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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.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.

Psalm 147:1-3

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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,

In a bolt from the blue this Sunday we'll be hearing from the Book of Job, which has me thinking of those dedicated parishioners who are currently studying that book under the guidance of Roger Bergman. When their sessions conclude, let's consider a public conversation with Roger and crew to share with us the wisdom they've gleaned (Why not?).



For now, I'll offer this: The Book of Job is proof that 2500 years ago people just like us were tossing and turning on their mattresses at night with angst and worry, in torment and pain: *"If in bed I say, 'When shall I arise?' then the night drags on..."* (Job 7:4). And if that's cold comfort, well, consider Saint Paul...

In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul (no stranger to sleepless nights) gets at the matter from a different angle: his compulsion to preach the Gospel. In contrast to the friends of Job, who stood at his bed of pain with the counsel that his problems were the result of his sin, Paul offers this (in the very helpful translation by Eugene Peterson): "I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized – whoever... *I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view...*" (I Cor. 9:19-22)

This text turns out to be a good description of the day in the life of Jesus offered by Mark in the Gospel. Jesus's word is action, becoming a servant to the one in pain, even, as we hear, with "the whole town gathered at the door." I ask myself: *Where are you in this picture? Who are you connecting with, and how?*

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



SACRED SAUNTER



Saturday, February 10 -- 1:30 p.m.

Join the parish Green Team for a "Sacred Saunter" at the Goleta Butterfly Grove on Saturday, February 10. Enjoy the beauty of the Ellwood Mesa and the miracle of the Monarch butterfly! The walk is 1.5 - 2 miles round trip on a dirt path with some steep sections at the viewing area.

We will meet at the Elwood Mesa Open Space & Sperling Preserve parking area: 7729 Hollister Avenue, across from Ellwood Elementary School (where you can also park). In the event of rain, this event will be cancelled.



Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule February 14 -- Mission Church

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey. Please join us in the Mission church on this holy day of prayer and fasting as we celebrate our Ash Wednesday liturgies.

8:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (+ ashes)

12:15 p.m. Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word (+ ashes)

5:30 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (+ ashes)

ZOOM LECTURE SERIES

Weaving the Franciscan Threads: Engaging the Imagination, Constructing Laudato Si' Bridges



Speaker: Michael Perry, OFM, Ph.D.

Thursday, February 15 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

Laudato Si' calls us to recognize the interconnectedness of all living things, deepen our knowledge of the common threats the earth and all its inhabitants face, rediscover the spiritual bonds that unite us, and engage our collective energies to address underlying causes in an effective and sustainable manner. The Center for Integral Ecology, A Laudato Si' Initiative located at Siena College is working with those involved in the physical structures and natural environment at Siena College to promote a culture and ethics of sustainability that might contribute to the healing of the earth. The Center is working to establish effective partnerships with Franciscan universities and studies centers in the U.S. and in other parts of the world towards these same goals. The lecture will discuss ways our center seeks to engage the Franciscan spiritual, moral, and social imagination in a creative and effective manner, identify obstacles, and propose a way forward for transformative collaboration.

To register for this FREE Zoom lecture, click below or visit www.fst.edu/laudato-si-series

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SAVE THE DATES!

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

February 15-18, 2024

(In-Person)

THIS YEAR'S THEME: BE LOVED!

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. Held at the Anaheim Convention Center, it is sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and includes people of all ministries, vocations and faiths. It opens on Thursday, February 15 with Youth Day – a gathering of high school aged young people that features keynote speakers, workshops and a liturgy planned by young people, for young people.

Adult Days (Friday, February 16 to Sunday, February 18) include hundreds of workshops in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Participants also receive access to arena keynotes, the opening ceremony, a variety of liturgies, entertainment, evening events, and the Exhibit Hall, which showcases religious art, music and publishing houses.

Click below to register or visit
www.recongress.org/register.

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**On Caring for Our
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Tip of the Week**



Make energy efficiency a primary consideration when buying items such as a furnace, dishwasher, or refrigerator. Products labeled “Energy Star” are recognized for superior efficiency, which benefits the environment.



