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Year A: Reading 828



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 04/07-17: SBS Easter/Spring Break-NO School!
- 04/16: Coffee & Holy Donuts/8am-11am/Parish Center
- 04/16: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
- 04/19: Altar Servers Training-Info Night/6:30pm/Church
- 04/24-28: SBS Book Fair/7am-6pm/Hall
- 04/29: KofC Rummage Sale/7am-4pm/Basketball Court
- 05/14: Mother's Day
- 05/21: Fr. Antony's Silver Jubilee Celebration!
- 05/29: Memorial Day Weekend! (Parish Office & School closed)



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
 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

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.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

04/02/23: **\$7259.79**
 04/09/23: Not available at this time

Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution: **\$ 5,977.91**
 Period: 3/1 – 3/15

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

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

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.

•COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee and Holy Donuts will be served this Sunday:

April 16th at the Parish Center
8:00am-11:00am
 (cash only)

Hosted by:
Filipino American Association
 (subject to change at any time)

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & our Blessed Mother:

Joe & Monica Ahle
April 15-29



ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS:

Thanksgiving for Dr. Mbagwu & Family
April 17-30

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.

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

Weekly Prayer

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APRIL Is Child Abuse
Prevention Month

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves
to meeting together in the temple area
and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is
everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a
living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples
were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had
it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that
proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe."
To each of us he extends his wounded hand,
to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will
always meet us in our unbelief.

Observances for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Saturday: Earth Day
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly
overcame incredible adversity caused by
her husband and other men in her life to go
on to form a wildly successful congregation
— the Society of the Holy Child Jesus —
which still operates in spiritual works of
mercy in 14 countries to this day.

Prayer

The Prayer of Cornelia

Let us love one another
and pray,
Let us love one another
and be faithful,
Let us love one another
and be humble,
Let us love one another
and be filled
with the charity of God.
Let us love one another
with God,
in God, and
for God,
And we shall thus be
one with God
for all eternity.

(Written by Cornelia Peacock Connelly, Foundress,
Society of the Holy Child Jesus)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

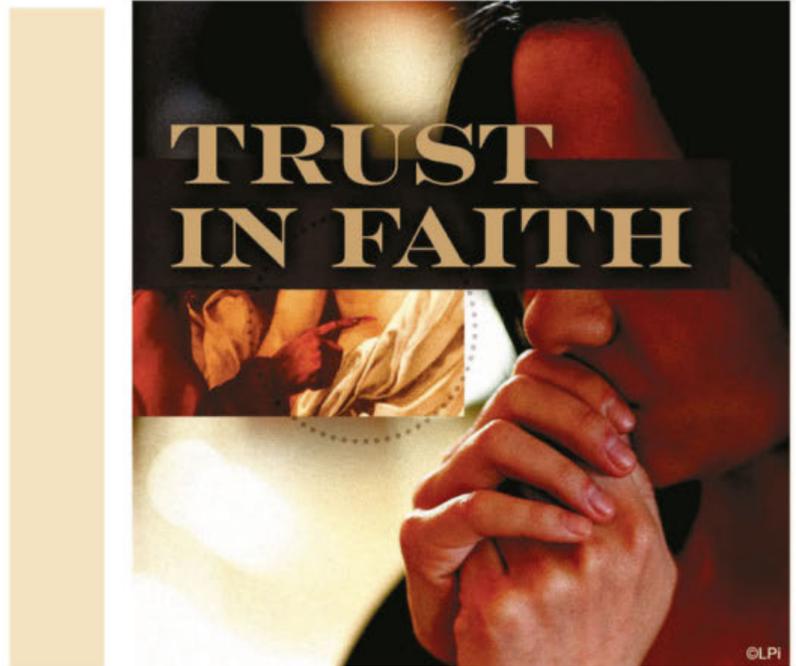
Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. **"Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe."** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— *Father John Muir*

● LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED

We wrapped up our Parish-wide Simon of Cyrene Lenten Service Project, hosted by: St. Barnabas Project Achieve Ministry Kitchen. We wanted to say THANK YOU to the good people of our Parish for graciously donating to the shelter. We distributed these items before Easter Sunday.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you! —*The Project Achieve Ministry Kitchen Family*

OUR PARISH GENEROUSLY DONATED:

- GIFT CARDS/CASH
\$1,005.00 in Gift Cards and Cash
- WOMEN'S
85 women's razors (various # in packs)
103 pairs of women's socks (")
- MEN'S
227 women's razors (various # in packs)
179 pairs of men's socks (")
- NEW AND UNUSED TRAVEL ITEMS
715 items (*various items were put into "hygiene kits" by our wonderful Youth Ministry*)



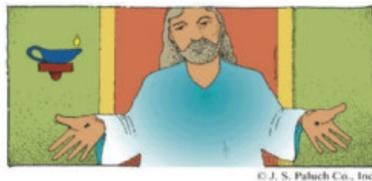
● EASTER LILY DONORS

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following, who donated Easter Lilies to help make our Altar more festive! We appreciate your generosity!



