



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2015

# ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3955 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, California 90807 | (562) 424-8595

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** *"We, the Catholic Community of St. 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."*

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

## MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY** 8:00 AM  
(VIGIL) 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY** 7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:45 AM  
12:30 PM  
5:30 PM

**MONDAY-FRIDAY** 8:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY** 6:30 PM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/MASS

Adoration 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

1st Friday of the month Mass 7:30 pm

## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA/MASS

Wednesday Rosary 6:15 pm

(Novena after Mass) Mass 6:30 pm



## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

1st Friday of the month 7:15 am - 7:50 am

Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

### Baptisms

4th Sunday of the month 2:30 pm  
by prior registration

### Marriages

Please contact Priest 6 months prior

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office

## The two become one flesh.

—Genesis 2:24

### TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

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*Almost everything said of  
God is unworthy, for the very  
reason that it is capable of  
being said.*

—St. Gregory the Great

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION**

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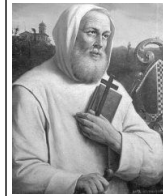
Collection on the Twenty-sixth  
Sunday of Ordinary Time:

**\$ 12,694.90**

Thank you for your prayerful giving.  
Your generosity supports the operations  
of our Church Parish Community.

## **SAINT OF THE DAY**

**Saint Bruno of Cologne**  
**Feast Day: October 6**



Born in Cologne c.1030 he chose the life of a hermit early on and founded the Carthusian order in which the solitude of the hermit's life was combined with a minimal form of community life. He was summoned to Rome by Pope Urban II to assist with the needs of the Church but nevertheless managed to spend the last years of his life in a monastery. He died in 1101 in Serra San Bruno.

Source: <http://www.swide.com/saint-of-the-day/>

## **DAILY ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY**

Please join us in reciting  
the Rosary every morning  
(Monday through  
**Saturday**) at **7:35 am**  
before daily Mass. It is a beautiful and  
spiritual way to start your day.



Divine Mercy

Every day following  
weekday Mass, we invite  
you to join us for the  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy.  
**It starts about five  
minutes after Mass  
(around 8:35 am).** It can  
be the best fifteen minutes  
of the day. If you cannot join us,  
perhaps you can join the Divine Mercy  
on EWTN television channel at noon.

## **THE KIDS' BULLETIN**

Take home some fun in God's Word,  
grab a copy of "The Kids' Bulletin" at  
the exits of the Church after Mass!



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**COFFEE & DONUTS  
AVAILABLE AFTER  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM  
& 10:45 AM  
MASSES AT THE  
PARISH CENTER!**



## Mark Your Calendar

- 10/4 1st Yr Confirmation starts
- 10/4 Fil-Am Association Meeting 6:30p/Parish Hall
- 10/10 Landscape Committee 9a/Virgin Mary Grotto
- 10/10 Public Square Rosary Crusade 12p/Cherry Park
- 10/13 Virtus Training Session 7:00p/RSVP/Parish Hall
- 10/31 All Hallows Eve
- 11/1 All Saints Day (Holy day of obligation)
- 11/2 All Souls Day

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 5th

8:00 am- Jose Palaganas+

### Tuesday, October 6th

8:00 am- Emmelen Aurea M.

### Wednesday, October 7th

8:00 am - Leo Baltazar+

6:30 pm- Elvira Soliz+, Ovidio Parayano+  
& Thanksgiving for Birthday of Rose Sabate

### Thursday, October 8th

8:00 am - Clarence Bevington, Jr.+

### Friday, October 9th

8:00 am - Maria Luisa Memije

### Saturday, October 10th

8:00 am - Mauro & Silverno Alejo+

5:00 pm- Souls of the Santos Family, recently Efrén Santos+

### Sunday, October 11th

7:30 am - Intention of Andres & Lydia Aguinaldo

9:00 am - Intentions of St. Barnabas Parishioners

10:45 am- Candida Del Mundo+

12:30 pm- Bonifacio & Hermenia Avancena+

5:30 pm- Jose Grobe Bautista Jr.+

*\*Book your Mass Intentions in person, at the Parish Office.*

## Pray For The Sick

### The following names have been recently added:

Margarita Kleinman, Lyle Raymond, Dennis Abrajano & Ana Maria Gonzalez.

All are encouraged to pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which will be presented at each Mass. Call the Office to be added to the list. You may also write your own prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Book that is available before each Saturday and Sunday Mass, located on a stand at the back of the Church.

