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Year B: Reading 908

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar

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Samanth Christi

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•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."

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER
BELIEVES HAS
ETERNAL LIFE.

— JOHN 6:47 —

SAINT BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

08/11: Coffee & Holy Donuts/8am-11am/Parish Hall

08/14: Vigil Mass for Assumption/6:30pm

08/15: Holy Day of Obligation for Assumption of Mary/7am/6:30pm

08/19: SBS—First day of School! Welcome back Students!

08/25: Breakfast Fundraiser/Parish Hall/\$10 per plate

09/02: Labor Day Holiday! Parish Office & School closed!

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	Reggie V
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
Youth Ministry	Manny M

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.



SUN: COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee and Holy
Donuts will be
served this Sunday:



Aug. 11th at the Parish Hall
8:00am-11:00am
(cash only)

Hosted by:

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(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

07/28/24: \$ **6,487.00** ↑
08/04/24: \$ **7,882.00**

Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly
Contribution: \$ **5,456.20**
Period: 07/01– 07/15

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:

**Violet
Orayani**

August 3~17



ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR(S):

Requested by: Nimia Javonillo

**Birthday Blessings for:
Nimia Javonillo**

August 12-18



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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

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Confirmation Coordinator: **Sr. Lieu Nguyen**
Religious Ed Office
562-988-6855 (leave a message)
confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the
mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life
of the world." (Jn 6:51)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

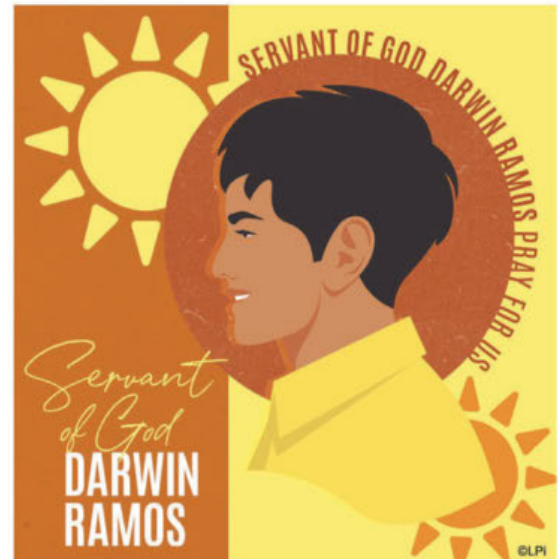
Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

Observances for the week of August 11, 2024

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONGRATULATIONS JULY BAPTISMS

7/13: Warren Christopher Boyd
7/28: Camilla Martha Pizano



Saint of the week

Servant of God Darwin Ramos, a poor Filipino boy, died from muscular dystrophy at the age of 17. Never brought low by the disease, he spoke of his illness as his "mission for Jesus." Many were blessed by his smile and compassionate friendship. He was known as the Master of Joy.

HFC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!!! SUNDAY: AUGUST 25TH 8:00AM-11:00AM | HALL

\$10 Per Plate

Pancakes

Eggs

Bacon or Sausage

Juice & Coffee

Fruit



Hosted
by:
Holy
Family
Choir

•BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

ATTENTION TO ALL MINISTRIES

If your Ministry has a special event coming up or meeting announcement, *(once approved by the Parish Office)* please send to Bulletin Editor by Monday, to be included for that weekend's issue. Thank you.

Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday:

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER WHO CAN TEACH ENGLISH FOR A FEW HOURS...

**VOLUNTEER
NEEDED**

**PLEASE CONTACT
OUR PARISH OFFICE
AT: 562-424-8595 IF AVAILABLE**

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Worship & Meditation

•WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥

08/07: Eddie & Ann Soledad (3yrs)

08/07: James & Mary Kay Teahan (32yrs)

08/15: Margarito & Felipa Rodriguez (43yrs)

08/18: Phong & Zeny Quiloan (44yrs)

08/18: Joe & Monica Ahle (40yrs)

08/28: Marty & Lory Dumo



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

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

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear Jesus say, *"He that believes in me, has eternal life"* (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— Father John Muir



BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

Gospel of John - Chapter 6

Sundays July 28 – August 25, 2024

For the next five weeks, the Gospel Readings will focus on The Bread of Life Discourse from John's Gospel in Chapter 6. Pay close attention to Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. We encourage you to pray and reflect on the readings each week using the Eucharistic Gospel Reflection Process.