HOLY FAMILY CHOIR
BERNIE MATUTE & FAMILY
DR. MBAGWU & FAMILY
LINCOLN SIRIWARENA



● R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES

Let us pray for these elect whom the Church has confidently chosen. They have successfully completed their long preparation and received their Sacraments on **April 1st**. Let's continue to keep them in our prayers.



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|------------------|-----------------|
| Angela DeLaCruz | Jose Suarez |
| Antonio Ortega | Krystal Cabrera |
| Elizabeth Ruiz | Maribel Salazar |
| Eloisa Barragan | Mary Lopez |
| Gerardo Martinez | Nichole Cord |

● 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.

Good News!

April 16, 2023
 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

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Dear Padre

April 16, 2023

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot cling to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●

— The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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**UPCOMING INFO NIGHT / TRAINING:
 WEDNESDAY: APRIL 19TH AT 6:30PM**

This ministry is open to all children of our Parish -- Grades 4 and higher and has received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Serving at the altar, Pope Francis told the young people, is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn "enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them."

"The closer you are to the altar," he told them, "The more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the word and the body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received."

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:
 ERIKA MORENO at 562-244-3062
 erikamoreno22@yahoo.com

Thanks for your interest in this important Liturgical Ministry!

PIZZA DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED! PLEASE RSVP!!!



Sacerdotal

Silver Jubilee



"Bless the Lord, my soul; all my being, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103:1)




In gratitude to God for the gift of Priesthood, St. Barnabas Parish Community cordially invites you to celebrate with us...

**The 25th Ordination Anniversary of
 Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar**

Saturday, May 21st, 2023 at 11:00am (Holy Mass)
 followed by lunch reception at the parish premise

St. Barnabas Catholic Church
 3955 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807 USA

Questions, please contact our Parish Office: 562-424-8595, church@stbarnabasib.org



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Please visit: www.youtube.com/stbarnabaschurchlongbeach



April 9, 2023

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Easter Blessings to you! Christ, our Savior, is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! This is our song in celebrating Easter. The angel in the Gospel at the Easter vigil said to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary who came to see the tomb, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said” (Jn 28: 5-6). Jesus has overcome sin and death because He is the Lord of life and death. The self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross reveals how much He loves us that He was willing to die for us. Let us be at awe of Jesus’s love for us and make every effort to live our lives in His love.

