



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 27, 2016

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118

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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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



The disciples saw and believed.

-John 20:8

DRAWN INTO THE STORY

"We are witnesses!" The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eyewitnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John's Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus' body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: "It is wonderful in our eyes!"

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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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

*Faith is the
beginning and
the end is love.*

—St. Ambrose

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3/13/16 Collection:

\$14,665.63

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Your generosity supports the
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SAINT OF THE DAY

St. Berthold
Feast Day: March 29

Considered by some historians to be the founder of the Carmelite Order. He was born in Limoges, France, and proved a brilliant student at the University of Paris. Ordained a priest, Berthold joined his brother, Aymeric, the Latin patriarch of Antioch, in Turkey, on the Crusades. On Mount Carmel he found a group of hermits, joined them, and established a rule. Aymeric appointed Berthold the first Carmelite superior general. Berthold tried to reform the Christian soldiers in the region, having had a vision of Christ, and headed the Carmelites for forty-five years.



Paragraph Source: www.catholic.org

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.

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

- 4/1 1st Friday Adoration 8:30a-7p; Mass 7:30p/Church
- 4/3 Feast Day Mass for San Pedro Calungsod 12:30p
- 4/3 Filipino-American Assoc. Mtg 6:30p/Parish Hall
- 4/13-4/23 Pilgrimage to Holy Land w/Fr. Antony
- 4/21-4/23 SBS Lion King Jr./St. Joseph HS
- 5/10 Brick order deadline.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, March 28th

8:00 am- Shirley Salgado+

Tuesday, March 29th

8:00 am- Jerinmo Centeno Guebarro Sr.+

Wednesday, March 30th

8:00 am- Mary Kostrivas+ ; Thanksgiving to God

6:30 pm- Yvonne Luly+

Thursday, March 31st

8:00 am- Sister Kathleen McDonough, SNJM+ ;
Augustin Valcinus+

Friday, April 1st

8:00 am- Gil Ople+ ; James Bomba+

7:30 pm- Benjamin Cruz+

Saturday, April 2nd

8:00 am- Karen Hinshilwood

5:00 pm- All Departed Souls in our Memoriam Room ;
Samson Lara & Family

Sunday, April 3rd

7:30 am- Raul Muse+ ; Alfonso Esqueda+

9:00 am- Intentions of St. Barnabas Parishioners ;
Jean Fox+

10:45 am- Paul G. Crawford+

12:30 pm- Modesta Pineda+ ; Joji Gunther

5:30 pm- Jim & Peg McLaughlin+

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

Pray For The Sick

The following names have been recently added:

Thanh Tran, Joshua Jesus Moses, Joji Gunther, John Archer, Ernie Bayudan

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 Bulletin 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 main entrance of the Church.

We Remember...

We Pray for and remember our parishioners who have died.

Alta Jean Fox 2/28

Honorata Vilorio 3/15

Alvaro Briseno 2/28

Eileen Gallagher 3/16

Gil Ople

Today's Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalms — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;
First Friday

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter;
First Saturday

Parish News

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT OUR PARISH?

"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. So please pick-up a registration form at the Parish Office, or print one from our website at www.stbarnabaslb.org. Stop by the Parish Office and we will be happy to help you!

Devotion To St. Peregrine

PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

Friday, April 1st, 2016 at 6:30 PM

If you have a family member or friend you would like us to pray for during the St. Peregrine Devotion, please feel free to call the Parish Office at (562) 424-8595 with Names (*last name is optional). Saint Peregrine is the patron saint of Cancer patients and we will be praying through the intercession of St. Peregrine for those who have Cancer and those who are Cancer survivors.

All are welcomed to join us. **The novena is every First Friday of the month at 6:30 PM**, during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament here at St. Barnabas Church.



Congratulations To The Following:

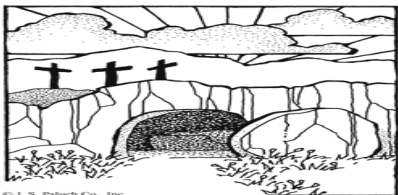
NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Manuel & Lizette Zepeda, Russell & Laura Carter, Melina Cardenas, and their families

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Charles & Mavis Meyer 3/5 (70 yrs)
Christian & Rachelle Dalusong 3/6
Brad & Joyce Kaiser 3/25 (21 yrs)

Celebrating your Wedding Anniversary? Email us (a month before date) with Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to: church@stbarnabaslb.org



Parish Ministries

ST. BARNABAS FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOC.

