



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 9:00 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



**When the fullness of
time had come, God sent
his Son, born of a woman.**
-Galatians 4:4

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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

Weddings

Please contact Priest 6 months prior

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office



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Last Sunday's Collection:

Due to the early publishing date of this bulletin, we do not have the financial total for Sunday December 25th

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PARISH REGISTRAR

"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 free 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! Welcome to St. Barnabas!!!

ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY

Please join us in reciting the Rosary every morning
(Monday through
Saturday) at 7:35 am



Divine Mercy

before daily Mass. It is a beautiful and spiritual way to start your day. 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.
Closed On: 12/25 & 1/1



Mark Your Calendar

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 12/31 & 1/1 Year of the Rosary Begins, bring Rosaries for blessing at Mass
- 1/6 1st Friday Adoration 8:30am-7pm; Mass 7:30pm
- 1/8 Filipino-American Association Mtg. 6:30pm
- 1/15 St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2nd

8:00 am- Joseph Garcia

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:00 am- Reggie Villegas

Wednesday, January 4th

8:00 am- Carmen Jauregui; Connie Torres

6:30 pm- Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 5th

8:00 am- Ame & Vic Blanco

Friday, January 6th

8:00 am- The Religious Education Team

7:30 pm- Rachel Gianna & Sara Lucia Banting

Saturday, January 7th

8:00 am- +Olympio Miranda

5:00 pm- Parish Office Volunteers

Sunday, January 8th

7:30 am- St. Barnabas School Teachers, Students & Parents

9:00 am- +Jose Angel Rosales; John & Carol Samson

10:45 am- +Veronica & +Joe Canastra

12:30 pm- Project Achieve Ministry

5:30 pm- St. Barnabas Pack 32 Cub Scouts

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

Pray For The Sick

The following names have been recently added:

Carmela Chiurazzi

All are encouraged to pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which gets 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.

Andrew Periaswamy 11/30 Istvan Szito
Malachi Luke Mora 12/3 Jessie Slusher 12/4

Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;
Julian Calendar Christmas

Raymond of Penyafort, O.P., (ca. 1175 – January 6, 1275) was a Spanish Dominican friar in the 13th century, who compiled the *Decretals of Gregory IX*, a collection of canon laws that remained a major part of Church law until the 20th century. He is honored as a saint in the Catholic Church and is the patron saint of lawyers, especially canon lawyers.

Source: catholic.org



Parish News

FAITH DIRECT

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Barnabas through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. **You can also download the free Faith Direct App on your phone!**

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA794

You may still continue to receive collection envelopes. This is just another option and convenience for our Parishioners! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You! - Rev. Antony J. Gaspar



First Friday Adoration

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

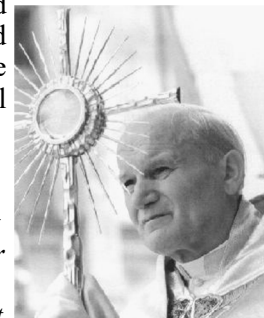
Friday, January 6th, 2017 – 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Come join us for meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament **every First Friday** of the month, starting after the 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm, followed by a **Mass at 7:30 pm.**

We invite our parishioners to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for an increase in vocations and your own personal intentions.

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith... May our adoration never cease."

– Saint John Paul II



Devotion To St. Peregrine

PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

Friday, January 6, 2017 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 welcome 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.



Parish Ministries

RESPECT LIFE NEWS



OneLife LA

OneLifeLA is an annual event celebrating the beauty and dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Join thousands of marchers walking from Olvera Street in downtown L.A. to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (about 1.5 miles). The march will begin at Noon, Saturday, January 21, 2017. At the end of the march there will be inspirational speakers, live music, food trucks and exhibits from community organizations serving those in need. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn will follow at the Cathedral at 5 PM. For more information, contact fellow parishioner Bob Kalowes at (562) 225-1946, bobkalowes@hotmail.com or visit OneLifeLA.org.

