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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

### **PASTOR:**

Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Rev. Bernard Santiago

Business Manager/Director of Liturgy:  
Samanth Christi

Office Secretary: Dona Trenkle

Weekend Secretary: Andrea Marquez

Multimedia Manager: Olivia Baylen

### **•MASS TIMES•**

Mon-Sat: 7:00am

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm

Wed: 8:00am (School Mass)  
6:30pm (OLPH)

Sun: 7:00am | 11:00am  
9:00am\* | 12:30pm

\*denotes live-stream via YouTube

### **•1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH•**

Confession: 8:00am-9:00am

Adoration: 9:00am-12:00pm  
5:00pm-6:00pm

Stations of the Cross: 6:00pm

Mass of Anointing: 6:30pm

### **•CONFESSION TIMES•**

Sat: 3:30pm-4:30pm

### **NOVENAS / DEVOTIONS:**

Tues: 7:30am (Saint Joseph)

Wed: 7:15pm (Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help)

1st Sat: 7:30am (Our Lady of  
Fatima)

### **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."*

## **SAINT BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR / EVENTS:**

04/17-04/30: Fr. Bernard's Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey

04/19-04/20: SBS Spring Event/St. Joseph HS-Lakewood

04/21: Coffee & Holy Donuts/8am-11am/Parish Hall

04/27: KofC Car Wash/8am-12pm/Basketball Parking Lot/\$10

05/03: 1st Fri Adoration & Healing Mass

05/04: 1st Sat Novena to our Lady of Fatima (after 7am Mass)

05/12: Mother's Day!



## 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
Coffee & Holy Donuts	Bill M
Cornerstone Crew	Dave A
Couples for Christ	Roy R/Faye R
Divine Mercy Apostolate	Itima E
Eucharistic Revival	Brian S
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	David S (Church) Helen C (Homebound)
Filipino-American Association	Joey K
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	Helen C
Liturgical Music	Cynthia T
Maintenance	Reggie V
Marian Cenacle M.M.P.	Mary C S/Mary S
Ministry of Consolation	Susan C
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	Armando P Gigi L
Our Lady Queen of Peace	Tricia J
Planning/Building Team	Sean F
Quinceañera Coordinator	Sandra 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 Rehearsal Coordinator	Deb R
Worship Environment	Parish Office

For **MINISTRY INQUIRIES**,  
or to view our complete listing,  
please visit:  
[www.stbarnabaslb.org/ministries](http://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.



### SUN: COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee and Holy  
Donuts will be  
served this Sunday:



**April 21st at the Parish Hall**  
**8:00am-11:00am**  
(cash only)

Hosted by:

**MR. & MRS. NAPO MANALO**

(subject to change at any time)

Inquiring about Infant Baptisms,  
Weddings, Funerals, & Anointing of the  
Sick, please call the Parish Office:  
**562-424-8595**

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

03/31/24: \$ **14,067.99**  
04/07/24: \$ **7,595.00**



Faith-Direct  
Bi-Weekly  
Contribution: \$ **9,438.46**  
Period: 03/16- 03/31

*Thanks for your prayerful giving. Your donation supports the operations of our Parish. Pre-pandemic, we would average \$10,000+ weekly. Please consider increasing your donation amount. Thanks for your help & generosity.*

### Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

**Winnie & Oswaldo  
Villanueva**

**April 13~27**



### ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR(S):

*Requested by: Cynthia Tan*

**Thanksgiving & Personal  
Petitions of members of the  
Holy Family Choir**

**April 15~21**



**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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# Weekly Prayer



## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else,  
nor is there any other name under heaven  
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."  
(Acts 4:12)

### Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the  
cornerstone. (Ps 118)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be  
like him,  
for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

