



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Year A: Reading 871



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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FEB. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

7:00am | 8:00am (SBS)
12:00pm | 5:00pm | 7:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar

ASSOC. PASTOR:

Rev. Bernard Santiago

Business Manager: Sam Christi

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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

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

NOVENAS / DEVOTIONS:

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."

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

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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 a 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.

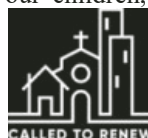


CALLED TO RENEW

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

02/12/23:

Not available at this time

Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly
Contribution:

\$ 6,808.80

Period: 1/16 – 1/31

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



Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & our Blessed Mother:

Rosemarie Medalia

February 11-21

Deli Marujo

February 21-April 1



ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS:

No Sponsor this week.

Contact the Parish Office
If you would like to
Sponsor Altar Flowers!



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL



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●MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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:

Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm / Lenten Mass: 6pm
 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 18 5:00p.m.	Birthday: Carolina Boyd Repose: +Emmanuel Memije; +Alfonso Maravilla
Sun. Feb 19 7:00 a.m.	Repose: +Cornelius Shea Death Anniversary: +Reina Romero
9:00 a.m.	Birthday: Celia & Enrique Prado Healing: Deacon Carlito De Los Reyes & Family; Estrella Santos Repose: +Rosalina G. Atienza Death Anniversary: +Magarita Perez; +Anna Adamos; +Porferia Permejo
11:00 a.m.	All Parishioners (no other bookings)
12:30 p.m.	45th Wedding Anniversary: Franco & Julie Atienza Repose: +Alan Clark
Mon. Feb 20	HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY! Repose: +Carmen Alvarado Death Anniversary: +Emil Manarez
Tues. Feb 21	Birthday: Francis Baylen Repose: All Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Feb 22	OLPH Devotees Special Intentions: Gracie Mae Gross
Thur. Feb 23	Healing: John Fitzpatrick; Tom Skeren III Repose: +Eric St. John; +Eddie Gilewski; Joan & Bob Alpaco
Fri. Feb 24	Repose: +Alfreda & +Thomas Skeren; +Jean & +Stanley Gilewski;
Sat. Feb 25 7:00 a.m.	All Names in the Memorial Room Birthday: Alejah Diaz Repose: +Darwin Arayata; +Remedios Pasamonte

Parish Office & School is closed on this day!



●IN MEMORY OF

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



●TODAY'S READINGS: YR. A / 871

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

●READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

●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*, 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, Samuel Chavez, Juan Carlos Vincent, Rhyann & Camille

List updates every 4-6 months. If you would like to be added or RE-ADDED to our prayer list, please email church@stbarnabaslb.org. 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
Applebee's 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 E-mail: 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.



●LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS

This 6-minute daily reflection guide is available for purchase for \$2/each. This will also be sold after all the Sunday Masses, or stop by the Parish Office.

●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 Direct, so you can also donate via online for convenience.

DONATE YOUR

Old Palms

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

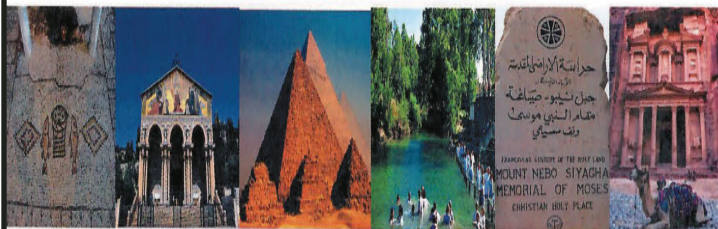
ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS TIMES

FEBRUARY 22ND
7:00am (& live-streamed)
8:00am (School)
12:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm

*OLPH Novena will be cancelled on this day only.

HOLY LAND, JORDAN & EGYPT



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

● TAX CONTRIBUTION REQUESTS

TAX LETTERS / CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to obtain a copy of your 2022 Church Contributions, please e-mail us at: church@stbarnabaslb.org (preferred, that way we can E-mail your copy faster).

TAX
INCENTIVES

You can also call our Parish Office and leave your full name, address & phone number and we can mail them out. **We will not be sending them out automatically.** These records may or may not reflect some fundraising donations. We can certainly modify your totals, just let us know. Or better yet, also refer to your own bank statements to accompany with your Church contributions. Thanks for your patience and your continued support to our Parish. **Faith Direct Subscribers: It will be mailed to you directly!**

● USHERS/GREETERS MINISTRY

WE NEED USHERS!!!

Would you like to help usher during the Mass that you attend? Join our Ushers & Greeters Ministry, by contacting **Ministry Leader: Darrell at 562-243-1378** or **E-mail directly to: dstew40@gmail.com** We are refraining from passing the baskets around, rather we will be using a basket with an extended pole for safety. If interested, please attend this important informational meeting on:

TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023

6:00PM (Meet inside the Church)

● HOLY HUMOR

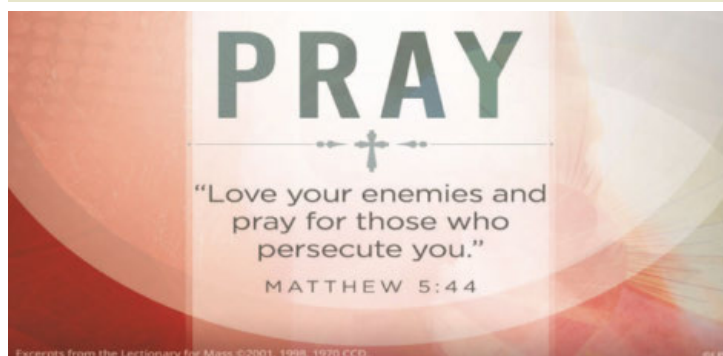
Sheila decided to have some fun with one of her adult formation classes, asking students to punctuate the following:

"Woman without her man is nothing,"

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

OH, BROTHER! Belly Laughs for Good-Humored Catholics by Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST published by ACTA Publications





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**ALL
FRIDAY
EVENINGS
DURING
LENT!**



50/50 Raffles!

