



St. Barbara

Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 in honor of President's Day



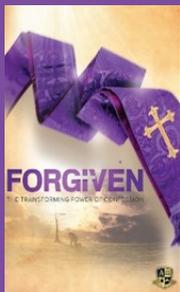
Knights of Columbus will be handing out breakfasts to go after both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM masses on Sunday, February 20. Knights of Columbus will be accepting free will donations, with proceeds going to St. Barbara's Council Knights of Columbus.

STARTS THIS WEEK!

A Lenten Study For Adults

Forgiven: The Transformative Power of Confession

February 23, March 9, March 30, April 13 and April 20—6:30 PM—8:00 PM in the Parish Office



In this program you will discover the merciful way that God seeks us out when we have sinned and calls us back to himself. You will examine the sacrament from the perspective of both the priest and the penitent, and you will explore the scriptural foundation of the sacrament. This study will help you recognize the beauty of the Rite of Penance and the transformative grace God offers us in this sacrament. To sign-up or to receive more details, please contact Allison Ramirez at allison@stbarbaracurch.org

Last weekend to join a listening session

Join us after each of this weekend's Masses to participate in our parish Synod listening sessions.

- *February 19: 6:15 PM—Main Church Sanctuary
- *February 20: 9:00 AM—Classroom G
- *February 20: 11:15 AM—Main Church Sanctuary
- *February 20: 3:00 PM—Via Zoom



For more information on the Synodal Process, visit: www.archseattle.org/synod

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 20, 2022

Let us Pray

For the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially:

Lee & Carol Ann Bossom, Jon Brumbach, Lynn Caley, Sr. Tim Carstens, Kiersten Emmett, Jeannie & Steven Fraser, Margarethe Halliday, Kenneth Horn, Susan Horn-Nickelson, Michele Kosteckly, Debbie & Terry Lane, Kristen McTighe, John Mergens, Bill Mitchell, Ralph Mitchell, Donald Olson, Coralie Reid, Hal & Carol Shakerley, Ray Thornquist, Don Wolf & all those listed in the St. Barbara prayer book.

Please call the Parish Office to have a name added to the bulletin prayer list.

Visit our website: www.stbarbarachurch.org to join the St. Barbara Prayer Groopit, an online forum for prayer requests.

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9am-2pm

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Sacraments and Liturgy

Weekday Mass: Wednesday - Friday at 9am in the Historic Church

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm in the Main Church

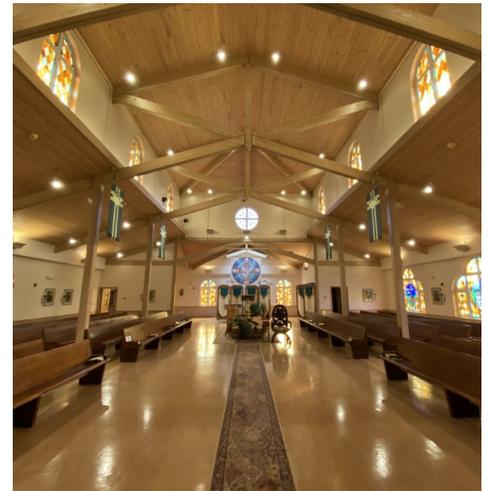
Sunday Mass: 8am (livestreamed) & 10am in the Main Church

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 3:30-4:30pm in the Main Church.

Adoration: 1st Friday of each month, following daily Mass in the Historic Church. Anointing of the Sick is also available at this time.

Rosary: Pray the rosary with us on the first Sunday of each month at 9:15am in the Main Church.

Visit www.stbarbarachurch.org/homily for access to Father Davis' Sunday homilies each week.



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2!

During Lent, we are called to grow in holiness through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Main Church

Guide for Lent

- On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, we are asked to practice *abstinence*. Abstinence is the practice of not eating meat.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we are asked to *fast*. Fasting is when we eat one regular meal and two small meals without snacking in between. Children, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions are not asked to practice fasting.

Catholic Connections

Living the Lenten Season Part 1:

By: Allison Ramirez



In just under two weeks, we will officially enter the season of Lent. The Catholic Church follows a Liturgical Calendar with three primary seasons: Advent (as we prepare for Christmas), Ordinary Time, and Lent (as we prepare for Easter). Each season has its own flavor and focus, with Lent calling us to conversation and repentance, renewing us and drawing us deeper into the life of Christ. In Lent, a forty-day period leading up to Holy Week and Easter Sunday, we call to mind the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4: 1-11, where following his Baptism in the Jordan, he goes out into the wilderness, praying and preparing to begin his ministry for forty days and forty nights. He is famished and tired, and after being tested by the devil, prevails victorious and returns to the community to call his disciples and begin his ministry.

Lent is our own forty days of entering into the desert, leaning deeper into our prayer life, as Jesus shows us, calling to mind our sins and unhealthy attachments and re-committing ourselves to living a life of holiness. In Lent, we make a conscious effort to eliminate negative behaviors or attachments by giving something up. I would also invite you to take this a step further by adding a new positive or prayerful habit in place of whatever it is you are giving up for Lent this year. If you do choose to give something up this year, I invite you to pause before automatically opting for screen time or junk food by truly reflecting on what would really draw you closer to God. If you do decide to give up time on Netflix or social media, for example, you might replace that time with time spent watching a religious video on FORMED, going for a daily walk outdoors while praying the Rosary, cooking a new meal using a recipe from *Cooking with the Saints*. These are just a few of the many ways to make intentional efforts toward renewed holiness this Lent.

There are several other Lenten traditions of the church including acts of fasting from meat on Fridays, almsgiving through charitable giving with the Rice Bowl, participating in the Stations of the Cross, and receiving God's forgiveness through confession. These are all ways to draw us out of any spiritual dryness or complacency we might be facing and encourage us to grow in discipline and to push ourselves to continue placing our faith at the center of our lives.

St. Francis de Sales has this to say about this upcoming liturgical season: "Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year."

I invite you to consider how you can grow and gather good fruit this Lenten season and know that you are in my prayers as we embark on another Lenten journey to the cross and ultimately, to the Resurrection of new life.

The Circle of Joy congratulates Parishioner, **Therese Heublein**, the **Winner of the Getaway Raffle!!** Thanks also goes to parishioners, family, and friends for their overwhelming support of the Raffle!



2022 Knights Scholarship

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus are again offering up to two \$1000 scholarships to our St. Barbara high school seniors. The requirements are that the family is registered at St. Barbara parish. The scholarship is for any graduating senior that plans on attending either trade school, a community college or a university. Application packets are available in the church entry way or online on the Knights web site; www.kofc11736.org.

If you have any questions please contact the Knights Scholarship Chairman, Zbig Kasprzyk. 206-818-7476 or zkkasprzyk@gmail.com