Safeguard The Children & Youth

Did You Know?

The holidays come with lots of nights out for adults – office Christmas parties, last-minute trips to the mall for gifts, neighborhood gift exchanges, etc. – and you may need to call upon a babysitter to watch your kids for adults-only events. Think through the policies at your house that you will ask a sitter to follow. These could include basic childcare rules (for example: limits on television viewing, bedtime) as well as safety rules (for example: don't let the kids play with knives or matches). For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Preventing Abuse When Selecting and Using a Babysitter," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7227.

'Tis The Season!

The decorating of our Church for the Christmas Season is a labor of love for our Church Environment Coordinator, **Michelle Feiner**. She knows she would not have been able to complete the task without the help of everyone who volunteered their time. We wish to acknowledge and extended our sincerest gratitude to **Mildred Caudillo, Naomi Enriquez, Antonia Gayton, Myrlene Chapman, Bob Kalowes, Ramona Lopez, Adriana Lake, Alvino Jauregui, Itima Eteaki, Patrick Quinn, James Guerrero, Christian Jalos, Fellippe Martin, Reggie Villegas, Amy & Vic Blanco, and Joseph Garcia**. And a special Thank You to Carolina Boyd, Lorna Ramos, Zeny & Armando Pablo and Pache Manrique for decorating the Rectory. All of your efforts brought the joy of the Christmas Season to our Church.

Honoring Years of Service

Carol Samson retired this year after 40 years of volunteering for CCD as a Religious Education Teacher at St. Barnabas. Her daughter Laura describes her, "My mom has always been one of the quite, humble servants." Carol and her husband, Dr. John Samson have been faithful and supportive parishioners of St. Barnabas for over 44 years.



They raised their 13 children in Long Beach who all attended and graduated from St. Barnabas, and continued on to high school at either St. Joseph's and St. John Bosco.

While raising and managing the lives of her own 13 children, Carol continued to faithfully served as a religious education teacher. She saw it not only as her way of giving back to her parish, but as a service to children who were unable to attend a Catholic school. Her daughter Laura fondly remembers helping as her aid in the beginning of her service, and watching her engage the 1st graders with crafts and stories all while teaching the basic building blocks of our faith.

She continued working with the little ones for many years, though she also spent some years teaching sacrament preparation, and then working with older kids when the need arose for that. taught the stories of the bible from Christmas through Easter. Carol would test the kids on the info with hand written tests and also in the form of "spelling bee" style.

She always made cupcakes for Christmas and Easter and would give holy medals as prizes. She taught the kids prayers and tested them on Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Sign of the Cross, and Act of Contrition.

After classes moved to Sunday's, Carol continued to teach on Wednesday afternoons, older children in need of Sacramental Preparations for Baptism and First Communion. Her love and commitment to this cause touched countless lives throughout our parish.

She always accepted whatever was asked of her and served where she was needed most. Laura states "she did this humbly, quietly and with no expectation of thanks or acknowledgement."

With great love and admiration, we wish to extend our appreciation of her many years of service to our entire parish! Her presence is missed in our Religious Education program, but her legacy lives on in the hundreds of people she's helped grow in their Faith. Our prayers are with Carol and John as they enjoy many happy years of retirement together!



St. Barnabas School News

HELP US WIN!

Help St Barnabas School win up to \$2,000 dollars just by enjoying Chick-fil-A tasty meals, at the **Long Beach Towne Center!**



You can help St Barnabas win up to \$2,000 dollars just by enjoying Chick-fil-A tasty meals, at the Long Beach Towne Center. **Contest runs until January 31st.**

Rules you need to know:

1. Let the cashier know you are from St Barnabas.
 2. You will get a valid receipt with our name printed on it.
 3. Bring the receipt to the office. They will be collected by Chick-fil-A on January 13th and Jan 31st.
- We will be notified how we did by the first week of February. Money won (because we are all hardy eaters of Chick-fil-A) will be used for assemblies and other student activities. Thank you for your participation! Go Cows!!

