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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Year A: Reading 868

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9:30am-5:00pm Saturday: 8:30am-4:30pm Sunday: 7:30am-2:00pm

<u>PASTOR:</u> Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar

ASSOC. PASTOR: Rev. Bernard Santiago

Business Manager: Sam Christi Office Secretary: Dona Trenkle Weekend Secretary: Andrea Marquez Multimedia Coordinator: Olivia Baylen

*** NEW MASS TIMES ***

Mon-Sat: 7:00am* Sat Vigil: 5:00pm Wed: 8:00am (School Mass) Sun: 7:00am | 9:00am* 11:00am | 12:30pm

<u>1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH</u>: Fri: 8:00am-9:00am Confessions Adoration: 8:45am-12:00pm

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 7:30am Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

*denotes live-stream via YouTube

CONFESSION HOURS: Sat: 3:30pm-4:30pm

For Infant Baptisms,Weddings, Funerals, & Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office: 562-424-8595

<u>NOVENAS / DEVOTIONS</u>: Tues: 7:30am* (Saint Joseph)

Wed: 7:30am* (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT "We, the Catholic Community of Saint Barnabas Parish, are a people formed by Christ, called in Baptism and united in the Eucharist; we continue the mission of the Church in the world through Prayer, Apostolic Works, Evangelization, and Christian Stewardship."

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law."

MATTHEW 5:18

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 FEB. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

 7:00am | 8:00am (SBS)

 12:00pm | 5:00pm | 7:00pm

OUR PATRON, SAINT BARNABAS

Barnabas sacrificed himself to be instrumental in God's cultivation of His Church. Paul makes specific mention of the fact that Barnabas, who willingly impoverished himself in the interests of the Church, labored with his own hands to support himself on his missionary journeys. In Acts 4:36, Luke translates Barnabas to mean "son of encouragement" or "son of consolation." The original Greek word rendered "encouragement," *paraklesis*, means encouragement, consolation, comfort, exhortation and entreaty. It may be that the Apostles who gave Joseph the name Barnabas, saw all of these qualities in his character.

PARISH MINISTRIES

	ISIKIES
Adoration Coordinator	Faye R
Altar Servers (Youth)	Erika M
Baptism (Infants)	Jay G
Boy Scouts Pack 32 Cub Scouts Pack 32	Laura L/Chris C
Bulletin/Website/Social Media/Publications	Olivia B
CANA Marriage Renewal Movement	Bernie M
Coffee & Holy Donuts	Bill M
Cornerstone Crew	Dave A
Couples for Christ	Roy R/Faye R
Divine Mercy Apostolate	Itima E
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sam C/Helen C
Filipino-American Association	Gene L
Finance Council	Espi G
Girl Scouts Troop #4283	Jessica C
Holy Name Society	Bob F
I.T. Resource Team	David A
Knights of Columbus #3449	Greg C
Lectors	Marina C
Legion of Mary	Barbara F
Liturgical Music Coordinator	Call Parish Office
Marian Cenacle M.M.P.	Mary C S/Mary S
Ministry of Consolation	Susan C
Mother Theresa Choir	Benildo T
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	Armando P/Gigi L
Our Lady Queen of Peace	Tricia J
Pastoral Council	Darrell S
Planning/Building Team	Sean F
Project Achieve	Michelle S
RCIA/Adult Sacraments	Andrea M/Susana M
Respect Life	Robert K
Sacristans	Sahlee B/Armando P
Safeguard the Children	Elizabeth C
Ushers & Greeters	Darrell S
Wedding/Quinceañera Rehearsal Coordinator	Deb R
Worship Environment	Olivia A

FOR MINISTRY INQUIRIES, or to view our complete listing, please visit www.stbarnabaslb.org/ministries or call our Parish Office.

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We encourage you to register as a Parishioner, To be an "Active" member at our Parish, is to participate in the life of prayer and stewardship. Being parishioner enables a person to be eligible to sponsor a child for Baptism, to receive financial aid for Catholic Education, to be Married in the Parish, book a Funeral/ Memorial Mass and to prepare one's children for the Sacraments. All adults over the age of 21, living with their parents or on their own, are encouraged to register as well. Visit our website to register!

