

SAINT BARBARA PARISH

AT OLD MISSION SANTA BARBARA

A Franciscan Center of Evangelization

In response to God's call to love, we are a faith community that strives to live the gospel in prayer, formation, evangelization, outreach and stewardship in the Franciscan tradition.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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REGISTER 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.

PARISH GIVING

Our Weekly Goal.....\$ 10,976
Dec 16, 2018 Total.....\$ -----
Difference.....\$-----

Due to Holiday Printing deadlines
Total not yet available.

If you'd like to give your donation on line go to:
www.santabarbaraparish.org/donate

PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: Tu - Fri: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Annointing of the Sick:
(805) 682-4151 ext. 104

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 p.m. in the Mission Church

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. - Poor Clare Monastery
7:30 a.m. - Mission Church
9:00 a.m. - Mission Church
11:00 a.m. - Mission Church

DAILY MASS

7:00 a.m. - Poor Clare Monastery
8:00 a.m. (M-F) - Serra Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Priests are also available by appointment. Enter church through the side door at the end of the portico.

FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY AT THE OLD MISSION

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WELCOME TO ST. BARBARA PARISH AND THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

We are all on a spiritual journey!
If you would like to learn 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 Fr. Dan Lackie, Pastor, at (805) 682-4151, ext. 101 or dlackie@sbofm.org.

ELEMENTARY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Religious Education Classes, Grades 1-5 (September to May).

CONFIRMATION AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY: St. Barbara Parish offers a Middle School Ministry and a High School Confirmation program.

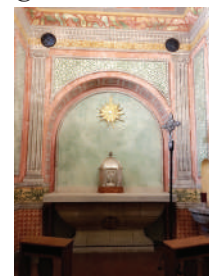
To Register for all educational programs, including RCIA and Baptism classes. Please contact Alex Turcios, Director of Faith Formation, at (805) 682-4151, ext. 118 or aturcios@saintbarbaraparish.org for more information.

PORZIUNCULA CHAPEL

The Porziuncula Chapel is available for private prayer and meditation during the following times:

**Tuesday through
Thursday 1:00 to
4:00 pm**

Porziuncula access stickers available in the Porter's Office.



LETTER FROM PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Maybe it's the tone of the season – darkness, mystery – or maybe it's Luke's power as a storyteller. For whatever reason, I find the Advent readings triggering all kinds of personal memories for me.



For instance, this week I'm remembering the time years ago when I came home to the friary after visiting my mother. At the time she happened to live not so far from the parish where I was in residence. Seated at the kitchen table when I walked in the door was an elder friar and he asked me how it had gone. Not so well, I told him. It was my mom and my aunt, I explained. I loved them both dearly, but my dilemma was how to get them to smooth over their differences and just get along with each other.

This friar was a big man with a deep voice and I hadn't gotten very far into my story when he put his hefty right hand down on the table to interrupt me. "You're a man. You'll never understand what it is to be a sister. Stay out of it." And with that we immediately got onto another topic, probably something on college football, of which he was an avid fan.

As I read Luke's gospel this week, I wonder if there's a flip side to the insight my friend gave all those years ago. Will I ever be able to appreciate the intimacy, love, and warmth of the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth? It's a woman's world here. Yes, but in this case I don't have to stay out of it; in fact, I'm invited in to be utterly fascinated. The whole encounter is so bodily. This is the way God has been trying to communicate with us all along. The incarnation, Christmas! Next topic? There isn't one!

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm
Pastor

ADVENT 2018

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24th at 4pm and 7pm

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASSES

will be held at both the

POOR CLARES MONASTERY

Tuesday, December 25th at 12:00am
and the

MISSION CHURCH

Tuesday, December 25th at 12:00am
Choir begins at 11:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25th at 9am and 11am

NOTE: Plan to come early, doors open 30 minutes prior to Mass times, many will be at capacity.

STEWARDSHIP

THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE!

Thank you for your generous weekly donations! To make life (and giving) a little easier we are in the process of upgrading our system of receiving donations on-line to ParishGiving. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and direct you to: www.santabarbaraparish.org/donate

This year we have been transitioning to a new database system, ParishSoft, and we would like to apologize for any issues that may have arisen.

Also, we are noting that currently 10-15% of the weekly offering is comprised of cash and coin. We encourage the use of envelopes, but realize that some would prefer not to use them. If you would rather **not** receive envelopes, or if you would like to **start to** receive envelopes please let us know in the parish office - parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org. The order for March/April envelopes will be placed January 15th.

And speaking of on-line...If you'd like to receive the parish bulletin in your in-box each week please visit www.santabarbaraparish.org/sign-up-for-bulletin

Many thanks again for all your support!
Fr. Dan ofm

FORMATION AND SPIRIT

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Please volunteer to help decorate the Mission Church for Christmas.



If you can help, please join us on **Sunday, December 23rd at 1:00pm.**

Call or e-mail the Parish Office to volunteer.
805-682-4151 x102 or
ParishOffice@SaintBarbaraParish.org



2018 CHRISTMAS CRECHE

This year we would like to have animals again appear at our Crèche from December 22nd to December 27th. We need your help!

We need volunteers to serve as:

- Shepherd for a 2 hour shift (watch over the animals)
- Help feed and care for the Animals
- Make a monetary donation to defray the cost.

Call or e-mail the Parish Office to volunteer.
805-682-4151 x102 or
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: FRANCISCAN DNA

FAITH and POLITICS, CHURCH and STATE

Discussion of Catholic Social Teaching, especially its political dimensions, will eventually arrive at the question of the relation of church to state. In our context, the answer can be found in the first clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." There will be no official State Church, nor shall any religion be given preference. In the eyes of the State, all religions are created equal. Since Vatican Council II, that arrangement has been just fine with the Catholic Church in America.