MINUTE MEDITATION
Wonder, Woe and Well-Being

Amid the tumult of these electrically charged, frenzied times, contemplative living does not propose an escape from our very real, practical, and sometimes intractable problems. On the contrary, it suggests a way of being still, while still being in the storms that rage all around and within us. Like sturdy trees that bend with the breeze, wisdom-inspired living offers a deeper mooring for our being and our doing, which allows for movement even as we are deeply rooted.

Seasoned by tears of joy and lament, prayer-centered presence invites us to welcome the whole world by drawing it into our heart-center. Here theology mixes with theater and prophetic action with poetry, as walls come tumbling down, making way for wonder, woe, and well-being.

- from the book *Wandering and Welcome: Meditations for Finding Peace* by Joseph Grant

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MEN'S FAITH GROUP
Wednesday, February 7
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 SHARING
Saturday, February 10
9:30 to 11:00 a.m. | Francis 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!

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2024
ANNUAL APPEAL

Next Weekend: February 10-11

We are excited to announce the launch of the 2024 Together in Mission "Be Imitators of Christ" campaign!

In our unwavering commitment to mirror Christ's life, we strive to follow His example by supporting the most impoverished parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This unique annual appeal is an opportunity to join in action – as one united Catholic family imitating Christ. Your gifts help 62 parishes (525,000 families and individuals) and 71 schools (16,500 students). The cumulative Together in Mission 2024 goal is \$16.9 million, encompassing the Annual Appeal's impact across the San Fernando, San Pedro, Santa Barbara, San Gabriel and Our Lady of the Angels regions.

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for Together in Mission at all Masses. If you have contributed in the past, you may have received a donation envelope in the mail. We will also have envelopes available in the pews. Please be an imitator of Christ and join us in celebrating the generational support that has sustained Catholic communities for over 30 years!

To donate online, click [HERE](#) or visit www.TIMGIVE.org/SAINTS

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

WHAT IS SOCIAL JUSTICE? THE CATHOLIC VIEW

The classic definition of social justice comes from Pope Pius XI in the encyclical *Divini Redemptoris* (1937): “It is of the very essence of social justice to demand from each individual all that is necessary for the common good....It is impossible to care for...the good of society unless...each individual in the dignity of his human personality, is supplied with all that is necessary for the exercise of his social functions.”

The first part of this definition suggests that social justice can be thought of as “contributive” justice. Each of us has a responsibility to contribute to the community. We do that mainly through our employment, but also as responsible, conscientious parents and citizens.

In Catholic thought, *duties imply rights*. If I have a duty to uphold my dignity by contributing to society, then I have a right to do so--the second part of the definition. The common good cannot be achieved unless *everyone* has access to all that is necessary for self-development, so that everyone is able to contribute fully. The duty to contribute, when carried out by all--which is possible only when the rights of all are honored, produces *social justice—virtuous people in a virtuous society*.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Feb 3 Amelia Sarinana
- Feb 4 † Marilyn Dresler (7:30 a.m.)
- Feb 4 † Larry Helm (9:00 a.m.)
- Feb 4 † Scott Francis McKeon-Hegger (11:00 a.m.)
- Feb 5 Zenaida Fernandez
- Feb 6 † Roberta Ann Coyne
- Feb 7 † Joseph J. Dal Bello and Irene Dal Bello
- Feb 8 † Edo and Bruna Tonello
- Feb 9 † Ritz Brunello
- Feb 10 † Aureo Miguel
- Feb 11 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- Feb 11 † Daniel Cruickshank (9:00 a.m.)
- Feb 11 † Bernard Ventura (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Effectively communicating with your teenagers

During conversations with teenagers, focusing on the matter at hand is essential. It is tempting to make every dispute an opportunity to discuss multiple issues at the same time, but this is often counterproductive. Instead, addressing a particular issue at a time you are better able to guide and mentor teenagers by helping them look with clear eyes at the situation in front of them and work toward a solution. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid “Scope Creep” with Teens” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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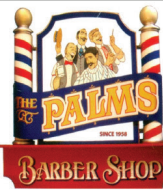


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