

Food & Drink

Bazo's meal passes muster with this Mexican food fanatic

Side DISHES

By Lisa Hornung

You know I can't pass up a good Mexican meal, so I ventured to **Bazo's Fresh Mexican Grill**, 323 Wallace Ave. in St. Matthews, for a taste.

Bazo's has been open for three years (a second location in Middletown has since closed).

My friend and I feasted at the original spot. He had the three-taco meal (\$5.95), which came with guacamole, and said they were much like the tacos we had at La Rosita in New Albany. That's definitely a compliment.

I had the steak fajita burrito, ranchero style (\$7.35), which means it had cheese and red sauce. It was fabulous, although huge. It had fajita-style steak, onions, green peppers and rice, and came with nachos with shredded cheddar cheese, lettuce, sour cream and salsa on the side.

We also ordered chicken

taquitos (\$5.25) as an appetizer, but we didn't realize the taquitos were a whole meal. There were three of them with beans, rice and guacamole, lettuce and sour cream on the side. We each had one taquito and brought one back for a taquito-loving friend in the office. We all agreed they were delicious.

We ordered the queso and chips (\$3.15), which were also very good. The cheese had a kicky jalapeno flavor to it.

There is a bar with salsas and peppers to help you flavor your food. Bazo's claims its specialty is fish tacos, so I'll try those next time.

The whole experience reminded me a lot of Baja Fresh, except that Bazo's is still in business.

Bazo's is open 11 a.m.-8 p.m. every day. Call 899-9600 for information.

Sweet Peas Southern opens

The owners of North End Café have opened a new restaurant in the building that used to house Furlong's at 2350 Frankfort Ave.



MATT STONE

Bazo's in St. Matthews offers a Velocity office fave: chicken taquitos.

The place is called **Sweet Peas Southern**, and it specializes in Southern comfort foods with a fresh approach. You'll find fried chicken, hot browns, pot pies, salads and homemade soups.

There is also a full bar with happy hour specials and a well-rounded wine list. I'll check it out soon and let you know how it is.

Sweet Peas Southern is open 4-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 894-9091 for information.

Blu wine dinner

Blu Italian Mediterranean Grille will host a wine dinner featuring Dennis Hill, winemaker for Blackstone Winery of Sonoma, Calif.

The dinner is 6:30 p.m. March 24 and is \$65. Blu is in the Louisville Marriott Downtown, 280 W. Jefferson. Call 627-5045 for reservations. ♣

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