FAKE TEXT MSG/SPAM E-MAILS If you received a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony and/ or Staff, asking for money, gift cards or asking for your help, THIS IS A HOAX! PLEASE IGNORE SUCH MESSAGES (pretending to be our Priest or Staff) Don't reply to them and immediately delete it. Please ALERT the Parish Office. Thanks for your cooperation.



CALLED TO RENEW

Called to Renew is a historic, five-year campaign to strengthen parishes, families, and communities through unity and action; together we commit to renewing what is important so we can pass it on to those who we love.

Called to Renew is a bold plan to strengthen every parish and Catholic center in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, vital ministries that serve thousands each year, education and formation for our children,

and the support of Priests and those discerning the call. More information, visit: CalledToRenew.org



FINANCIAL	BLESSINGS
01/29/23:	\$ 6,389.00
02/05/23:	\$ 7,603.00
Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 8,180.45
Contribution:	Period: 1/1 – 1/15

Thanks for your prayerful giving. Your donation supports the operations of our Parish Community.



Confirmation/Youth Ministry Coordinator: **Emmanuel Magallanes** 213-948-7762 cell/text confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org youthministry@stbarnabaslb.org



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

02/12: Coffee & Donuts/8am-11am/Parish Center

- 02/14: Happy Valentine's Day!
- 02/20: President's Day Holiday (SBS & Parish Office closed)
- 02/22: Ash Wednesday: 7a/8a/12p/5p/7p
- 03/04: MTFC Pancake Breakfast at AppleBee's/8a-10a
- 03/12: Daylight Savings Time! Spring 1-hour ahead!
- 03/16: Fr. Antony's Birthday!
- 03/18: Parish Lenten Retreat/10am-4:30pm/Mass 5pm

All Fridays during Lent: Fish Fry 6:15pm-8pm/Hall

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Book Mass Intentions via Website, E-mail or by Phone. (+ indicates deceased) Send requests at least 2 weeks in advance, to be listed. Some names may not reflect above, due to early print deadlines or last-minute requests.

Sat. Feb 11	Repose: +Emmanuel Memije
5:00p.m.	Death Anniversary: +Oscar Sibal; +Aquilino Ocampo
Sun. Feb 12 7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Adriana Badiola Ramos and Family; Lolita Santos
	Repose: +Roy Poblete
	Death Anniversary: +Rex Gonzaga (1st)
9:00 a.m.	Special Intentions: Boye Family
	Thanksgiving: Erica Nepomuceno
	Healing: Rosario Ablang; Desiree Maila; Julieann Eusebio
	Repose: +Jessie Bringas; +Albert Giron; +Concordia Bada;
	+Willie Fargas; +Augustine Doan
11:00 a.m.	Healing: Martha Pech; Esmirna Yumul; Bella Bonus
	Repose: +Rogelio Vicencio; +Maria Couto
	10th Death Anniversary: +Rodolfo Estrada
12:30 p.m.	All Parishioners (no other bookings)
Mon. Feb 13	Birthday: Duncann Crisostomo; Kiara Jade Repose: +Carmen Alvarado; +Jose Capitulo
Tues. Feb 14	All Married Couples; St. Valentine Healing: Elaine San Jose; Elenee San Jose
Wed Feb 15	OLPH Devotees
Wed. 100 15	Death Anniversary: +Jose Guevarra; +Esmeraldo Talastas (10th)
Thur. Feb 16	Birthday: Kyle Marrujo; Melvin Nuestro
	Special Intentions: Rick Coley
	Repose: +James McDowell Death Anniversary: +Reynaldo Andes; +Librado Luna
Fri. Fed 17	Birthday: Nicole Madlambayan
rn. reu 17	Thanksgiving: Lilia Palaganas
Sat. Feb 18	Healing: Louie Reyes
7:00 a.m.	Repose: +Rudy Espeleta; +Arturo Rivera 40th Day: +Emmanuel Cajayon Jr.
	Tom Day. Emmanuel Cajayon 31.



