

SAINT BARBARA PARISH

OLD MISSION SANTA BARBARA

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MISSION STATEMENT

In the Franciscan tradition, we strive to live the gospel life in prayer, evangelization, outreach and stewardship.

WELCOME TO SAINT BARBARA PARISH !

In imitation of Jesus Christ, we welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.

PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: Tuesday – Friday • 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(Priests are also available by appointment)

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Minimum of six months' preparation time. Call the Parish Office for further information.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Baptisms and baptism preparation classes may be scheduled by contacting the Parish Office. Registered parishioners only.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if there is a need for this sacrament. Healing Masses are scheduled quarterly.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to coordinate music, liturgy, and other needs.

REGISTERING AS A PARISHIONER

New to Santa Barbara? Interested in making St. Barbara Parish your faith community? Please complete a parish registration card, available from the ushers or by calling or stopping by the Parish Office, and return it to us in the collection, at the office, or by mail.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH AND TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

We are all on a spiritual journey! If you would like to know more about our beautiful Catholic faith tradition, we would be happy to assist you. Through both one-on-one meetings as well as our Inquiry Class, we are available to answer your questions and to accompany you. Please contact Father Larry directly at (805) 682-4151 x 105 or email him at flarry@saintbarbaraparish.org.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist
Sunday Religious Education Classes, Grades 1-5 (Sept-May). Please contact the Parish Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education, Sarah Lopez, for more information at (805) 682-4151 x104.

YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION

St. Barbara Parish offers a Junior High Youth Group, High School Youth Group, and a High School Confirmation program. Please contact the Parish Youth Minister, Alex Turcios, for more information at (805) 682-4151 x118.

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM

SUNDAY

7:30 AM • 9:00 AM • 11:00 AM •

10:15 AM Family Mass in Blessed Junipero Serra Chapel

DAILY MASS in the Blessed Junipero Serra Chapel

(enter via driveway at 2300 Garden Street)

8:00 AM (Monday-Friday)

HOLY DAYS

Please call (805) 682-4151 for schedule

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parish Family,

Peace and all good! I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer, the overcast mornings notwithstanding. This is, after all, an ideal time to rest, relax, spend time with family and friends, or just enjoy the beach and the hills. Today's Gospel from Mark 6 speaks specifically to those of us who are in the summer mode. Jesus tells His disciples (and, by the way, that includes you and me): "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." It is a sentiment which is echoed in the responsorial psalm (Psalm 23): "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul."

Come away. A deserted place. Rest a while. Repose. Restful waters. He refreshes my soul. Each of these short phrases reinforces the central message of the Scriptures for us this weekend: take time to take time! Our tradition calls for the observance of Sabbath (remember the Commandment: "Keep thou holy the Lord's Day"?). In our society, strict observance of Sunday as a day of rest has all but disappeared. Sundays are a "catch up" day for busy people and families. Time to catch up with sleep, laundry, yardwork, grocery shopping, etc. But do we have the time or take the time to catch up with ourselves, and with the Lord?

Here at the Old Mission, I've noticed that almost every single day of the week—especially at around 9am and then again just before noon—several tour buses will pull up to the curb in front. They are filled with visitors from literally all over the world: France, Germany, Belgium, Brazil, Japan and China, and even Armenia and Estonia! It's an amazing experience to be able to meet and greet some of them, which I try to do whenever I am at home.

These folks are on holiday. Many of them arrive at the Old Mission either on their first day of travel (headed northward to the Bay Area), or else in the waning hours of their tour (heading home from Los Angeles the following morning). I especially enjoy meeting the visitors who are completing their travels. They are tired, but also almost always so very satisfied

and delighted! They count off for me many of the national parks they have visited: the Grand Canyon (of course), Brice Canyon, Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley, Sequoia National Park, Yosemite, and so on. And then they usually throw in Las Vegas for a kicker. I love watching their faces—especially their eyes—as they talk about the beauty of the nature they have experienced. They are filled with awe and wonder and delight! They have had the chance to experience the power and beauty of nature—a power and beauty they have only a hint of in their often quite urbanized, very densely populated homelands. They often leave here rested, reposed, refreshed—as the Scriptures promise and enjoin us. They have been observing a prolonged and deeply satisfying Sabbath.

