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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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•MASS TIMES•

Mon-Sat: 7:00am

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm

Thur: 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)

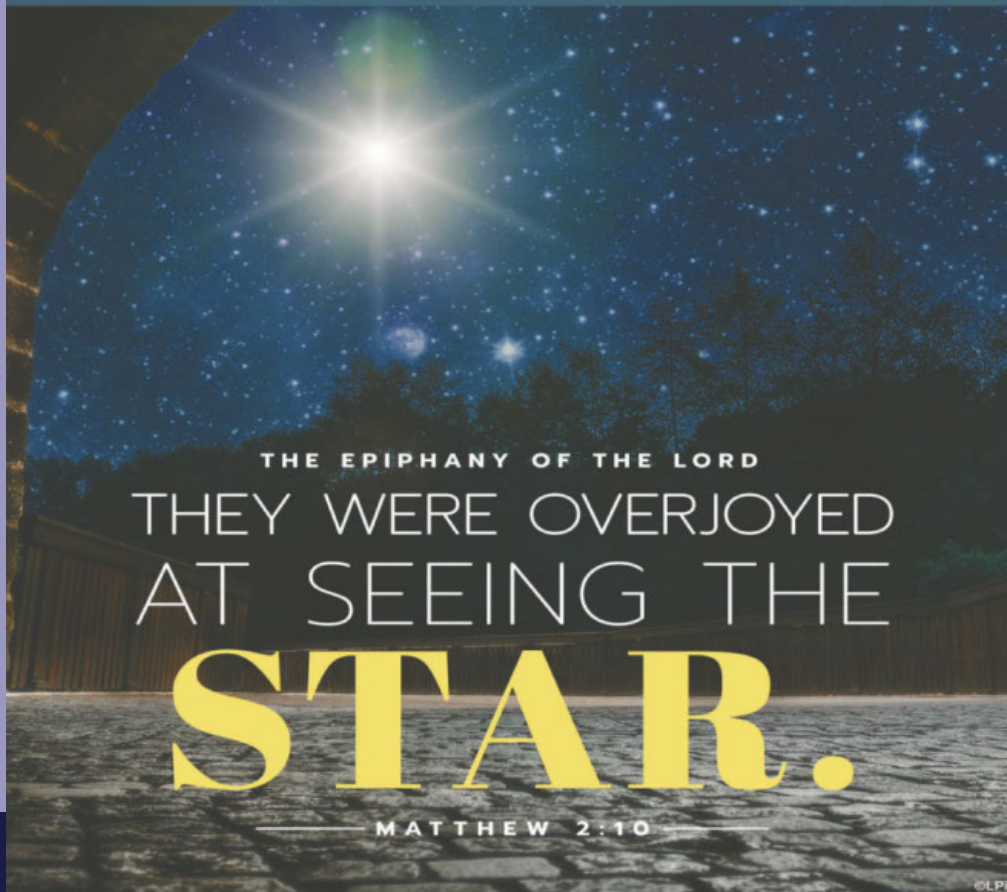
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"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, JANUARY 5, 2025



MARK YOUR CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

01/06-01/19: India Pilgrimage

01/07: St. Vincent de Paul Charity Info Night/6:30pm/Parish Hall

01/12: Coffee & Holy Donuts/8am-11am/Parish Hall

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
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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
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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.



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our
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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.

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Weekly Prayer

PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA

Please pray for all our Parishioners who are on Pilgrimage in India. May they have a safe & spiritual experience!

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

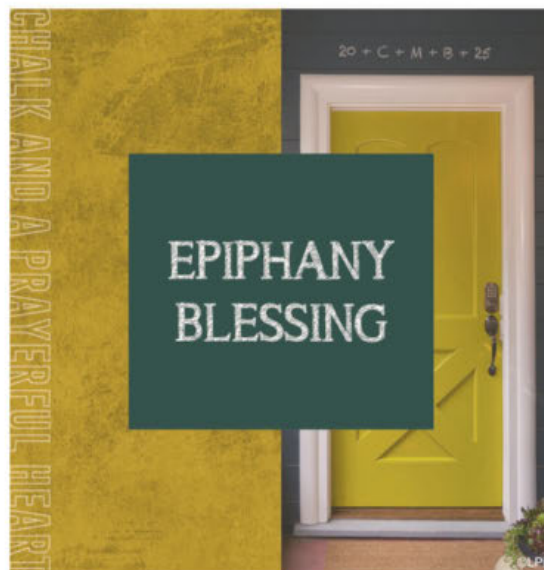
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

Observances for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

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

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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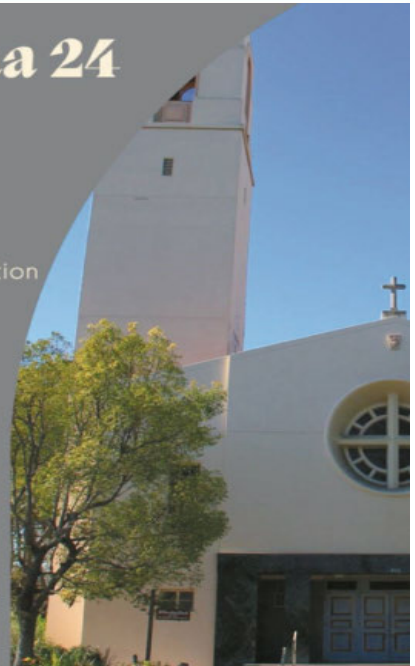
Serve at Mass!

