

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar

### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

Rev. James Dass

**Business Manager/Director of Liturgy:** 

Samanth Christi

Office Secretary: Dona Trenkle Weekend Secretary: Andrea Marquez Multimedia Manager: Olivia Baylen

#### MASS TIMES

Mon-Sat: 7:00am Sat Vigil: 5:00pm

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 7:00pm Our Lady of (& Adoration) Perpetuál 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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

01/26: SBS Open House & Breakfast

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

01/28: Helping Hands Ministry Mtg/7pm/Parish Hall

02/02: Scout Sunday!

02/02: Coffee & Holy Donuts/8am-11am/Parish Hall

02/03: Feast of St. Blaise/"Blessing of the throats" (after 7am Mass)

02/08-02/14: National Marriage 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.

IISTRIES
Faye R
Erika M
Jay G
Laura L Chris C
Olivia B
Bill M
Dave A
Roy R/Faye R
Itima E
Brian S
David S (Church)
Helen C (Homebound)
Joey K
Jessica C
Bob F
David A
Reggie V
Marina C
Helen C
Cynthia T
Reggie V
Mary C S/Mary S
Susan C
Armando P Gigi L
Tricia J
Sean F
Sandra S
Andrea M/Susana M
Robert K
Sahlee B/Armando P
Elizabeth C
Rose M/Bernie M
Michelle S/Chris S
Darrell S
Deb R
Monica V
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. 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 Office. Thanks for your cooperation.



### **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

12/29/24: \$ 7,395.28 01/05/25: \$ 8,100.00

Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution: 6,534.94

Period: 12/16-12/31

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

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

Fred & Letty Montoya

Jan. 18 ~ Feb. 4



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR(S):**

Requested by: Diane Chavez

In Memory of: Samuel Rodriguez & Maria G. Mendoza

*January 20~26* 

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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PRE-SCHOOL / DAYCARE Main: (562) 988-8481

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Youth Ministry: Manny Magallanes 213-948-7762 (cell/text)



# Weekly Prayer

# WELCOME BACK FROM INDIA Let us welcome back a safe trip home to all our Parishioners & Pastor from their pilgrimage trip from India!

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

#### Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

#### Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

#### Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the servants at Cana. Each of us, at various times, finds ourselves confused and unsure, empty where we should be full, unprepared where we should be ready. When we falter, Mary's words give us direction: "Do whatever he tells you."

## Observances for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Saturday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



### Devotions, Explained!

The Angelus is an ancient devotion whose practice developed over the course of several centuries. It is composed of three antiphons that tell the story of the annunciation, each followed by a Hail Mary. It is usually said daily at noon.

## Prayer for the Miraculous

Oh God,
Oh God beyond my
understanding,
Bring Your soul-stirring power
into my life today.
In the places where people are
saying, "It can't be done" or
"There's no solution," act in such
a way that responds: "There is a
way, and there is a God, and He
loves me."

Amen.

#### A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the visiting Priests who come to help say Mass this month! We are so blessed!

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

#### Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

#### Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/ Mk 2:23-28

#### Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday:

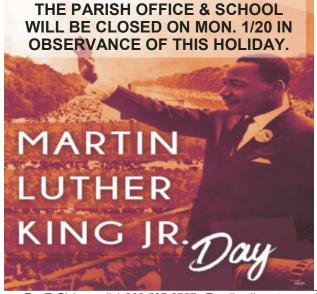
Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mk 3:13-19

#### Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18

#### **Next Sunday:**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4: 4:14-21





# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

- Father John Muir

Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier were roommates at the University of Paris, but they couldn't have been more different. Ignatius was in his late thirties and intent on becoming a priest, while Francis was a young 20something with worldly ambitions. As their friendship grew, Ignatius encouraged Francis to consider doing something more with his life. Francis eventually became a priest, one of the first members of the Society of Jesus. and a missionary to Asia, where he died in service of God's kingdom.

There's probably someone in your life whom God is calling to himself but who doesn't seem interested in spiritual things. Is God calling YOU to befriend that person?

Learn more at eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one



# Monica prayed for Augustine. Ambrose accompanied him. Who will you walk with?

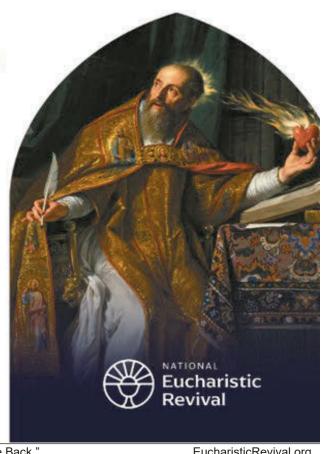
#### GO WALK WITH ONE

Everyone is called to evangelize, and it's not as hard as you might think. Walk With One is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person-someone whom Jesus longs to bring into relationship with himself and his Church.



