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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



*Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"*

Matthew 25:31-34

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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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## 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,

Below is a holiday archive edition of our pastor letter. Enjoy the wisdom of Fr. Alex Manville from nearly 40 years ago!

I woke up this morning. And said thanks. Thanks for this morning, thanks for all the mornings I've awakened to. Every one a resurrection, a new life. No matter the past, it all starts from now. And no matter how I feel. Being *able* to feel is the important thing.



There've been other resurrections: from the womb, from childhood, from youth, the toughest, but maybe not; they've all felt tough going through them. One thing is for sure, this one's the best, just as each of them has been better than the one before. Middle of the seventh decade: lots of death and dying, but more of waking and rising – and all of it pure gift, both the dying and the being lifted up.

There's more to it. Not all moving on is moving up. We can grow older and smarter without rising to real newness – like Lazarus coming out of the tomb, the same o' Lazarus in contrast to Jesus coming out changed. The difference lies in whether or not we're willing to die, whether or not we're willing to give up our self-importance, our self-image, our pitiful struggle to control.

I get the normal pangs of regret. Maybe I should've done this, or not done that. But why dwell on it? There haven't been many mistakes I haven't been able to live beyond. And while a lot of youthful dreams got lost somewhere – I can't even remember most of them – I find I'm turning out the person I always wanted to be. I like it – me. Thank God for God, to thank if nothing else. I'd never have made it if I hadn't surrendered control. And dropped a lot of baggage.

But it always starts with waking up in the morning. Another chance in becoming the person I'll always be and want always to be. THE resurrection, the big one, lies down the road somewhere. But the who who'll be raised up then is being determined by the resurrections I'm participating or not participating in right now. That's the person I'm going to be forever, and as the old gent said, "Forever is a right smart piece of time." Meanwhile, God, for his own weird reason, has had mercy on this slow learner and given me this one more day to let go a bit and be raised a bit. He obviously believes in me.

A special thanks for that, Lord.

Fr. Alexander Manville



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## CHANNEL ISLANDS UNIVERSITY CHORUS

### A Ceremony of Songs

**Saturday, December 2**  
**7:00 p.m. (Mission Church)**

**\$20 suggested donation**

The Channel Islands University Chorus will perform a live concert in the Mission church on Saturday, December 2 -- with choral music ranging in styles from classical to contemporary. The program will open with Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* scored for a mixed chorus, solo voices, and harp. Excerpts from Mozart's Coronation Mass and compositions by Morten Lauridsen, Ola Gjeilo, Eric Whitacre, William Dawson, T. Dorsey and Ken Medema round out the program.

Proceeds from the \$20 suggested donation go towards choral music education. The concert is sponsored by the Channel Islands Choral Association – [www.cicachoir.org](http://www.cicachoir.org).



## HOLIDAY SIP AND STROLL



**Friday, December 1 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Old Mission Santa Barbara**

Join the Franciscan friars, staff and volunteers of Old Mission Santa Barbara for Sip and Stroll – the perfect way to kick off the holiday season! Enjoy live music, delectable bites from local restaurants, and fine wine and beer while getting a start on your Christmas shopping at the artisan marketplace! Best of all, your \$50 ticket purchase helps support the Old Mission.

This event sells out fast, so purchase your tickets now by clicking below or visiting [www.santabarbaramission.org/events](http://www.santabarbaramission.org/events).

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## ADVENT LITURGIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

8:00 a.m. Mass (*Church*)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 a.m. Mass (*Church*)

12:15 p.m. Mass (*Church*)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

PROCESSION HONORING  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5:30 p.m. Gather at De La Guerra  
Plaza and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Procession to Our Lady  
of Sorrows Church

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service and Reception  
with Bishop Slawomir Szkedka

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*Bonaventure Hall*)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG  
AND BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

WINTER SOLSTICE

6:00 a.m. Prayer Service (*Mission Plaza*)

8:00 a.m. Mass (*Church*)





## MINUTE MEDITATION

### *God Lures Us to Wholeness*

God is present everywhere, luring us toward wholeness. All things are touched by God. God is present in our cells and in our souls. You are the center of God's love and so is everything else. You are loved by God and so is everyone else. God centers you and God centers all creation. Within each moment of experience, God is moving, inspiring, urging, comforting, challenging, and illuminating. God delights in birds' songs and inspires their joyous melodies. Divine creativity gives birth to worms and grasshoppers and krill and kangaroos. God rejoices in the songs of humpback whales and the chanting of monks.