- Usher/Greeter
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- Receive a Mass Intention

Contact the
Parish Office for
Available Masses:
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As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."
—Joshua 24:15



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11).** Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— 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





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



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?



Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

The family gathers to ask God for the blessing of their home and that of those who inhabit or visit it. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, in our chores, our comings and goings, our conversations, our jobs and games, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way to do this is to use chalk to write on the entrance of the home:

20 + C + M + B + 25.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three wise men: Gaspar (Caspar in Latin), Melchor and Baltasar. They are also short for the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, that is, "May Christ bless this house." The symbol "+" represents the cross and 2025 is the year.

Instructions for blessing the home

Using blessed chalk, write the following on the lintel of your front door:

20 + C + M + B + 25

... As you recite:

The three Wise Men, Gaspar, Melchior and Baltasar followed the star of the Son of God who became man two thousand twenty-three years ago. May the Lord bless this home and be with us during this new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

We ask you, Lord, to bless this house and all those who live in it: may there always be love, peace and forgiveness in this home; may we who live here always have sufficiency of material goods and abundance of virtues; may we be welcoming and sensitive to the needs of others; may we praise you in joy, Lord, and seek you in sadness; at work may we find the joy of your help, and in need feel close to your comfort; when we go out, may we enjoy your company, and when we return, experience the joy of having you as a guest; may this house truly be a domestic church where the Word of God is light and food, and may the peace of Christ reign in our hearts until one day we reach our heavenly home. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Chalking the door of the home is a way to celebrate and literally leave a mark on the occasion of Epiphany and for God's blessing on our lives and homes. Over time, the chalk will rub off. As it does so, we will let the meaning of the Latin words deepen in our hearts and manifest in our words and actions: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house."

KNIGHTS KORNER

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The Knights of Columbus Judge Walter Desmond Council #3449 adopted a needy family for Christmas. Our Brother Knights provided funds and gifts to help the family celebrate the gift of Our Lord's birth on Christmas Day.



**Wishing You a
Blessed Christmas
and a Grace-filled New Year!**

•WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ♥

01/01: Victor & Joanne Perez

01/07: Sam & Sonia Christi (6yrs)



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
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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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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.

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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
the diaconate.**

Next Sessions: April 6, 2025

To register email Deacon Melecio Zamora at dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org
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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 Jan 4 5:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving: Holy Family Choir Special Intentions: Marilyn Kaminski
Sun Jan 5 7:00 a.m.	The Epiphany of the Lord Repose: +Conchita & +Andres Manalo 18th Death Anniversary: +Michael Paraiso
9:00 a.m.	Repose: +Josefina A. Rago
11:00 a.m.	St. Barnabas Parishioners
12:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving: St. Barnabas Parish Ministries
Mon Jan 6 7:00 a.m.	Safe Travels: Parishioners traveling to India
Tue Jan 7 7:00 a.m.	6th Wedding Anniversary: Sam & Sonia Christi
Wed Jan 8 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	OLPH Devotees OLPH Devotees
Thur Jan 9 7:00 a.m.	Parish Office Staff & Volunteers
Fri Jan 10 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: George Madriaga
Sat Jan 11 7:00 a.m.	Birthday: Kayla Long; Citas Pascua

We apologize if you do not see your requested mass intention name above. Due to an early bulletin deadline, it may not have made it to print. It will still be mentioned during the Mass.

"What was the favorite dessert of the king who brought gold?"



"Karat cake!"



Fun Fact!
The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus. We remember them on Epiphany!

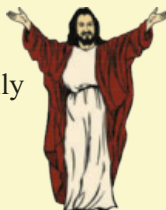
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- Angel Perez and family
- Neil & Mary Cate Ries & Family
- Danielle Garcia
- Jorge Valadez & Jenna McCombie & family
- Jerry & Jacqueline Avila
- Gabriela Zamora
- Margarita Kleinman
- Sydney Mendoza-Beck



•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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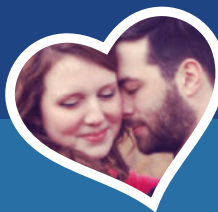
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