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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

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•MASS TIMES•

Mon-Sat: 7:00am

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm

Thurs: 8:00am (School Mass)

6:30pm (OLPH & Adoration)

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: 7:00pm (Our Lady of
& Adoration) Perpetual Help)

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

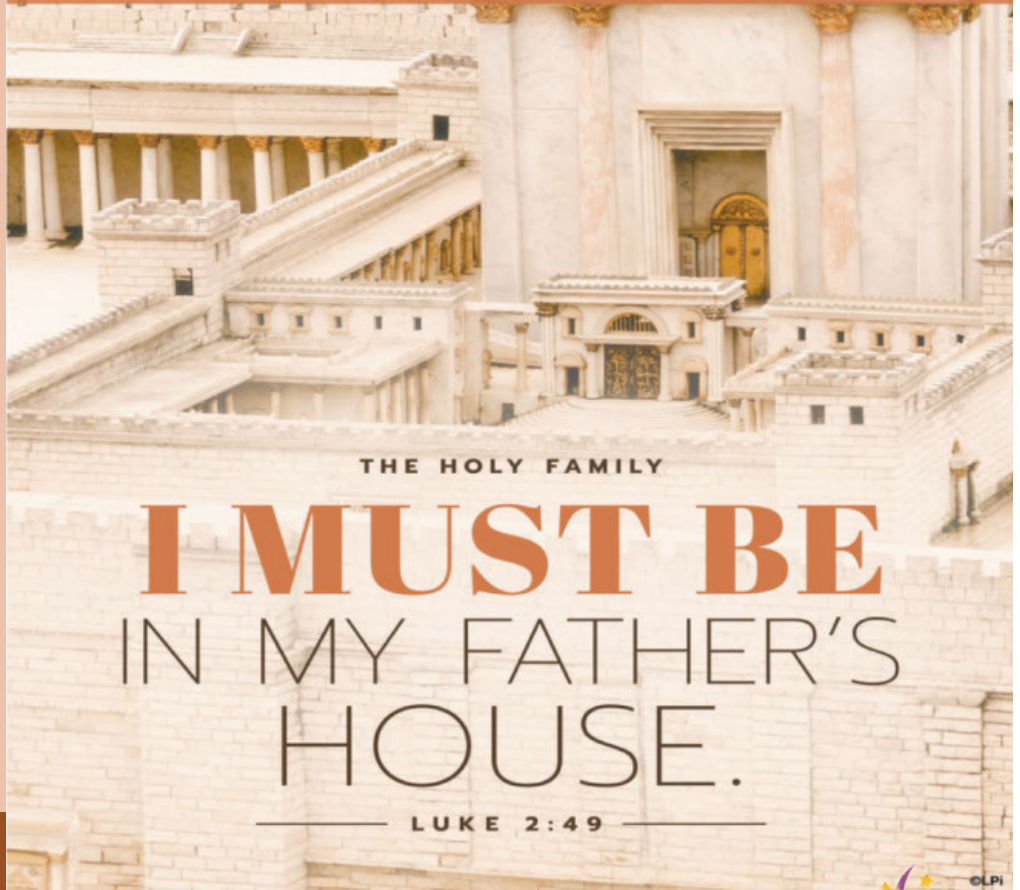
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"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."

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024



MARK YOUR CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/23-01/06: SBS closed for Christmas Break

12/25-01/01: Parish Office closed for Christmas Break

HAPPY NEW YEAR—2025!

01/01: New Year's Day Mass: 9am only (No OLPH Novena Mass)

01/20: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Parish Office & School closed)

01/26: SBS Open House & Breakfast

01/27-/01-31: Catholic Schools Week



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 Troop 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
Servants of the Eucharist	Rose M/Bernie M
St. Martin de Porres Helping Hands	Michelle S/Chris S
Ushers & Greeters	Darrell S
Wedding Rehearsal Coordinator	Deb R
Worship Environment	Deb R
Youth Ministry	Manny M

**For MINISTRY INQUIRIES,
or to view our complete listing,
visit: www.stbarnabaslb.org/ministries**

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.