Congratulations To The Following:

NEW/RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Leizel F. de Leon, Danulo & Jocelyn Besabella, Geovany & Elizabeth Mendieta

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (30 yrs)
 Augusto & Elizabeth David 12/10 (44 yrs)
 Eli & Dolores Herrera 12/17 (61 yrs)
 Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (45 yrs)
 Eddie & Rose Reyes 12/23 (48 yrs)
 Damon & Jacqueline Smith 12/23
 Tony & Beth Silva 12/23
 Nicanor & Gregoria Henzon 12/24 (60 yrs)
 Virgil & Josette Sangria 12/27 (35 yrs)
 Steven & Adriana Lake 12/28 (40 yrs)
 Johnny & Fely Pascua (50 yrs)
 John & Carol Samson 1/8



Celebrating your Wedding Anniversary?

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

Fil/Am Association News

St. Barnabas Filipino American Association

Please join us in our next meeting on **Sunday, January 8th 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.

Holy Humor

Church bulletin announcement:

"Please pray for John Jay, who passed away on March 2 at the request of his sister."

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

Year of the Rosary

Pope Francis declared the 2016 Liturgical Year "The Year of Mercy," and all Catholics embraced this theme in their worship and activities. This year, Fr. Antony, and the Pastoral Council, invite all St. Barnabas parishioners to place our focus on one of the most beautiful gifts of our faith, the Rosary.



Our "Year of the Rosary" will begin on January 1, 2017 and will conclude on December 31, 2017. We will focus on strengthening our worship and prayer activities, spiritual talks, and events throughout 2017. We invite all of you to bring your rosaries for a special blessing on the New Year's Eve and Day Masses, and thus begin the Year of the Rosary in a solemn way.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

In celebration of the "Year of Mercy", several activities are in planning stages. Our parish has many of our ministries involved in building a committee to bring these activities to life. If you have a strong love for the rosary, or are feeling called to bring yourself in to more community with our parish, please consider joining this group. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED

Beginning in February, our parish will begin praying the rosary before Mass on weekends. Already a tradition in our daily masses, we are seeking individuals and families who would lead our church in a rosary 25 minutes prior to each of our Saturday vigil and Sunday masses. Sign up folders are located in the church entrances, or you can contact the parish office.

FR. GEORGE SHARES WITH US THE ROSARY

On Sunday, January 22 at 4:00pm, Fr. George Reynolds, former Associate Pastor of St. Barnabas Church, will return to give a talk on the foundation of the rosary, guiding our hearts to praying this beautiful gift from our Blessed Mother.



If you are looking to learn more about why we pray the rosary, how to pray it, or even wish to deepen your knowledge of the rosary this is the perfect start to our year long journey through the mysteries and beauty of the rosary. Following Fr. George's talk, we will continue with praying a rosary together, and conclude with our regularly scheduled 5:30pm Mass.

This is sure to be a great evening no one will want to miss!

Dear Padre

JANUARY 1, 2017

Does calling Mary "the Mother of God" mean that she came before God?

No; it simply expresses our belief that Mary is truly the Mother of Jesus, who from the moment of his conception was both human and divine. Catholics believe that God is a Trinity of persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in one divine nature. We believe that God existed from all eternity and is the source of all created things. We also believe that, to save us from sin, the second person of the Trinity, the Son, took on a human nature. God became one of us in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Luke's Infancy narrative (1:26–38) tells us that God sent Gabriel to Mary to announce that she would have a child, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary consented, and Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Later, Mary is greeted by Elizabeth as "the mother of my Lord" (1:43). This greeting expresses the reality that the Lord, the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, is present in Mary's womb. Other passages testify to the same fact. Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is God (John 20:28). Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God.

When we honor Mary as "the Mother of God," we are professing our belief that Jesus is truly God. We are not saying that Mary came before God but rather that the Son, who existed from all eternity, "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14).

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