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DECEMBER 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent



Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:8-9

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

-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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Zandra Cholmondeley	Kitty Murphy
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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,

Last Monday the friars spent the day at Serra Retreat attuning ourselves to the sounds and rhythms of Advent. In four sessions of conversation, our director – a thoughtful guide with a delightful laugh – led us around the Advent Wreath by having us read aloud and ponder texts from each Advent Sunday and do the same with poems amplifying one or another Advent theme. As you might imagine, I really took to this approach and was eager to review the poems once we got home. So here I am ...



I was not familiar with the work of Vassar Miller and I'm so grateful to have been introduced. Her poems embody an unflinching faith, her voice a prophet's voice, her lines, in the words of one reviewer, taut and clear. For this Sunday I hear John the Baptist in the closing lines of her poem "A Prayer for Prayer":

*Christ, from the pincers, speech and dumbness, never
Absolve me till I am dissolved, but dangle
Me and my word over the flame and fuse us,
A lesser word-made-flesh, enunciated
Clean to the bitter syllable of blood.*

It was enlightening for me to learn that Ms. Miller was born in Houston, Texas, and from birth lived with cerebral palsy – no doubt seedbeds of her gutsiness and grit.

"In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!" cries Isaiah. For the prophet/poet the task begins with locating the heart and mind through images, then navigating that "rough" and "rugged" land with a patience inflamed by courage. With the violence and chaos in our world this Advent, Miller's voice comes as a gift, opening my heart, unlocking my prayer. If she is in fact, in her own way, translating John the Baptist, it's no wonder he attracted such crowds.

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan ofm, Pastor

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



ADVENT RETREAT



"ADVENT: LIVING HOPE"

Sister Mary Leanne Hubbard, Presenter

**Saturday, December 16 -- 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Bonaventure Hall**

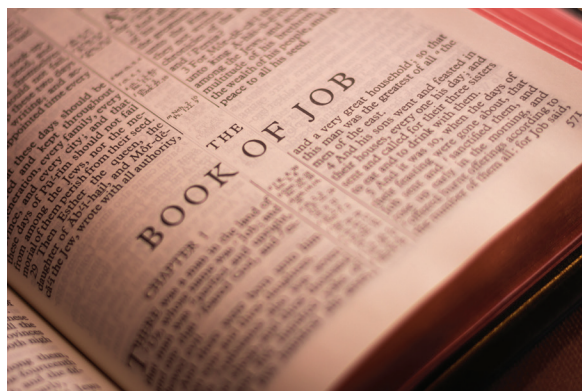
The Scriptures during Advent offer reminders of our reasons for hope. These stories are promises, and we are challenged to live into them through the virtue of hope in the Living God. Join us as we take time to ponder these truths with Mary during this retreat and through the remaining days of Advent.

*Sr. Mary Leanne Hubbard, SND is Provincial
Councilor of the Sisters of Notre Dame.*

To register, click below or visit the Parish website.

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THE BOOK OF JOB PARISH STUDY GROUP



January 18 • February 15

March 7 • April 11

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Francis Room

*** Facilitated by parishioner Roger Bergman.*

Join us on four Thursday evenings as we read the Book of Job and three short books inspired by it:

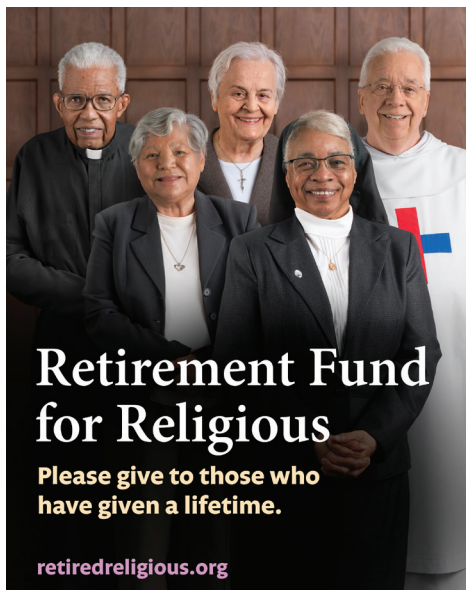
Answer to Job by Carl Jung (108 pages)

On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent
by Gustavo Guitierrez (103 pages)

The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job and the Scale of Creation
by Bill McKibben (73 pages)

The books are available online (approx. \$33 new or \$15 used). For questions, contact Roger Bergman at rbjps@creighton.edu or (402)681-0872. To register, click below or call the parish office.

