Welcome to the Faith Community at St. Barbara Parish!

May the Lord give you peace! The Franciscan Friars and our sisters and brothers of this vibrant Faith Community welcome you to celebrate with us today. We pray that the peace of Christ, which is His gift, remain with you always and His joy fill your heart.

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

—St. Francis of Assisi

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**SCHEDULE of MASSES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL**

4:00 PM in the Old Mission Church

**SUNDAY**

7:00 AM in the Poor Clare Monastery Chapel

9:00 AM • 11:00 AM in the Old Mission Church

**DAILY MASS**

7:00 AM (Daily) in the Chapel at the Poor Clare Monastery

8:00 AM (Monday–Friday) in the St. Junípero Serra Chapel

**HOLY DAYS:** Please call (805) 682-4151 for schedule
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 the Fr. Adrian Peelo, Pastor, at (805) 682-4151 x101 or pastor@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 (September–May). Please contact Alex Turcios, Director of Faith Formation, for more information at (805) 682-4151 x104 or pastor@saintbarbaraparish.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION
St. Barbara Parish offers a Junior High Youth Group, High School Youth Group, and a High School Confirmation program. Please contact Alex Turcios, Director of Faith Formation, for more information at (805) 682-4151 x104.
My dear sisters and brothers in the Lord,

Our readings today are about self-evaluation. Jesus says to us in our Gospel reading that, “If you are bringing your offering to the altar, and there remember someone has something against you, leave your offering, go first to be reconciled.” And then he says, “If your virtue goes no deeper than the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.” These words of Jesus must have surprised the ears and hearts of the people who heard them.

In our own pursuit of goodness, we are asked to look from this admonishment of Jesus, at the depth of what living a virtuous life means. First of all, let us not feel judged, but encouraged by these words of Jesus, because all of us stand as growing, striving, more fully to enter into the heights of purity.

We can often think that “Virtue is Virtue”. And that is not really completely true. There is a shallow, inauthentic virtue where the motive is not really all pure. If the motive is not purely altruistic, the deed will be soiled and shallow. Virtue is shallow when it lacks personal conviction of the heart, when it is only skin deep. But true virtue that is authentic, is not superficial, but comes from the depth of the heart, and it is a revelation of the goodness of the heart. Goodness of the heart is the purest kind of goodness, it is goodness and purity at its core. Hence, Jesus is instructing us, in these strong words, that we must not just look at the surface of our life, or the lives of others, but have the courage to see and seek the heart of a person. To look at what is going on inside, at the thoughts, intentions, attitudes, and desires, and to make them pure in purpose.

When all is said and done, it is the heart that matters. It is what is in the heart that matters. The heart is where a person is “deep down.” It is the real me. And what is in the heart will be lived out on the surface of a life. The state of the heart will affect the way of the life of a person.

What we are being called by Jesus, is to strive for a goodness of a pure heart. In a purity of heart, our deeds will flow from who we are, as intrinsically good, and as God has created in us. And then all that flows out from us will come as natural as, being in us, as part of us, as good fruit comes from a good tree. Coming from the heart, one can’t go any deeper than that.

Here is a poem that I wrote for this Sunday’s reflection entitled “Fire and Water.” I hope it may speak to your heart the call of renewed conversion in our life in Christ.

“I set before you fire and water.”
Sirach 15:15

Two birds,  
in one tree.  
Cross of fire,  
birth in water.  
Good and Evil.  
Life and Death.  
Set one’s course,  
as sight so to live.

The blind go their way, as in night,  
seeking their way, brushing the darkness,  
knowing neither shadow nor light.  
Those given sight, go as in the day,  
seeing the light, seeking the light of day,  
knowing both shadow and light.  
Maybe both saw something blindly,  
the blinding darkness or blinding light,  
knowing both shadow and light.  
The course is set ahead.  
Sky above, earth below.  
Stand upright, look into,  
divine rhythm of eternity.  
Look not into the shadows,  
where life seems not to live.  
Look carefully into the light,  
see before you, fire and water.

Larry Gosselin, O.F.M.

I am your brother,

Fr. Larry, O.F.M.
Prepare for Next Sunday’s Liturgy

February 19 ~Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading—Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm 103
The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading—1 Corinthians 3:16-23
All things belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Gospel—Matthew 5:38-48
Love your enemies.

Reflection on Next Sunday’s Liturgy of the Word

TOWARD HOLINESS

Treating others as we think they deserve is risky business. Lacking God’s all-seeing vision, we can’t read hearts. How often do we judge someone only to discover later that his motives were not what we had guessed? Jesus offers a better way: love others whether they deserve it or not. Doing so, we’re only passing along what we’ve already received: God’s given us grace beyond our merits.

“He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good” (Matthew 5:45). Assuming the best of others, loving and forgiving them, we imitate our heavenly Father and inch toward that perfect holiness we’re all called to.