### Gospel:

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

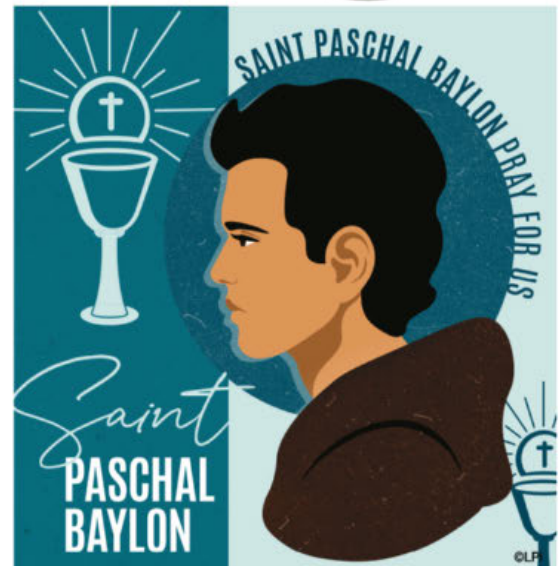
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

## Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**Monday:** Earth Day  
**Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day  
**Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist  
**Friday:** Arbor Day  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



## Saint of the week

St. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter, gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

## Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,  
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.  
Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

### Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

### Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

## ●WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS!

### NEW PARISHIONERS OR RE-REGISTERED

- Jessica Gonzalez
- Lionel & Mayra Salcedo and Family
- Jorge & Elizabeth Villanueva & Family
- Cindy Acero
- Diana & Moises Godoy
- Annette & Jo keen Lopez
- Daryl & Teer Strickland & Family
- Perla Lucid & Family
- Carra Williams



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

## •GET READY TO ENTER INTO THE MYSTERIES

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION, YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE MASS THE SAME WAY AGAIN!**

This Easter Season you are invited to enter into captivating truth, inspiring goodness, and breathtaking beauty as we take a deep dive into the Sacred Mysteries of the Mass. Beautiful Light: A Paschal Mystagogy is your entry point into one of the most ancient and fruitful traditions of the Church—a catechesis on the sacred mysteries of our Faith, focusing on our Liturgical Life—called Mystagogy. The early Church knew how essential it was to foster the faith of newly initiated Christians, and the period of mystagogy became a time-tested and true pathway to life-long discipleship.

Whether you are a cradle Catholic or have just entered the Church this Easter, Beautiful Light is for you! Join Sr. Alicia and Tanner Kalina for this 7-Part series to unpack everything that is true, good and beautiful about the Mass. Each week, we'll hear from a different bishop as he helps us see with the eyes of Faith what is really happening at Mass, and answers the questions that are pressing on our hearts!

This Online series is open to anyone, not just parish leaders, so please encourage your ministry members, fellow parishioners, friends, and family to tune in! Please forward this e-mail to them.

It began at 5pm PT on Thursday April 4th and will continue each Thursday evening throughout the Easter Season (ending May 16th). We hope you will join! Don't worry if you can't join at 5pm. We've been told that sessions will be recorded and posted at a later time.

Please click the YouTube link below to join:

<https://www.youtube.com/@eucharisticrevival/streams>



A large poster for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. The top half has a purple background with a sunburst and hands holding a host. The text 'NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress' is in the top left. Below it, 'Be There When God Moves' is written in large, stylized white and yellow letters. The bottom half has a white background with a torn paper effect. It says 'Join us for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress' in large black letters. Below that, 'JULY 17-21, 2024 | INDIANAPOLIS, IN' is written. A QR code is on the right with 'eucharisticcongress.org' below it. The bottom section has an orange background with the 'NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress' logo and 'INDIANAPOLIS, IN JULY 17-21, 2024'. A large white ticket graphic says 'I'VE GOT MY PASS' and 'Join me in Indy to see how God will move'. At the bottom, it says 'Thank you to all our St. Barnabas Parishioners who signed-up &amp; will attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. In-Person meeting: TBA'.





## Fourth Sunday of Easter: Becoming God's Children



**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to build up the Kingdom of God by cultivating unity among his children

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.*

*Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to build your Kingdom by becoming an instrument of unity for your children.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

**"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." (1 John 3:1)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

Through Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family and become his adopted children. Do you think of yourself personally as a son or daughter of the Father? Rest in this truth. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you think of two or three concrete ways the Father has bestowed his love on you this week, noting his fatherly care for you.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.*

**"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." (John 10:16)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

We do not have a monopoly on God's goodness! Jesus is calling each person in the human family to an intimate relationship with himself, whether they know it or not. In today's world, God often uses our voices, the children of his fold, to speak to those who do not yet know him. Ask Jesus to help you identify one way that you witness to God's goodness and love in your life. Thank God for that! Now, ask him to help you humbly notice one area of your life that does not preach his goodness. Ask for the courage to reorient that part of your life back to God.

*Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** — Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Fourth Sunday of Easter)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to see yourself as a son or daughter of the Father in order to preach the goodness of God to the world by your words and actions.

**FAITH IN ACTION** — We all have friends, family members, acquaintances, and coworkers who have either fallen away from the faith or have never really heard the Gospel. God has blessed you to be in relationship with them to invite them into his one fold! Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify someone that you can invite to Mass with you. Perhaps they will not be ready right away, but your authentic kindness and presence in their lives will pave the way to helping them take steps closer and closer to a new or renewed relationship with Jesus.



  
**SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL**  
 DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS  
 DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC  
 PRESENTS...

# THE 2024 SPRING CONCERT

FEATURING THE JESTER CHORALE OF  
SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024**  
**3:30PM & 7:00PM IN THE MPB**  
**TICKETS: \$10**  
**PURCHASE ONLINE AT**  
[www.sj-jester.org/springconcert](http://www.sj-jester.org/springconcert)

5825 N. Woodruff Ave.  
 Lakewood, CA 90713  
 (562) 925-5073  
[www.sj-jester.org](http://www.sj-jester.org)

For more information,  
please contact Mr. Victor Wheeler,  
director of The Jester Chorale, at  
[vwheeler@sj-jester.org](mailto:vwheeler@sj-jester.org).



## CAR WASH

### \$10.00/PER VEHICLE

**Join us for our Knights of Columbus  
Fundraiser for St. Barnabas Church!**

**SATURDAY:  
APRIL 27TH, 2024**

**8:00AM-12:00PM  
(basketball parking lot)**

**Contact Grand Knight, Greg: [gregcz6069@gmail.com](mailto:gregcz6069@gmail.com)  
Or Reggie: [SluggoVillegas@gmail.com](mailto:SluggoVillegas@gmail.com)**

  
**St. Barnabas Catholic Church**  
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 Long Beach, CA 90807

*Come & join us*

# PISTA SA NAYON 2024 "BAYANIHAN"

**Saturday, June 08, 2024**  
**at 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM**  
**St. Barnabas Parish Hall**  
**(Dinner/Dance/Raffles)**

Attire: Barong/Filipiniana  
 Hosted By: Servants of the Eucharist  
 Please make check payable to St. Barnabas **Donation: \$40.00**

For any questions/inquiries:  
 Call/Text: Sis. Grace Leones - (562) 773-9032  
 Bro. Bernie Matute - (562) 326-3065

### •LA ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

#### ARCHDIOCESE WELCOMES RECORD NUMBER OF NEW CATHOLICS ON EASTER 2024

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles had more than 2,000 catechumens baptized into the Catholic faith, the biggest number since at least 2016. The archdiocese also had the second-most candidates since 2016 entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The archdiocese had 2,075 catechumens at Easter Vigil liturgies this year, a 38% increase since 2016, when there were 1,508. There were also 1,521 candidates in 2024, a 20% increase since 2016, and a 67% increase in total candidates since a pre-pandemic low in 2019.

Since 2016, the archdiocese had a high of 1,719 total candidates in 2023.

Catechumens are adults or children who have never been baptized, while candidates are those who have been baptized, but receive the sacrament of confirmation and the Eucharist during the Easter vigil.

Read more at:

<https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/catechumens-candidates-easter-2024/>



## St. Barnabas Religious Education




**EARLY  
REGISTRATION  
IS CURRENTLY  
OPEN!!!**

Dear St. Barnabas, Religious Education Parents:

Register your child(ren) now for next year's Religious Education sessions:

- If your child is making their First Holy Communion in May 2024, we provide Faith Formation studies for them up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, which will prepare them and get them ready for the Confirmation program that starts in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (The cost for Faith Formation is \$100.00.)
- If your child was in their first year of First Holy Communion preparation, they are ready to start their second year of preparation. (The cost for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Communion is \$175.00.)
- If your child is in 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and you are interested in enrolling them in their first-year preparation for First Holy Communion. (The cost for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Communion is \$125.00.)

