

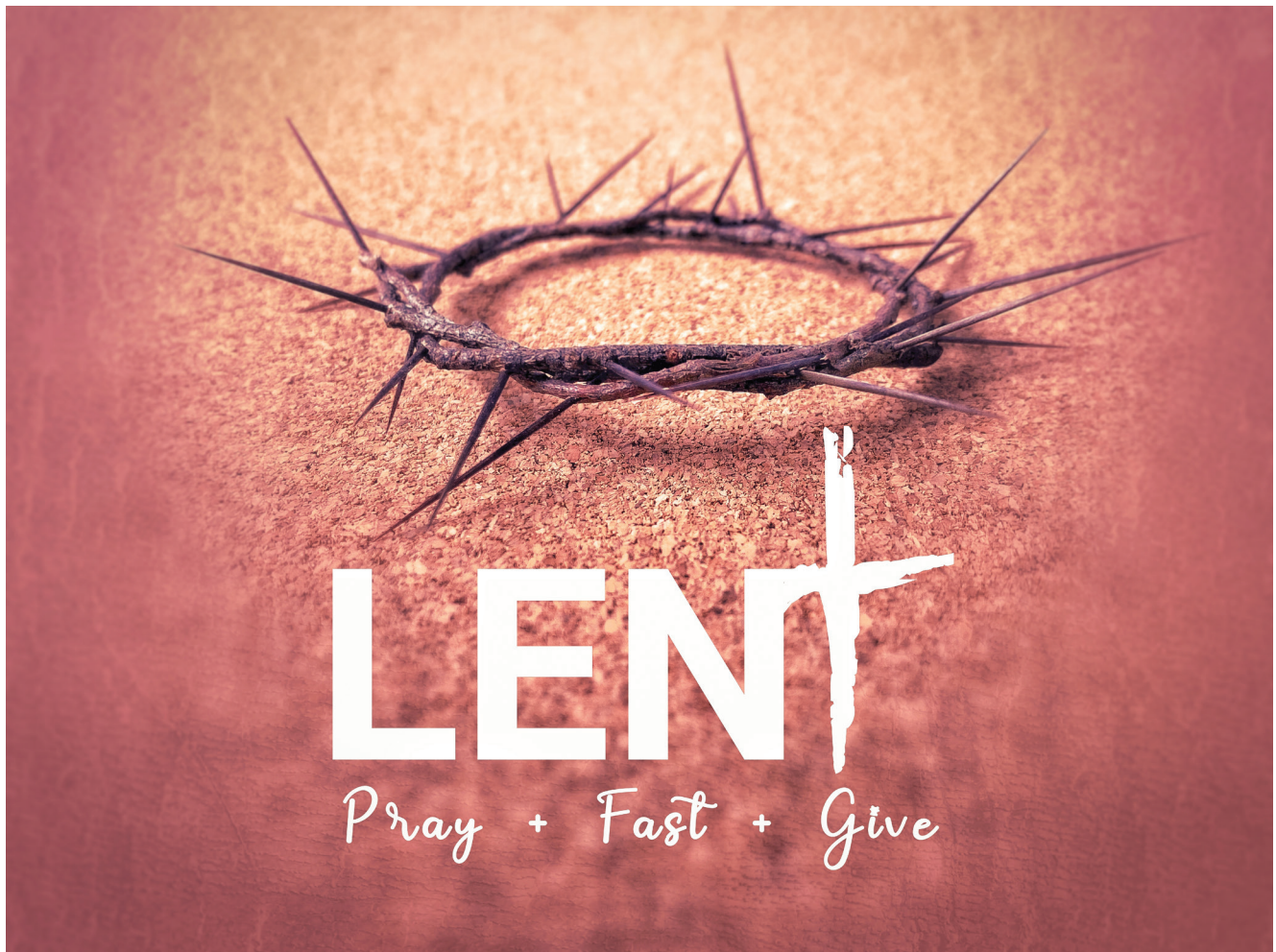
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FEBRUARY 18, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: *"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

Mark 1:14-15

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-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.

