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MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



APRIL 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



EASTER
Rejoice in the
Resurrection!

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Col. 3:1-4

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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,

Two mourning doves in the Sacred Garden this morning. The first bird sounds of the day and thank goodness they're not the complaining crows! Two very mellow voices - a mother bird and her little one, I'd like to think. Easter starting softly and early...



I've been listening to the sounds of poems, too, this morning, from a collection called "Leaving the Base Camp at Dawn". Like the bird sounds, the book's title prompted me right away from the Lenten path to the threshold of Easter, to the promise of the mountaintop Isaiah sings about where a banquet will be spread, the veil will be lifted, and every tear wiped away. The Easter promise is a prophetic, hope-charged vista.

Turns out that in this book the journey to that mountaintop really is the destination, as each poem along the way is a musical arrival. In one brilliantly entitled "For Water Thou Art, and Unto Water..." the poet/pilgrim comes to the water's edge - East Beach? - and moves tentatively into the waves. Eventually he's "swayed/pulled/trash-talked/ toppled/into/ the diving in/the passing over/the irresistible/next/ forever."

Those last four words echo the bird call and I savor them. In front of me is the oceanic power greater than myself of which Christ Jesus is the icon. I move toward him daily and toward his irresistible offer of the way, the truth, and life eternal - the ocean's constant sign - always both a "now" and a "next." It's our baptism into love made present. From the garden to the water and back again to the tree of life, where we harvest the fruit of hope and offer the next forevers to the world. Rejoice! Happy Easter!

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan ofm, Pastor

P.S. The author of "Leaving the Base Camp at Dawn" is parishioner Daniel Thomas. Highly recommended. Thank you, Daniel!

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

"In the liturgy we relive the state of mind of the disciples over the news which the women had brought: Jesus is Risen! We have seen him! If only we were so luminous! But this is not just cosmetic! It comes from within, from a heart immersed in the source of this joy, like that of Mary Magdalene, who wept over the loss of her Lord and could hardly believe her eyes seeing him risen. Whoever experiences this becomes a witness of the Resurrection, for in a certain sense he himself has risen, she herself has risen. He or she is then capable of carrying a "ray" of light of the Risen One into various situations: to those that are happy, making them more beautiful by preserving them from egoism; to those that are painful, bringing serenity and hope."

— Pope Francis

A PRAYER FOR EASTER

LORD JESUS
YOU HAVE RISEN TO NEW LIFE
GIVE US NEW EYES WITH WHICH TO RECOGNIZE
YOUR PRESENCE IN THE WORLD AROUND US
SHARPEN OUR VISION SO THAT WE SEE BEYOND
THE ORDINARY EVENTS OF EACH DAY
AND INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY REALITY OF
YOUR GRACE
BRIGHTEN OUR VIEW OF THE WORLD WITH
RENEWED HOPE IN THE COMING OF
YOUR KINGDOM
SOFTEN OUR GAZE SO THAT WE VIEW OTHERS
WITH THE KIND OF TENDERNESS AND
COMPASSION YOU SHOWED TO SO MANY
MAY EACH DAY OF THIS EASTER SEASON PROVIDE
GLIMPSES OF YOUR GLORY.
IN YOUR SACRED NAME, WE PRAY.

AMEN.

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONTINUES!

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Sunday Gospel John 20:1-9

Mary Magdala and disciples arrive at the tomb

Reflecting on your Lenten spiritual journey, what stands out to you? How will that shape your path forward?



CREATING CONNECTIONS LECTURE SERIES



Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10am

Speaker: Joe Schwab, OFM | President, Old Mission Santa Barbara

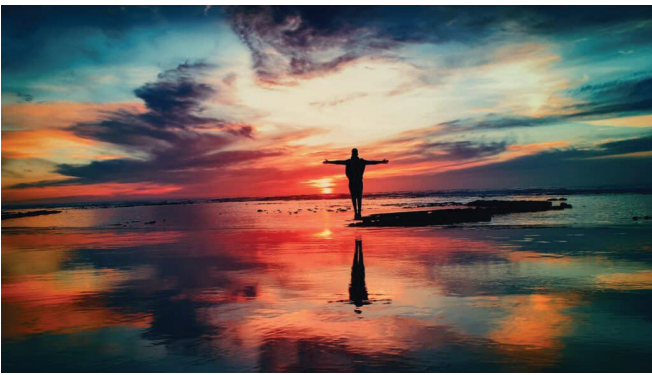
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MINUTE MEDITATION