To keep our prices from increasing for next year's sessions, we are asking that you register your child(ren) early. Early registration is from April 14<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office at (562) 988-6855 for more information or to set up an appointment, or go on the church's website at [church@stbarnabaslb.org](mailto:church@stbarnabaslb.org) to sign up. There will be a \$25.00 late fee applied to the prices above for all registrations after June 25, 2024. That being said, we do offer family discounts.

The 2024-2025 Religious Education Program starts on  
 **September 22, 2024**

# APRIL

## Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



### •VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

HELD AT: ST. CORNELIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

- THURSDAY: APRIL 25TH
- 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
- CALL TO RSVP: 562-420-9520
- SESSION IS IN ENGLISH
- 18 & OLDER/NO MINORS
- MUST ARRIVE ON-TIME

**LIMITED  
SEATING**

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

# YEARBOOK!



**St. Barnabas School** Pre-Sale Cost: \$45  
**2023-2024 Yearbook** After Pre-Sale: \$50

Pre-Sale Ends April 30th ✂

Yearbook Order Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity of Yearbook(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Return Order Forms To The School Office

Make Checks Payable To: St. Barnabas School

39 Everett Drive, Princeton NJ 08550

ENTOURAGE  
YEARBOOKS

888-926-6571 [entourageyearbooks.com](http://entourageyearbooks.com)

### •SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? April 20 & 21

**"Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet**

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2024 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information go to <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.





# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

#### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

## •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 20 7:30 p.m.	Special Intentions: Members of Holy Family Choir; Bry Atas Repose: +Nathaniel Capitulo; + Marcelo Dario Death Anniversary: +Celia Medina
Sun Apr 21 7:00 a.m.	Repose: +Vincent Lealuga
9:00 a.m.	Wedding Anniversary: Gilberto & Gabriela Topete Thanksgiving: Repose: +Jake Summers; +Maria Embate Death Anniversary: +Anecita Pernejo; +Jaime Casarin (1st); +Danita Rafalovich (1st)
11:00 a.m.	Parish Volunteers
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving: St. Barnabas Parishioners
Mon Apr 22 7:00 a.m.	Earth Day! Thanksgiving: St. Barnabas Parish Staff Repose: +Clifton Jenkins
Tues Apr 23 7:00 a.m.	Special Intentions: Celestina Luna Birthday: Elena McKim
Wed Apr 24 7:00 a.m.	OLPH Devotees Birthday: Fr. Sebastian; Jeanette Rogan Thanksgiving: Beatriz Matute Healing: Arturo Garcia Repose: +Fidela Romero Death Anniversary: +Hermogena San Pedro
& 6:30 p.m.	
Thur Apr 25	Birthday: Nicole Mota; Maria Gillamac; Lucas Patummas; Kai Dakak Special Intentions: Glen Ellen Repose: +Darwin Arayata; +Hermogena San Pedro; +Lydia Montoya
Fri Apr 26	Repose: +Francisco Rodrigues 2nd Death Anniversary: +Crescencio Ramos
Sat Apr 27	All Names in Memoriam Room Thanksgiving: Knights of Columbus Death Anniversary: +Crescanta DeLunas

## •WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥

04/14: Francisco & Amie Capitulo (35yrs)

04/17: Chris & Michelle Smithson (25yrs)

04/17: Jimmy & Feb

04/21: Gilberto & Gabriela Topete

04/23: Hugo & Jennie Dueñas (19yrs)



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## •PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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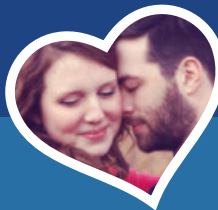


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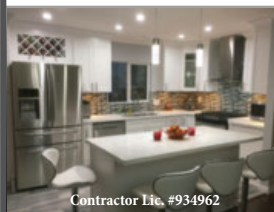
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