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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to his disciples: *"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."* John 15:9-12

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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,

Preparing for Mass last Sunday, I found myself wrapped up in the sound of the Mission bell, in its clear and resolute call to prayer, a summons of the heart now made audible. Earlier that morning, it was the sound of the owl that caught my attention, calling me to the mystery of the garden, to gratitude for its dawning color. Here I was, I thought, connecting – or being connected or *grafted* through sound with life-charged realities larger than myself, like a branch to a vine.



In the days that followed I happened on a passage in N.T. Wright’s biography of St. Paul that helped me make sense of my early morning experiences. Summarizing “the challenge of Paul” in a final chapter, Wright has this to say: “As far as Paul was concerned...humans were made to stand at the threshold of heaven and earth – like an ‘image’ in a temple no less – and to be the conduit through which God’s life would come to earth and earth’s praises would rise to God.” He goes on to say that those “grasped by grace in the gospel” and those who bear witness to it “are not merely beneficiaries, recipients of God’s mercy; they are also agents.”

This Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, Bishop Szkredka, through a laying on of hands and holy oil, will complete the initiation into Jesus Christ of those he confirms and make them “agents” of Christ. In the Gospel of John, we will hear that God has chosen them – and all of us - as he chose St. Paul and St. Francis. We move boldly from a holy threshold where a new song has begun. With the bell and the owl, it is a song of the saving power of love. We sing it with our lives.

Gratefully,
Father Dan ofm



CARDINAL MCINTYRE FUND FOR CHARITY SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

May 4-5

In 1951 Cardinal James Francis McIntyre established the Archbishop’s Fund for Charity in service of “the neediest of the needy” in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles – children, individuals and families in crisis for whom no other resources exist. The fund is not a replacement or supplement for welfare or other forms of public assistance.

Rather, it provides emergency assistance to solve immediate, pressing problems for the most vulnerable in our community, including one-time help with food, utilities, transportation, medical, housing or funeral expenses. Persons in need simply seek help from a parish priest -- who provides assistance using parish funds, which are then reimbursed from the Fund for Charity.

Donation envelopes will be available in the pews at all Masses this weekend.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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.



SACRED SAUNTER

Saturday, May 11 – 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Mother’s Day and join the parish Green Team for a “Sacred Saunter” at the San Marcos Foothills Preserve. Discover the natural beauty of this area on a docent-led hike, which will last about an hour or more. All are welcome!

Directions: From Foothill Road going west, turn right on Via Chaparral (after San Marcos Pass) and climb the hill. Turn right on Salvar Road and cross the bridge. Turn left to reach the Preserve and park along the road.

Address for GPS map is: 1155 Via Gaitero.

For more information, go to: sanmarcosfoothills.org or call Suzanne at 805-698-6787.

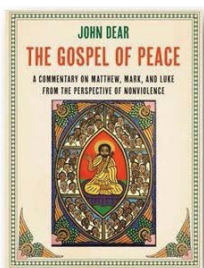
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An Afternoon with Peace Activist Father John Dear

Saturday, May 18
2pm - 4pm
Parish Hall

Join us for this incredible opportunity to meet long-time activist, author, and teacher Father John Dear, who will be visiting Trinity on his national book tour.



Suggested donation of \$20 to attend.

Dear’s newest book *The Gospel of Peace* will be available for sale for an additional \$20.

Cash, check, and credit card accepted at the door.



May 25-27

Old Mission Santa Barbara

The Santa Barbara I Madonnari Italian Street Painting Festival is celebrating its 38th anniversary as it returns to the Old Mission on the Memorial Day weekend! The three-day event presents the rare opportunity to watch street painters transform the Mission Plaza into an art gallery of awe-inspiring, large-scale images. There will also be an authentic Italian market and live music. Proceeds benefit the non-profit Children’s Creative Project, which sponsors fine arts education programs for more than 50,000 children in county public schools. Admission is free! For more information, visit <http://www.imadonnarifestival.com>



THANKYOU!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. The total amount collected from St. Barbara Parish was **\$3,966!** 100% of the funds will go towards maintaining Christian shrines in the Holy Land and providing support for the poorest people in that area. Holy Land Franciscans who provide education to children, run parishes, and provide liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs will also benefit from your generosity.

It is because of YOU that a Christian presence exists in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your gift!