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ADVENT LITURGIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

PROCESSION HONORING
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5:30 p.m. Gather at De La Guerra
Plaza and Rosary

6:00 p.m. Procession to Our Lady
of Sorrows Church

7:00 p.m. Prayer Service and Reception
with Bishop Slawomir Szkredka

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

7:00 p.m. (Our Lady of Sorrows Church)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*Bonaventure Hall*)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG
AND BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

WINTER SOLSTICE

6:00 a.m. Prayer Service (*Mission Plaza*)

8:00 a.m. Mass (*Church*)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

DECEMBER 9-10

Elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps hundreds of U.S. religious communities, including our own Franciscan Friars, to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities for their aging brothers and sisters. Donation envelopes will be available in the pews at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Join us for Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Registration is not required. 300 chairs will be provided for the 4:00 p.m. outdoor Mass.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Church) ** will be livestreamed

11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Mass (Outdoors, weather permitting; chairs will be provided)

10:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
** will be livestreamed



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 A.M. Mass (Church)

9:00 A.M. Mass (Church)
** will be livestreamed

11:00 A.M. Mass (Church)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 to 7:30 P.M. | Anthony Room

Interested in deepening your knowledge of scripture, sharing in fellowship, and being a part of a group of like-minded men? Join us on Wednesday, December 13 for a one-hour gathering in the Anthony Room next to the Porter's Office. This is an opportunity to both learn and contribute while sharing in the community that is Saint Barbara Parish. We (parishoners Bob Basche and Charlie Bogue) will be standing on the portico ready to welcome you at the top of the stairs!



CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG AND BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

When: Saturday, December 16

Where: Outside the Mission Church

Join us for Christmas caroling below the steps of the Mission church, followed by the blessing of our creche!

Bring the whole family -- all are welcome!
No RSVP required.

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

LAUDATO DEUM: 3. THE WEAKNESS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

To combat climate change, Pope Francis imagines new forms that the famous Catholic Social Teaching “principle of subsidiarity” might take on the global stage. That principle stipulates addressing social problems as locally as possible but as regionally or nationally or even globally as necessary. However, it’s not an *either/or* but a *both/and* challenge. Cities and counties can take action to address climate degradation in their own jurisdictions. States and nations can do much to care for our common home within larger boundaries. But when it is the earth’s ecosystem as a whole that is at stake, more *globally* concerted action is required. But the Pope is not proposing a new world government.

Rather, Pope Francis proposes a “multilateralism ‘from below’” that would actually stimulate “democratization” in the global context. He offers as an example “the Ottawa Process against the use, production and manufacture of antipersonnel mines,” which was accomplished by organizations of civil society from around the globe working together when the U.N. faltered. Solving the problem of climate change requires citizens to think and act locally but also to think and act globally through forms of collaboration still being born. Our endangered common home needs care from all everywhere.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

[For further reading: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html or search “Laudato Deum”]

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact
parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org

- Dec 9 † George Albert Ellis
- Dec 10 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- Dec 10 † Aureo Miguel (9:00 a.m.)
- Dec 10 † Joseph Reeves (11:00 a.m.)
- Dec 11 † Greg White
- Dec 12 † Dr. Frank Gamberdella
- Dec 13 Richard Rollins
- Dec 14 † Irene Delio
- Dec 15 † Sam DiGiacomo
- Dec 16 † Katherine Pattison
- Dec 17 † Jim Herman (7:30 a.m.)
- Dec 17 † Isabelita Boquiren (9:00 a.m.)
- Dec 17 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Recognizing the signs of physical abuse

Safe adults should be on the lookout for signs of physical abuse in children in their care. Some signs include frequent bruises or cuts, frequent and unexplained absences or injuries. Physical abuse can include hitting, kicking, shaking, or other forceful actions, resulting in harm or even death. Children who are suffering from physical abuse may be distrustful or reluctant to receive physical contact, and may dress inappropriately for the season, wearing long pants or long-sleeved shirts to hide injuries. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Recognizing Child Maltreatment” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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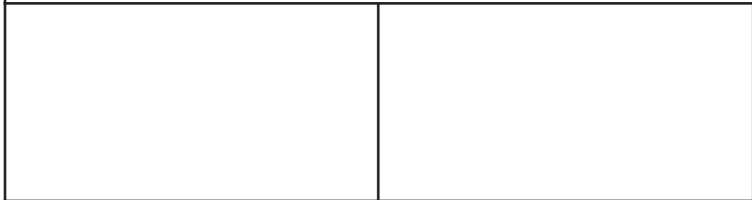
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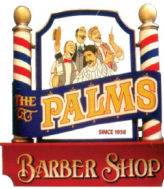


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