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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,

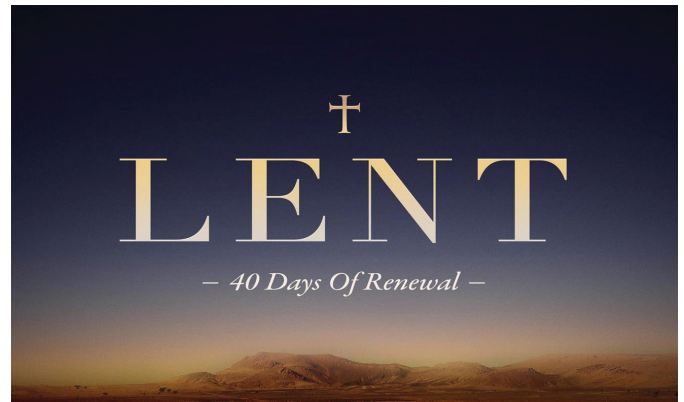
This year Lent is reminding me that I distance myself from real life when I refuse to accept my own honest, dirt-born, humanity. Honest in the sense of genuine – that core of me, with its sometimes-wavering magnetic hold on the shards of my experience, my will and memory. Dirt-born in the sense of the matter and mulch of my material existence, the dust to which I will return: humus, earth. Lent is calling me to get close to my honest, dirt-born humanity and entrust it to God.



Trust. The words *trust*, *truth*, and *tree* are derived from the same etymological stub, *deru*: “to be firm, solid, steadfast”. How curious and instructive. Here *tree* brings *trust* and *true* down to earth, giving them substance, like wood. When I made my solemn vows as a friar minor (OFM) in the Mission Church in 1994, one of the friars who stood as my witness was Tony Herrera. Brother Tony was a carpenter who loved wood so much that he would salvage the very usable scraps that friars would throw in the dumpster. To this day I can see his calloused fingers moving across the grain he so treasured and trusted. A theologian of wood, not words.

This Lent I will be working on accepting my humanity and bringing it - perfectly imperfect – toward the Kingdom of God and letting God encompass, surround, and draw out from within that grain something new, someone I have yet to experience in the 66 years I’ve spent walking around like Dan Lackie. I think of Noah touching the earth after the flood. Time to start again in a new bond of trust, covenant. Trust me, says the Lord, and not in the abstract. “This is the time of fulfillment...believe – trust – in the gospel.”

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



A Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent

*Lord God,
you who breathed the spirit of life within me.
Draw out of me the light and life you created.
Help me to find my way back to you.
Help me to use my life to reflect your glory
and to serve others
as your son Jesus did.
Amen*



PARISH REGISTRATION CARDS

At all Masses this weekend you will find parish registration cards located in the pews. Completing this card will allow us to stay connected with you and keep you informed about the various activities and events happening in our parish.

If you are new to our parish, you can use it to become a registered parishioner. If you are already a parishioner, filling out the card will allow us to update our records with any changes to your contact information. Completed cards can be placed in the offertory baskets, handed to an usher after mass, dropped off at the Porter’s Office, or mailed back.

Questions? Call the parish office at
(805)682.4151 ext. 102.

AN INVITATION TO TAKE A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY!

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Sunday Gospel Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit Drives Jesus into the Desert

What temptation do you want to leave in the desert? Trust Jesus can help you do that. Spend quiet time in prayer and ask for his guidance.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on the following Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Mission Church and Mission olive garden! All are welcome.

Friday, February 23

5:30 p.m. – Mission Church

Friday, March 1

5:30 p.m. – Mission olive garden (weather permitting)

Friday, March 8

5:30 p.m. – Mission Church

Friday, March 15

5:30 p.m. – Mission olive garden (weather permitting)

**Fr. Joe Schwab – The Gospel of Luke: Apply Luke’s
Message to Your Daily Living**
Sunday, February 18 and Sunday, March 3
12:15 p.m. – Bonaventure Hall



Luke teaches us that while God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus, he focuses on applying Jesus’ teachings to the daily experiences of ordinary people living under the Roman empire. Thus, this Gospel includes some of Jesus’ most familiar parables, stories, and conversations. They may be overly familiar. Let’s listen with new ears and let them challenge us. You are invited to come and experience this introduction to the Gospel of Luke, and then apply it to your daily living. You may be surprised by how it can challenge you on your Lenten journey.