That's because of the second clause of the Amendment: "Congress shall make no law... prohibiting the free exercise [of religion]." Every faith tradition has the right to enter public debate about moral issues, but no faith tradition can expect a special hearing. The realms of Church and State barely touch, but Faith and Politics overlap considerably in matters affecting human dignity and the common good.

But political does not mean partisan. No bishop or priest should tell you how to vote. More on that later, when the Bishops release the new version of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, as they have done prior to every presidential election since 1976.

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)



COMMUNITY AND LITURGY

Parish Calendar - December and January

Sunday, December 23

7:30am, 9am and 11am Parish Mass - Mission Church

Monday, December 24th

4pm and 7pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 25th

12am CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS
(Both in the Mission Church and at
the Monastery of the Poor Clares)

9am and 11 am CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 30 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:30am, 9am and 11am Parish Mass - Mission Church

**Tuesday, January 1 - New Years Day / Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God**

9am Parish Mass - Mission Church

Sunday, January 6 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10am Catholic Inquiry - Parish Social Rm

Sunday, January 13

9am RE/ Adult Faith Formation

10am Catholic Inquiry - Parish Social Rm

Sunday, January 20

9am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10am Catholic Inquiry - Parish Social Rm

Sunday, January 27

9am RE/ Adult Faith Formation

10am Catholic Inquiry - Parish Social Rm



Mass Intentions

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| Dec 22 | 4 pm | Church | †Rebecca Kwong |
| Dec 23 | 7:30am | Church | †Rizalina Monticillo-Sagullo |
| Dec 23 | 9 am | Church | †Alejandro Ramirez |
| Dec 23 | 11 am | Church | †Shane Forgarty |
| Dec 24 | 8 am | Chapel | Poor Clare Nuns of Spokane, WA |
| Dec 25 | 8 am | Chapel | Christmas Day |
| Dec 26 | 8 am | Chapel | †Matt Metcalf & †John Metcalf |
| Dec 27 | 8 am | Chapel | Poor Clare Nuns of Spokane, WA |
| Dec 28 | 8 am | Chapel | †Lenora Metcalf & †Marie Metcalf |
| Dec 29 | 4 pm | Church | †Alexandra Morelli |
| Dec 30 | 7:30am | Church | †Alexandra Morelli |
| Dec 30 | 9 am | Church | †Miguel & Maria Cabrera |
| Dec 30 | 11 am | Church | †Geoff Aggeler |

Let us Pray for the Sick

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| Juanita Estrellas | Maria Jimenez | Vance Baldwin |
| Glenice Mathews | Ernie Pico | Donna McGruk |
| Richard Masters | Ascension Arroyo | Wyatt Dennett |
| Gary Davila | Paulette Hoffman | Elizabeth Brooke |
| Annie Ardry | Sandra Morales | Barbara Boros |
| Damarius Johnson | Rob Campbell | Hildegard Johnston |
| Maggie Carracino | Will McBride | Wayne Hoffman |
| Javier Quezada | Steve Rath | Patricia Oreña |
| Mark Zaunius | Rosario T. De Leon | Bob Helman |
| Margaret Jimenez | Tony Ortega | |
| Manuel Barrera | Jean Berger | |

— May they know Christ's Healing —

Please contact the Parish Office at (805)682-4151 to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Next Week's Readings

**December 30th Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

First Reading—1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Samuel, as long as he lives, shall be dedicated to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading—1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

We are called children of God. And so we are.

Holy Gospel—Luke 2:41-52

His parents found Jesus sitting in the midst of the teachers.

STEWARDSHIP

CATECHISTS NEEDED

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES – CATECHIST FORMATION DIVISION

Basic faith "formation" is an essential step in developing ourselves and our faith so that we are better to minister more effectively. These classes are for people pursuing certification as a Catechist (Early Childhood through Adult), and for others seeking adult enrichment.

Classes will be held at the Santa Barbara Mission in the Bonaventure Room

MODULE I - Orientation, Encountering God and Christ

Friday January 25th 6-9pm and Saturdays January 26th and February 2nd 9-4pm

MODULE II - Encountering the Mysteries of God in Sacramental Celebrations, Living the Gospel

Friday February 22nd 6-9pm and Saturdays February 23rd and March 2nd 9-4pm

MODULE III - Living the Gospel, Growing to Maturity

Friday March 15th 6-9pm and Saturdays March 16th and April 6th 9-4pm

Please register on-line through the Catechist Portal - archla.org/oremus

Fee: \$30 per module or \$60 for all THREE modules

NOTE: MODULE I is required before attending II OR III (which can be completed within a 3 year period)

WIDER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Lancaster and April 26-28, 2019 in Simi Valley. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ed and Jo Lara at 818-848-6729 or go online at www.twocanlove.org We help make good marriages better.

Keeping our Children Safe

KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December — the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely. Never leave candles burning in a room you are not in, or while you're sleeping. Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby, and that the candle is safely out of reach for children. If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, check your chimney to make sure it's clean

If you have any questions about the Safeguard the Children Committee, contact Alex Turcios, Director of Faith Formation at aturcios@saintbarbaraparish.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you'd like to give your donation on line go to: www.santabarbaraparish.org/donate

Don't miss the Sunday Bulletin. To receive the bulletin delivered to your in-box or if you miss Mass, you can visit: <https://www.santabarbaraparish.org/sign-up-for-bulletin>



The Historic Mausoleum
at Old Mission Santa Barbara

Offering Columbarium Niches for the Inurnment of Cremated Remains

For more information, contact the cemetery
office at (805) 569-5483 or email at
thm@sboldmission.org

