



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Website: www.stbarnabaslb.org |  | 

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 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 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 First 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

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

Infant Baptisms

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

Marriages/Quinceañeras

Please contact Priest 6 months prior

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office

**With joy you will draw
water at the fountain
of salvation. — Isaiah 12:3**

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 18th 7:30pm-9:30pm

Saturday, December 19th 3:00pm-4:30pm

No Confessions on December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Thursday, December 24th

5:00pm— Children & Family Mass

10:00pm— Traditional Mass, preceded by
Christmas Caroling at 9:40pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Friday, December 25th

8:00am / 10:00am / 12:00 noon

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Friday, January 1st 8:00am

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
& CONFIRMATION**

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FINANCIAL REPORT***Last Week's Church Collection:***

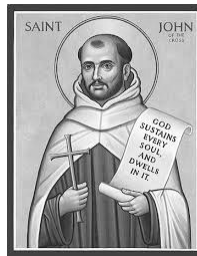
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Thank you for your prayerful giving.
 Your generosity supports the operations
 of our Parish Community.

SAINT OF THE DAY

St. John of the Cross
Feast Day: December 14

Born in 1542 in Spain he was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation. He was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is renowned



for his writings in particular his studies on the growth of the soul. He died aged 49 in 1591 and was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII.

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

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"** after each Mass!



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COFFEE & DONUTS
 available after the
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
& 10:45 AM
 Masses at the
PARISH CENTER.
Come stop by!



Mark Your Calendar

- 12/13 Giving Tree donations
- 12/13 See's Candy Sales after morning Masses
- 12/14 Ushers/Welcoming Home Ministry Mtg 7p/Hall
- 12/15-12/23 Simbang Gabi (Advent Night Mass)
- 12/16 Senior Luncheon 11a/Hall
- 12/18 Penance Service 7:30p/Church
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/31 New Year's Eve
- 1/1 New Year's Day

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14th

8:00 am- Fr. Dave Schwartz+

Tuesday, December 15th

8:00 am- Emmanuel & Romeo Memije

Wednesday, December 16th

8:00 am- Apolinario Allicer

6:30 pm- Virginia Negrete+

Thursday, December 17th

8:00 am- Reynaldo Ramos+

Friday, December 18th

8:00 am- Wilfred Sacro+

Saturday, December 19th

8:00 am- Richard George Dowling+

5:00 pm- Pacita+ & Domingo Mendoza+

Sunday, December 20th

7:30 am- Inez Faeldan

9:00 am- Intention of St. Barnabas Parishioners

10:45 am- Anunciacion Fabon+

12:30 pm- Romulo Abrogar+

5:30 pm- Bobong+ & Yek Yek Usaraga+

**Book your Mass Intentions in person, at the Parish Office. (+indicates deceased)*

Pray For The Sick

The following names have been recently added:

Jean Reher, Sister Antona Ebo ESM, Richard Reynolds, Ted Furlow, and Tandeka Ball

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.

- Abraham Joseph (11/16)
- Frances Graser-Hunley (11/17)
- Emigdio Ferrer (11/19)
- Maria Lockhart
- Jeremiah Flannigan (11/24)
- Dennis Papini (11/25)

Today's Readings

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14;

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on:

•December 24th (open 'til 12pm)

•December 25th

•December 31st (open 'til 12pm)

•& January 1st

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS



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Parish News

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2015

Common Penance Service

Friday, December 18th -7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

No changes to regular weekend Confession schedule

Saturday, December 19th -3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

(NO CONFESSIONS ON DECEMBER 24TH)

Christmas Eve Masses

(Thursday, December 24th)

5:00 PM – Children and Family Mass

10:00 PM – Traditional Mass, *preceded by Christmas Caroling at 9:40pm*

Christmas Day Masses

(Friday, December 25th)

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

New Year's Day Mass

(Friday, January 1, 2016)

8:00 AM



SIMBANG GABI

The St. Barnabas Filipino-American Association invites everyone to come, celebrate, and experience Simbang Gabi (Tagalog for: Advent Night Mass)