IN MEMORY OF

Violeta Belen Firmalino Alice Marcella McNevin Nora French Agripina Mancilla Antonio Edles Sr. Javier Lopez Carmen Alvarado Beda P. Abatay Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Susan & Estrella Sarte Mel Franklin Jose I Valenzuela Carmelita A Orsoe Alan Clark

TODAY'S READINGS: YR. A / 868

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk
	8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
	9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
	Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
	Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
	1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Ken Augustine, Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Betty Chrysler, Kathy Wachter, Sherrie & Heather Wren, Augusto David, Barbara Hendren, Roxanne, Don, Danny & Mike Batovsky, Josh & Pam Batovsky, Cesar Giron, Robert Carambelas, Hector Gustilo, Rose de los Reyes, Alvino Jauregui, Tina Quinn*, Bridget Vanderwerff, Carmela Chiurazzi, Eva Talastas, Bill & Gloria Dorsey, MaryAnn Salas*, Alan & Lydia Clark, Ted & Terri Furlow, Maxym Velazquez, Bill & Connie Dobberpuhl, Phillip Reher, Lucy Galletes*, Elizabeth N. Gabrillo*, Florencio "Junn" Gabrillo Jr.*, Lorna E Declines*, Lydia "Julie" Estrada*, Leo Ascuncion*, Sue Ann Estrada-Tumakay*, Arsenia "Paz" Estrada, Nelia N Estrada, Mario & Mely Visperas, Natividad S Fernandez, Michelle G. S., Maribella V.*, Joan Ingram*, Bridget Panek, Zoraida Ramos, Dixie Moran, Alberto Toledo, Michele Bartels, Andrea Noir, Rita Valle Moreno, Sr. Deonilda, Victor Adolfo Bracamonte, Jillian Adriano, Maria Linda Evans*, Arlene G. Monaco*, Keith Wieland, Pat Madden, Arsenia "Paz" Estrada, T. McQuire, Nathaniel Espinoza, Emmanuel Sarte, Soji VS, Maria Hainey, Edwin de Lara*, Danilo Masangkay, George S*, Liza & Michael Cabrea, Katrina Sabate, Theresa Sabate, Luciano Sabate, Rose Sabate, Mary & Chris Divinaflor S., Avery Morgia, Adam Koffler, John Cuico Sr.*, Mia*, Veda, Louie Reyes

List updates every 4-6 months. If you would like to be added or RE-ADDED to our prayer list, please email <u>churchastbarnabaslb.org</u>. Names w/asterisks denotes inclusion to St. Peregrine (patron Saint of cancer) prayer list as well.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Lenten Retreat Saturday: March 18th / 10am-4:30pm (3:30pm-4:30pm Confessions & Adoration) 5:00pm: Mass

Fr. Joseph Miller, SVD will be leading this retreat! You are highly encouraged to attend!!!

MTFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!

Please join the Mother Theresa Foundation Choir for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for St. Barnabas!

Saturday, March 4th at <u>Applebee's</u> Spring St/Atlantic Service Time: 8am - 10am only \$12 /plate

Pancake, eggs, bacon or sausage, oj or coffee



MISSALETTES FOR SALE

The new Cycle started with the beginning of Advent. we have Missalettes available for purchase for \$25/ each. This is a complete Missal with all three cycles, so no need to purchase every year! Please visit our Parish Office or call: 562-424-8595 or Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

PENNIES FOR THE POOR "Pennies for the Poor" has returned!



This popular program has returned and is in full swing! The purpose of this program is to

teach the children the joy of giving back to God out of gratitude for all that God has given to them. We invite all our children to prayerfully consider collecting any loose changes (ie. coins, bills), and at each Sunday mass, during the Offertory, they will be invited to come to the Altar to place their gifts in a special basket placed in front of the Altar. This collection will be towards supporting the poor and orphan children for their various needs. For info, contact the Parish Office.

COFFEE & DONUTS: 8am-11am

Coffee and Holy Donuts will be served this Sunday: **February 12th** at the Parish Center. Hosted by: Infant Baptism Team



PASTOR'S MESSAGE CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN

Blessings to you! We are in exciting times as a faith community in Southern California! Our Archbishop Jose Gomez has called us all to a period of renewal —



a renewal of our spiritual life and our resources. In response to this invitation, I am pleased to announce the launch of our Parish's Called to Renew campaign. This historic effort will provide much-needed funding for parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, including ours, and strengthen essential ministries and programs that affect us.

Through God's grace, we have grown from the initial small faith community into a large welcoming parish of vibrant, active, and dynamic parishioners of all ages. We are passionate about our faith, excel in service, and are dedicated to sharing the Good News as they connect us with Christ, one another, and those in need.

