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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.

JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace."

John 1:41

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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

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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

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Old Mission Santa Barbara Creche Blessing,
Saturday December 16, 2023*

LETTER FROM FR. DAN

*Abide with me, fast falls
the eventide -*

*The darkness deepens -
Lord, with me abide...*



Dear Friend,

The classic Christian hymn sounds yet again in my heart, as I pray with the readings set for proclamation this coming Sunday. The featured players are Samuel and Eli in the first reading, while in the Gospel it's John the Baptist setting in motion the disciples' encounter with Jesus that begins (quite typically for John's Gospel) with a question of Jesus, *What are you looking for?*, and followed by a question in response, *Where are you staying* (also translated *abiding*).

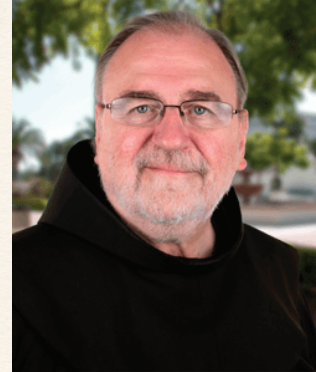
With the opening of Ordinary Time - including Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord - there is a strong indication that fundamental to our task as disciples - in the line with ancient prophets - is not *saving the world*, but rather learning to stay with and abide with the saving and redemptive work of the Triune God revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ. The truth of this direction is reinforced at the end of John's Gospel when Jesus, after his long unfolding journey, including many more "question and answer sessions", addresses his disciples at the Last Supper: "If you keep my commandments you will remain (same word: stay, *abide*) in my love just as I have kept my Father's commandment and *remain (abide, stay)* in his love." (Jn. 15:10)

It is good to remember that our weekly liturgical processional cross is modelled on the icon before which St. Clare dedicated years of staying and praying as she outlived Francis by 25+ years. This cross invites us into the love of Christ *dying and rising*. Patience and fortitude are our calling cards, even as strong political and social currents strain to pull us in a very different direction.

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



ATRIBUTE TO FR. MICHAEL BLASTIC, OFM



August 4, 1949 – December 21, 2023

**Sunday, January 14 • 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.
Bonaventure Hall**

This Sunday, January 14 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass we will gather in Bonaventure Hall to pay tribute to Fr. Michael Blastic, OFM, who passed away on December 21. Please join us as we revisit his wonderful presentation to our parish in May 2019 in which he outlined the Franciscan vision for becoming an evangelizing parish. No registration is required and all are welcome!



For much more information on upcoming liturgies and events, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting saintbarbaraparish.org and scrolling to the bottom of the page.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

January 20-21

Next weekend there will be a second collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension.

For more information, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

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Bishop Diego High School invites you to:

“Receiving the Father’s Promise”

A Life in the Spirit mini-retreat with John Beaulieu, Director of Evangelization & Engagement at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Saturday, January 27, 1-4:00 p.m.
 Bishop Diego High School
 4000 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara
RSVP to aeggman@bishopdiego.org

Come be empowered to live out your faith in the fullness of joy. There will be refreshments, dynamic speaking, and an encounter with our Eucharistic Lord.

Open to students in middle school through adults!



SAVE THE DATES!

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

February 15-18, 2024

(In-Person)

THIS YEAR’S THEME: BE LOVED!

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. Held at the Anaheim Convention Center, it is sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and includes people of all ministries, vocations and faiths. It opens on Thursday, February 15 with Youth Day – a gathering of high school aged young people that features keynote speakers, workshops and a liturgy planned by young people, for young people.

Adult Days (Friday, February 16 to Sunday, February 18) include hundreds of workshops in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Participants also receive access to arena keynotes, the opening ceremony, a variety of liturgies, entertainment, evening events, and the Exhibit Hall, which showcases religious art, music and publishing houses.

Click below to register or visit www.recongress.org/register.

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**On Caring for Our Common Home
 Tip of the Week**



Be sure to follow the routine maintenance schedule for your motor vehicle and keep tires at their recommended inflation. This will reduce undue vehicle wear, maintain top efficiency and increase mileage, helping to limit carbon emissions.