Here is the Nine-Day Simbang Gabi Advent Mass Schedule: **December 15th - 23rd, 2015**

1st Day, Tuesday. Dec. 15th:	6:30pm
2nd Day, Wednesday. Dec. 16th:	6:30pm
3rd Day, Thursday. Dec. 17th:	6:30pm *Parish Hall
4th Day, Friday. Dec. 18th:	6:30pm
5th Day, Saturday. Dec. 19th:	5:00pm
6th Day, Sunday. Dec. 20th:	5:30pm
7th Day, Monday. Dec. 21st:	6:30pm
8th Day, Tuesday. Dec. 22nd:	6:30pm
9th Day, Wednesday. Dec. 23rd:	6:30pm



Please come and invite your friends and family to join as a spiritual offering in preparation for celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus! All are welcome!

If you are interested in being a sponsor or for any questions, please contact: Charito Salas (562) 881-5542, Dr. Gene Lowther (562) 427-1386, Gigi Lalan (562) 427-4054 or Eva Talastas (562) 818-9541.

NEW PARISH OFFICE E-MAIL!

Please make a note of our new Parish E-mail: **church@stbarnabaslb.org** If you have any questions, please feel free to email us, anytime!

NEW CHANGE IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS!

A new change in our Parish Office Hours, now in effect:

Saturday: 9:00am-4:30pm & Sunday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Parish Ministries

USHERS & WELCOME HOME MINISTRY

We are having a dual Ministry meeting **THIS Monday, December 14th at 7pm at the Parish Hall.** Contact: Darrell Stewart at (562) 424-8982 or Lisa Johnson at jjohnsonseven@aol.com for more information.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer of Pope Francis

Holy Father Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy starting on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary on December 8, 2015 and concluding on the Feast of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. Our Holy Father opened the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter on December 8, 2015, thus marking the official start of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We, the faithful, are called to celebrate and live out the Year Mercy through liturgy, prayer, and corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



St. Barnabas School News

SENIOR LUNCHEON

St. Barnabas School cordially invites you to a Senior Luncheon on **December 16th at 11am** in the Parish Hall. There will be delicious food, holiday music and raffle prizes. Christmas entertainment by Miss Dannette's Dance class and St. Barnabas students.

RSVP by Monday, December 14th to Connie Dobberpuhl at **(562-858-5452)**.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

St. Barnabas Parish School is proud to announce our annual Spring Event and production of *The Lion King Jr.* on **April 21, 22 and 23** at St. Joseph High School in Lakewood. If you are interested in purchasing an ad in our colorful playbill or buying a sponsor table at the gala dinner, please contact Maggie Gisel at maggie.gisel@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the School's largest fundraiser of the year!



Giving Trees

Cub Scouts Pack #32 of St. Barnabas is sponsoring the "Giving Trees" again. Trees will be up until December 20th, located in the front and back of the Church and in the Parish Center. We are accepting wrapped gifts up through **Sunday, January 10th**. Please take one or more ornaments, tape it to the package and return to the Church or Parish Office. We thank you for your support of this wonderful St. Barnabas tradition.



Christmas Eve Mass

DRAMATIZATION

We are in need of angels, shepherds, kings, narrators, sheep, and Joseph & Mary. Come one - come all!!

The Christmas Eve Dramatization for children will once again be at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th. All children and youth are invited to participate. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 20th, 2:00pm - 3:30pm, in the Church. If you have a costume, please bring it with you, otherwise we have many costumes. Your child will need to be in the church on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm. Mass usually is about 1 hour and 30 minutes.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR & MUSICIANS

Children's Choir, Youth Choir, & Musicians will be singing for Christmas Eve Mass, 5pm. Practice will be on Tuesday, December 22nd from 7pm to 8:30pm in the music room in the Parish Center - upstairs.

Contact Religious Ed. at (562) 988-6855 for more info.

Special Appreciation Of Service

Pablo Rodriguez, our Parish Maintenance Technician, will be retiring after almost **29 years** of service to our St. Barnabas Parish Community. With sincerest gratitude, we wish Pablo a Happy Retirement on **December 15th**. His talents and care for our Church will be missed. Join us as we pray in Thanksgiving of his service and for many years of blessed peace for him.