We are now launching the Called to Renew campaign alongside every Parish in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and ask God to bless this ambitious effort. Our campaign will allow us to address the needs of our Parish, ensuring future generations of parishioners may continue to gather, worship, and create lasting friendships.

The goal for our 5-year campaign is \$1,500,000 of which \$1,000,000 will remain with us at our Parish to address our needs. We will also retain 100 percent of the funds we collect over our goal.



I am asking you, and every member of our Parish, to make a gift from the heart. As your pastor and fellow parishioner, I will also make a sacrificial pledge. Before you determine your pledge, please prayerfully consider the generosity God has shown you, and the importance of the mission we have been given at St. Barnabas Church.

I realize this request is significant but trust your commitment to our Parish, and our Catholic faith will guide you to make a sacrificial gift. Called to Renew is essential to ensuring our church is vibrant and healthy, and our Parish remains a presence in the lives of parishioners and the community for years to come. I hope you will join me in supporting this historic campaign.

Thank you in advance for your faithful support. Sincerely, *—Fr. Antony*

A direct Fund has also been set-up via Faith FAITH DIRECT* Direct, so you can also donate via online for FAITH DIRECT* convenience.





We are collecting your old, blessed palms. Please place them in the designated baskets inside and outside of the Church.

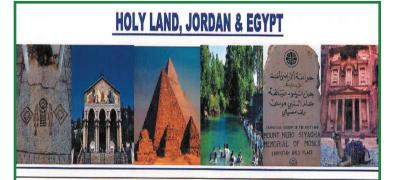
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22ND

Mass Times are as follows:

7:00am (& live-streamed) 8:00am (School) 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

A S H W E D N E S D A Y BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

*OLPH Novena will be cancelled on this day only.



Experience walking through the pages of the Bible Spiritual Director: Fr. Bernard Santiago April 16 - 27 (12 days), Tour Cost: \$3,990.00 inclusive airfare and taxes

Price Includes: Roundtrip Airfare, First class hotel accommodations, Daily breakfast, lunch & dinners, Professional local guides & tour conductor, Baggage handling & hotel taxes, Entrance fees within the itinerary, Land transportation by deluxe motor coach, Daily Mass Arrangements. Excluded: Tips, travel insurance and personal expenses

FOR MORE INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

FR. BERNARD SANTIAGO PARISH OFFICE: 562-424-8595 CHURCH@STBARNABASLB.ORG Good News!

February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 / Matthew 5:17-37 or Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

People's faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine or what we believe, to spirituality or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and where God is in our lives.

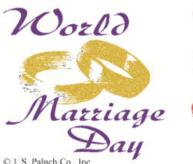
What's in our hearts has been a focus. It suggests that while actions are important, where the actions originate and what they say about who we are is also important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

People pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer is nurturing to the faith of many, there has also been a discovery of other forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be about only reporting kinds and numbers of sins but also about what is in one's heart and how people find themselves relating to others. People confess both attitudes and actions that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It would seem that all of this echoes this week's Gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts.

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April 29: Annual Rummage Sale June 17: Annual Car Wash

*more info to come...



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Peace Be With You!



YOUTH DAY **FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

Register before January 23rd for just \$35 and enjoy access to workshops, a keynote, arena general session, liturgy, exhibits, and more! Must be of high school age to register. Find our more at recongress.org





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Our event opens on Thursday with Youth Day - a day-long gathering of high school aged young people. Youth Day features keynote speakers, workshops, and a Liturgy planned by young people, for young people. The excitement continues Friday - Sunday when we welcome adult participants from around the globe. Our Adult Days offer workshops in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Participants also receive access to arena keynotes, the opening ceremony, entertainment, and

evening events. Choose from a variety of Liturgies that embrace and celebrate the diversity of our faith. Participants also receive access to our Exhibit Hall, showcasing religious art, music, publishing houses, academic institutions, Catholic apostolate groups, diocesan ministries, and national

We look forward to welcoming you!

Flyer for Parents and Guardians



REGISTER TODAY

\$35-YOUTH DAY \$75-ADULT DAYS

FEBRUARY 23-26, 2023 ANAHEIM CONVENTIÓN CENTER

You are invited to renew your mind, body, and spirit with engaging workshops on relevant topics facing Catholic parents today. Experience a Community that will support and accompany you as you build the domestic Church. Celebrate the gift of faith and the beauty of our Catholic traditions. We highlight the following workshop selections for parents. Topics include marriage, ministering to young people, sharing faith, ministering to children with disabilities, and forming a Eucharistic lifestyle.