Sustaining a Joyous Easter Feeling

Have you taken a look at the news lately? Wars, natural disasters, political infighting, and general apathy are a lot to take in. But Christ's triumphant resurrection should still resonate, even under these stressful times. In fact, the emotional high that comes from participating in this holy season should stay with us, says Clifford Hennings, OFM. As this message and prayer from Pope Francis illustrates, that Easter zeal is something we should carry with us all year long:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary, who treasured all these events in her heart and ask the Lord to give us a share in his Resurrection. May he open us to the newness that transforms, to the beautiful surprises of God. May he make us men and women capable of remembering all that he has done in our own lives and in the history of our world. May he help us to feel his presence as the one who is alive and at work in our midst. And may he teach us each day, dear brothers and sisters, not to look among the dead for the Living One. Amen."

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ZOOM LECTURE SERIES

Laudato Si' and Energy Transition: Perspectives from Working with Frontline Communities in New Mexico

**Thursday, April 18 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

Franciscan-hearted people carry an important responsibility, sharing the genes of joy and community by living out the practical implications of Laudato Si'. In this lecture by Joan Brown, OSF, the spiritual, moral and practical teachings of Laudato Si' will be explored through the lens of work with frontline communities and people of faith in New Mexico & El Paso Region. Environmental justice and how Laudato Si' can offer practical guidance and inspiration for a shift in our worldview will be covered.

To register, click [HERE](#) or visit fst.edu/laudato-si-series.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Men's Faith Group
Wednesday, April 10 – 6:30 p.m.
Francis Room

Our Men's Faith Group meets every other week and is a wonderful opportunity for men of faith to deepen their knowledge of Scripture and share in fellowship. Entrance to the Francis Room is from the front portico.

Women's Faith Group
Saturday, April 13 – 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, available on Amazon. This book is a jumping board for lively discussion and prayer, not a requirement to join the group. Check in at the Porter's Office.

BECOMING A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

POPE FRANCIS ON SAINT FRANCIS

*In **Laudato Si'**: On Care for Our Common Home*, the Pope proclaims admiration for his namesake. “Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically.” Integral ecology yokes care for Creation with care for the poor, who contribute the least to climate change but suffer from it the most.

Creation deserves respect for itself and not only for its usefulness. “The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled.”

Prayer has been described as a ‘long, loving look at the real.’ The Pope sees that perspective in “Saint Francis [who]...invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.”

Climate change is an urgent challenge, but we are the problem, not nature. As Saint Francis understood, “Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.” That Franciscan insight is the beginning of the solution to climate change.

~ Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, contact
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- April 1 † Gregory M. Filek
- April 2 † Joseph Mary McKeon
- April 3 Therese Salcedo
- April 4 † Virginia Zahrn
- April 4 † Antonio Rodriguez
- April 5 † Luz Acpal Cortes
- April 6 Steve and Mary Scheftic (50th anniv.)
- April 7 † Kevin O'Brien (7:30 a.m.)
- April 7 † Nathan Wallace (9:00 a.m.)
- April 7 † Ray Martinez (11:00 a.m.)
- April 8 † Dolores Carnas
- April 9 † Bobby Lane
- April 10 † Aureo Miguel
- April 11 Stuart Sandberg
- April 12 † Gloria Pearce
- April 13 † Susan Rosas
- April 14 John T. Rogers (7:30 a.m.)
- April 14 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)
- April 14 José Fernandez and José Fernandez, Jr.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Abuse may be hiding behind positive behavioral changes

Last week, we looked at negative behavioral changes that could be red flags for abuse. It is important for caregivers to remember that some seemingly positive changes could also be signs of abuse, such as when a child tries to “be perfect” so as to avoid a feared consequence or in some way “control” circumstances so as to avoid or minimize further exposure to a traumatic situation. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Being Attentive to Children and Youth” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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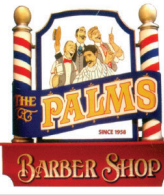


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