August 11th: John 6:41-51

"...and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

August 18th: John 6:51-58

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

August 25th: John 6:60-69

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?"... "Does this shock you?"



Walk with One



You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here's a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a "heart-to-heart" approach:

1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility
2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit
3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship
4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her

Eucharistic Gospel Reflection Process

TAKE

Prayerfully read the Gospel for the coming Sunday

Notice what word or phrase "cuts to the heart" (Acts 2:37) as you listened to the Gospel. What word carries within it God's presence for you?

BLESS

Consider how this word/phrase reveals God's goodness, invites you to deeper conversion, or informs or illuminates a missionary moment you've experienced recently.

Share the word/phrase and your connection/reflection.

BREAK

As you reflect on this passage and your experience, how do you sense God inviting you to be "bread, broken for others" as you live this Eucharistic life united to Jesus, the Bread of Life?

Share how you feel called to live this truth.

GIVE

Share a resolution based on your reflection and offer a brief prayer asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to act on it.

Resolve to make a renewed gift of self for the life of the world.

Conclusion: Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.
Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.
Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.
Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.
Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

PRAYER FOR OUR LOST SHEEP

God our Father,
You never cease to seek out your children—the lonely, the frightened, the hurt, and the lost. We pray for all our parishioners who have been missing from our parish community and Eucharistic celebrations since COVID. Through the intercession of Mary, please pave the way for conversations and invitations that welcome them back to the Catholic Church and our St Barnabas Parish community. We trust in your love and mercy for every one of your children.

Amen.



RADIATE LOVE A PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE

Heavenly Father,

We praise you and thank you for your great gift of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Help all married couples witness to its beauty through a life of love, joy, patience, and generous self-giving.

Help families to exercise faithfulness and mercy, to be one in heart, mind, and body, accepting children lovingly as gifts from you.

When family life presents challenges or is lacking in peace and understanding, teach us the beauty of forgiveness and bearing one another's burdens.

Strengthen our love so that it endures not only through the triumphs but also through the heartbreaks of married life. And bless our homes and our families so that others will see your generosity and faithfulness guiding our lives.

Deepen our communion at home and with the Church, so that we may radiate love as a living sign of everlasting hope.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



●MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION

WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEB. 15TH, 2025

Are you interested in participating in the Marriage Convalidation Initiative announced at Mass on July 7th as part of our Eucharistic Revival? We will assist you in your Marriage Convalidation (with little or no cost to you) so that you can receive Holy Communion. All couples who successfully complete the steps in time will participate in a community wedding convalidation ceremony and reception on February 15th. Contact the parish office for more details and to sign-up. Call: 562-424-8595 or e-mail: church@stbarnabaslb.org

●INTERESTED IN OUR FAITH?

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith? Are you Catholic, but have never been confirmed? Would you just like to know more about your Catholic faith? Or are you from another denomination and what to explore and embrace the Catholic Faith? **R.C.I.A.**, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, may be what you are looking for. This fall classes begin **SOON from 7pm-9pm**. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please email our RCIA Coordinators, Andrea & Susana at: StBarnabasRCIA@gmail.com

*****REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN*****
562-335-4429 (text only)

Come & See
one weekend with Sisters
to talk and pray
about your Vocation

...what God's plans are for You

Sept. 27 * 28 * 29, 2024
Los Altos Hills, California (Bay area)

If you are interested,
let us know here:

Retreat open to single, Catholic women, 18-40 yrs.

●VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

PLACE: HOLY INNOCENTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- FRIDAY: AUGUST 16TH, 2024
- 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
- CALL TO RSVP: 562-424-1018
- SESSION IS IN ENGLISH
- 18 & OLDER/NO MINORS
- MUST ARRIVE ON-TIME



LIMITED SEATING

Sponsored by:

*The Fil-Am
Association*

**DID YOU MISS OUR
LAST CLASS???**

**JOIN US FOR OUR
NEXT ONE!!!**



Call Marina at 562-254-8133
For more info!

**Bring your hats and your boots (not required)
and come learn how to line dance!!!**

NEXT CLASS: SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH
1-Hour Lesson from 9:00am-10:00am
Parish Hall | No experience necessary
Donation: \$5

Subject to change at any time.

•SPECIAL APPRECIATION

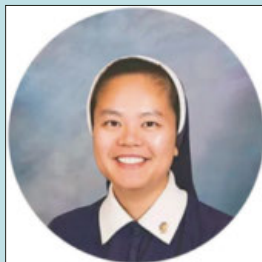
THANK YOU

We would like to give a special "thank you" to Emmanuel Magallanes, who was our Confirmation Coordinator for several years. He has decided to give his position up to the hands of Sister Lieu Nguyen, who is from the Lovers of the Holy Cross based out of Gardena, CA. Manny has been a great mentor and helped guide our Confirmation Students in receiving their Sacraments. He isn't going too far, as he will still be our Youth Ministry Leader! Thank you Manny for your dedication and commitment working with our Teens!

•CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

Registration is now open for Confirmation. If you would like to sign-up your Child for the program, please contact our Religious Education Dept. at **562-988-6855** (leave a message) or E-mail the Parish Office at church@stbarnabaslb.org to collect your information.



Sr. Thu Lieu Nguyen

Sister Lieu Nguyen from Lovers of the Holy Cross will be leading the program this year! **She will be available for sign-ups after all Masses in August at the Parish Hall.** We are so excited to have her teach our Confirmation Students!

Welcome to St. Barnabas Parish!!!

Let us CONGRATULATE and PRAY for the following Students who recently graduated from High School and College!



Janet A. Garcia

Cal State University Monterey Bay
Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies &
minor in Environmental Science

Kayla R. Long

Cal State University Fullerton
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration w/
concentration in Marketing

Natalie Dueñas

Diploma: St. Anthony High School
Attending: Long Beach City College

Emily Molina

Diploma: Long Beach Poly High School
Attending: University of Southern CA

Diego Campbell

Diploma: St. Anthony High School
Attending: Loyola Marymount University

Isabella Villa-Quintero

Diploma: Long Beach Poly High School
Attending: Univ. of CA Berkeley

Tyler Cazares

Diploma: St. Anthony High School
Attending: College of the Desert CA



If you'd like to add your Child's name, please e-mail the following info to our Bulletin Editor: obaylen@stbarnabaslb.org

St. Barnabas Religious Education




**EARLY
REGISTRATION
HAS ENDED.
YOU CAN STILL
SIGN-UP!!!**

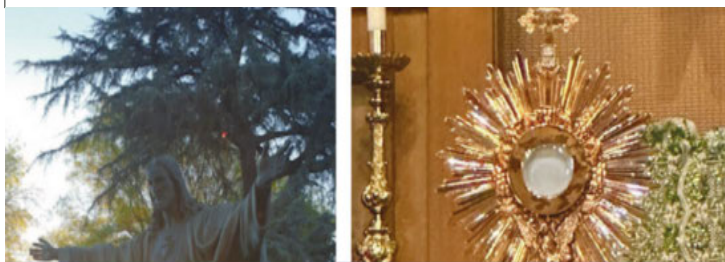
Dear St. Barnabas, Religious Education Parents:

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

- If your child is making their First Holy Communion in May 2024, we provide Faith Formation studies for them up to 8th grade, which will prepare them and get them ready for the Confirmation program that starts in 9th 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 2nd Year Communion is \$175.00.)
- If your child is in 1st through 7th grade, and you are interested in enrolling them in their first-year preparation for First Holy Communion. (The cost for 1st 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 14th through June 25th, 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 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



3-Day Silent Women's Retreat

Join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and peaceful weekend with the Carmelite sisters.

