

SAINT BARBARA PARISH

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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 St. Junipero Serra Chapel

DAILY MASS in the St. Junipero Serra Chapel

(enter via driveway at 2300 Garden Street)

8:00 AM (Monday-Friday)

HOLY DAYS

Please call (805) 682-4151 for schedule

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

Dear Parish Family,

Peace and all good! This weekend is also called Laetare Sunday, from the opening words of the Latin Mass: "Let us rejoice!" It marks the midway point in our Lenten journey. Each of the Gospel readings for the next two weeks is from (Cycle A), the Gospel of John. They have been chosen, in tandem with the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process to emphasize different aspects of the identity and mission of Jesus as we accompany our catechumens and candidates in their preparation for baptism and reception into the Catholic Church. Last week we listened to the story of the Samaritan woman at the well—a clear reference to the waters of baptism. This week we will concentrate on the miracle (or "sign" as it is referred to in the Gospel of John) of the man born blind. Here, the theme of true "vision" (spiritual as well as physical) is highlighted, a direct connection with Christ as the Light of our world. And next week, we will enter into the "sign" of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, a profound meditation on our life in the Risen Lord and an entrée into the events of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

The first reading this weekend is from 1 Samuel (Chapter 16) and is concerned with God's selection of David over his older brothers (and over the reigning monarch, Saul) as king of the Israelites. Everyone, including the prophet Samuel himself presumed that the Lord would pick the eldest brother, Eliab, or any one of the others in turn—but certainly not David, the proverbial runt of the litter. As the text reminds us, though, "Not as man sees does God see... the Lord looks into the heart."

In the second reading, from the letter to the Ephesians (Chapter 5). The author presumes that the members of the fledgling community at Ephesus (in present-day Turkey) would remember their dignity as Christians and be more vigilant about protecting it. Nevertheless, he understands that they (like we ourselves) needed to be reminded of their past and to focus on the responsibilities of their conversion: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

The long Gospel selection today is from John (Chapter 9, the story of the Man Born Blind, and is organized into six discrete tableaux. Each scene provides

an opportunity for either encounter or confrontation with the power of the Lord. The antagonists in these scenes (including the disciples of Jesus!) presume a number of things about the man whose sight has been restored. They presume that his blindness is the result of a sin committed by his parents and transmitted at birth. In their own social blindness, the man's neighbors cannot even identify him properly, while the man's own parents, under pressure from the authorities presume (correctly) that they will suffer social ostracism if they dare to defend him or the one who healed him. As for the Pharisees, they are divided: some presume that the man's healing could not have come from God since God/ God's representative would never break the Sabbath. And so on.

The one person who presumes absolutely nothing is the man himself. Frank and forthright, he sticks to his story from beginning to end. He actually grows in faith through each contest and encounter. At first, it was just "the man called Jesus" who cured him. Then, his healer was "a prophet", "from God". Finally, his spiritual blindness is fully cured as well: "I do believe," he professes, as he meets the Lord face to face.

I would love to hear the stories of our thirteen (!) catechumens and candidates this year. How did they come to faith? How did they come to the Catholic Church and tradition? Was it a process that took years in the making? Or did they have a sudden flash of insight and encounter with the Lord like St. Paul? Were they challenged by others? Maybe even rejected by some friends, colleagues, or family members? How is it that they came to the light of faith in their lives?

It's a question we most certainly need to ask ourselves as our newest members lead us more deeply into the mystery of faith this Easter season. How have we come to faith? Has ours been a direct, unbroken itinerary, or did we take the scenic route—one with lots of interesting detours (including some blind alleys and dead ends) along the way? No matter the trajectory or evolution of our own faith commitment, we celebrate one and all and "give God the thanks" for each and every person who joins us in faith and in worship.

God bless,

Fr. Charles

Fr. Charles Talley, ofm
Pastor

Prepare for Next Sunday's Liturgy

March 13—
Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading—Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God:

I will open your graves, have you rise from them,
and settle you on your land.

Then you shall know I am the Lord, O my people!

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 130

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading—Romans 8:8-11

If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive
even if the body is dead because of sin.

Gospel—John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb
when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had
seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus.