Learn more about this initiative, access resources, and receive prayer support at eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one.

Scan the QR code to get started!





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APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Prot. N. 22989/25

January 11th, 2025

Your Excellency:

I forward the following message, signed by His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of His Holiness Pope Francis, conveying heartfelt prayers and profound spiritual closeness to all those affected by the devastating fires in Los Angeles County.

THE MOST REVEREND JOSÉ H. GÓMEZ ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES

SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE FIRES NEAR LOS ANGELES, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ASSURES YOU AND THE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY OF HIS SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS. ENTRUSTING THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED TO THE LOVING MERCY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, HIS HOLINESS SENDS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR LOSS. HE LIKEWISE PRAYS FOR THE RELIEF EFFORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, AND IMPARTS HIS BLESSING TO ALL AS A PLEDGE OF CONSOLATION AND STRENGTH IN THE LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN SECRETARY OF STATE

Joining the Holy Father's sentiments of solidarity with you and the faithful of Los Angeles in this moment of sorrow, I likewise offer our heartfelt prayers, with warmest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Cardinal Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio

Most Reverend José H. Gómez Archbishop of Los Angeles 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010



#### **NEED OF ASSISTANCE?**

- ◆ Call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Los Angeles (SVDPLA) at 1-888-552-7872 for food items, clothing, hygiene kits, etc.
- ◆ To apply for federal disaster assistance or to find further resources in your areas, please visit www.disasterassistance.gov
- ◆ Visit *fire.ca.gov* to view the latest fire maps and information from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

We are devastated to see the suffering, destruction, and loss caused by the wildfires in several communities in Los Angeles County. We meet these moments of crisis through faith and trust in God's care. Our prayers are with all those affected by these fires, and we offer these intentions to add to your personal prayers.

#### Let us pray as one family in our time of need:

- •May our Church be a place of refuge and safety; enable Church communities to offer hospitality and practical support to all in need
- In the midst of disaster beyond our control, empower us to reach out in love to others, mending what is broken, and bringing hope where there is despair
- We pray for all who have suffered physical harm; help us to accompany and support them in the process of healing
- May all who are displaced and suffering due to the wildfires find shelter, support, and kindness through the charitable actions of people of goodwill
- May the Christian community graciously accompany all those whose lives have been disrupted and endangered by fires and other severe weather as they seek refuge from harm, endeavor to recover, and find new ways to flourish
- May we strive to embody Jesus' promise of comfort for those who mourn for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, homes, and livelihoods because of the wildfires
- For all emergency responders police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel may God protect them as they put their lives on the line to serve others
- For firefighters, police officers, paramedics, medical teams, and all first responders who work tirelessly during disasters, may they be protected from harm, strengthened in their service, and guided by God's wisdom in all they do

### •SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION

### FOR THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

We will be taking up a special 2nd collection for several weeks of donation relief for the current California wildfires.



We also have set-up a link to Faith Direct where you can donate to this fund via online. (Or visit, below)

Thanks for your kindness and generosity during this devastating time.

https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/CA794/58312

# **Liturgical** Life

### YOUTH MINISTRY: JANUARY

01/20: NO MEETING! | 01/27: Game Night!

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

# CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

#### Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid's birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn't a big deal but come on. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang "Happy Birthday" and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

I'll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it's such a silly little miracle. I don't mean to be disrespectful — of course it's an incredibly important moment in Christ's public life. But it's not healing a leper. It's not raising the dead. It's not even walking on water. It's saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It's so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus' attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn't answer him, because, between you and me, I don't think he's asking her. I think he's asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: "Do whatever he tells you."

I'm so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

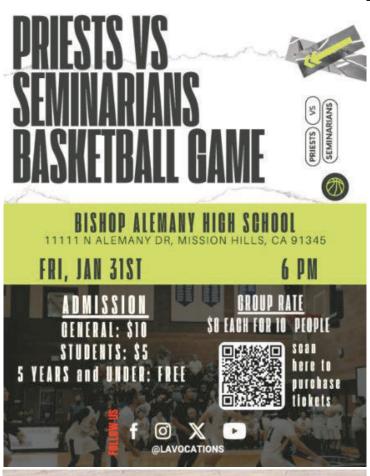
Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

#### Answer:

The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the Church is universal. there are many local customs and saints that each country. sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the Church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the Church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

Christmas and the Immaculate Conception are always observed as days of obligation. In the USA we celebrate six holy days of obligation. There are also other special days and they are ranked, in order of importance as solemnity, feast, memorial and optional memorial.