Please Join Us!

Friday, February 24, 2023 1-01 | 1-02 | 1-03 | 1-04 | 1-05 | 1-07 2-01 | 2-02 | 2-04 | 2-07 | 2-09 3-01 | 3-08 | 3-09

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Saturday, February 25, 2023 4-01

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

WEEKLY REFLECTION THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands-not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
	World Marriage Day;
	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday:	Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Friday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the
	Servite Order
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

FEBRUARY YOUTH MINISTRY

- 02/06: Game Night / Study Hall
- 02/13: Black History Month (discussion)
- 02/20: <u>NO MEETING / President's Holiday!</u>
- 02/27: Discuss Lent / Prayer Night

Follow all things Youth Ministry on IG: @stbarnabaslb_ym E-mail for more info: youthministry@stbarnabaslb.org

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

On February 17 we honor the seven founding saints of the Order of the Servants of the Virgin Mary. Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta were a group of merchants of Florence who, upon experiencing an apparition of the Blessed Virgin in 1233, renounced their businesses, left what was necessary for their families, and distributed the rest among the poor. They then dedicated themselves entirely to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, going to live on an Italian mountain, each assuming the life of a hermit-prayer, extreme fasting and penance. Sometime later, at the request of the pope's delegate, all but one were ordained priests. Brother Alexis, considering himself unworthy of the priesthood, decided to remain as a brother. They were all canonized in 1888. Their feast day, originally February 11, now falls on the 17th, the date of the death of the last of the seven founders. Brother Alexis died at the age of 110.

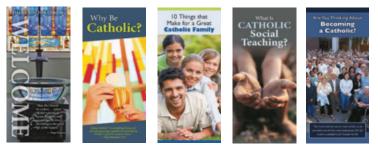
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FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCES

We have several <u>FREE</u> pamphlets at the entrances of the church that you can use to deepen your faith and also share with others. Read them and pass them along to share about our Catholic Faith.

- * Welcome: Thank You for Coming
- * Why Be Catholic?
- * 10 Things That Make For a Great Catholic Family
- * What is Catholic Social Teaching?
- * Are You Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



Join us for Coffee & Holy Donuts on (some) Sundays at the Parish Center from 8am-11am. Listen for announcements!

Dear Padre

My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?

Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you.

-The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

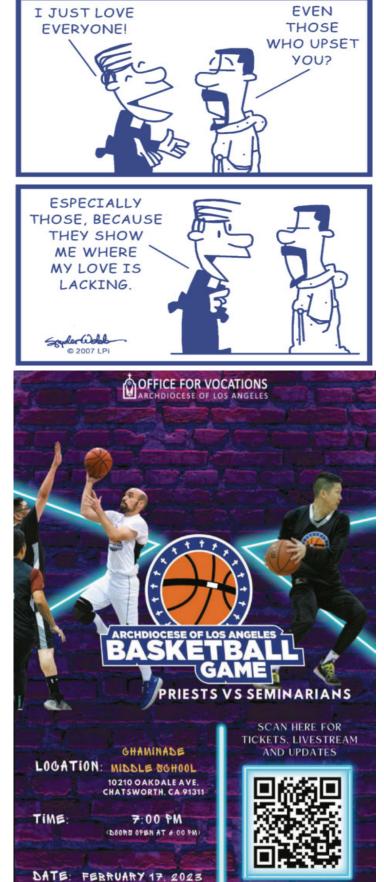
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Barnabas School (562) 424-7476 | Office Hours: M-F 7:30am-3:30pm

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TK—8th Grade | www.School.StBarnabasLB.org

AVOCATIONS ORG

/BASKETBALL-GAME

Greetings to everyone. I am happy to inform you that we are resuming our bible study in the second week of February 2023. We will be dedicating this year to study the books of the Old Testament and we begin the book of Genesis in February for 8 weeks until the Holy Week and after Easter break, we will study the book of Exodus. You are very welcome to join the Bible study. After going through the technical challenges of both in person and online session at the same time, I, after discussing with Fr. Antony, would like to dedicate two days (Wednesday and Thursday) for our bible study in a week.