(Readings from Liturgical Year A)

Reflection on Next Sunday's Liturgy of the Word

Next Sunday's readings marvel at the creative, life-giving power of God. Ezekiel tells us that the God who can transform lifeless bones into vital human beings can restore a nation from the death of exile to a life of freedom. Paul tells the Romans that the power of the Spirit brings our mortal bodies to life through the creative, transforming presence of the Spirit of God dwelling in us. In the Gospel we see a marvelously dramatic example of the power of God to bring life out of death. The essential message for us is Jesus' pronouncement: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25).

Life Focus

- Relate a time when you made a decision because of friendship. What were the consequences? Did it mean going along with the crowd or with Christ?
- Have you been able to allow God to open any of the graves you dug yourself and heal you?

**Want to grow in your
understanding of the Sunday
Scripture readings, meet new
friends, and deepen your faith
this Lent?**



We have just the Program for you!

St. Barbara's Parish is excited to welcome back new and improved Faith Sharing Groups (FSG). The new program combines Frs. Charles' and Larry's successful Advent Scripture Study Program and the Fall Faith Sharing Groups into one, now called Scripture Sharing Groups (SSG).

Participants will benefit from Fr. Charles' and Fr. Larry's 45-minute Scripture talk and guided discussions on our Lenten readings and then break into smaller groups with trained facilitators for an additional 45 minutes. The small groups will reflect on the readings and share their experiences of faith to gain a greater understanding of scripture and to apply gospel values to our everyday lives.

Meet on Thursday evenings (7-8:30PM) OR Friday mornings (9:30-11AM) for six weeks from February 11 through March 18th. For more information, contact Kathy Strittmatter at 687-0357 or maderasb@msn.com. Thursday evening participants: please use the entrance at 2300 Garden Street entrance and park in the back lot.

Please join us; we are forming groups now and have a place waiting just for you!

Let us Pray for the Sick

Susan Djuric • Ruth Smith • Roger Feusier
 Henry Hobson • Kathleen Crosswhite
 Maureen Milano • George Johnson • Michael McGrath
 Marion Buegler • Leopoldo Gaitan • Robert Boudesseul
 Flora Domingo • Luisa Bella Whelan • Consuelo Saucedo
 Jack Fletcher • Kevin McClellan • Lucy Hartnett
 Marie Mocny • Zain Haque • Ernie Pico
 Anthony Falcucci • Lillian O'Reilly • Chuck Graffy
 Taylor Marmo • Wayne Hoffman • Rico Lorelli
 Dorothea Johnson • Sally Young
 Phil Rosenfeld • Nancy Goodwillie • Christiane Roekaert

— May they know Christ's healing —



Stewardship of Treasure

Our Weekly Goal	\$11,100
Last Week's Offering (February 28)	\$11,554
Difference	\$454

Thank you for your generosity!

"Always seek to do good to one another and to all."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Parish Mass Intentions

Sat./Mar. 5	4:00pm	Church	†Thomas Franquet
Sun./Mar. 6	7:30am	Church	Kevin McClellan
	9:00am	Church	†Shirley Storms
	10:15am	Chapel	Anne Patrice Tobin
	11:00am	Church	Sister Cecilia James, O.P.
Mon./Mar. 7	8:00am	Chapel	Jeff
Tues./Mar. 8	8:00am	Chapel	†Little Benji Sanchez
Wed./Mar. 9	8:00am	Chapel	†Elsa Flores
Thurs./Mar. 10	8:00am	Chapel	Marilyn Vaughn
Fri./Mar. 11	8:00am	Chapel	†Elsa Flores
Sat./Mar. 12	4:00pm	Church	†Alois Lindlbauer
Sun./Mar. 13	7:30am	Church	†Pete Dragich
	9:00am	Church	†Jim Killingsworth
	10:15am	Chapel	†Craig Crowder
	11:00am	Church	†Ann Kreyche

Parish Calendar

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

Mar. 10	Scripture Study/SSG 7-8:30PM, Friars Lounge	
Mar. 11	Scripture Study/SSG 9:30-11AM, Friars Lounge	
Mar. 11	Stations of the Cross in Serra Chapel at 5:30PM, followed by soup supper in the Social Room	
Mar. 15	Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30PM	
Mar. 17	Scripture Study/SSG 7-8:30PM, Friars Lounge	
Mar. 18	Scripture Study/SSG 9:30-11AM, Friars Lounge	
Mar. 18	Stations of the Cross in Serra Chapel at 5:30PM, followed by soup supper in the Social Room	
Mar. 19	"Celebration of Spring" Annual Benefit Dinner 5PM at Serra Hall (pls. see page 6 for details)	

TOGETHER in MISSION: We're Over the Top!

