JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED IN THE DESERT
PROCLAIMING A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
~ Mark 1:4
2017 Holy Days and New Year’s Schedule of Liturgies

ST BARBARA CATHOLIC CHURCH
730 S. Euclid St., Santa Ana, CA. 92704

2017 Advent & Christmas Schedule

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:
Wednesday & Thursday, December 20th & 21st – Trilingual
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – in the Church

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST – VIGIL MASSES:
Sunday, December 24th

3:00 PM – Vietnamese
5:00 PM – English
6:30 PM – Vietnamese (Church & Hall)
8:00 PM – Vietnamese
10:00 PM – Bilingual (English/Spanish)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: Monday, December 25th

6:30 AM – Vietnamese
8:00 AM – Vietnamese
9:30 AM – English
11:00 AM – Vietnamese (Church & Hall)
12:45 PM – Spanish
4:00 PM – Vietnamese
5:30 PM – English
7:00 PM – Spanish

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (not a holy day of obligation)
New Year’s Day - Monday, January 1st, 2018

6:30 AM – Vietnamese
8:15 AM – English
5:00 PM – Vietnamese
7:00 PM – Spanish

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
Your financial contribution for the week of Dec 2 - Dec 3, 2017
$28,025.00
Your weekly support is used to sustain the ministries and ongoing operating needs of our parish.
Our Sunday Gospel readings revolve around a three-year cycle: A, B and C—corresponding respectively to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. We are currently in Cycle B, which just started last Sunday with the beginning of the Advent season; and our main Gospel for this year is MARK. Because of their striking similarities, the three Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke traditionally are known as the “Synoptic” Gospels; a word that means “to view together.” The reader of these Gospels cannot but notice many parallels among the stories of Jesus if they were laid side by side. In contrast to the Synoptics, the Gospel of John is known as the fourth Gospel because it is very different and it stands on its own.

In the New Testament, Matthew comes first; then Mark and Luke, and John. This arrangement had to do with the fact that the early Church Fathers thought that Matthew was the first one written; then Mark and Luke followed on later. Greater authority was given to Matthew and John since they were considered truly “apostolic”—or written by Jesus’ apostles themselves; and not simply by apostolici viri (apostolic “men” like Mark and Luke). But biblical scholarship in the 19th century, especially among European Protestants, began to challenge this whole traditional thesis. First of all, none of the evangelists, or Gospel writers, was actually a “witness” of the events of Jesus. They all wrote the Gospels at least 40 years after his death and resurrection. In antiquity, claims to “apostolic authority” were common. In other words, the Gospel attributed to John the Apostle might have been written by John’s disciple, or even by a disciple of John’s disciple: and that writer was at least a generation or two removed from the “historical Jesus.” Ancient people liked to have that link to the apostles to gain more credibility for their audience: a Gospel or an epistle under the name of John or Paul the Apostle would have a lot more followers than if it were under some obscure name. [I understand that traditional Catholics and Christians in general may not like these findings in biblical scholarship. My response is that it does NOT matter who wrote the Gospels and letters of the New Testament: as long as these sources have had significance for the spiritual life of Christians for thousands of years, they genuinely and truly constitute the “Word of God.”]

Secondly, based on the style and content of Mark—i.e., based on its theological simplicity and unsophisticated language, many scholars concluded that Mark was the first one written; and Matthew and Luke drew from Mark. This theory eventually came to be known as the “Synoptic hypothesis;” and it is accepted by most biblical scholars these days, both Catholic and Protestant. Mark was thought to have been written around 70 AD, roughly four decades after the events of Jesus—whereas Matthew was mostly likely written in the 80’s, and Luke and John in the 90’s or later.

Against this brief background, we look at the Gospel according to Mark. At no point in the Gospel text itself does the evangelist identify himself by name or claim to be an eyewitness of Jesus. The heading “according to Mark” was only a later addition reflecting the early Church’s custom of ascribing this text to a certain Mark, traditionally believed to be Peter’s disciple. Mark’s Gospel is the shortest of all four Gospels. The Jesus presented in Mark seems to be more “human” than the Lukan/Matthean Jesus. A lot of parables and sayings of Jesus in Mark are expanded and developed in Matthew… But all in all, the author of the Mark’s Gospel tried to present a point that was common in all New Testament texts: namely that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God.
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St. Barbara’s Parish News

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading -- The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).
Psalm -- Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading -- Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).
Gospel -- I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READING FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.
-- Mark 1:3

Advent Morning Prayer

Join us in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. We will have the Advent Morning Prayer throughout Advent time. It will be Monday thru Friday at 5:30 am – 6:30am in the parish hall. All are welcome.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

St. John Neumann Church invites you to its Christmas Concert and bid “Buon viaggio!” to our parish and children’s choirs for their upcoming trip to the Vatican and sing for Pope Francis on New Year’s Day. A raffle event will also be held on concert night wherein winner can join this 10-day choral pilgrimage to Italy for free. Tickets are available at www.sjnirvine.org or call 949-559-4006.