WAYNE HOFFMAN



December 22, 1937 – November 11, 2023

Wayne and his wife Paulette (d.2021) were married for more than 60 years and had three children. Although he spent his career as an electrical engineer, Wayne was an accomplished artist and art was his true passion. In 1972

he and Paulette moved to Europe for a year so that he could study art. During his retirement years, Wayne taught painting, collage making and other art classes at Adult Ed, and showed his art all over the country, selling many of his pieces.

The funeral Mass will take place on Friday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mission church and will be followed by an Open House. The family welcomes all who knew Wayne or Paulette to join them to share stories and enjoy Wayne's art. To RSVP for the Open House and obtain location details, please email 4hoffmaninfo@gmail.com.

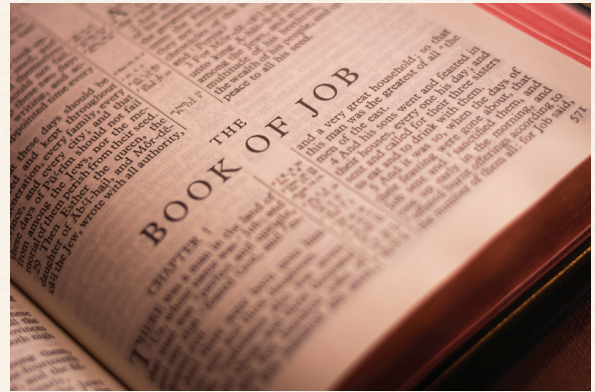
MINUTE MEDITATION: *We Are the Magi*

The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East: our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and love which we Christians recognize in Jesus, the Light of the World. Like the Magi, every person has two great "books" which provide the signs to guide this pilgrimage: the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture. What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God who speaks to us, who always speaks to us. As the Psalm says in referring to the Law of the Lord: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). Listening to the Gospel, reading it, meditating on it and making it our spiritual nourishment especially allows us to encounter the living Jesus, to experience him and his love.

— from the book *The Peace of Christmas: Quiet Reflections from Pope Francis* by Diane M. Houdek

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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 Gutierrez (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.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Saturday, February 10

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Join us for our first Women's Faith Sharing gathering of 2024! Check in at the Porter's Office. For more information contact Donna Rubio at drubio@saintbarbaraparish.org or (805)682-4151, ext. 116.

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

LAUDATO DEUM: 6. SPIRITUAL MOTIVATIONS

Pope Francis observes that “God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement.” How should the faithful respond? “Every little bit helps, and avoiding an increase of a tenth of a degree in the [average] global temperature would already suffice to alleviate some suffering for many people.”

“Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are...helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society... If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries,” those of us contributing most to the problem must also contribute most to the solutions.

“At the same time...it is necessary to be honest and recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level.” We must care for our common home not only as responsible consumers but also as citizen-advocates.

~ 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

Jan 13	† Irene and Walter Sumansky
Jan 14	Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
Jan 14	† Luke Vandenburg (9:00 a.m.)
Jan 14	† Ray Martinez (11:00 a.m.)
Jan 15	Nir Kaberitti + Family & Friends in Israel
Jan 16	† Eleuteria Villamor
Jan 17	LaBorde Family
Jan 18	† Katherine Pattison
Jan 19	† Linda Eder
Jan 20	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
Jan 21	Marie Favro (7:30 a.m.)
Jan 21	Ines Dias da Silva (9:00 a.m.)
Jan 21	† Victor Ramirez (11:00 a.m.)
Jan 21	† Giancarlo Mercado (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

How to actively listen to abuse disclosures

Disclosing abuse is one of the hardest — and most important — steps for a victim to take. If a child chooses to tell you about abuse, make sure you are actively listening. Give the child all of your attention and listen calmly, without making judgements or assumptions. Listen patiently without filling in the blanks or making suggestions. The best thing is for the child to tell his or her own story. Ask limited questions, and only for information needed to report abuse. For more information on actively listening, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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