Please join us in our next meeting on **Sunday, April 3rd at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. **New members are welcome and encouraged to attend.** We will also have a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share. For more information, please call Dr. Gene R. Lowther at (562) 427-1386 or Peter Salas at (562) 852-1180.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, April 1st, 2016 – 8:30AM to 7:00PM

Come join us for meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament **every First Friday of the month, starting after the 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm, followed by a Mass at 7:30pm.** We invite our parishioners to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for an increase in vocations and your intentions.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER: LEGACY TERRACE

"Buy a Brick . . . Leave a Legacy!"

As announced previously, **The Stewardship Committee** is pleased to give parishioners the opportunity to purchase engraved bricks and leave a legacy!

The bricks will form the basis for the renovation of the entrance to the Parish Hall. The area around the entrance will be completely redesigned.

*****ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY: MAY 10TH, 2016**

HOW TO ORDER YOUR BRICK

Members of the Stewardship Committee will be in the church parking lot on Sundays from 8 AM to 2 PM to accept requests for the engraved bricks.

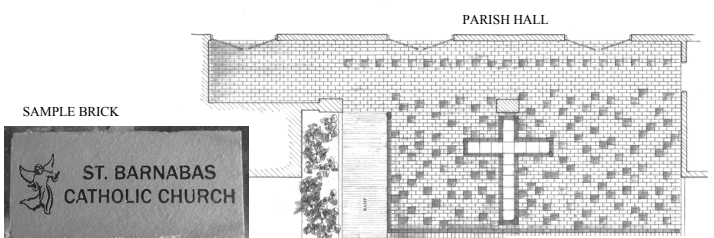
A single 4" X 8" brick with three lines of lettering will be offered for \$200

Two 4" X 8" bricks, with five lines of lettering, over and under or end to end will be offered for \$400.

Cash, credit card and checks are accepted

All profits from the sale of the bricks will go into a special account to be used to fund deferred maintenance projects at the church. Please contact Bob Kalowes, at (562) 225-1946 or Sandy Komine at (562) 833-7290 for further information.

Forms are available on our Church website, or you can pick one up at the Parish Office.



Rendering by: Armando Pablo

Local Archdiocese News

A JOURNEY THROUGH FAITH & ART

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library is the exclusive West Coast destination for Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art - one of the rarest collections of Vatican art and objects to ever visit North America. This 12,000 square foot exhibition will be open from **March 6, 2016 through August 28, 2016**. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

***** SPECIAL OFFER FOR PARISHIONERS!**

\$5.00 OFF EVERY TICKET! *** [Enter Discount Code: PARISH or mention PARISH at admission desk. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

Visit: www.ReaganFoundation.org/VaticanSplendors

VIRTUS TRAINING

VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" is a three hour training for adults which teaches the five basic steps of child sexual abuse prevention. This program is mandated for all adults who work with or around children or youth on a regular basis. For information call: (213) 637-7227. <http://virtusonline.org/virtus>

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a few volunteers who are bilingual in English/Spanish who can help answer phone calls at the Parish Office, during our regular office hours. Please email the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org or call us at: 562-424-8595.

Also, we are in need of a few people who can do some data entry, as we finally got our new Parish Data Software. Must be detailed and accuracy is a must. Please email the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org or call us at: 562-424-8595.

Feast of San Pedro Calungsod

**You are all invited to celebrate the
FEAST OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD!**

9 DAY NOVENA

1st Day of Novena:

March 26th, 8:00am/Church

2nd-8th Days of Novena:

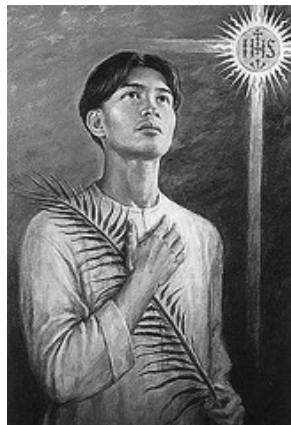
March 27th-April 2nd
(House to House of devotees')

9th Day of Novena:

April 3rd, 12:00pm/Church
Feast Day Mass: 12:30pm

Reception & Fellowship after
the Mass in the Parish Hall!

All are welcome! For more information, please contact:
Dn. Carlito de los Reyes at (562) 786-7746 cell
or **Gigi Laluan (562)225-3061**



St. Barnabas School News

St. Barnabas School is requesting the help of parishioners to improve our school with something as simple as cutting the box top labels from your food. There is a box labeled box tops in the school office. Thank you from the PTO!