Congratulations To The Following:

NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Armando & Zenaida Pablo, Annalinda Kimaara, Janice Kessinger, Harold & Carmelita Espiritu, and their families

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Eli & Delores Herrera 12/17 (60 yrs)
Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (44 yrs)
Eddie & Rose Reyes 12/23 (47 yrs)
Jeff & Lisa Johnson 12/28 (30 yrs)
Chris & Daniella Campbell 12/30 (15 yrs)

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** or send an email to: church@stbarnabaslb.org (a month before date) with Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date.

Local Archdiocese News

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN & YOUTH

Did You Know? Shop safely this Christmas

If you let your kids go to the mall by themselves to buy Christmas presents, you should talk to them about potential dangers they need to guard against. Christmas is the busiest time of year for commercial retail, which means that malls and shopping centers will be more crowded, and younger kids and teens who are alone may be a target for kidnappers and other dangers. Talk to your children about being aware of their surroundings, and where to go for help. Be in contact with them while they're shopping, and have a check-in place and time set if you're splitting up. For more information please visit: <http://safety.more4kids.info/186/shopping-with-kids/>.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (RFR)

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Special envelopes are in the pews and can be returned in the baskets or the Parish Office. Thank you for your support. Please visit: www.retiredreligious.org for info.

Financial Notes & Highlights: Statement of Operations for St. Barnabas

Financial Notes & Highlights

As part of the effort to improve financial transparency to the Parish, on a quarterly basis we will provide a financial update of the Statement of Operations to disclose the year to date financial condition of St. Barnabas. The Statement of Operations below lists the financial performance from July through September 2015, along with a comparison to the budget prepared at the start of the year to guide the management of the Parish.

The first quarter of the year continued the positive trend from the end of the prior fiscal year. Due to the generosity of the parishioners, total income was \$36,561 higher than anticipated. Expenses were \$7,574 higher than budgeted, however as the year progresses some of those costs will even out. As discussed previously in the bulletin and in Mass, St. Barnabas has also started to pay its full share of the Archdiocesan Assessment for the first time in many years.

We hope the rest of the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year continues this increased generation of income. We, the Priests, Finance Council, and the Pastoral Council, are deeply grateful for your love and generosity.

1Q FY 2015 - 2016

Statement of Operations

Income

	<u>Actual</u> <u>Jul - Sep 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance (\$)</u>	<u>Variance (%)</u>
Offertory Collection	170,222	145,186	25,036	17%
Other Regular Income	24,944	20,520	4,424	22%
Restricted Income	15,857	8,756	7,101	81%

Total Income

<u>211,022</u>	<u>174,461</u>	<u>36,561</u>	<u>21%</u>
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Expenses

Employment Costs	76,568	73,551	3,017	4%
Insurance	23,014	16,929	6,085	36%
Building, Maintenance, Utilities	24,989	24,790	199	1%
Church & Rectory General Expenses	12,233	12,000	233	2%
Miscellaneous Expenses	14,697	12,500	2,197	18%
Archdiocese Assessment	9,594	13,750	(4,156)	-30%

Total Expenses

<u>161,094</u>	<u>153,520</u>	<u>7,574</u>	<u>5%</u>
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Net Income

<u>49,928</u>	<u>20,941</u>	<u>28,987</u>	<u>138%</u>
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**See's
CANDIES®**

Take Home Today!!!

This **Sunday, Dec. 13th**, See's Candies will be available for purchase, while supplies last, after all the morning Masses.

All proceeds to benefit St. Barnabas Religious Education Ministries.

Holy Humor

Santa visited the children at their school Christmas party, and Little Jonnie, one of the first-graders, sat on his lap. As usual, Santa asked the boy, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

Little Jonnie looked at Santa in disbelief and said, "Didn't you get my email?"

OH, BROTHER! Belly Laughs for Good-Humored Catholics by Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST published by ACTA Publications