MINUTE MEDITATION

Loving God Means Loving Creation

We must foster a genuine and affectionate connection to our world before we can effect change within it. Before we can progress to the practical solutions in a way that will be sustainable and transformative, humanity needs an inner conversion -- one that recognizes the innate value of the earth and our fundamental connection to all that exists within it and even outside of it.

Unless we learn to weep for the suffering of a bee, we will not understand what it is to weep for the suffering of the earth. What St. Francis' life can show us is that our actions on behalf of creation may be strengthened when we first experience a radical conversion of the heart -- one that, like St. Francis, recognizes the innate value of the small things, the unloved things, and the forgotten things. In this way, his story can invite us to adopt an environmentalism that is motivated by our spiritual convictions and by the love that those convictions must naturally bring to the surface -- an environmentalism of the heart.

- from St. Anthony Messenger's "[Loving Creation, Loving God](#)"
by Carie Moore

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FR. DANIEL BARICA OFM Art Exhibit/Sale and 25th Ordination Anniversary!



Mark Your Calendar!

As many of you know, Fr. Daniel Barica is a talented artist and photographer. On the **Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27)**, he will be visiting the Old Mission and will exhibit and sell his beautiful paintings and photographs at a table on the front portico, with proceeds benefiting the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Fr. Daniel will also be visiting us the last week of June for the anniversary of his ordination in the Mission church 25 years ago! He will preside at the **9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 23** (with reception to follow) and the **8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, June 25** (official anniversary date!).

Please stop by the front portico on the Memorial Day weekend, and join us for Mass on June 23 and 25 as we celebrate Fr. Daniel!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Men's Faith Group
Wednesday, May 8 – 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, May 11 – 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

HOW THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH DOES SOCIAL JUSTICE: PART 3

The witness of the Catholic Church to human dignity can be categorized under the headings of service, advocacy, and education. I offer one inspiring example of a parish addressing the educational needs of its neighbors in one of the poorest areas in Omaha.

In 1904 Sacred Heart Catholic Church opened a school which thrived until World War II brought many changes to Omaha. The peace of the neighborhood gave way to social unrest, causing enrollments to decline. But 1969 saw a turnaround as North Omaha families began to recognize the value of Sacred Heart's individualized education. More non-Catholic students were enrolling, most of whom were minorities.

The pastor talked with politicians, business leaders, and civic groups, which led to the creation of the Christian Urban Education Service (CUES) as a fundraising vehicle for Sacred Heart Elementary School. Thirty years later, the numbers attest to the value of a parish school that has grown beyond what the parish itself could support. **100%** of CUES students qualify for free and reduced meal programs and tuition assistance. **93%** of CUES students are children of color. **96%** of CUES alumni graduated from high school in 2022, compared to approximately 74% for Omaha Public Schools. (For further information: [https://shsomaha.org/.](https://shsomaha.org/))

~Roger Bergman (rbjps@creighton.edu)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- May 4 † Mickey Gilbert
- May 5 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (7:30 a.m.)
- May 5 Arlyce Siebert (9:00 a.m.)
- May 5 † William Cabell Brand (11:00 a.m.)
- May 6 † Richard Whitney
- May 7 † Michele Van Wingerden
- May 8 Orzech Family
- May 9 † Angiolina Picucci
- May 10 † Aureo Miguel
- May 11 Joseph and Nicole Pigato
- May 12 † Domitille de Baritault du Carpia (7:30 a.m.)
- May 12 Pro Populo – People of the Parish (9:00 a.m.)
- May 12 † Kappy Pattison (11:00 a.m.)



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Bullying and disabilities

A child with a disability, such as hearing loss, language impairment, learning disabilities, or physical disabilities, is often at increased risk for bullying. Children who struggle to understand social cues or control impulsive physical behaviors are also at increased risk, as bullies may see this behavior as aggressive, prompting an aggressive response. Children with learning disabilities are also sometimes easy targets for theft and vandalism. In schools, teachers and volunteers should be aware of these extra risks and watch for red flags. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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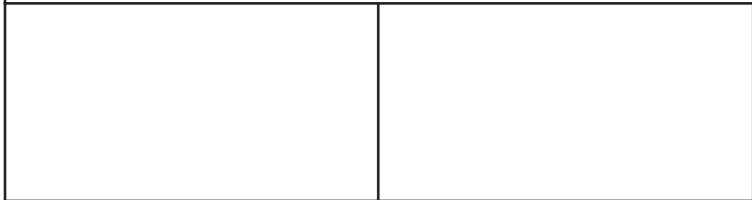
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