Text the word "ENROLL"
to 562-330-1646



Sign-up
thru Faith
Direct
then
enroll in
our
Text-To-
Give

membership.faithdirect.net/CA794

SUN: COFFEE & DONUTS

Coffee and Holy
Donuts will be
served this Sunday:



**NO COFFEE
& DONUTS
TODAY**

**Inquiring about Infant Baptisms,
Weddings, Funerals, & Anointing of the
Sick, contact our Parish Office at:
562-424-8595 or church@stbarnabaslb.org**

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

12/08/24: \$ 7,990.00
12/15/24: \$ 7,042.00



Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly
Contribution: \$ 7,247.64
Period: 12/01– 12/15

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:

**Eva
Talastas**

January 4~18



ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR(S):

Requested by: Cynthia Tan

**In Thanksgiving:
HOLY FAMILY CHOIR**

Dec. 30 ~ Jan. 5



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



NEW YEAR'S DAY!

We will have **ONE Mass** on this day only!
Wednesday, January 1st, 2024 at
9:00am (There will be **NO 7:00am Mass**)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.
Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;
as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

Observances for the week of December 29, 2024

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



Saint of the week

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) is the first woman doctor and working mom to be canonized. During her last pregnancy a uterine tumor was surgically removed so she could bring her daughter into the world, even at the expense of her own life.

•WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥

- 12/12: Robert & Fatima
12/18: Lal & Gigi Lalan (53yrs)
12/18: Rene & Cita Bago (46yrs)
12/21: Tom & Evelyn Costa (28yrs)
12/22: Felizardo & Concha Santos (43yrs)
12/23: Eddie & Rose Reyes (58yrs)
12/26: Sunny & Rosamma Michael (41yrs)
12/27: Virgil & Josette Sangria (47yrs)
12/27: Steven & Adriana Lake (45yrs)
12/28: Jeff & Lisa Johnson (39yrs)
12/30: Vasco & Julia Rodrigues (35yrs)



01/01: Victor & Joanne Perez

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR 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: OLIVIA / BULLETIN

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Friday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **"Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir



LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
TO MSGR. RINO FISICHELLA, PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL
FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION,
FOR THE JUBILEE 2025

To My Dear Brother
the Most Reverend Rino Fisichella
president of the Pontifical Council
for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

The Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church. Ever since 1300, when Boniface VIII instituted the first Holy Year – initially celebrated every hundred years, then, following its biblical precedent, every fifty years, and finally every twenty-five years – God’s holy and faithful people has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God. The faithful, frequently at the conclusion of a lengthy pilgrimage, draw from the spiritual treasury of the Church by passing through the Holy Door and venerating the relics of the Apostles Peter and Paul preserved in Roman basilicas. Down the centuries, millions upon millions of pilgrims have journeyed to these sacred places, bearing living witness to the faith professed in every age.



The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 ushered the Church into the third millennium of her history. Saint John Paul II had long awaited and greatly looked forward to that event, in the hope that all Christians, putting behind their historical divisions, could celebrate together the two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of humanity. Now, as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness. A significant step on this journey was already taken with the celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which allowed us to appreciate anew all the power and tenderness of the Father’s merciful love, in order to become, in our turn, its witnesses.

In the last two years, not a single country has been unaffected by the sudden outbreak of an epidemic that made us experience first-hand not only the tragedy of dying alone, but also the uncertainty and fleetingness of existence, and in doing so, has changed our very way of life. Together with all our brothers and sisters, we Christians endured those hardships and limitations. Our churches remained closed, as did our schools, factories, offices, shops, and venues for recreation. All of us saw certain freedoms curtailed, while the pandemic generated feelings not only of grief, but also, at times, of doubt, fear and disorientation. The scientific community quickly developed an initial remedy that is gradually permitting us to resume our daily lives. We are fully confident that the epidemic will be overcome and that the world will return to its usual pattern of personal relationships and social life. This will happen more readily to the extent that we can demonstrate effective solidarity, so that our neighbours most in need will not be neglected, and that everyone can have access to scientific breakthroughs and the necessary medicines.

We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, “The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food” (Lev 25:6-7).

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. Gen 2:15), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

To you, dear Brother, I entrust responsibility for finding suitable ways for the Holy Year to be planned and celebrated with deep faith, lively hope and active charity. The Dicastery charged with promoting the new evangelization can help make this season of grace a significant stimulus to the pastoral outreach of the particular Churches, both Latin and Eastern, which are called in these years to intensify their commitment to synodality. In this regard, our pilgrimage towards the Jubilee will express and confirm the shared journey that the Church is called to make, in order to be ever more fully a sign and instrument of unity in harmonious diversity. It will be important to foster a renewed awareness of the demands of the universal call to responsible participation by enhancing the charisms and ministries that the Holy Spirit never ceases to bestow for the building up of the one Church. The four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, together with the Magisterium of these recent decades, will continue to provide direction and guidance to God’s holy people, so that it can press forward in its mission of bringing the joyful proclamation of the Gospel to everyone.