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CÔNG ĐOÀN THÁNH GIUSE, GIÁO XỨ
ST. BARBARA TỈNH TÂM MƯA VỌNG 2017

Kính mời Quý Ông bà và Anh Chị Em tham dự 2 buổi Tỉnh Tâm Mưa Vọng để chuẩn bị mừng con Chúa Giáng Trân vào 2 ngày Thứ Tư, ngày 13 và Thứ Năm, ngày 14 tháng 12 từ 6:30PM -9:30PM tại Nhà Thờ Saint Barbara 730 S. Euclid St. Santa Ana Ca 92704

Đề tài cho 2 ngày Tỉnh Tâm: "Bình An Dưới Thềm" (Lk 2:14) "Con Thiên Chúa giáng trần đem bình an cho nhân loại. Vày ta có cảm niệm được bình an thật trong công đoạn, gia đình và chính mình không? Ta cần làm gì để cảm niệm được bình an do?" do Linh Mục Matthew Nguyễn Khắc Hy thuyết giảng.

Trân trọng kinh mời

Giải Tội Mùa Vọng

Để chuẩn bị tâm hồn đón mừng Lễ Chúa Giáng Sinh, Cộng Đoàn St. Barbara có 2 ngày cử hành Nghi Thúc Hòa Giải tại nhà thờ:

Thứ Tư & Thứ Năm
Ngày 20 & 21 Tháng 12, 2017 (Ba Ngọn Ngữ)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Xin quý ông bà và anh chị em có gang nhặc nhớ những người thân trong gia đình mình, xét mình và đi xung tội trong Mùa Vọng Thánh này đúng để dành giới phút chót.

Cầu nguyện Buổi Sáng trong Mùa Vọng

Để chuẩn bị cho lễ kỷ niệm ngày sinh nhật của Chúa Kitô, kinh mời quý Cộng Đoàn Đàn Chúa tham gia những buổi cầu nguyện buổi sáng trong mùa vọng từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu, từ 5 giờ 30 sáng đến 6 giờ 30 sáng trong Hội trường giáo xứ.

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH PHỤC VỤ
GIÁNG SINH 2017 & NEW YEAR 2018

Thánh Ca Giáng Sinh
Thứ Sáu, ngày 15 tháng 12
- 7:00PM - 9:30PM
Ca sỹ Mai Thiện Văn, Thiền Tôn, Hoàng Hiệp, Tú Nguyễn và các ca đoàn

Lễ Vọng Giáng Sinh
Chùa Nhặt, ngày 24 tháng 12
- 3:00pm, Nhà Thờ – Ca Đoàn Thiếu Nhi
- 6:30pm, Nhà Thờ - Ca Đoàn Hiện Linh
- 6:30pm, Hội Trường - Ca Đoàn Thánh Linh
- 8pm, Nhà Thờ - Ca Đoàn Các Thánh Từ Đạo VN

Lễ Giáng Sinh
Thứ Hai, ngày 25 tháng 12
- 6:30AM Nhà Thờ – Ca Đoàn Thiền Cung
- 8:00AM Nhà Thờ – Ca Đoàn Thánh Giuse
- 11:00AM Nhà Thờ – Ca Đoàn Thánh Tâm
- 11:00AM Hội Trường – Ca Đoàn Thánh Linh
- 4:00PM Nhà Thờ – Ca Đoàn Hiệp Nhất

New Year’s Eve Chúa nhật ngày 31 tháng 12
(Gió lẽ như mọi tuần vào chủ nhật)

New Year, Thứ Hai ngày 1 tháng 1 năm 2018
Lễ Đức Mẹ là Mẹ Thiên Chúa (Lễ Trống nhưng Không Buộc)
- 6:30AM & 5:00PM Nhà Thờ

THÔNG CÁO

Lớp Học Hội và Chia Sẻ Tin Mừng Chúa Nhật sẽ bắt đầu vào Thứ Hai ngày 8 tháng 1 năm 2018 lúc 6:45pm. Vì trong tháng 12 có nhiều ngày lễ vào các tối thứ Hai, nên phải thay đổi ngày bắt đầu lớp học. Xin chân thành cáo lỗi.
Trân trọng kính mời.
Lm Joseph Nguyễn Thái.

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¡NUESTRA SEÑORA, SANTA MARÍA DE GUADALUPE, TE INVITA A CELEBRAR EL ANIVERSARIO DE SUS APARICIONES EN LA PARROQUIA DE SANTA BÁRBARA!

Visperas de la Santa Virgen de Guadalupe, 11 de Diciembre 2017
10-11pm Santo Rosario
11-12pm Santa Misa

**Martes, 12 de Diciembre 2017**
12-1 am Ángelus y Mañanitas
1-2 am Mañanitas con Simón Ocampo
2-3 am Mañanitas con Coro Nueva Jerusalén
3-4 am Homenaje a La Virgen de Guadalupe
4-5 am Mañanitas con Coro Nueva Jerusalén
5-6 am Misa de Aurora

**Chocolate y pan después de misa**
6:00pm Apariciones Guadalupanas
7:00 pm Misa Guadalupana

Recepción después de misa de 7:00pm.
SHARE SOME JOY THIS CHRISTMAS
The poor is just outside our windows. Reach out and bring a smile. God bless you for your kindness.