We seek to gather leaders in the Church to encounter God's refreshment, encouragement and impartation of greater anointing for ministry. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Eucharistic adoration, Spiritled worship, inspiring keynote speakers, healing service, prophetic ministry, and fellowship.

<u>REGISTER NOW</u>: https:// encounterministries.regfox.com/2025-los-angelesregional-conference







# Shining Lights: Seek and Save

A Panel Discussion on Human Trafficking

"Those whom man enslaves, God sets free."

Taken from a Prayer to St. Bakhita

#### Date:

Saturday, February 15, 2025

#### Time:

9am-12pm

#### Location:

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 5011 White Oak Avenue Encino, CA. 91316

#### Goals:

- Knowledge and Awareness of Human Trafficking
- What is the role of the Church?
- What is the role of an individual?



#### Bring on the Wine!

When a young couple falls in love, the fascination they have for each other seems boundless. The joy they share is like the "new wine" generously poured out for the guests in the Wedding at Cana. As time goes by, the pressures of raising children, making ends meet, and the routine of daily life sets in, sometimes leaving the couple to wonder, "what happened to our wine?" Through the sacramental grace of Marriage, Jesus still turns the ordinary water of daily routine into the best wine for our abundant life. Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at:



www.radiatelove.info



# CHRISTMAS TREE SPONSORS

We would like to say a special thank you to the families who sponsored our real Christmas Trees (big & small) on the Altar. We appreciate your help in making it festive!

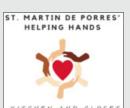
• Bernard Biscocho & Family

- The Mbagwu Family
- Cindy & Joe Sauter
- **Robert Fuentes & Family**



### •WE NEED USHERS/GREETERS **VOLUNTEER & JOIN OUR MINISTRY**

We are in need of Ushers/Greeters, especially for our 11am and 12:30pm Masses. If you attend those Masses, come join us, we need your help! Contact Darrell: 562-424-8982 or email: dstew40@gmail.com



**Next Ministry Meeting for SMDP Helping Hands Ministry:** 

### **TUESDAY: JANUARY 28TH**

New members are welcome to join! 7:00pm in the Parish Hall!

**Contact: Michelle or Chris** 310-344-7862 or 562-243-6896

## KNIGHTS KORNER

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The Knights of Columbus Judge Desmond Council Walter #3449 assisted the Worship Environment other volunteers with Team and removing the Christmas decorations after the final mass of the Christmas Season













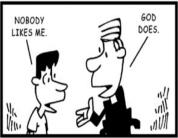
Knights at Work!

#### 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.

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Repose: +Rocio Baldoni; +Oscar Aguas; +Carmen Martinez
All St. Barnabas Parishioners
Birthday: Jacob Topete (6th); Rico Octavo; Warren Boyd Thanksgiving: Senen & Tina Gonzales; Christine & Antonio Boyd Repose: +Felicisimo Ramos Jr.; +Marta Hizon Death Anniversary: +Juan Magarro
Birthday: Norma Sibayan Thanksgiving: Manalang-Demigillo Family; Don & Len Torres Repose: +Pascal Reid; +Kelly Reid; +Renata DeVilla Death Anniversary: +Romulo Abrogar
Thanksgiving: Servants of the Eucharist Choir Death Anniversary: +Maxima Zarate
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Birthday: Charlenne Aglipay; Felicidad Astom Death Anniversary: +Teodora Mendoza; +Vencia Batiancila
Thanksgiving: Mbagwu Family Death Anniversary: +Angel Medina
Thanksgiving: Fuentes Family Healing: Carter Frando (newborn infant)  OLPH Devotees
Birthday: Marnie Domingo; John Guiritan
Birthday: London Bago
All Names in Memoriam Room Repose: +Remedios Pasamonte

#### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





### •WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Y

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* | ATTN: OLIVIA / BULLETIN

### •WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS!

# NEW PARISHIONERS OR RE-REGISTERED • Randolf & Marian Granados & family

- Hector & Paola Sandoval & family
- Kyle & Jasmine Blakeman & family
- Wyett & Kelsey Stoddard
- Vincent & Jeneva Harper & family
- Ramon & Monica Sarinana
- Michael & Rachel Veloz & Family
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