As is customary, the Bull of Indiction, to be issued in due course, will contain the necessary guidelines for celebrating the Jubilee of 2025. In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great “symphony” of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single “heart and soul” (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God’s grace and to make the “Our Father,” the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.

I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the Church on the journey of preparation for the grace-filled event of the Jubilee, and to you and your co-workers, with gratitude, I cordially send my Blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 February 2022, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes.

POPE FRANCIS



Thank You to our December 21st & 22nd Joshua 24 Families!



Villa Family:
Daniel, Hilda & Children
Sun, Dec 22 @ 9am



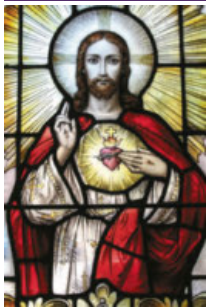
Are you a Joshua 24 Family?

"As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."
-Joshua 24:15



Your family can
serve at mass!
Usher, Gift Bearers, etc

Contact the
Parish Office to
sign up!



•FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:00am: Mass
8:00am-9:00am: Confession
9:00am-12Noon: Adoration (spend time w/Jesus)
5:00pm-6:00pm: Adoration (spend time w/Jesus)
6:00pm: Stations of the Cross
6:30pm: Mass of Anointing of the sick



•FIRST SATURDAY NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

7:00am: Mass
7:30am: Novena/Devotion & Prayers

•ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS SPONSOR FLOWERS FOR A WEEK

Sponsor our weekly Altar Flowers in honor of a loved one, or special occasion, call the Parish Office at: 562-424-8595 or E-mail: church@stbarnabaslb.org to book your week. Suggested Donation/Cost: \$100-\$125 — this includes a Mass Intention date of your choosing & bulletin spotlight. (depends on availability)



•CONGRATULATIONS 12/15/24 INFANT BAPTISM

Zion Markus Tumamak Granados
Elias Socorro
Vincent Craig Harper III



•WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT TEAM WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US!

Do you like to decorate? We need volunteers, especially for the upcoming Christmas/Holiday season! If so, call Deb: 562-209-2458. Thanks for your time!



**If you would like to
purchase a mug for a
loved one as a gift, or for
yourself... these mugs
are available to buy at
just \$10/each! Get one
while supplies last!**

•YOUTH MINISTRY: DECEMBER 12/30: NO MEETING! ENJOY THE HOLIDAY!

We meet on Mondays: 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

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer:

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation — God becoming human!



December 25, 2024

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Christmas & Jubilee Year Blessings to you!

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (Jn 1:1). This is what we celebrate at Christmas. Our God chose to be born among us sharing in our human nature except sin. His birth brings tremendous joy and hope for us and indeed for all humanity. We would probably share the joy of Christmas in many ways with our family and friends. The best would be sharing Jesus' love with others which surpasses any prejudice, division, hatred, and indifference. The Christmas invites us to share the love of Jesus through our words and deeds. When we do so, we would be delighted to join the multitude of the heavenly host with the angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favors rests" (Lk 2:14).

Jesus' birth provides hope for our dispirited hearts. There could be many among us struggling at this very moment due to personal hardships, health issues, family problems, difficulties in marriage, challenges with our children, educational difficulties, financial hardships, and work-related issues. Please know that Jesus brings you hope for a better life. Prophet Isaiah reminds us that the "people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." (Is 9:1-1). Jesus is the light that dispels the darkness in the world. Therefore, I invite you to trust in Jesus and entrust your lives to Him. Saint Pope John Paul II constantly invited the young people to give their lives to Christ. It is in giving our lives to Jesus that we experience his saving grace. My prayer is that you would continue to give your hearts to Jesus and invite your family and friends to do the same. In the spirit of 'Eucharistic Revival Missionary Initiatives' in our parish, I encourage you to 'Walk With One' of your fallen away family members or friends from Mass and encourage them to return to the family of God.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the Year of Jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." The Holy Father Recognizes how we suffered during the recent pandemic with tremendous losses of human lives, and experienced feelings of grief, doubt, fear, and hopelessness. He also recognizes the current conflicts in the world which destabilized peace and prosperity. So, the Holy Father exhorts: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire." I believe that this call for 'Hope in Christ' is comforting for all of us in one way or another. May we place all our hope in Jesus and entrust ourselves to the care of Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God!

Together with Fr. James, the Finance and Pastoral Councils, Parish, and School Staff, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Hope Filled Jubilee Year 2025!