Signing up is easy. Go to

www.sacredheartretreathouse.com to register.

OR E-mail Helen Cajayon: azcajason@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2024

SACRED HEART RETREAT CENTER

Please call Tina Gath-Sacred Heart Retreat District Captain (562)481-2301 or Deborah Rollinger-Sacred Heart Retreat District Co-Captain at (562)537-3457 if you have questions or need assistance in registering.



View our FULL ALBUM
on our St. Barnabas
Facebook Page!



•KNIGHTS KORNER

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus wishes to thank you for taking the time on August 4th to donate blood with the American Red Cross. Because of your donations, we were able to collect 30 pints of blood. Of course, the real winners are the patients in need of blood. As you know, each blood donation can help save up to three lives. Your donations are truly appreciated by the blood recipients, their loved ones and all of us here at KofC Judge Walter Desmond Council #3449. We hope that we will see you again at our next blood drive on: October 20th.

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

August 13th is the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. Judge Walter Desmond Council #3449 encourages you to pray for his canonization.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA
www.fathermcgivney.org



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•YOUTH MINISTRY: AUGUST

08/12: Game Night

08/19: Movie Night

08/26: Bike Riding (Bring your bike!)

We meet on Mondays from 7pm-8:30pm at the Parish Center.
Follow all things Youth Ministry on IG: @stbarnabaslb_ym
E-mail Manny for more info: youthministry@stbarnabaslb.org

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

•CRITICISM OF LAST SUPPER PARODY AT OLYMPICS CONTINUES AFTER 'APOLOGY'

Organizers of the Paris Olympic Games apologized during the Games' daily news conference July 28 to those offended by a drag performance during the opening ceremony (<https://angelusnews.com/news/world/olympics-opening-ceremony/>) that the French bishops said "included scenes of mockery and derision of Christianity." In what was supposed to be a feast of unity and joy for the world, France put itself in the eye of the storm July 26 as television cameras shown LGBTQ+ performers, one of whom wore a crown, seated at a table. The shape of the crown brought to mind a monstrance or halo. The scene was immediately interpreted as a parody of Leonardo da Vinci's iconic wall painting in Milan's Dominican convent of the Last Supper. The drag queen table scene was later complemented with a nude singer appearing in the middle of a fruit basket, to represent Dionysus, ancient Greece's God of wine, with the Olympic Games official profile on X, formerly Twitter, saying the depiction made us "aware of the absurdity of violence between human beings."

In a statement July 27, the French bishops deplored the scenes at the opening of the Olympic Games. While the ceremony was a "marvelous display of beauty and joy, rich in emotion and universally acclaimed," they said, it "unfortunately included scenes of mockery and derision of Christianity, which we deeply regret." The Olympic celebration, they said "goes far beyond the ideological biases of a few artists," the bishops stressed. "Clearly there was never an intention to show disrespect to any religious group," Olympic spokeswoman Anne Descamps told reporters July 28. "If people have taken any offense we are, of course, really, really sorry." Thomas Jolly, the French creative director of the opening ceremony, said at the news conference that he "did not intend to be subversive or to mock or shock," saying the show included "ideas from the French Republic," "inclusive ideas," because in France "we're allowed to love who we want, how we want."

Right after the apology, Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, went on X, formerly Twitter, to say that while he complained about the Last Supper scene July 27 on social media and "had no intention of returning to the issue," he decided to do so after the "so-called apology from the organizing committee" was "anything but an apology," he said. Reacting to Descamps's comments that there "was never an intention to show disrespect to any religious group," Bishop Barron said, "Give me a break." "So we have a group of drag queens cavorting in a kind of sexually provocative way, clearly in imitation of Da Vinci's Last Supper, which presents to the world the Last Supper of Jesus. And no disrespect was meant. Do you think anyone takes that seriously?" Bishop Barron asked. To the comment by the show's director that what was intended was celebrating "community tolerance," Bishop Barron responded: "Yeah, tolerance. Except for those pesky, 2.6 billion Christians on the planet. Everyone's welcome. Everyone's tolerated, all this lovely diversity. Until you get to anyone that disagrees with your ideology."

