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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 3, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

John 3:16

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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,

Preaching on the Transfiguration last Sunday, Father Garrett Galvin invited us to pay attention to those moments on our spiritual journey when the dazzling brightness of God's grace and beauty opens a path beyond the grayness and dullness brought on by fear, apathy, and cynicism. In his post-Mass presentation Father Garrett encouraged us to take that path. Ever the wise student of St. Francis, he showed us that our Lenten practice can help us engage with the expansive love of God along that very way of trust and beauty. As we saw, the hapless path of resistance taken by the prophet Jonah is not the way of trust exhibited by Abraham.

In this week's readings, we see that our guidance along the path comes through obedience and believing; that is, our energetic attentiveness. We give our obedience to the law of the Lord, which is a beauty whose "dazzle" can knock us off our feet (or, as in the case of St. Paul, off our horse). Indeed, the divine harmonies in God's decree can be overwhelming, and of a depth that can be off-putting, "foolish", too much to bear. Let's face it, the command to "love your enemy" is not immediately "music to our ears" (!). And yet, from the womb of Mary where divine love unites with human flesh, Jesus opens his arms on the cross in resistance to all vengeance. God's life-giving water falls on the just and the unjust.

In this week's Gospel the passionate love of Jesus knocks us from our "temples," and from all those supposedly sturdy places we're tempted to fashion in our own image. "Like our ancestors in faith," writes Catherine Upchurch, "we discover that obedience to God's law is a loving response to the God who loves us first and best."

Gratefully,
Fr. Dan ofm,
Pastor



For our parish community and our Mission communities, the discovery of our roots helps us build a future on solid ground.

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The conference will be in-person only and admission is \$75 for CMF members and \$100 for non-members.

For more information or to register, please visit:
californiamissionsfoundation.org/conference



OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONTINUES!

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Sunday Gospel John 2:13-25

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts

Jesus clears the temple of animals and money changers, and restores “my Father’s house” to a place of worship. Yet the people question his identity and authority.

Believe: Jesus is always telling us through Scripture who he is. He is always inviting us to grow in faith. Pause for a moment. What is Jesus inviting you to believe about him today? How does this affect your sense of him?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the Mission Church and Mission olive garden!

Friday, March 8

5:30 p.m. – Mission Church
(Led by the Women’s Faith Group)

Friday, March 15

5:30 p.m. – Mission olive garden
(Led by the students of St. Therese Classical Academy)



LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Friday, March 22 – 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
21 East Sola Street, Santa Barbara



Fr. Joe Schwab – The Gospel of Luke: Apply Luke’s Message to Your Daily Living (Part 2)

Sunday, March 3

12:15 p.m. – Bonaventure Hall



Join us as Fr. Joe continues his discussion of the Gospel of Luke and how to apply it to our daily lives. The parables in Luke’s Gospel may be overly familiar to us. How might they be speaking to you today? Come listen with new ears, an open heart, and open mind. You may be surprised by your insights.

Click below to register or call the parish office.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



MINUTE MEDITATION

Choose to Love

If we choose to love, if we decide to accept the demands of being a loving person, we immediately take on the responsibility of being for others, in service and in times of opposition, in trials and persecution, also in peace and joy. We accept this dynamic not in the way we would like, but as determined by the needs of others around us. Frequently, this means putting more heart into what we are about in all the ordinary tasks of daily life; it means reaching deeper into the source of our energy when it seems like it is too hard to allow the ministry or a child or another to keep making demands.

It takes a self-possessed, mature person to respond thus. But these same people know freedom; they are free from self and free for others, free to live the challenge of the gospel and open to the most that life can call forth. Such people know joy!

- from the book *In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare*
by Roch Niemier, OFM

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WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Saturday, March 9

9:30 a.m. | Faith Formation Room

Join us as we continue our discussion of the book *The Story of Ruth: 12 Moments in Every Woman's Life* by Joan Chittister. Reading this book is a jumping board for lively discussion and prayer, not a requirement to join the group. All are welcome, and registration is not required -- just check in at the Porter's Office. The book may be purchased on Amazon or special ordered from a bookstore. For more information, contact Suzanne Fitzgerald at Suzanne.fitzgerald3@gmail.com.

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MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. | Francis Room

Our Men's Faith Group is a wonderful opportunity for men of faith to deepen their knowledge of Scripture and share in fellowship with like-minded men. Entrance to the Francis Room is from the front portico.



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

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

THE CHURCH OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The most eloquent passage in all of CST is the opening sentence of Gaudium et Spes: The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, a major document of the Second Vatican Council: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

What does it mean to be Catholic today? It means to be catholic, to embrace a universal solidarity with all humanity. We share one Father, so even if many do not share our Pope, we are nonetheless all brothers and sisters. And we are called to compassion for all, especially those who suffer injustice.

Deep in the background to that statement is the vision of Matthew 25:36-41, where Jesus judges the nations according to how they treated the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, migrant, imprisoned. Saint Teresa of Calcutta summed it up brilliantly: the poor are Jesus in distressing disguise. She could have added: and Jesus on the Cross is God in distressing disguise. The Church is a community of disciples, followers, of just such a Master.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact
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- Mar 2 † Katherine Pattison
- Mar 3 Joe Mathews (7:30 a.m.)
- Mar 3 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)
- Mar 3 † Eva Gwazdauskas (11:00 a.m.)
- Mar 4 Joe Mathews
- Mar 5 April Timms
- Mar 6 † Louise Kelly
- Mar 7 Ciaran O'Halloran
- Mar 8 † Frank O'Reilly
- Mar 9 † Rocco Paul Scaramastra
- Mar 10 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- Mar 10 † Robert Taylor (9:00 a.m.)
- Mar 10 † Aureo Miguel (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Learning from survivors' stories

Listening to the stories of victim-survivors is one way in which we can acknowledge what has happened to them and the impact the abuse has had in their lives; hearing these sacred stories can also help us to find patterns that empower stronger safeguarding measures, such as understanding how and where abusers gained access to their victims, how they groomed them, and what safeguards either failed or were not in place to properly protect a victim. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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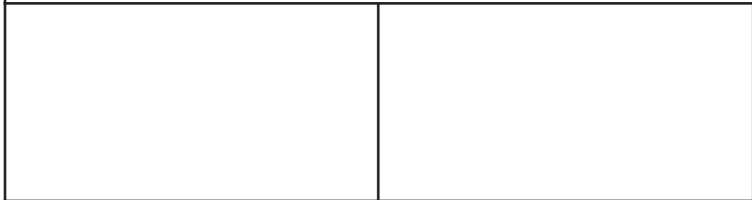
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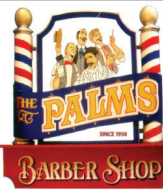
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