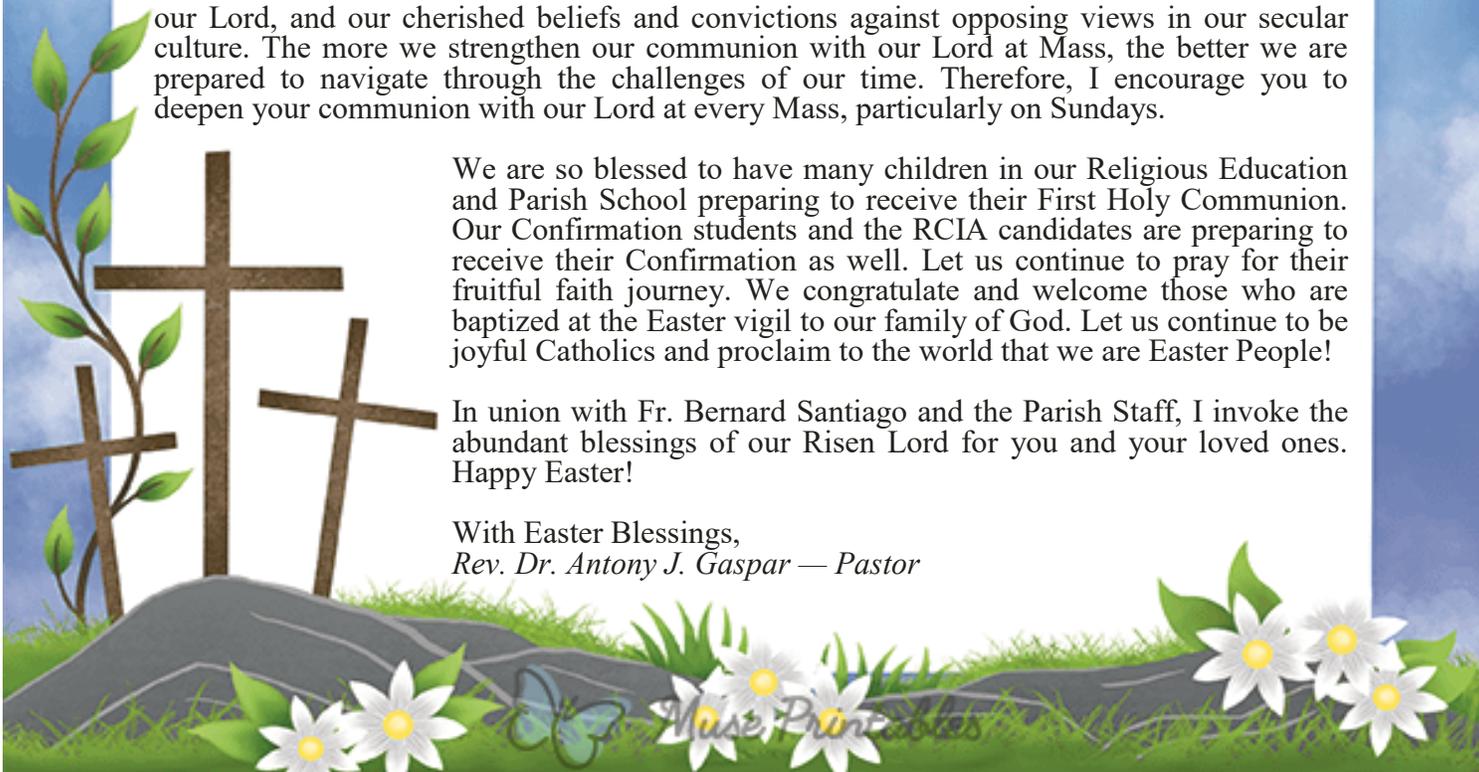
In the epistle reading at the Easter vigil, St. Paul reminds us that we who are baptized into Christ Jesus are indeed buried with him through our baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life (Rom: 6:4). All of us have embraced new life in Christ at our baptism and has been freed from our ancient bondage. Let us take time to reflect if we continue to live our daily lives in the new life we found in Christ. Let us be reminded that God’s love and mercy is always available through the Sacrament of Confession. The second Sunday of the Easter is celebrated as ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’ St. John Paul II instituted this feast to remind us that our God is merciful to us when we seek his forgiveness. The mercy of God frees us from our spiritual decay. I invite you to seek the love and mercy of God constantly and be enriched in your spiritual life.

The risen Lord invited his disciples for communion with Him through sacred meal. For this reason, He instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and affirmed it when he had the meal with two of his disciples at Eumaeus. In John’s Gospel, He emphatically revealed, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever...” (Jn: 6-51). As Catholics, we find our life flourishing from the nourishments we receive from the Eucharistic meal we share at the Mass. This is the meal that sustains our communion with our Lord, and our cherished beliefs and convictions against opposing views in our secular culture. The more we strengthen our communion with our Lord at Mass, the better we are prepared to navigate through the challenges of our time. Therefore, I encourage you to deepen your communion with our Lord at every Mass, particularly on Sundays.

We are so blessed to have many children in our Religious Education and Parish School preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Our Confirmation students and the RCIA candidates are preparing to receive their Confirmation as well. Let us continue to pray for their fruitful faith journey. We congratulate and welcome those who are baptized at the Easter vigil to our family of God. Let us continue to be joyful Catholics and proclaim to the world that we are Easter People!

In union with Fr. Bernard Santiago and the Parish Staff, I invoke the abundant blessings of our Risen Lord for you and your loved ones. Happy Easter!

With Easter Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Antony J. Gaspar — Pastor





K of C Rummage Sale
Sat. April 29th, 2023
7:00am - 4:00pm
Basketball Parking Lot



For item pick-up/drop-off, please contact:
 James Teahan 562-221-3296

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry



BY YOUR SIDE
 LOS ANGELES

By Your Side LA (BYSLA) is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice & Peace. It is meant to connect women and men in need of healing following abortion with resources in the community to help them heal. Abortion affects the lives of women and men, and those around us, in countless ways. Sometimes it takes a while to even recognize or understand them.

If you know someone that needs healing following an abortion, call (877) 301-9684 to be connected to a Merciful Companion.

Spanish accompaniment is available.