Peace and all good! And thanks and congratulations to everyone! In just five short weeks, we have reached our Parish goal of \$63,300 for this year's Together In Mission appeal.

Thank you so much, everyone, for your prayers and support of this important outreach program which assists some 80 Catholic schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Local recipients of TIM funds include nearby Notre Dame School as well as St. Mark's University Parish.

In addition to our parish assessment, every dollar received over our target goal is returned to the Parish as a rebate at the end of the year. In 2015, we received approximately \$17,000 in surplus Together In Mission funds, which enabled us to install the hearing LOOP system in the Old Mission Church. So, Together in Mission is truly a win-win proposition for everyone!

Special thanks to Bob and Claudia Chyla who, with other volunteer ministers, have carefully organized the Together in Mission in our parish and have played a major role in its success.

If you have not yet made your pledge to TIM this year, please consider doing so as part of your Lenten commitment to almsgiving/ service to others. It is a commitment which is surely well blessed. Again, thank you all so much!

Fr. Charles Talley, ofm, Pastor

"The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want."

- Psalm 23:1

Keeping Our Children Safe

Please contact Alex Turcios in the Parish Office for information on the parish's Safeguard the Children Committee (682-4151 x118).

Thank You, St. Barbara Parish

Many thanks to all who donated peanut butter and jelly to our Lenten collection last weekend! We received an entire roomful of jars—too many to count—and all of these were delivered to Catholic Charities earlier this week. The Youth Ministry and Religious Education programs thank you for your generosity!

Notre Dame School Enrollment

Notre Dame Catholic School, located at 33 East Micheltonena Street in Santa Barbara, spans grades preschool to 8. Open enrollment is taking place at this time. For more information or to make an appointment for a tour, please phone (805) 965-1033.

Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner

CELEBRATION of SPRING

Saturday ~ March 19

Doors Open at 5PM / Dinner Served at 6PM

Serra Hall

2210 Garden Street, Santa Barbara
(at the corner of Garden & Los Olivos)

Tickets: \$60 Adults / \$12 Ages 12 and under

Available at the St. Barbara Parish Office
& after all weekend Masses

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
Notre Dame School &
Bishop Garcia Diego High School

Catering provided by Via Maestra 42
Great Live Entertainment! Great Fun!



New Ministry Schedule

Copies of the new Eucharistic Minister/Lector Schedule for the months of March and April can be found in the Sacristy, the Porter's Office, the Parish Office and on our website (saintbarbaraparish.org). If you are a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please be sure to pick up a copy!

Early Morning Mass at St. Raphael's Church During Lent

As a "Portal" in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, St. Raphael Church's doors are open Monday-Friday at 5:30AM. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30AM on those days. All are invited to come and celebrate at this Holy Hour.

Are You Visiting With Us Today?

Welcome! We're glad you are here.

You can continue your experience via our parish's website: www.saintbarbaraparish.org.

- Reflect on the Pastor's homilies
 - Enjoy Fr. Larry's poems
- Listen to music from the Choir of St. Barbara Parish
 - and more!

Please click the "DONATE" button on the Home Page and follow the instructions to make a financial gift.

Thank you for your presence - it is a blessing for us!

Save the Dates!

September 1-11, 2016

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY!

In conjunction with the anticipated canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Father Charles and Father Larry will be escorting a pilgrimage group to sites which include: Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua and Venice!

Note: Everyone is welcome.

NOT limited to parishioners!

For details: Mark Furlan 866-716-3020

Email: mfurlan@cruiseone.com

Tour organizer Mark Furlan will be available after Masses NEXT weekend to answer your questions.