How can we capture—or recapture—that sense of Sabbath in our own lives? Do we need to embark on a great world journey to satisfy our needs for rest and repose? Or can we build in moments of Sabbath into our day as well as into our week right here at home? Can we, dare we mark on our day planners or smart phone calendars a specific time just to "be" with God? Time for a walk along the beach or around the block. With God. Time just to stop and look, really look!—at the incredible beauty that surrounds us. With God. Time just to be quiet and listen, really listen and rest—in nature, in silence, in the depths of our hearts. With God.

The way we spend our time is the way we spend our lives. If at the end of our lives we are able to say to the Lord: "Lord, you gave me so much time in the course of my life. I did my best to give back some of that time to You, even if it was just a few moments each day."! "Come away by yourselves," the Lord beckons us. "To a deserted place and rest a while." Have a beautiful week and summer.

God bless,



Fr. Charles

PS: This letter may appear familiar to some of you. I got switched with last week's letter. My mistake and apologies! *Mea culpa*.--ct

Prepare for Next Sunday's Liturgy

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading—2 Kings 4:42-44

When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm—145

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading—Ephesians 4:1-6

Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.

Gospel—John 6:1-15

Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I raise up a righteous shoot to David.”

—Jeremiah 23:5a

Reflection on Next Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

Next Sunday's First Reading and the Gospel tell stories of God feeding hungry people through the words and works of prophets. For the next five Sundays, we will hear the Bread of Life teaching from John's Gospel. For John, all of Jesus' acts are signs—sacraments—that point to a deeper reality. It is clear that the people do not appreciate the deeper meaning of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The reaction of the crowd showed that they thought wrongly that Jesus was the triumphant and political Messiah. So Jesus goes “back to the mountains alone.” The people had indeed misread the sign.

Life Focus

- Describe a time when you experienced abundance in your life.
- Share an experience in the recent past in which you recognized a sign of the Lord working in your life.
- Describe a time when you were surprised that your limited resources were sufficient.

Did You Know ...

Mary Magdalene

Feast Day: July 22

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is



no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2) – an indication, at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or, possibly, severe illness.

Father W.J. Harrington, O.P., writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, says that ‘seven demons’ “does not mean that Mary lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” Father Edward Mally, S.J., writing in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

COMMENT: Mary Magdalene has been smiling at her mistaken identity for over twenty centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.

— from “Saint of the Day”
St. Anthony Messenger Press

Let us Pray for the Sick

Patty Lopez • Olivia Reynoso • Susan Djuric • Ruth Smith
 Henry Hobson • Meg Suddaby • Maria Szczechowiak
 Ray Freeman • Kathleen Crosswhite • Maureen Milano
 George Johnson • Michael McGrath
 Leopoldo Gaitan • Joe Costa • Robert Boudesseul
 Flora Domingo • Luisa Bella Whelan • Consuelo Saucedo
 Jack Fletcher • Kevin McClellan • Lucy Hartnett
 Marie Mocny • Zain Haque • Johnnie Martin
 Ernie Pico • Anthony Falcucci • Lillian O'Reilly
 Chuck Gaffy • Linda Ruffton • Taylor Marmo
 Wayne Hoffman • Dan Sheahan • Catherine Ginn

May they know Christ's healing.



Stewardship of Treasure

Our Weekly Goal	\$13,615
Last Week's Offering (July 12)	10,857
Difference	(\$2,758)

Those who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all that they have and all that they are.

FSG

Faith Sharing Groups

Faith Sharing Groups (FSG) are coming to St. Barbara Parish starting September 10! Groups of 8-10 people will gather weekly for two hours to read and reflect on the coming Sunday readings, share their experiences and faith, and enjoy social time together. The goal is to gain more from scripture and to apply gospel values to our everyday lives through support to one another and service to the parish community.

Each group will have a trained facilitator and will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM or Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30AM for six weeks. The sessions will run from September 10 through October 16. To register or for more information, contact Kathy Strittmatter at 687-0357 or maderasb@msn.com. Register by August 28.