**\$14 Adults
\$13 Seniors
\$8 Children**

**6:15pm-8:00pm
Parish Hall**

**"To-Go" Orders
Available!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 29: Annual Rummage Sale

June 17: Annual Car Wash

**more info to come...*

Handmade Blanket end-event raffle!



SAVE THE DATE **FEBRUARY 23-26**
IN PERSON | ANAHEIM, CA

YOUTH DAY
STRIVE 4 LIFE

LA RECONGRESS

ADULT DAYS
EMBRACE GRACE
ABRAZA LA GRACIA | ẤP Ủ HỒNG AN

FIND OUT MORE AT RECONGRESS.ORG

Flyer for Youth Day

About RECongress

The Los Angeles Religious Education Congress is the largest annual gathering of its kind in the world. This four-day event is held at the Anaheim Convention Center and is sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. RECongress began in 1956 as an institute for religious education teachers. Since then, RECongress has grown to include people of all ministries, vocations, and faiths.

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 organizations.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Flyer for Parents and Guardians

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

REGISTER TODAY

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

Price increases to \$40 for Youth Day and \$85 for the Adult Days after January 23rd.

FEBRUARY 23-26, 2023
ANAHEIM CONVENTION 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

Saturday, February 25, 2023

4-01
5-03 | 5-07 | 5-08
6-03 | 6-08 | 6-09

Sunday, February 26, 2023

7-02 | 7-03 | 7-08 | 7-09

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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

Youth Day Workshop Speakers

DOUG BRUMMEL
DAVE WILSON

FR. CASEY COLE, OFM

STEVEN ELLAIR

MATT HARPER

YOUNG HOANG, PHD

KATIE PREJEAN
MCGRADY

CRYSTAL MARCHAND

MICHAEL MARCHAND

FR. AGUSTINO TORRES, CFR

MAGGIE CRAIG
YOUTH DAY KEYNOTE

CHRIS ESTRELLA
FEATURED MUSICIAN
WORKSHOP PRESENTER

RECONGRESS

●CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Loving God, hear this prayer,
which I offer on behalf of my family and friends.

Keep them safe in your care.

When they are in trouble, be with them.

When they despair, bring them hope.

When they are joyful, help them share their happiness.

Help us all to realize that we are your sons and
daughters and that you love us more than we can
imagine. Amen.

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●WEEKLY REFLECTION

DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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●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</u> MEETING / President's Holiday!
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

ASHES

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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●FREE FOOD PANTRY

Saturday: February 25, 2023 / 9am-12noon



St. Matthew Church
672 Temple Avenue & 7th Street
Long Beach, CA 90814

Sponsored by St. Francis Center Long Beach

●FREE CATHOLIC RESOURCES

We have several FREE 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

February 19, 2023

I am wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord's desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●

—The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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Good News!

February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

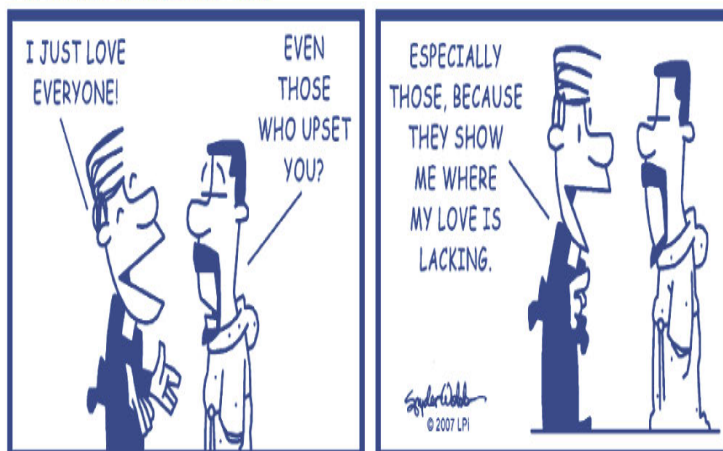
To turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile, to love one's enemy, all of that is to absorb and thus stop the evil that can saturate life. When we do that, then evil ends with us, lest it keep escalating like a tsunami that overwhelms life.

Is anyone really willing to absorb the evils of life? Many are. Parents do who walk the floor at night with a crying infant or care for a child sick with a cold and then find themselves suffering the same illness. They absorb the evil in order to bring some comfort and so ease the child's pain. Someone does as well who listens endlessly to a lonely person on the phone or over a cup of coffee. They absorb the loneliness even as it tests their own patience. Those who protest injustice by participating in nonviolent demonstrations and then find themselves mistreated or even dealt with violently, they absorb the hate of others.

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2), says the Lord to Moses. Absorbing the evils of life is a different sort of holiness, different than saying more prayers or giving up enjoyments during Lent. Part of our tradition is to do penance during the season of Lent. Perhaps this year a penance might be to become conscious of each day's opportunities to simply absorb someone's suffering, another's pain, a bit of the evil that so often ricochets through our days, always doing so in the image of Jesus. ●

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●FR. BERNARD'S BIBLE STUDY

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 to be added to distribution list.

***IN-PERSON: See you on Thursday evenings inside the Parish Hall.**

●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!

Friday 2/24

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.

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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 to 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

DID YOU KNOW? February 18-19 || The importance of checking references

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For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Reference Checks, Part I: Your Best Defense," on lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

●CONGRATULATIONS!

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