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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.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Psalm 32

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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

LETTER FROM FR. DAN

Dear Friend,

In this week's Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we conclude our march through the explosive first chapter of Mark's Gospel. This week we see Jesus breaking down barriers in his outreach to the "unclean" leper. There's danger here. Three Sundays ago, we heard the reference to John the Baptist's arrest, and here too, we see a sign that in Mark's Gospel, from the very start, we have, as readers, already entered the cold and looming shadow of Jesus's ultimate confrontation with the religious and political leaders, the shadow of the Cross.

Curiously, next Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, we'll go back to the first chapter of Mark. Here at verse 12, the Spirit will drive Jesus into the *desert* for forty days, where he is among wild beasts and tempted by Satan. An intriguing detail: the first chapter of Mark begins and ends in deserted places, as we hear this week as Chapter one concludes, "Jesus remained outside [of towns] in *deserted places*, and people kept coming to him from everywhere." (And let's not forget that in 1:35, Jesus goes off to pray, and where else? In *deserted place*!)

There's so much detail to probe in Mark's Gospel, as the author shakes us up with the breakthrough of the Kingdom of God in dramatic scenes. Yet, what is it about these deserted places? One way of reading all this would be as good news; namely, that wherever and whenever there is a looming threat that our lives might become bereft of hope and life, abandoned or deserted – in confrontation with evil, sickness, loneliness, or fear – that is precisely where the Kingdom of God is meant to break through in the person of Jesus Christ. As disciples, we become instruments of that same Spirit.

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



TOGETHER IN MISSION 2024 BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

February 10-11

We are excited to announce the 2024 Together in Mission "Be Imitators of Christ" appeal!

In our unwavering commitment to mirror Christ's life, we strive to follow His example by supporting the most impoverished parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This annual appeal is an opportunity for Catholics to join together as one united family to help 62 parishes (525,000 families and individuals) and 71 schools (16,500 students). Last year St. Barbara Parish contributed **\$51,206** to Together in Mission and this year our goal is **\$86,314** which is part of a cumulative goal of \$16.9 million across five regions.

After Communion at all Masses this weekend, we will take up a second collection for Together in Mission. If you have contributed in the past, you may have received a donation envelope in the mail. Envelopes will also be available in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

To donate online, click [HERE](#) or visit www.TIMGIVE.org/SAINTS



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.



Sunday, February 11

Tender and merciful God,

You watch over your creatures with unfailing care.

Keep us in the safe embrace of your love.

With your strong right hand, make whole all who are suffering.

Give them the strength of your power and the stillness of your peace.

Minister to them through the compassionate service of others and heal their every affliction.

Fill those who serve the sick with new hope and joy for the good they do in your name.

Amen.

To view the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for this World Day of the Sick, click [HERE](#).

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ZOOM LECTURE SERIES

**Weaving the Franciscan Threads:
Engaging the Imagination, Constructing
Laudato Si' Bridges**

Speaker: Michael Perry, OFM, Ph.D.

**Thursday, February 15 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

Laudato Si' calls us to recognize the interconnectedness of all living things, deepen our knowledge of the common threats the earth and all its inhabitants face, and engage our energies to address underlying causes in an effective and sustainable manner. This lecture will discuss ways to engage the Franciscan spiritual, moral, and social imagination, identifying obstacles, and proposing a way forward for transformative collaboration.

To register for this FREE Zoom lecture, click below.

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AN INVITATION TO A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

**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.

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**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

Boundless Graces

One of the fundamental laws of human life and of the spiritual life is that the measure we give to others will be the measure we will receive. If I give love and forgiveness, I will receive it, perhaps from others, but most certainly from God. If we refuse to love, or to forgive, we will sooner or later become victims of our own lack of love. The evil we do or wish to others will end up turning against ourselves. God does not punish anyone. People punish themselves. Today, make up your mind to love, to give of yourself to God and to others. Forgive someone. Let your measure to others be bountiful love and sincere forgiveness, and that love and mercy will be poured back to you bountifully.

Prayer: *Lord, right now I pray for someone I need to forgive, someone I need to love. Amen.*

- from the book *Three Minutes with God: Reflections to Inspire, Encourage, and Motivate* by Monsignor Frank Bognanno



Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule

February 14 -- Mission Church

On Ash Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey. Please join us in the Mission church on this holy day of prayer and fasting as we celebrate our Ash Wednesday liturgies.

- 8:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (+ ashes)
- 12:15 p.m. Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word (+ ashes)
- 5:30 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (+ ashes)

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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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February 18 • March 3 • March 17

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BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

CATHOLIC *POLITICAL* TEACHING

With the presidential election looming amid a moral chaos and cultural cacophony almost unequalled in U.S. history, let's review the political dimensions of Catholic Social Teaching.

John XXIII lays the foundation in his great encyclical *Pacem in Terris* (1963): "The whole reason for the existence of civil authorities is the realization of the common good." Our own bishops elaborated on this in their pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All* (1986): "The teachings of the Church insist that *government has a moral function: protecting human rights and securing basic justice for all members of the commonwealth*. Society as a whole and in all its diversity is responsible for building up the common good. But it is government's role to guarantee the minimum conditions that make this rich social activity possible, namely, human rights and justice."

The government, in guaranteeing human rights and justice for all—no small task!--makes it possible for society as a whole—from the neighborhood association to the multinational corporation--to work toward the common good. Pope John may have overstated the role of government. But how do we sort this out? That's where the "principle of subsidiarity" comes in. We'll explore that important guideline next week.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Feb 10	† Aureo Miguel
Feb 11	Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
Feb 11	† Daniel Cruickshank (9:00 a.m.)
Feb 11	† Bernard Ventura (11:00 a.m.)
Feb 12	† Dr. Frank Gamberdella
Feb 13	† Stefano and Antonia Ziliotto
Feb 14	† Jeanine Juan Laskar
Feb 15	† Susan B. Calabro
Feb 16	Father Stephen Felichia
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.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

How does cryptocurrency impact child sexual exploitation?

Cryptocurrency is virtual or digital currency that exists as a virtual network. This allows cryptocurrency to exist outside of government controls or authority. This is one main reason why criminal enterprises often use cryptocurrency to run sexual exploitation operations. Certain cryptocurrency allows users to remain anonymous, which further creates challenges in regulating use, especially for criminal activity. To learn more about cryptocurrency, read the VIRTUS® article "Child Sexual Abuse Materials Online Can Be Fueled by Cryptocurrency" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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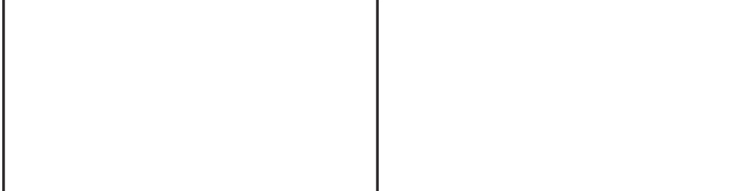
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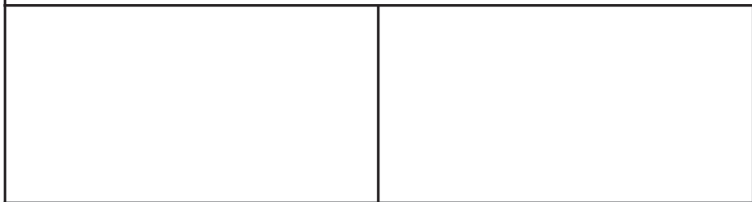
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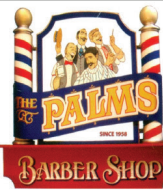


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