## We Remember...

*We Pray for and remember our parishioners who have died.*

- Luella Diel (9/5)
- Ernesto Mezza (9/9)
- Mercedes De La Cruz (9/18)
- Alfredo Lopez (9/21)
- Marie Courville (9/25)

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

**Psalm** — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin

(Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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## Readings For The Week

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;

Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

## Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Simhat Torah (Jewish observance)  
begins at sunset

Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday: St. Denis and Companions;  
St. John Leonardi

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



## Parish News

### ARE YOU REGISTERED AT OUR PARISH?

We welcome all newcomers to the neighborhood and those who have been attending our Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations.

“Active” membership at a Parish 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 and to prepare one’s children for the Sacraments. To be an “active” member is to participate in the life of prayer and stewardship in the Parish. All adults over the age of 21, living with their parents or on their own, must register in the Parish to be considered members. The use of the offering envelopes may also help you to qualify for tax incentives. Participating in one or more of the ministries offered by the Parish is proof of the sharing of time and talent for the greater good of our Church Community. If you are not registered with our Parish, please pick up a registration form at the Parish Office, or print one from our website at [www.stbarnabaslb.org](http://www.stbarnabaslb.org). If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the Parish Office and we will be happy to help you sign up.

### VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is requiring that all ADULTS who work or volunteer, with or around children/youth/vulnerable adults, within the Parish Church, School, Religious Education, Scouts, etc., paid as well as volunteers, attend a VIRTUS Training Session to be more aware of the safety of all of our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

#### **\*Our next training session at St. Barnabas:**

**Tues. Oct. 13, 2015 from 7pm-10pm, Parish Hall**

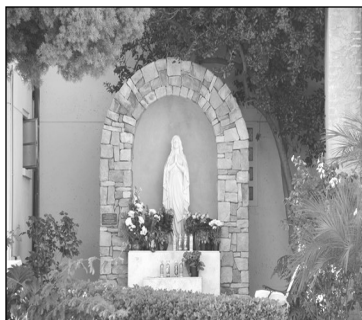
**You MUST RSVP to Rel Ed. at (562) 988-6855**

Re-certification is required every 4 years prior to expiration date. You may find other training sessions by visiting [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Select “Registration” on the left (St. Barnabas is listed in the Los Angeles-San Pedro Region). Please visit the Parish Website at [www.stbarnabaslb.org](http://www.stbarnabaslb.org) for more details.

### LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

We will have our first meeting and work party on **Saturday, October 10th, at the Virgin Mary Grotto between the Church and the Parish Office at 9am.** Bring gloves, some sort of digging implement like a garden spade or a shovel and as cutting tool like a hand

held small branch cutter. We need to do some weeding and bush trimming. We will also solicit ideas as to most pleasing landscape for the church. Call Bob Kalowes (562) 225 1946 or email: [bobkalowes@hotmail.com](mailto:bobkalowes@hotmail.com).



## Parish Ministries

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Preschool, Elementary, Jr High and Confirmation have begun! Visit the church website for additional information and forms.

- Religious Ed & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Classes have already started, but it’s not too late to register.
- 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation will begin, Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

### CALLED TO BE A RELIGIOUS ED VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for great Catholics to share our faith with **7th & 8th Grade youth on Sundays from 10:30am-12pm.** This is a great age as our youth begin to live a faith that is their own and is not only rules, but a treasure trove of incredible teachings and beliefs. Jesus becomes not just a name, but a relationship to trust.

We are also seeking to add to our **Children’s Liturgy Team at 9am on 1st Sundays.** Our team leads the children out with the Word of God, to the hall, where they listen to the Sunday readings in the Children’s Lectionary. They receive a homily in their language, participate in a quick craft to reinforce the lessons & return to church to join in the Offertory! If you feel the Holy Spirit pulling you in any of these directions, please call Religious Education at **(562) 988-6855.**

### 2015 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: Cherry Park (Cherry Ave. & 45<sup>th</sup> St.)

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015

12 noon – 1 pm

For more information, contact:

Annie Pallivathukal (562) 492-9587

Connie Dobberpuhl (562) 858-5452

Coordinated nationally by *America Needs Fatima Campaign & Cenacle Rosary Group*



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### FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Please join us for our monthly meeting this **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. **New members are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

For more information, please call Dr. Gene R. Lowther at (562) 427-1386 or Peter Salas at (562) 852-1180.

The St. Barnabas Filipino American Association would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the parishioners and devotees for their support of the annual 9 days Novena and feast in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz, and special thanks to Lal & Gigi Laluan for coordinating this year’s devotion. San Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us!