This year we have enough donated toys for children. **We only need the following donated gifts:**
gifts for toddlers (1-4 years old)  
gift cards for teens  
gift cards for parents to buy food

Please take a tag from the Christmas tree and bring the gifts to the Faith Formation office before Wednesday, Dec. 20.
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and spirit of giving!

If you are struggling financially to give gifts to your children, come join us on Sat., December 23rd from 10:00-12:00pm for free food, balloon animals, fun games and gifts for the whole family.

**A GIFT FOR YOU**
Now until January 12
Give yourself the best gift of knowledge and inspiration!
FREE ACCESS TO THE BEST DEVOTIONS/MOVIES/AUDIO/BOOKS & MORE IN ENGLISH & SPANISH.
THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

Go to http://FORMED.ORG
ID: Orange@formed.org
Password: formed17

To help the poor or for more info., email or call: 714sbff@gmail.com or 714-775-9475

**Feed the Homeless Schedule:**

**Sunday, December 17**
Prepare food: 1pm-4:30pm  
Serve food: 4:30pm-6:30pm  

**Sunday, December 24**
Prepare food: 6am-7:45am  
Serve food: 7:45-9:30am

Join us. We always need help!
ST. BARBARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Open Arms. Open Minds. Open Hearts.

St. Barbara Catholic School welcomes with open arms TK-8th grade students to a faith-filled, challenging academic environment. Opening the minds of students through the use of innovative methodologies, 1:1 educational technology, and curriculum aligned to national, state, and diocesan standards, St. Barbara Catholic School encourages students to reach their fullest potential. With open hearts, the students, faculty, and staff model God’s love, respect the dignity of each person, and serve others to make a positive difference in the world.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

What makes St. Barbara Catholic School special? It is our great students. Every month, each teacher chooses a student who best represents the characteristics of a St. Barbara Celtic. They model Christ to others. They live their faith. They value their education. They are caring and kind. We are very proud of them. Read what our teachers are saying about their students!

A Great Catholic Education is Awaiting Your Child at St. Barbara Catholic School!
Go to www.stbarbara.com Prospective Parents section or call 714 775-9477 for more information about St. Barbara Catholic School and how to apply!
OFFICE HOURS M,W,TH, F 7:30am-3:30pm TUES until 2:00pm. Office closed 12/21/17 - 1/7/18
Family Advent Poster 2017

3. Make an Advent wreath for your home.
4. Donate a toy.
5. Draw your family.
6. Read a St. Nicholas story.
7. Plan a gift for a group that helps the poor.
8. Say the Hail Mary.
10. Mend a quarrel.
11. Make a Christmas decoration.
12. Tell the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
13. Special people we pray for
14. Do a random act of kindness.
15. Sing "Silent Night".
16. Help clean the house.
17. Encourage someone.
18. Visit the Christmas story.
19. (Luke 2.1-20)
20. Thank your parents for your birth.
21. Visit the Christmas crib at church.
22. Name talents your family members share.
23. Write the Christmas story.
24. Read the Christmas story.

Do an Advent activity each day and color it in.
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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Eucharist

Saturday Vigil
- 4:00 PM Vietnamese
- 5:30 PM English
- 7:00 PM Vietnamese

Neocatechumenal Way
- 7:00 PM English (in the Hall)
- 8:30 PM Spanish (in the Church)
- 8:45 PM Spanish (in the Hall)

Sunday
- 6:30 AM Vietnamese
- 8:00 AM Vietnamese
- 9:30 AM English
- 11:00 AM Vietnamese
- 12:45 PM Spanish
- 4:00 PM Vietnamese
- 5:30 PM English
- 7:00 PM Spanish

Weekday Eucharist

Mon, Wed, Thu 6:30 AM Vietnamese
8:15 AM English

Tue, Fri 8:15 AM English
5:30 PM Vietnamese
7:00 PM Spanish

Saturday 8:00 AM English

Baptism
Celebrated monthly on Sundays at 2:15PM.
- 1st Sunday — Vietnamese
- 2nd Sunday — English
- 3rd Sunday — Spanish

We strongly urge parent/s to contact the rectory for information during pregnancy or before planning the Baptism. An infant’s Baptism requires a commitment of accepting certain religious and spiritual responsibilities for the child by both parents and godparents. The role of the parish staff is to help assist you in making these commitments.

Perpetual Adoration
7th day of each month
From 9AM—7AM next day

Marriage
Registered parishioners should contact the rectory for an appointment with one of the priests at least six (6) months prior to marriage.

Funeral
At the death of a loved one kindly notify the rectory at your earliest convenience so the dates and times for the Funeral Liturgy may be arranged.

Reconciliation
- Mon: 8:45 AM – 9:15 AM Eng
- Tue: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Eng, Spn, Viet
- Fri: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Eng, Spn, Viet

Reconciliation
(657) 345-9245

Anointing of the Sick
(657) 345-9245

Parish Office Hours : Mon-Fri : 8:30AM - 7:30PM, Sat & Sun : Closed
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