With Blessings,

Rev. Antony Gaspar
Rev. Dr. Antony J. Gaspar
Pastor



KNIGHTS KORNER

 [kofc_3449_barnabas](https://www.instagram.com/kofc_3449_barnabas)

The Knights of Columbus Judge Walter Desmond Council #3449 continued its busy December: Hosting Day 7 of the Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception on Saturday, December 21st & replacing the Sacristy light switches.



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KNIGHTS IN ACTION

•PENNIES FOR THE POOR! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



We want to thank all the children and parents who contributed to the "Pennies for the Poor" fund. We are pleased to announce that the funds collected are making a difference in the lives of those affected by the recent Hurricane in North Carolina. Your donations are helping purchase Christmas gifts for schoolchildren from families impacted by the disaster at the Parish of Immaculate Conception in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

The fund has also assisted two single mothers in Long Beach with their utility bills, providing vital relief and support. Thank you for your compassion and commitment to our community and beyond.

Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It...

In families, husbands and wives marry in love, then see their love deepen through the myriad good times and challenges of a lifetime of marriage. The mission of the family is not for the fainthearted. It entails sacrifice and sometimes heartache, but all of that is meant to bring spouses closer together and further along the path to holiness. If they are blessed to become parents, they are tasked with teaching their children how to be human. What a concept! Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at:

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•ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCES OF CHARITY

Did you know St. Vincent de Paul of Los Angeles is more than just a thrift store? Among other things, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles also supports those in need in our communities through a network of local volunteer groups in Catholic Church parishes called "Conferences of Charity".



St. Barnabas is exploring becoming a St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Charity to help people in need in our local community.

An informational meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, at 6:30pm. If you're curious about becoming a Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteer or a "Vincentian," **please join us in the Parish Hall on January 7th at 6:30pm. (New date & time)** We hope to see you there!

Questions: Please contact Chris Smithson at (562) 243-6896 or Michelle Smithson at (310) 344-7862



Virtual Diaconate Information Day

The Baptism of the Lord

Our Vocation as Christians begins with baptism.

A vocation as a deacon flows through baptismal grace in service of others.

**Presentaciones también
en Español**



**Sunday, January 12,
2025 | 2 pm—4 pm**

**The Voice of the Lord is
mighty (Ps 29:4)**

**Let us help discern with
you a possible vocation to
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Next Sessions: April 6, 2025

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•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 Dec 28 5:00 p.m.	Feast of The Holy Innocents Birthday: Sophie Reyes; George Vasquez Repose: +Lois & +Richard Watson; +Martha Martinez-Alpoepa; +Juanito & +Yvonne Cuico
Sun Dec 29 7:00 a.m.	St. Barnabas Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Birthday: Richard Quiloan (40th); Neio Acosta; Anthony Topete Thanksgiving: Boye Family Healing: Dania Gonzalez Repose: +Julian Yap; +Felicesimo Ramos Jr.; +Encarnacion Medina; +Rosario Ablang; +Gabriel Topete Death Anniversary: +Kevin David Peterson; +Leora Janson Sipp
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Jennifer & Dennis Rubi; McLester Manangan Special Intentions: Tricia, Mia & Trevor Jimenez Repose: +Benjamin Hipalito II; + Benjamin Hipalito III; +Angel Narciso; +Herminio Manangan; +Andrew Manangan; +Carmen Dollente
12:30 p.m.	Birthday: Rose Lucero Special Intentions: Tom & Karen Lind; Riza & Lito Yacas Repose: +Augusto and +Milagros Pasamonte; +Manuel & +Felonilla Ponce; +Benigno Quindog; +Antonio Mercado; +Perpetua Mercado; +Eduardo Tenebroso 9th Day of Death: +Lupe Barrera
Mon Dec 30 7:00 a.m.	35th Wedding Anniversary: Vasco & Julia Rodrigues Death Anniversary: +Lolita Hansen; +Luis Jully
Tue Dec 31 7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Rosemarie Medalla Special Intentions: World Peace Repose: +Silvestre Noronha; +Fe Medina
Wed Jan 1 9:00 a.m.	OLPH Devotees Wedding Anniversary: Victor & Joanne Perez Special Intention: Angus Family Repose: +Angela Miranda
Thur Jan 2 7:00 a.m.	Parish Office Staff
Fri Jan 3 7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Christine Angeles; Sangria Family Repose: +Espiridion Pablo; +Genoveva Virata; +Virgilio & +Gracia Mendoza 6th Death Anniversary: +Joseph Villegas
6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving: Legion of Mary
Sat Jan 4 7:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving: Pepito & Thelma Angeles