Like these 2.6 billion people," Bishop Barron said, referring to the size of the world's Christian population. He noted the organizers said that "celebrating tolerance was achieved." "I wonder what planet they're living on if they think this, that harmony and peace and all this was achieved by this clear affront to Christians," he said. "Christians were offended because it was offensive, and it was intended to be offensive," Bishop Barron said, adding that "a real apology would be something like: This was a mistake. It should never have been done, and we're sorry for it." Bishop Barron also said that Christians "should keep raising our voices."

In a conversation with OSV News, Bishop Emmanuel Gobilliard of Digne, the special representative of the Holy See for the 2024 Paris Olympics, said July 27 that what shocked him most "is that the freedom of spirit and tone claimed by those who set this up shouldn't be directed against others." Bishop Gobilliard said, "You can make fun of your own ideas, laugh at yourself, why not. But to mock the faith and religion of others in this way... is very shocking. That was my first reaction." He further stressed that the Olympic Games are the last place to create such divisions and that the scene violated the Olympic charter. Rule 50 of the charter says: "It is important, on both a personal and a global level, that we keep the venues, the Olympic Village and the podium neutral and free from any form of political, religious or ethnic demonstrations."

Two days after the opening ceremony, a 16-year-old Catholic Brazilian skateboarder, Rayssa Leal, used sign language to quote John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life," to celebrate her bronze medal in the women's street skateboarding final in Paris. "I did it because I do it in every competition. For me it is important, I am Christian, I believe a lot in God. There I asked for strength and sent a message to everyone, that God really is the way, the truth and the life," Leal told Brazilian media outlet UOL. Brazilian media however raised a question whether after displaying her faith in a silent way two days after the controversial opening ceremony, Leal may be punished by the International Olympic Committee.

Meanwhile, the Polish state broadcaster suspended a sports television star journalist, a Catholic, who, during the controversial Olympic Games opening ceremony, reacted to a performance of John Lennon's "Imagine" by saying it was a "vision of communism." "A world without heaven, nations and religion. This is the vision of communism, unfortunately," Przemyslaw Babiarz said live on air July 26. Lennon's song asks to imagine no heaven or hell, no countries, and no possessions. After state-owned Polish Television suspended Babiarz, Polish state Ombudsman spoke up on July 29, saying that the Polish constitution protects free speech of journalists and "the public broadcaster is obliged to respect it in particular, and should ensure that journalists are able to express themselves unhindered and that there is a plurality of views."

Almost 30 current and former Olympians, and dozens of Babiarz's colleagues from the sports newsroom of Polish Television signed a letter of support July 30, asking the CEO of TVP to let Babiarz come back on air and continue commenting on the Olympic Games. Babiarz doesn't shy away from talking about his faith. In a meeting with university students back in 2012 he said: "I think I talk about God with more commitment than about sports. This happens for a simple reason: God is more important to me." He is one of the most iconic sports commentators in Poland, which for 50 years was under communist rule -- a regime St. John Paul II helped overturn in 1989. Suspending Babiarz for his opening ceremony remarks, Polish Television said in a statement that "sports should be free from politics," but many commentators in Poland saw the journalist's comments as a remedy for the controversial ceremony that made headlines for mocking the Catholic faith.

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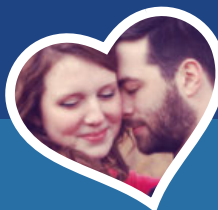
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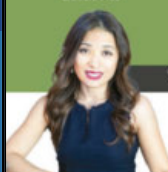
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