For more information about BYSLA resources or would like to be trained as a Merciful Companion, please contact Jeanette Seneviratne at jseneviratne@la-archdiocese.org

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Divine Mercy

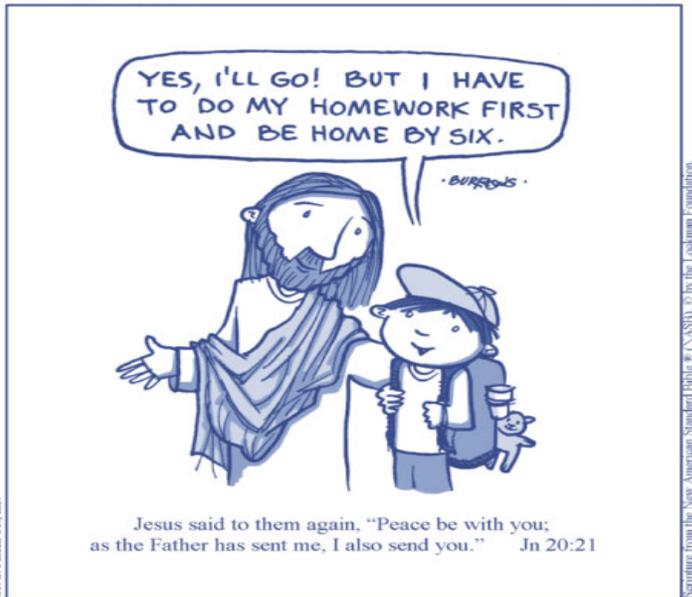
Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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ST. BARNABAS FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Invites you, your family & friends to a

Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser



899 E. Spring Street
 Signal Hill, CA 90755

Saturday, May 27, 2023
 8am - 10am

Donation: \$12 -- Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice & coffee



For more information, please call Helen Cajayon at (562)290-2019, Sophie Reyes at (310)404-7655 or Gigi Laluan at (562)225-3061.

• WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥

- 4/10: Juan & Celia Marquez (31yrs)
- 4/13: Amado & Rosa Santa Ana (50yrs)
- 4/17: Jimmy & Feb Marie Rushing
- 4/23: Hugo & Jennie Dueñas (18yrs)
- 4/30: Harry & Norma Sibayan (46yrs)



If you would like to celebrate your Wedding Anniversary, by featuring it in our bulletin, please E-mail us your full names, year you’re celebrating, along with your wedding anniversary date to: church@stbarnabaslb.org, **ATTN: BULLETIN**

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

● 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 below, due to early print deadlines or last-minute requests.

Sat. Apr 15 5:00 p.m.	Special Intentions: Celia & Juan Marquez; Terry McJilton; Tom McJilton Repose: +Alan Clark; Dr. Richard, Eileen, Gregory Lake; +Robert McJilton Death Anniversary: +Ana Acevedo (2nd)
Sun Apr 16 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: Josette Sangria Special Intentions: Avery Morgia; +Dr. Mbagwu & Family; Tom McJilton; Terry McJilton Repose: +Jose Giron; +Lourdes Santiago; +Thomas & +Alfreda Skeren; +Stanley & +Jean Gilewski; +Robert McJilton; +Carol & +James Chambers; +Anne & +Pete Marsh; +Curtis McGovern
9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: The Trenkle Family; Aurora, Jena, Olivia & Lory Special Intentions: Thomas Skeren III; John Fitzpatrick; Carolyn Skeren; Deacon Carlito de los Reyes Repose: +Rosalina Atienza; +Jake Summers; +Francisco Duerme; +Tek Chua; +Amelia Chua 40th Day: +Jose Ocampo
11:00 a.m.	All Parishioners
12:30 p.m.	Birthday: Rosenwald Coronado; Reginald Coronado Thanksgiving: Thomas Skeren Jr.; Linda Queen
Mon. Apr 17 7:00 a.m.	Wedding Anniversary: Jimmy & Feb Marie Rushing Thanksgiving: Cita Bago Repose: +Carmen Alvarado; +Guillermo Sibala Death Anniversary: +Veronica Juvan; +Joel Nicart
Tues Apr 18 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: Danny & Scarlett Dakak Repose: +Rudy Espeleta; +Joseph & +Ulala Passi
Wed Apr 19 7:00 a.m.	OLPH Devotees; Birthday: Jacqueline Periaswamy Healing: Fr. Owen de Soosa 9th Day of Death: +Dennis Abano Repose: +Marilyn Newberry
Thur Apr 20 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: Khin Nwe Healing: Helen McBride
Fri Apr 21 7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Marie Passi Repose: +Vincent Lealuga
Sat Apr 22 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: Jinjoo Supancheck; Matthew Passi Healing: Margaret Passi-Corleto

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Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

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● 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, Deacon Carlito & Rose de los Reyes, Alvino Jauregui, Tina Quinn*, Bridget Vanderwerff, Carmela Chiurazzi, Eva Talastas, The Dorsey Family, 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, 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, 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, Gretchen Hetzler, Emma Martinez, Mary Rende & Family, Jim Moore, Josephin, Cecilio Bautista, Emily Dunn*, Arlene Gerona Monaco*, Elizabeth Lazarte*, Owen Maternal*, Ernesto Corpuz*, Martin Widener, Marilynn Clark*

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