## St. Barnabas School News

### **HELP US KEEP ST. BARNABAS LITTER FREE!**

**Please look before you toss!** There are signs on the bins indicating what should go in each bin. Please deposit trash, recyclables and plastic bottles/cans into the appropriate bins. All money raised from the collection of empty plastic bottles and cans will be used to support the St. Barnabas School recycling program. Thanks for being part of the solution!

*"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."*

*-Pope Francis*



For more information on St. Barnabas School's upcoming events visit [www.school.stbarnabaslb.org](http://www.school.stbarnabaslb.org).

*The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available at the school.*

*The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.*

*While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.*

## Congratulations To The Following:

### **NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:**

David & Becky Padilla/Family

### **BAPTISMS: (9/27)**

Matthew Phillip Barber, Evangeline Rose Chiu, Bailey Loren Perez & Zeldia Xavier

### **QUINCEAÑERAS:**

Jocelyn Solis (10/4) & Mariana Moreno (10/10)

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Francis & Olivia Baylen 10/23 (5 yrs)

## Are You Celebrating An Anniversary?

If you are celebrating your Wedding Anniversary, let us know so we can all celebrate with you! Please call the Parish Office at **(562) 424-8595** with Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date.

## Holy Humor

Did you know the apostles actually edited the Bible story about the woman caught in adultery because what really happened was quite awkward?

It seems Jesus was writing in the sand and said, "If anyone of you is without sin, you be the first to throw a stone:

Suddenly, from out of nowhere, a rock came sailing in and whacked the poor woman in the head. Jesus stood up and with great exasperation said, "Mother!"

THE BOOK OF CATHOLIC JOKES, by Deacon Tom Sheridan published by ACTA Publications, Chicago, Ill

## Needs Of The Church

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### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

We are in need of Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses, especially for the 5:30pm Mass on Sundays! If interested, please call the Parish Office at **(562) 424-8595** with your name and number.

## Local Archdiocese News

### **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY LIFE CHAIN**

Celebrate this day by participating in the **Long Beach Life Chain**

**Stand up for the sanctity of human life.**

**Sunday, October 4th, 2015**

**2:30pm to 4:00pm**

### **New Location:**

Planned Parenthood in Lakewood on Del Amo and Bellflower Blvds.



Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Bring your whole family. Signs will be provided.

### **CELEBRATE LIFE PRO LIFE CONFERENCE**

The 4th annual Pro Life Conference will take place on **Saturday, October 17, 2015** 8am-2pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Artesia at 18708 Clarkdale Ave. Admission is FREE and there will be a FREE Breakfast and Lunch. The speakers will be Catherine Adair, Former Planned Parenthood Worker, Cheryl Conrad, Co-Founder of Operations Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust and Emily Wilkinson, West Coast Coordinator Students for Life of America. For more information please contact Vina Dungo 562-412-0405, [vines2030@gmail.com](mailto:vines2030@gmail.com)

## Knights of Columbus News



Do you have old laptops, computers and/or monitors you are not using? The Knights of Columbus Council #3449 at St. Barnabas Church is spearheading an effort to provide computers for children and families in our area that cannot afford them. We will arrange for pick-up, wipe out all data and clean them up before repurposing them. If you have any questions please contact Chairman Anthony Vitale at (562) 423-7055 or email to: [donatecomputerskofc3449@verizon.net](mailto:donatecomputerskofc3449@verizon.net).

## Treasures From Our Tradition

The old world of what we call canonical penance, or the extraordinary one-time public repentance of sinners, began to collapse with the conversion of Constantine in the early fourth century. It tottered for a hundred years or so and then virtually disappeared. It served an isolated and persecuted church well, but once people began seeking baptism for economic and political privilege, a real pastoral crisis exploded. There were more lukewarm Christians afoot, and some "barbarians" rampaging through the ruins accepted baptism just because their leaders did.

As the old structures collapsed, people who still sought some sort of public conversion scampered off to the desert to live in monastic isolation. Penance disappeared from the parish scene, and the old bench where hungry penitents used to beg for prayers was empty. Some bishops faced the crisis by inventing alternate means of discipline, all more private than public. A person might be asked to refrain from receiving Communion for a time, or even to accept some sort of corporal punishment (the pedigree of the stocks and scarlet letters of colonial America). This had the effect of separating the sinner from the prayerful intercession of the gathered church, and made an already bad situation worse. Before long, the pastoral system of penance was in a shambles, and sadly irrelevant to ordinary Christians.

