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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.

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Phil 2:6-8

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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

Charlie Bogue	Kerry Parker
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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,

As a child I was fascinated by the faraway small towns of Minnesota where my parents grew up. I wanted to know what it was like to grow up in Pine City when my mom was a girl or in Two Harbors, my dad's hometown. Even then I was faintly aware (and even beginning to grieve) that I was living at a time when an old way of being an American – one I would never fully know – was completely passing away.



Turns out that this week – and I'm writing this on the Feast of St. Joseph – Father Jack is giving a class to the novices on the history of the Franciscans in the United States. He offers this wisdom: "History is a conversation with people who have been to a place we can never go." Ah yes, the sting of knowing there are limits to what I can know and where I can go. Learning history (and, God knows, living it) is a humbling endeavor, yet there's hope in the offer of conversation...

What Jesus endured I will never know, and yet this week I am invited to enter the place of his suffering where a sacred conversation can begin. Saint Francis, it is said, once turned to a group of brothers quietly scrutinizing him - fascinated no doubt – and said: "If you want to know me, know yourselves." Dare I go there, with what I have, to this conversation, which is my life, my discipleship? As with my parents – as with Saint Joseph and Saint Francis - I am invited to let go and allow a new story to begin. I learn and do what is mine to do. The cross is the doorway. In love I enter history and its redemption.

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Church)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church)

** Mass will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (No Mass)

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross (Olive garden)

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Quiet Prayer (Church)

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Church)

** Solemn Liturgy will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

HOLY SATURDAY – MARCH 30

7:30 p.m. Glorious Easter Vigil (Church)

(No Confessions; No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

** Will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel

11:00 a.m. (Outdoor Mass in front of the Church; weather permitting)

300 chairs will be provided





PALM SUNDAY
LOVE LEADS THE WAY

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

INCREASE THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO PLACE
THEIR HOPE IN YOU,
AND GRACIOUSLY HEAR THE PRAYERS OF
THOSE WHO CALL ON YOU, O GOD,
THAT WE, WHO TODAY HOLD HIGH THESE
BRANCHES IN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS TO HAIL
CHRIST IN HIS TRIUMPH,
MAY BEAR FRUIT FOR YOU BY GOOD WORKS
ACCOMPLISHED IN HIM.
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS FOR EVER AND EVER.
AMEN.



**Pontifical
Good Friday
Collection**

March 29, 2024

Serving those in need
in the Holy Land

Each year the Pope asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year help is needed more than ever. In communication from our Franciscan family, we hear the following:

The tragic events that started on October 7, 2023 have brought many disastrous consequences, including a greatly increased need for support for the Christian community, many of whom, if not most, depend on pilgrims and pilgrimages to make a living. After two years of pandemic these families were just beginning to recover and repay their debts. Now, once again, people need support for everything from medicine and surgeries to food and school tuition. Fear and despair are rampant, to the point where many Christians are again thinking of just leaving.

The Good Friday collection is a response to this situation and help is urgently needed. For more information, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday>. On behalf of my fellow friars and those they serve in the Holy Land, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr. Dan



**NO CHURCH-FRONT MASS PARKING
ON EASTER WEEKEND**

Due to our gathering around the Holy Fire on Easter Vigil and set-up for the 11:00 a.m. outdoor Mass on Easter Sunday, there will be no church-front Mass parking on Saturday, March 30 or Sunday, March 31. Please park in the public parking lot on those days. Thank you!

*** A limited number of parking spaces will be available inside the rope gate for those with mobility challenges.

March 31 and April 7 Combined Bulletin

Please note that there will be **one combined bulletin** next week that will cover both the weeks of March 31 and April 7.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
APRIL 1 AND 2**

The parish office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 2. In the event of an EMERGENCY on those days, please call (805)690-5382. For all other (non-emergency) inquiries, please email parishoffice@saintbarbaraparish.org or leave a message at (805)682-4151.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

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BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO

On March 24, 1980 – forty-four years ago -- in the chapel of a hospital for the poor, as he raised the chalice, Archbishop Óscar Romero of El Salvador was shot by a sniper in the employ of military forces who were attacking peasants, “guilty” of organizing themselves to advocate for a better life, the same forces who were killing priests and catechists who supported the peasants.

Archbishop Romero had preached directly to those soldiers the day before: " In the name of God, in the name of this suffering people whose cry rises to heaven more loudly each day, I implore you, I beg you, I order you: stop the repression!" So they killed him. But knowing the risks of such preaching, he had said that "I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me I will rise again in the people of El Salvador." Óscar Romero was canonized by Pope Francis in 2015.

When I learned of the witness of Archbishop Romero shortly after his death, I realized it was possible to live an authentic Christian life in a world of injustice. I became Catholic, at this Mission, shortly thereafter. I owe Saint Romero my faith.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- Mar 23 Pro Populo – People of the Parish
- Mar 24 Esther Fallorina (7:30 a.m.)
- Mar 24 † Maria Wilshusen (9:00 a.m.)
- Mar 24 † Miriam Pfluger (11:00 a.m.)
- Mar 25 O'Halloran Family
- Mar 26 † Edward J. McGuane
- Mar 27 † Judy St. Cin Bradley



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Paying attention to negative behavioral cues

A child may not be able to verbalize when he or she is being abused, but certain signs may prompt caregivers to take a closer look. Red flag behaviors may include a sudden change in behavior, like a child hating something he previously liked, or changing eating habits. Children suffering from abuse may become increasingly moody, aggressive, or depressed, or secretive and defensive. For more red flag behaviors, read the VIRTUS® article “Being Attentive to Children and Youth” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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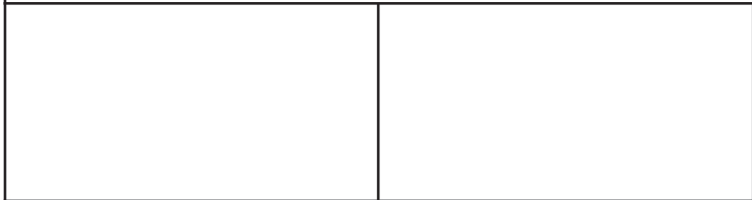
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