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MARCH 17, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



*"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."*

John 12:26

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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](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,

As I write this, I realize that I still haven't adjusted to the time change. The great "spring forward" just makes me want to "fall back" several times a day. Not as easy to adjust as it once was... and somehow appropriate that all this stumbling is triggered during Lent.



And another adjustment of sorts this week: St. Patrick's Day gives way to the Day of the Lord, as it falls on the 5th Sunday of Lent. Put this one down not to legislative decree but to another source of (sometimes) mysterious guidance: our liturgical calendar.

So, from several directions this week I am reminded that I (and even the Irish – around and within me...) are not always in charge. *Adjust and move on, sayeth the Lord.*

Speaking of which, last week I heard a suggestion for a change for Ash Wednesday next year. Not the date, but the wording for the distribution of ashes. How about instead of "Remember that you are dust..." or "Repent and believe..." a simple: Get over yourself. Would that be an exciting way to begin our Lenten journey? It's certainly a refreshing take on what it means to "follow," which happens to be this week's guidepost word for our Lenten journey. *Get over yourself and follow, sayeth the Lord?*

Turns out that what we will hear in this week's Gospel is very much along these lines. It's a speech by Jesus worded by John the Evangelist, though, and he tends to be, in this case anyway, if not more subtle, at least more parabolic: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit." That's the love we follow...yes, gulp, I'll adjust and move on!

Gratefully,  
Fr. Dan ofm,  
Pastor



As you know, each year the Pope asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year help is needed more than ever.

In communication from our Franciscan family, we hear the following:

*The tragic events that started on October 7, 2023 have brought many disastrous consequences, including a greatly increased need for support for the Christian community, many of whom, if not most, depend on pilgrims and pilgrimages to make a living. After two years of pandemic these families were just beginning to recover and repay their debts. Now, once again, people need support for everything from medicine and surgeries to food and school tuition. Fear and despair are rampant, to the point where many Christians are again thinking of just leaving.*

The Good Friday collection is a response to this situation and, as I said above, help is needed now more than ever. On behalf of my fellow friars and those they serve in the Holy Land, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr. Dan





# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONTINUES!

## JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Sunday Gospel John 12:20-33

**“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will be my servant.”**

Jesus wants us to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow his example. Why? So that we may become more like him with the help of the Holy Spirit. As in any relationship, this means we need to spend time with him

Follow: Do you want to become closer to Jesus? *Really?* How could you do that? Love and obedience are the defining marks of Jesus’ followers.



### **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*





## MINUTE MEDITATION

### *The Sacred Silence of Lent*

How do we figure out what we truly need? I think we find an answer in silence. Not the answer -- not immediately -- but at least the method, the path we can take (each of us) toward the way to find the answer for ourselves, and for no one else.

It is about prayer. It is about stillness. It is about stillness and silence in Lent. In many parts of the world, Lent begins in the silent time of the year. The earth is gently awakening from its winter slumber, gradually bringing forth its remembered fullness. In other parts of the world, Lent is a time of slowing down, of increasing coolness, of moving toward the dark bright of longer nights, when the burst of dawn truly does break forth day after day, promising more, promising deeper, promising a greater silence, and, conversely, promising a greater light.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "[The Sacred Silence of Lent](#)"  
by Phyllis Zagano, PhD



### Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until  
we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



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Friday, March 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
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## BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

### **THE COMMON GOOD AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

The two social encyclicals of Pope John XXIII illuminate key ideas of Catholic Social Teaching. “Mater et Magistra: Christianity and Social Progress” (1961) defines the common good as “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”

John’s second encyclical, “Pacem in Terris” (1963), observes that “in our time the common good is chiefly guaranteed when personal rights and duties are maintained.” Furthermore, “to safeguard the inviolable rights of the human person, and to facilitate the fulfillment of his duties, should be the chief duty of every public authority.” The fundamental purpose of government is to defend and promote the common good, and thereby the equal dignity and rights of all.

The U.S. Bill of Rights spells out civil and political rights. What distinguishes the Catholic approach is the enumeration also of social and economic rights: for example, not only the right to freedom of speech but also the right to just wages. That puts the Church in concert with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as adopted by the United Nations in 1948, which John lauded in “Pacem in Terris.” Peace results when rights are respected.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

## MASS INTENTIONS

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To schedule a Mass intention, contact  
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- 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.)
- Mar 18 † Bill Belfiore
- Mar 19 Jordi Castaneda
- Mar 20 Dr. Linda Barrasse
- Mar 21 Joe Mathews
- Mar 22 † Dr. Raymond Kerr
- Mar 23 Pro Populo – People of the Parish
- Mar 24 Esther Fallorina (7:30 a.m.)
- Mar 24 † Maria Wilshusen (9:00 a.m.)
- Mar 24 † Miriam Pfluger (11:00 a.m.)



## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

### **What is a traumatic experience?**

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) defines a traumatic event as a “frightening, dangerous, or violent event that poses a threat to a child’s life or bodily integrity.” This includes events that victimize the children directly or events of this type that children witness, particularly when the person harmed is a loved one. A child’s understanding of safety depends on the safety of his caregivers. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Healing from Child Trauma” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



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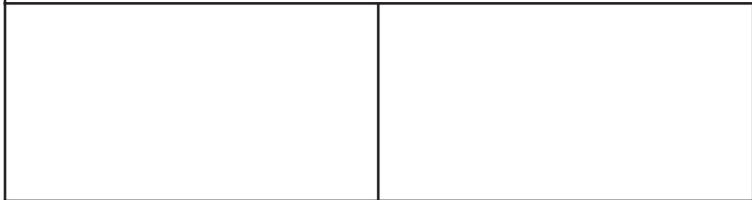


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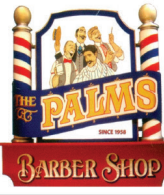
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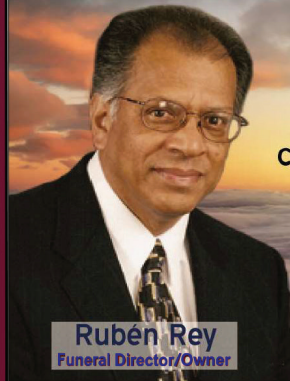
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