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. Thank you for supporting our 4th annual cash raffle!!! A book of 10 tickets was mailed to all parishioners last month. Buy a chance to win one of the following prizes:

1st prize - \$2,000, 2nd prize - \$500 & 3rd prize - \$250
Many ways to support our school's largest annual fundraiser. Go to: www.biddingforgood.com/SBSevent

- You can purchase tickets online for all 3 nights, including our dinner theater on April 23rd.
- Check out our first ever ONLINE AUCTION to be held April 10th-20th!!!
- Click on "DONATE CASH" to contribute to the Simonetti Family Education Fund. Named for long time parishioners, Albert and Jeannette Simonetti, donations to this fund will support technology upgrades to our classrooms.

If you are interested in purchasing an ad in our colorful playbill or buying a sponsor table at the gala dinner, please contact Maggie Gisell at maggie.gisell@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of St. Barnabas Parish School!

Disney's The Lion King Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Music Theater International. 421 West 54th St., NY, NY 10019; Phone: 212-541-4684; Fax: 212-397-4684 www.MTIShow.com



Parish Trips

PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

We are still looking for people to join us on the 15 Day Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic, Austria & Italy from **September 8 – September 22, 2016** with Fr. George Reynolds as a spiritual guide.

For more information and reservation, please contact Betty Lowther at (562) 201-2491 or email betlowther@aol.com or Grand Knight Waldy Cruz at (562) 682-0768.

Holy Humor

At the beginning of Mass, Father Juan, realizing someone might notice, announced that he had cut his neck while shaving that morning, he explained he had been concentrating on his homily.

After Mass one of his parishioners shook the priest's hand, saying with all seriousness "Next time, Father, think about your neck and cut your talk!"

OH, BROTHER! Belly Laughs for Good Humored Catholics By Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST

dear Padre

March 27, 2016

Why aren't heaven's gates open to all of humanity?

If God loves everyone, why aren't all of us saved?

When we picture heaven, we imagine a place where everyone is happy, loving, and at peace. If this is perfect bliss, then why wouldn't the Lord send everyone there? It is certainly a loving attitude to desire that all of our friends, family, and community enjoy the victory of union with the Trinity. When Jesus died and rose, he opened the door for all of humanity to enter eternal life. If we want everyone to be saved, and God wants everyone to be saved, what could possibly keep a person outside the Pearly Gates?

The answer lies in the very nature of God's love for us. Not everyone is saved because God wants us to choose salvation freely. While a person who loves God and willingly obeys his commands will find the kingdom blissful, a person choosing pride or selfishness would not. Would heaven really be paradise if people could choose to be bullies, murderers, or abusers? If I reject God's love because I don't want anyone telling me what to do, I would not freely submit myself to the Lord's authority. God has given us free will, and that means we are free to reject him and his kingdom. For heaven to be heaven, everyone there must be submissive to God's will and each other. Jesus loves us too much to force us to be saved.

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Good News!

March 27, 2016

EASTER (C)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9
 or Lk 24:1-12

My daughter was about four when we went to the local department store to do some shopping. I was looking over some item when I turned and realized that she wasn't beside me. It was not like her to wander away, and I spent a frantic fifteen minutes before I located her sitting on the floor playing with a doll from a display. I was at once relieved and angry, but more scared than anything else. What if something had happened?

When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb that early Sunday morning, she expected to find Jesus' body and mourn the loss of this man whom they all loved. Not finding him where she expected was an utter shock. I can only imagine there was some fear and anger: "Who took him? Where did he go? How could someone do this?" Her words tumbled out to Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They, too, were astounded to find his burial cloth and though they believed, they did not understand what the empty tomb signified.

I can also imagine what they felt when they finally saw Jesus—surely relief and wonder, but there may have been a little anger that he had left them and fear for all that meant. Maybe that's how God feels about us when we wander away. We were lost, and God sent the prophets first and then his only Son to find us and lead us home. Out of love, Jesus gave his life and conquered death itself. In this Easter season, let us take great care neither to wander away nor to lose sight of the Lord. He is the source of our life. We belong to him.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a "Little Easter." Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a "Big Sunday." On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, *anamnesis*, as the antidote to "amnesia," the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God's most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God's eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a "Big Sunday," today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord's Day. We wear "Sunday best" today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a "Big Sunday," and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.

