 Raelynn Churchman
- April 23 Patricia Ovieda Robledo
- April 24 † Carole Roane
- April 25 Bebe Zevin
- April 26 Carlos Ramirez
- April 27 Pro Populo – People of the Parish
- April 28 Rimas and Viki Siliunas (7:30 a.m.)
- April 28 † Maria Morilla (9:00 a.m.)
- April 28 † Carmelo Tasca (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

“Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 “Keep Kids Safe” Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more information go to <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

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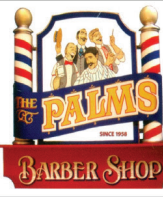


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