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APRIL 14, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

Psalm 4:6-7

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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

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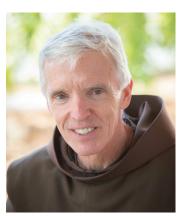
Our RCIA candidates and catechumens, baptized and confirmed on Easter Vigil!

LETTER FROM FR. DAN

Dear Friend,

Here are the opening words of our opening prayer (Collect) for this Sunday:

"May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit...". If we can all say AMEN to that, we're indeed off and running in the spirit of Easter!



At the Easter Vigil two weeks ago, with Robyn's baptism and the confirmations that followed, we got a glimpse of what youthfulness of spirit looks like, especially with Pedro and Mercedes holding their new-born in their arms all through the celebration! Pedro and Mercedes, along with their companions Michael, Robyn, Lane, Matt, and Jennifer, were anointed with the holy chrism, their initiation into the community "sealed" with the very Spirit that hovered over the face of the waters at the dawn of creation. On behalf of the parish, I thank those who walked the journey with them as sponsors, showing support and encouragement. Michael Rubio and Phil Phillips were their guiding catechists, and the parish community owes them a great thank you, as well.

The great Triduum liturgies were, as always, a combined effort and I feel so humbled and grateful as I think back on all the work done by our musicians, sacristans, liturgical environment team, our ushers (so patiently minding the weather reports!), lectors, altar servers, and eucharistic ministers. So many details so carefully attended to, with Father Henri and all my fellow friars generously assisting, coordinating, presiding and preaching.

The teamwork continued this last week at the 11AM Mass with the confirmation class of 2024 stepping up to serve as lectors, altar servers, prayer leaders, ushers, and after Mass, as hosts of coffee and donuts. Thanks again to all who made that celebration so meaningful. Onward now – *in renewed youthfulness of spirit!*

Gratefully, Father Dan ofm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED CATHOLICS!



We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to our newly Baptized, Confirmed, and fully initiated Catholics who came into the Church during our Easter Vigil celebration!

Matthew Brown
Robyn Dudomaine
Lane Linthicum
Michael McCourt
Mercedes Silvestre di Faria
Pedro Silvestre di Faria

We commend these faithful candidates and their sponsors for their active participation in the RCIA process in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. A big thank you also to Phil Phillips and Michael Rubio who so generously gave of their time to lead the RCIA ministry.

Please keep these new members of our faith family and all new Catholics in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey!





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.
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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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On Caring for Our Common Home Tip of the Week

When working in the garden, try to use a watering can instead of a hose to focus on areas that need watering. Try to water early in the day to reduce evaporation. These steps can help to conserve dwindling water resources.







MINUTE MEDITATION The Call to Christian Discipleship

Our love and suffering as Christian disciples, like the Lord's on the cross, does not happen in vain. As the Franciscan scholar Zachary Hayes stated so clearly, "We become like what we love," and that transformation recasts the categories of our ordinary experience into something else, something greater, something more than what we had originally expected. This is not to deny the real pain, loss, and trauma that can accompany suffering, but it does suggest that the meaning of human experience is deeper and more significant than we think.

Like Francis of Assisi, we too can be transformed by the power of love and embrace the call to Christian discipleship with passion. The task at hand is to see that the Word continues to call us to move beyond ourselves, to enter into an ever more intimate relationship with God, to make God's story our story, to work for justice and peace in our world, and to embrace the love and suffering that comes with following Christ.

- from the book <u>The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love</u> and <u>Suffering</u> by Daniel P. Horan, OFM

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Old Mission Santa Barbara is happy to announce the first ever "Old Mission Motor Show!"

On Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. a stunning array of meticulously preserved vintage vehicles will be on display on the front lawn of the Mission! From American muscle cars to vintage European cars, each automobile tells a story of bygone eras and embodies the spirit of automotive craftsmanship, as the Old Mission setting reflects its own history as an iconic stop on California's El Camino Real.

You are invited to stop by to see the cars and enjoy refreshments! Admission is FREE. For more information or to register a car or become a sponsor, click below or visit: www.santabarbaramission.org/mission-motor-show

OMSB MOTOR SHOW

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.



Women's Faith Group Saturday, May 11 – 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Room

Join us as we continue our discussion of the book *The Story of Ruth: 12 Moments in Every Woman's Life by Joan Chittister*, available on Amazon. This book is a jumping board for lively discussion and prayer, not a requirement to join the group. Check in at the Porter's Office.

COMMUNITY

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THE FIRST COMMANDMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

In 2005 the Vatican summarized the environmental ethics found in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. We'll explore "Ten Commandments for the Environment" as one Catholic journalist has elaborated them drawing on the words of Benedict XVI.

The first commandment, "Use, Don't Abuse," states that "The Bible lays out the fundamental moral principles of how to confront the ecological question. The human person, made in God's image, is superior to all other earthly creatures, which should in turn be used responsibly. Christ's incarnation and his teachings testify to the value of nature: nothing that exists in this world is outside the divine plan of creation and redemption."

Benedict lamented that the Genesis story of Creation has been misinterpreted: "the task of 'subduing' it was never intended as an order to enslave it but rather as a task of being guardians of Creation and developing its gifts." Flying from Rome to Australia, Benedict reported that "The views afforded of our planet from the air were truly wondrous...as though one catches glimpses of the Genesis Creation story—light and darkness, the sun and moon, the waters, the earth, and living creatures; all of which are 'good' in God's eyes."

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

[For further reading: Woodeene Koenig-Bricker, Ten Commandments for the Environment: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks Out for Creation and Justice (Ave Maria Press, 2009)]

MASS INTENTIONS

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

April 13 † Susan Rosas

April 14 John T. Rogers (7:30 a.m.)

April 14 Pro Populo - People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)

April 14 José Fernandez and José Fernandez, Jr. (11:00 a.m.)

April 15 Judie Manzer

April 16 † Scott Kenney

April 17 † Susan Rosas

April 18 † Dennis Michals

April 19 Ray Family

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.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, https://lacatholics.org/protect/ that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 737-7650 or visit https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/ for help and support.

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