— from the book *Simplicity, Spirituality, Service: The Timeless Wisdom of Francis, Clare, and Bonaventure* by Bruce G. Epperly

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## ADVENT RETREAT



### "ADVENT: LIVING HOPE"

**Sister Mary Leanne Hubbard, Presenter**

**Saturday, December 16 -- 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bonaventure Hall**

The Scriptures during Advent offer reminders of our reasons for hope. These stories are promises, and we are challenged to live into them through the virtue of hope in the Living God. Join us as we take time to ponder these truths with Mary during this retreat and through the remaining days of Advent.

*Sr. Mary Leanne Hubbard, SND is Provincial Councilor of the Sisters of Notre Dame.*

To register, click below or visit the Parish website.

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## SECOND SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

**Homelessness, Climate Change, and Our Community**  
Sunday, December 10th | 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. | Bonaventure Hall

### SPEAKERS:

- **Rosa Paredes**

*St. Vincent's President and Chief Executive Officer*

- **Sr. Arthur Gordon**

*D.C. St. Vincent's Vice President of Mission Integration, FVCC and Archives*

- **Elijah Pearce**

*Architect RRM Design Group, and St. Barbara Parish Green Team member*

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis argues that the "cry of the earth" and the "cry of the poor" are intrinsically linked. Join us as our guest speakers discuss how climate change is compounding the challenges of housing and homelessness in the Santa Barbara region, as well present an innovative new project from St. Vincent's which seeks to meaningfully respond to the cry of the poor in our community. Q&A and discussions will follow the presentation.

Click below or call the parish office to register.

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## BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

### “SPIRITUALLY, WE ARE SEMITES.”

When Pope Pius XI uttered those words in 1938, he was equating “Semites” with “Jews” and affirming Christian roots in “our patriarch Abraham” (although Abraham predated Judaism). “Through Christ and in Christ we are the spiritual descendants of Abraham,” whose parentage is claimed not only by Jews and Christians but also by Muslims. Pius’s point is that antisemitism, discrimination against Jews, is “incompatible” with Christian belief and “inadmissible” in Christian conduct.

But “Semite” also has a broader meaning. The word comes from “Shem,” name of the oldest son of Noah. Before Semite designated a Jew, it referred to people belonging to an ancient “Semitic” language group which includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, which Jesus spoke. Both Jews and Arabs are Semites and the common usage of antisemitic would be better served by “anti-Jewish.”

When I hear of the deaths of Israeli children and then of the deaths of children in Gaza, I think of them as belonging to the same family tree that reaches even past Abraham to Shem. Spiritually, we are Semites, whether we are Jews, Christians, or Muslims, whether Israelis, Palestinians, or Americans. Thanks to antisemitic extremists on both sides, once again we are at war with ourselves.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

*[For further reading: Pope Pius XI's spoken statement to a group of pilgrims on September 6, 1938, is accessible online by searching “Spiritually, we are Semites.”]*

## MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact [parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org)

- Nov 25 † Charlotte Hernandez
- Nov 26 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- Nov 26 Dr. José Mercado Aumentado (9:00 a.m.)
- Nov 26 † Francisco Montero (11:00 a.m.)
- Nov 27 † Kevin Edward O’Brien
- Nov 28 † Juanita Guerrero
- Nov 29 † Ray Martinez
- Nov 30 † Francis Joseph McKeon
- Dec 1 † Mary Ellen Mileski
- Dec 2 Pro Populo – People of the Parish
- Dec 3 Lisa O’Niahl (7:30 a.m.)
- Dec 4 † Ruben Nimo (9:00 a.m.)
- Dec 5 † Frank Montero, Junior (11:00 a.m.)



## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

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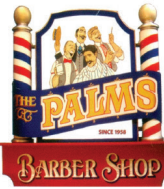
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