



# St. Barbara

## Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Lent

Stations  
of the  
Cross



Fridays of Lent

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 Apr 1, 8

7pm in the  
Main Church



**March 23, 2022—7:00 PM**  
**Main Church**

### 2022 Knights Scholarship

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus are again offering up to two \$1000 scholarships to our St. Barbara high school seniors.

**Deadline to apply is April 1, 2022.**

Visit <http://www.kofc11736.org/> for an application.



### Circle of Joy Meeting

Sunday, March 20, 2022 following the 10:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

### Overcoming Disaster



In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family?

**Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.**

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# 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, Cathy Dussert, 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](http://www.stbarbarachurch.org) to join the St. Barbara Prayer Groopit, an online forum for prayer requests.

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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](http://www.stbarbarachurch.org/homily) for access to Father Davis' Sunday homilies each week.



Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) to **help Jesus in disguise**. Through this collection, six Catholic agencies are able to provide struggling communities with relief and support, and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters around the world. Your contributions make a difference, so please be generous.

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We experience the presence of Christ in community, through physical gathering in a church building, the "house of God," dedicated to worship. We come together to receive the sacraments, which are physical signs of God's grace. Assembled physically and in community, we experience the presence of Christ in a much more tangible way than virtually. Learn more at [archseattle.org/Mass](http://archseattle.org/Mass).

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# Catholic Connections

## The Transformative Power of Forgiveness

By: Allison Ramirez

*He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart. (390)*

--St. Faustina

Forgiveness can be one of the most difficult calls to us in our faith but also one of the most vital for our spiritual health.

In scripture, Jesus speaks often about the importance of forgiveness. In Matthew 6:14 Jesus says, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you," and when Peter asked Jesus how often it is necessary to forgive, Jesus replied, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times" (Mt 18:22). The number seven in biblical contexts represents completion or perfection. We are supposed to forgive without limit or condition, letting our acts of forgiveness be without number just as Jesus has no limit or condition when he forgives. In the Lord's prayer, the prayer Jesus himself gives to us, we say: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Even upon his lips as he died on the cross were the words: "Forgive them father," (Luke 23:34) regarding those who were brutally torturing and spitting lies and hatred over him.

There are so many biblical references to forgiveness, and yet, we often find it so very hard to forgive. At the times when others have deeply wounded us or when we cannot find it in ourselves to forgive ourselves, we must remember that forgiveness is not a feeling, but a choice to release the other or ourselves to God. We may still hold feelings of anger or distrust toward ourselves or the person who has hurt of, and forgiveness does not mean that the wrong does not matter, but despite those feelings, we make the *choice* to forgive by handing over this offense to the Lord, asking him to place it at the foot of the cross and to ease our burden of carrying its weight.

The importance and power of forgiveness are evidenced in that Christ has given us a sacrament solely dedicated to this purpose. Jesus commands his apostles, who would later become his first priests, "For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (**John 20:22**). Jesus gives them the authority to forgive sins in his name; thus, we must remember that within the sacrament of confession, it is not the priest who forgives, but the Lord, working through the ministry of the priest to reconcile us back to him. I encourage you, the next time the priest raises his hand over you to offer the words of absolution, close your eyes and imagine that the hand belongs to Jesus saying "Go in peace, your sins are forgiven."

Furthermore, the Catechism tells us that the sacrament of confession is the first step in our act of conversion, which is a turning back to God. The Catechism states that:

Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason, conversion entails both God's forgiveness *and* reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and reconciliation (CCC1440).

To further aid in that conversation, the Catechism states that acts of "fasting, prayer, and almsgiving express conversion to oneself, to God, and to others" (CCC 1434). These three practices might sound familiar to you as focuses for the Lenten season we are currently in.

*So much more could be said on forgiveness! If you are interested in learning more about the sacrament of confession and of the transformative grace that comes from God's mercy, see our Lenten study in the bulletin or feel free to watch the video series on Formed title: Forgiven.*



St Barbara has an immediate opening for a parish office receptionist/administrative assistant. This is a roughly 20 hours per week, paid part-time position. Please contact Father

Davis for further information or interest.

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