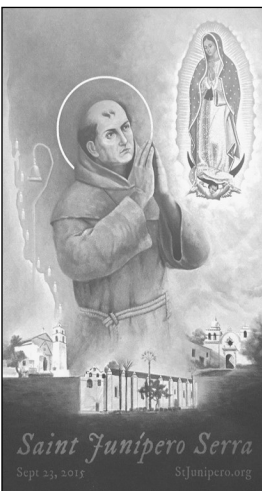
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Featured Parishioner

**Rose Werz** has been a St. Barnabas Parishioner for 45 years! She is a relative & friend of the Vogelbacker Family, who were past owners of Alsace Lorraine Bakery on Atlantic Ave. Her entire family attended St. Barnabas and St. Anthony High School. She will be missed as she is moving back to her home State. Thank you for being a loyal Parishioner for all these years! Have a happy and safe travel.



## Saint Junipero Serra: Canonized



Junipero Serra spent his early career as a Franciscan educator in Palma, Spain. He was in his thirties when he heeded the call to become a missionary. First he worked to spread the word of God in Mexico in 1750s and 1760s before moving to present-day California. Serra established nine missions there from 1769 to 1782. He died in 1784. He was beatified on September 25th, 1988 by Pope John Paul II and was recently canonized on September 23rd, 2015 by Pope Francis, during a Mass in Washington, D.C.



## Excerpt from Pope Francis' Visit

"Let's go back. When man and his wife made a mistake, God did not abandon them. So great was His love, that He began to walk with humanity, with His people, until the right moment came, and He made the highest expression of love – His own Son. And where did He send his son – to a palace? To a city? No. He sent him to a family. God sent him amid a family. And He could do this, because it was a family that had a truly open heart. The doors of their heart opened.

Mary, she couldn't believe it. How can this happen? When the angel explained it to her, she agreed. Joseph. He finds himself in a surprising situation that he doesn't understand, and he accepts. He obeys. In Mary and Joseph, there is a family in which Jesus is born. God likes to give his love to open hearts. Do you know what he loves most? To knock on the door of families, and find families who love each other, who bring up their children to grow, and help them move forward. To create and develop a society with truth, goodness and beauty. We are celebrating the Feast of the Family. Families have a citizenship which is divine. The identity card that they have is given to them by God. So that within the heart of the family, truth, goodness and beauty can truly grow.

Some of you might say, "Father, you speak like that because you are single. Families have the difficulties. Families, we quarrel, and sometimes plates can fly. And children bring headaches. I won't speak about mother-in-laws [laughs].

But in families, there is always light. Because the love of God, the Son of God opened also that path for us. But just as there are problems in families, we have to remember there is the light of the resurrection afterwards. Because the Son of God created that path.

[EMPHATIC]: Forgive me, but I have to say, the family is like a factory of hope. It's a factory of resurrection. God opened this path, this possibility. And children, yes they bring their challenges. And we also are the cause of work and worry. Sometimes at home, I see some of my helpers, they come to work and they look tired. They have a one-month-old baby, and I ask them did you sleep? And they say I couldn't sleep, Holiness, because they were crying all night. In the family, indeed, there are difficulties. But those difficulties are overcome with love. Hatred is not capable of dealing with any difficulty and overcoming any difficulty. Division of hearts cannot overcome any difficulty. Only love. Only love is able to overcome. Love is about celebration, love is joy, love is moving forward.

I don't want to speak too much. Because it could be late. But I would like just to offer two points about the family. To take special care of these two points. Some things we really need to take care of: the children, and grandparents. Children, whether young or older, they are the future, the strength that moves us forward. We place our hope in them. Grandparents are the living memory of the family. They passed on the faith, they transmitted the faith, to us. To look after grandparents, to look after children, is the expression of love. A people that doesn't know how to look after its children or grandparents is a people that has no future. Because it doesn't have strength or the memory to go forward. Family is beautiful but there is effort involved and there are problems. In families there are inimicable relationships. Husbands and wives quarrel, can end up badly, separated. Never let the day end without making peace. In a family, you can't finish the day off not being in peace. May God bless you. May God give you hope, the strength to move forward, let us look after the family. Let's protect the family. Because it's in the family that our future is at play. Thank you. God bless you. And please, pray for me."

—Pope Francis

Source: Pope Francis U.S. Visit Speech Transcripts: Benjamin Franklin Parkway-Festival of Families speech. [www.popefrancisvisit.com](http://www.popefrancisvisit.com)