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Did You Know ...

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes
February 11 — Patron of Bodily Ills

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution Ineffabilis Deus. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.”

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” She used the word aura, a dialect term meaning “this thing.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Reflection

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus’ healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film The Song of Bernadette: “For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”

— from “Saint of the Day”
St. Anthony Messenger Press
Let us Pray for the Sick
Susan Djuric • Roger Feusier • Sylvia Suryadi Garcia
George Johnson • Leopoldo Gaitan • Pat Gaitan
Robert Boudesseul • Luisa Bella Whelan • Maya Flores •
Kathleen Crosswhite • Kevin McClellan
Lucy Hartnett • Jovo Djuric • Marie Mocny
Zain Haque • Ernie Pico • John Morelli
Anthony Falucci • Lillian O’Reilly • Margaret Griffin
Taylor Marmo • Wayne Hoffman • Rico Lorelli
Dorothea Johnson • Harla Hampton • Barbara Mallin
Phil Rosenfeld • Nancy Goodwillie • Christiane Roekaert
Juanita Estrellas • Glenice Mathews • Richard Masters
Gary Davila • David J. Andrade • Gloria Y. Meza
Ruby Fedaleo • Pat Andersons • Annie Ardry
Susan Rosas
— May they know Christ’s healing —

Parish Giving

| Our Weekly Goal | $11,730 |
| February 5, 2017 Offering | $11,300 |
| Difference (deficit) | ($430) |

“But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works, to supply urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.”

(Titus 3:14)

Parish Calendar

- Feb. 11: Heads of Ministry Mtg at 10AM in Parish Social Room
- Feb. 14: Funeral for Richard Aberle at 1PM in the Church
- Feb. 24: Wedding Rehearsal at 5PM in the Church
- Feb. 25: Wedding at 1PM in the Church
- Feb. 28: Fingerprinting at 12noon-3:40PM & 5PM-7:20pm in the Social Room

Please Say “Hello” to our Newest Parishioners
Robert Jerkovik
Andrea and Carlos Godinez
Jim Haggerty

Parish Mass Intentions

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Upgraded Parish Website

If you go to the Parish Website you will notice that it is getting a new look thanks to Kimberley Litherland and her husband Jeff, with assistance from Br. Jeffrey, OFM and sponsorship from a generous parishioner. You can now access the Parish Bulletin on Thursday for the following Sunday and look at the parish calendar, which is updated regularly. We will have new pictures and features coming in the next weeks and months and we hope that the website will become the main vehicle for information at the Parish of St. Barbara. There is a more prominent DONATE BUTTON and making donations on line will be easy in the future for those who like to contribute that way. Thanks to all for a good job from all of us at the parish.

WEBSITE: www.saintbarbaraparish.org
Question for Children:
Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

Question for Youth:
In your own words, describe what the spirit of God’s law is.

Question for Adults:
Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God’s love through his laws?

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Keeping our Children Safe
Knowing how to identify potential signs of abuse and neglect can help parents and other adults take action more quickly and help prevent further abuse. Adults who spend a lot of time with kids—parents, teachers, family members—should be on the lookout, as children who have suffered from abuse may experience guilt, anxiety, learning difficulties, aggression or self-destructive behaviors. To request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Early Identification is Crucial” email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

Please contact Alex Turocios, Director of Faith Formation, for information on the parish’s Safeguard the Children Committee (805) 682-4151 x118.

Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will or Trust
For more information, please contact Kimberly Jetton, Planned Giving Manager, at (213) 637-7504 or PlannedGiving@la-archdiocese.org. The correct legal title for our parish is: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a Corporation Sole for the Benefit of St. Barbara Parish.

Fr. John Hardin, OFM—Guardian
Bro. Freddy Rodrigues, OFM—Vicar
Fr. Kenan Osborne, OFM
Bro. Angelo Cardinali, OFM
Bro. Arturo Noyes, OFM
Fr. Larry Gosselin, OFM—Associate Pastor
Bro. John Gutierrez, OFM—Master of Postulants
Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM—Pastor
Bro. Nicholas Ronalter, OFM
Bro. Jeffrey Durham, OFM

Franciscan Fraternity at Old Mission Santa Barbara

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on March 3-5 at the Best Western in Winnetka or April 21-23 in Palmdale. Go online to www.twocanlove.org for more information. We help make good marriages better.

Solemn Exposition
Did you know that there is a 24-hour solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month at the Poor Clare Monastery chapel? Exposition begins at 4PM on Thursday and concludes with Benediction at 4PM on Friday. All are welcome to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

Getting in the Bulletin
To submit a Parish bulletin announcements, please call the Parish Office (682-4151). For advertising in our parish bulletin, please contact Mission Publishing at (888) 253-4358 for business ads.

Traveling?
Don’t forget to go to Mass! For nationwide Mass times and locations, please visit www.MassTimes.org.