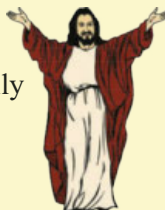
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- Angel Perez and family
- Neil & Mary Cate Ries & Family
- Danielle Garcia
- Jorge Valadez & Jenna McCombie & family
- Jerry & Jacqueline Avila
- Gabriela Zamora
- Margarita Kleinman
- Sydney Mendoza-Beck



•PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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

AP Sarmiento, 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, Deacon Carlito & Rose de los Reyes, Alvino Jauregui, Tina Quinn*, Bridget Vanderwerff, Carmela Chiurazzi, Eva Talastas, The Dorsey Family, MaryAnn Salas*, Ted & Terri Furlow, Maxym Velazquez, Phillip Reher, Lucy Galletes*, Elizabeth N. Gabrillo*, 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, 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, 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., Adam Koffler, Mia*, Veda, Louie Reyes, Samuel Chavez, Juan Carlos Vincent, Gretchen Hetzler, Emma Martinez, Mary Rende & Family, Jim Moore, Josephin, Cecilio Bautista, Emily Dunn*, Elizabeth Lazarte*, Owen Maternal*, Ernesto Corpuz*, Martin Widener, Marilyn Clark*, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Richard Van Vooren, Richard Bourque, Tom Skeren III, Nathaniel Espinoza, Gladys Roberts*, Esperanza Trujillo, Frank Battaglia, Aurora Tadic*, Julie & Franco Atienza, Agyn Atienza, John Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Skeren, Dorothy Clay, Hermelindo Chavez, Jordan, Stefan Uhlar, Christina McClure & Family, Alice Almeida, Gilberto Topete, Nathan Topete, Dania Gonzalez*, Cecilia Canchola*, Jason, Cale, Michele, Jacque, Stacey, Tecla, Marlize, Francisco Reyes, Justina Ramos, Corkey Stillwell, Alwina Stillwell, Diane Sharp, Charles M. Mirira, Sheila Nyakio, Baby Maina, Ashley, Valentine Judy Andrade & Family Tree, Amara G. Riparip*, Precy de Lara, Marife de Lara, Edwin de Lara. Maria A. Laurel, Maria L. Laurel, Hector Morales, Aurelio Sanchez, Manuel Torres, Matthew Herreid, Patricia Pagay, Luis Figueiredo, Avery Morgia, Dixie Moran*, Alberto Toledo*, Rodney Benjamin, Lilly Burton*, Virginia Castillo, Julio Rivera, Jackie Spiziri, Mary Ann Homan, Connie Dobberpuhl, Jan Karsko, Jeanine Chester*, Zuzana Vikrutova, Arturo Garcia, Michael Periat, Mary Sabate, Paul Heidrick, Rev. Goyo Hidalgo, Leilani Rios*, Ruben Perez, Vilma E. Arevalo*, Stephen S, Ruby S, Gwenlisa Davis, Mario Rodriguez, Opal Buchanan, Jonathan Holiday, Vincent Ratcliff, Oscar Rodriguez & Family, Pam Morog, Josefa Ballesteros*, Mary Aguilar*, Alden Hutchinson, Joyce Elizes*, Sally-Ann Thomas, Theresa Martin, Jennifer DeCoteau, Maridel Crisostomo*, Debra Hart*, Ann Primising, Helen Bauman*, James Cole, Johnny Rimas, Esperanza Ybarra, Rosalie Feeney, Yolanda Tañedo*, Jose Siasoyco, Marie Passi, Dylan Hoyt, Melissa Gonzalez*, Manny Mejia*, Veronica Mejia*, David Farragher, Henry Dumo, Dani & Mohun Family, Cybil Nelson, Ramon Chavez*, Ali R & Family, Celestine Repollo, Jerry Sims, M. Castillo*, Manny Fabrigas, Cynthia Tan, Selene Lana Tajelle Diaz, Jillian Castillo, Ken Capacete, Diva Michelle Vasquez, Victor A. Bracamonte*, Mari Archer, Gwenlisa Davis-Rodriguez, Fely Tecson, Armida Persello

•IN MEMORY OF

(Those who recently have passed)

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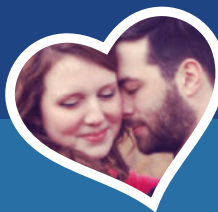
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