Click below to register or call the parish office.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Fr. Garrett Galvin (Franciscan School of Theology)
**Our Call and Conversion: A Biblical Journey
Toward Lent**
Sunday, February 25
12:15 p.m. – Bonaventure Hall



Although the popular understanding of Lent can be overly ascetic, the Church gives us tools for discovering a new and fruitful journey. Let’s explore the idea of a journey by focusing on the three priorities we hear on Ash Wednesday: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These priorities prepare us for a season of transformation rather than a season of negativity. By the end of our Lenten journey, we can have a deeper and more joyful relationship with both our Lord and each other.

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MINUTE MEDITATION

Special, Favorite, Chosen

The great irony of faith is that an authentic God experience does indeed make you know you are quite special, favorite, and chosen — but you realize others are too! That is the giveaway that your experience is authentic, although it might take a while to get there.

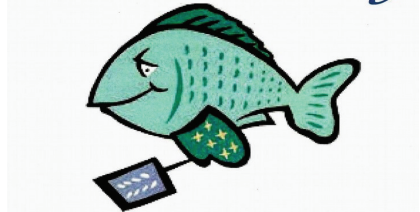
You are indeed hurting — and others are too. Your only greatness is that you share the common greatness of the whole communion of saints. Your membership in the communion of sinners is a burden you can now carry patiently because others are also carrying it with you. You are finally inside of what Thomas Merton calls “the general dance.” You no longer need to be personally correct as much as you just need to be *connected*.

- from the book *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi* by Richard Rohr

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Lenten Fish Fry



Knights of Columbus Council 5300 will be hosting their famous Lenten Fish Fry Dinners beginning

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

(Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, Mar. 15, Mar. 22)

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PASCAL TRIDUUM – THE SACRED THREE DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Church)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)

** Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (No Mass)

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (Olive garden)

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Quiet Prayer (Church)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)

** Solemn Liturgy will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 30

7:30 p.m. Glorious Easter Vigil (Church)

(No Confessions; No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

** Will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

11:00 a.m. (Outdoor Mass in front of the Church; weather permitting)

300 chairs will be provided

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

CATHOLIC POLITICAL TEACHING: THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY

WPius XI, in *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931), provided the definition of subsidiarity that has become central to Catholic political teaching: it is “an injustice and at the same time a grave evil and disturbance of right order to transfer to the larger and higher collectivity functions which can be performed and provided for by lesser and subordinate bodies. Inasmuch as every social activity should, by its very nature, prove a help [*subsidium*] to members of the body social, it should never destroy or absorb them.”

Problems should be addressed as locally as possible. But Pope John XXIII, in *Pacem in Terris* (1963), invoked subsidiarity at a global level: “Today the universal common good poses problems of worldwide dimensions, which cannot be adequately tackled or solved except by the efforts of public authority endowed with a wideness of powers, structures and a means of the same proportions... The relationships which exist between the worldwide public authority and the public authorities of individual nations [should] be governed by the... principle [of subsidiarity].”

As local (small) as possible, as global (big) as necessary to solve the problem. Climate change is such a problem as Pope John envisioned. But international initiatives should strengthen, not displace, local efforts.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact
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| Feb 17 | Pro Populo – People of the Parish |
| Feb 18 | † Michael Wood (7:30 a.m.) |
| Feb 18 | † William Joseph Zajac (9:00 a.m.) |
| Feb 18 | Father Stephen Felichia (11:00 a.m.) |
| Feb 19 | † David Rhodes |
| Feb 20 | † Ana Maria Lopez |
| Feb 21 | † Katherine Pattison |
| Feb 22 | Joe Mathews |
| Feb 23 | Eric Mathews |
| Feb 24 | † Katherine Pattison |
| Feb 25 | † Kenneth Glover (7:30 a.m.) |
| Feb 25 | † Angel Frank Perez (9:00 a.m.) |
| Feb 25 | Pro Populo – People of the Parish (11:00 a.m.) |



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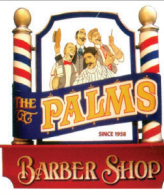


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