Please Say "Hello" to our Newest Parishioners

Michael, Denise, Michael Jr. and Nicholas Fernandez

Parish Mass Intentions

Sat./July 18	4:00pm	Church	Relatives and Benefactors of the Poor Clare Nuns in Spokane, WA
Sun./July 19	7:30am	Church	†Jean Etchelecu
	9:00am	Church	†Thomas Wolfe
	11:00am	Church	For the Parish
Mon./July 20	8:00am	Chapel	†Sheila Ramus
Tues./July 21	8:00am	Chapel	Nancy Schooler
Wed./July 22	8:00am	Chapel	†Etienne Etchelecu
Thurs./July 23	8:00am	Chapel	†Fr. Pierre Etchelecu
Fri./July 24	8:00am	Chapel	†Margaret Lovelace Meehan
Sat./July 25	4:00pm	Church	For the Parish
Sun./July 26	7:30am	Church	†Nick Lano
	9:00am	Church	Flora Ramirez
	11:00am	Church	†Enrique Gomez
Mon./July 27	8:00am	Chapel	†Elizabeth Gallo
Tues./July 28	8:00am	Chapel	†Evelina & Julio Lopez

Parish Calendar



- July 22 Baptism Class at 6:30PM
- July 28 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30PM in the Social Room
- July 29 Catechist Training in the Social Room 6-8PM
- Aug. 1-2 Missionary from Uganda to Preach at all Masses
- Aug. 5 Catechist Training in the Social Room 6-8PM
- Aug. 6 Misa del Presidente (Fiesta Mass) at 10AM
- Aug. 12 Catechist Training in the Social Room 6-8PM

Keeping Our Children Safe

Children and Internet:
Tips for the Summer

Summer vacation is here and time away from school could mean extra time online for children—a lot of it happening when you're not there to supervise. Here are some tips to help keep children safe. (1) Talk to children about internet predators and whether they have ever been approached online. (2) Keep the computer in a common area of the home. (3) Establish rules for when children are allowed to use their cell phone. For the complete VIRTUS® Article email vjenna@la-archdiocese.org.

Please contact the parish office for information on the parish's Safeguard the Children Committee (682-4151).



Bishop Diego High School

This year, more than \$500,000 in financial aid was provided to students from St. Raphael, Notre Dame and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel schools to continue their Catholic education at Bishop Diego High School. We're been your Catholic high school since 1914!

Bishop Diego High School
4000 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110
805.967.1266 • www.bishopdiego.org

Santa Barbara Greek Festival Needs Volunteers

The Annual Greek Festival will be held at Oak Park on August 1 & 2 this year. Please join us in assisting our brothers and sisters at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church by helping out as a volunteer. Call Cherif Khoury at 569-2149 or email him at cherifkhoury@hotmail.com if you are able to assist.

St. Vincent's 14th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, August 24, 2015 • La Cumbre Country Club
18-Hole Texas Scramble
Prizes and Awards!

For more information or to register visit
stvincents-sb.org or call (805) 683-6381 ext. 110

All proceeds benefit St. Vincent's Children & Family Services

Music Ministry Happenings

Summertime for our parish Music Ministry continues to be a busy time but also a time for refreshment, rest and renewal. We give thanks and praise to God for all of our music ministers who enhance our parish liturgies each and every week during the summer and beyond! Over the course of the next weeks (July-August), parish Director of Music and Liturgy, Roy Spicer will be away as he recuperates and heals from surgery. Please keep Roy (and all of our music ministers) in your prayers during his time away and we look forward to his return in August.

Theology on Tap

Calling all Young Adults 18-39! Are looking for a place to come together with other Catholic Young Adults and share faith and make new friends? If so then look no further! Come join us at Sacred Heart Church in Ventura for our annual young adult speaker series entitled "Theology on Tap." Join us for great evenings filled food, drink (alcoholic for those of age), and great speakers for a time you will never forget. Below are a list of dates and speakers. Doors open at 7pm. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Justin Wilburn at Youthministry@sacredheartventura.org.

July 21 Dr. William Shaules "Erotic Love poetry in Sacred Scripture. A study of Song of Songs"

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"Unshadowed Light"

Fr. Larry's newly released book of poetry/prayers is now available for purchase from the Parish Office. The book is entitled "Unshadowed Light" and finds inspiration in the writings and life of St. Clare of Assisi. Through the use of scriptural and contemporary images, these poetic writings bring the reader a greater sense of appreciation and focus to one's prayer and life, with a Franciscan viewpoint. The book is beautifully illustrated by Steve Kalar with distinctive, rich images that gracefully and artistically lead one's imagination to a vision of inspiration which shines with a light that exemplifies the life of St. Clare. \$26.95.