Therefore online zoom sessions will be on Wednesdays at 7 PM and in-person sessions will be on Thursdays at 7 PM in the parish hall. The first online session will be on 8th and in-person session will be on the 9th February. The course is absolutely free. St. Barnabas is truly honored to offer this course for anyone who wants to enrich themselves in the Word of God during the holy season of Lent and Easter.

-Fr. Bernard

Contact the Parish Office at 562-424-8595 for more info or E -mail directly to: biblestudy@stbarnabaslb.org

*<u>MAKE NOTE</u>: Thursday 2/16 class will be held upstairs in the Fireside Room at the Parish Center.

LENTEN FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Join us every Friday during Lent! The following are sponsored by some of our active Ministries at our Parish. Thanks to all the groups who are participating.

5:30pm: Stations of the Cross 6:00pm: Lenten Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Fish Fry at the Parish Hall from 6:15pm-8:00pm too!

<u>Friday 2/24</u> Hosted by: Divine Mercy Apostolate & Consolation Ministry

Friday 3/3 Hosted by: Holy Name Society

Friday 3/10 Hosted by: St. Barnabas School

Friday 3/17 Knights of Columbus #3449

Friday 3/24 Hosted by: Marian Cenacle MMP

Friday 3/31 Hosted by: Confirmation/Youth

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL NEWS STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

[Note that this School Student Non-Discrimination Policy does not provide nor imply that the archdiocese waives any legal exceptions or exemptions that may apply to it as a religious nonprofit organization.]

This Catholic Elementary School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, public relations/recruitment brochures and in other publications such as the parish bulletin and school newspaper. The school also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM is now offering CHILDREN'S LITURGY on SUNDAYS in the Parish Hall. Children in 1st - 5th grade are welcome to attend.



Every Sunday at the 9:00am Mass, the

children will be invited go to the Parish Hall to reflect on the word of God and will return to the Mass at the Prayers of the Faithful. Any questions, call our Rel. Ed Office at: 562-988-6855.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

<u>DID YOU KNOW</u>? February 11-12 || Know the signs of online enticement

When children are unsupervised online, it is difficult to know who they come in contact with, so knowing the warning signs that they might be talking to an online predator is important. Talk to your children about appropriate and inappropriate conversations online. Red flags of online enticement include engaging in sexual conversation, asking for sexually explicit images, or offering incentives like gift cards, free lodging, transportation, or food.

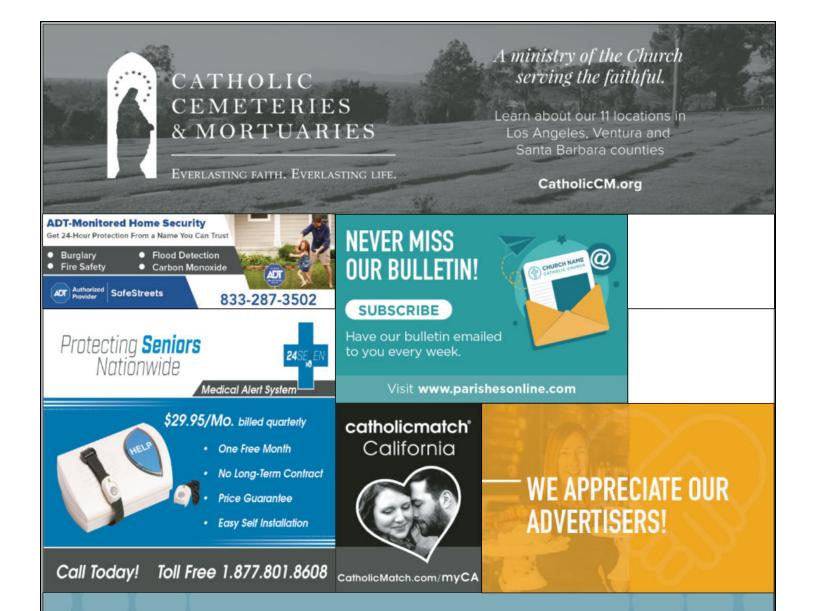
For more information, visit: <u>missingkids.org/theissues/</u> <u>onlineenticement</u>. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: <u>lacatholics.org/protect</u>

<u>CONGRATULATIONS!</u> monthly wedding anniversaries:

Feb 19: Franco & Julie Atienza (45yrs)



Email us Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to: church@stbarnabaslb.org



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