



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 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



**Learn from the way
the wild flowers grow.**

-Matthew 6:28

DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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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FINANCIAL REPORT

Last Sunday's Collection:

\$11,443.50

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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 - Saturday) at **7:35 am** 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)**. 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!



Available after the
**7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
& 10:45 AM**
Masses at the
PARISH CENTER.

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



Feb: Frank & Julie Tusing



Mark Your Calendar

- 2/27 Project Achieve Mtg. 7pm/Music Rm
- 3/1 Ash Wednesday—First day of Lent
- 3/3 World Day of Prayer
- 3/3 1st Friday Adoration 8:30am-7pm; Mass 7:30pm
- 3/4 Marriage Prep Class 8:45-5:00 in Parish Hall
- 3/4 Candle-lit Rosary Procession after 5pm Mass
- 3/5 Filipino-American Association Mtg. 6:30pm
- 3/18 Rosary Making - 3pm Parish Hall

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27th

8:00 am- St. Barnabas Music Ministry

Tuesday, February 28th

8:00 am- Robert & Melissa Ray; +Alvaro Ruiz Briseno

Wednesday, March 1st

8:00 am- Parish Office Staff & Volunteers

12:00 pm- St. Barnabas School Teachers, Parents & Students

5:00 pm- Parish Maintenance Crew

7:00 pm- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotees

Thursday, March 2nd

8:00 am- +Mary Degner

Friday, March 3rd

8:00 am- +Alice Bennett

7:30 pm- All Parish Ministries

Saturday, March 4th

8:00 am- +Julia Noronha

5:00 pm- +Candido Piczon

Sunday, March 5th

7:30 am- +Francisco Noronha

9:00 am- Christian & Rachelle Dalusong; +Jesusa Basilio

10:45 am- Religious Education Team

12:30 pm- Omar Briseno

5:30 pm- Luz Davila; +Sonnie Paulin

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

Pray For The Sick

The following names have been recently added:

Gregorio Dones, Agnes Ylanan, Ricardo Ayala, Jimmie Bernstein, Ed Reyes, Marie Mott, Lina Gustilo, Violet Fimalino, Bernadette Graves, Fr. George Reynolds, Jacob Benarth, Helga Crawford

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.

Naomi Martinez 2/3
Elisa Sanjongo

Mary Degner 2/3
Alice Bennett 2/16

Today's Readings

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;
First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

St. Casimir was a prince of Poland and born in the royal palace at Krakow, October 3, 1458. St. Casimir was possessed of great charms of person and character, and was noted particularly for his justice and chastity. Often at night he would kneel for hours before the locked doors of churches, regardless of the hour or the inclemency of the weather. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, and the hymn of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, "Omni die dic Marix mea laudes anima", was long attributed to him. After his death he was venerated as a saint, because of the miracles wrought by him. Pope Clement VIII named March 4 as his feast. St. Casimir is the patron of Poland and Lithuania, though he is honored as far as Belgium and Naples.



Parish News

FAITH DIRECT

I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our Parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donations of your choosing. **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

TAX DONATION LETTER

Tax letters will automatically be mailed out to Parishioners who donated \$500 or more. Those who need a tax letter can still request one, by emailing the Parish Office at church@stbarnabaslb.org. Include your Parish Family # if you remember it.



MARRIAGE PREP CLASS

Newly engaged? We will be hosting a Marriage Prep Class (one-day retreat) on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 from 8:45am to 5pm at the Parish Hall. You must pre-register for this class, for first time marriages only. To sign up, please Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org (Special Guest speaker: Deacon Carlito de los Reyes)

Safeguard The Children & Youth

DID YOU KNOW?

It may be difficult to understand why an abuse victim does not come forward immediately to report an assault. For those who have suffered sexual assault or abuse, denial can be a powerful defense mechanism, one that allows them to cope with the trauma and its aftermath. Often, an abuser is someone the victim knows and trusts, which makes it even harder to understand why the abuse is happening, and harder to come forward and ask for help and protection. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "The Many Faces of Denial, Part 2" email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.



Ash Wednesday



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This year, Ash Wednesday will be March 1, 2017. Ashes will be distributed during the masses which will be held at 8 AM, 12 Noon, 5PM and 7PM.

Parish Ministries

TO ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

New procedures are posted at the 2 front entrances and the back of the Sacristy. Please follow them accordingly.

PROJECT ACHIEVE MINISTRY – Feeding The Homeless

Our next meeting is MONDAY, 2/27/17 at 7pm in the MUSIC ROOM in the Parish Center.

Meetings are typically the 4th Monday of every month. New members are always welcome!

Any questions, please contact Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Gustilo-Smithson, cell: 310.344.7862.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Please join us in our next meeting on Sunday, March 5th 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.

Hosted by:
Knights of Columbus #3449

Lenten Fish Fry Nights:
3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7
6:00pm-8:30pm/Parish Hall

PRICES:
\$9 / ADULTS
\$8 / SENIORS
\$6 / CHILDREN
\$1 / DRINKS OR DESSERTS

Congratulations To The Following:

NEW/RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Mark & Angela Montoya, Analino Raass & Manuela Parra, Cesar & Nora Hernandez, Alfredo Alagot & Julie Cablay & their families.

QUINCEAÑERA:

Anali Elena Plascencia 2/18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe & Belinda Rutigliano 2/14 (11yrs)
Robert & Melissa Ray 2/28 (3yrs)

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



Year of the Rosary

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" began on January 1, 2017 and will conclude on December 31, 2017. We will focus on strengthening our worship and prayer activities, with spiritual talks, and events throughout 2017.



JOIN OUR NEWEST MINISTRY: THE "ROSARY WARRIORS OF LB"

We welcome everyone who would like to help make rosaries while deepening their love and knowledge of this beautiful gift from our Blessed Mother. No prior skills necessary, all you need to do is show up! We're now on Instagram, come check us out [@RosaryWarriorsLB](#). For questions, please contact the Ministry Coordinators: Mary Lopez, (562) 305-5542 or Lisa Marie McDonald, (626) 214-6260.

The 1st day scheduled to make rosaries will begin on: **Saturday, March 18th at 3:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

KIDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN! This first class is geared toward kids, but of course EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



BRING YOUR KIDS.

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED

We have begun 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. There is a red folder with sign-up sheets located in the church entrance near the sacristy door, or you can contact the parish office for assistance or inquiry.

CANDLE-LIT ROSARY PROCESSION

Candlelight Rosary Procession with Benediction every First Saturday of the month after the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Next Date: Saturday, March 4, 2017

All are welcome to participate!

Holy Humor

The newly-elected provincial of an order of women religious called her elderly mother to share the news of her new position of responsibility in the community.

"That's nice, honey," her mother replied. "Didn't anyone else want it?"

OH, BROTHER! Belly Laughs for Good Humored Catholics By Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST Copyright © 2015 by Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST

First Friday Adoration

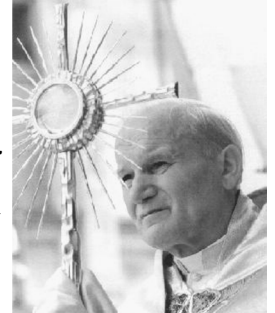
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT **Friday, March 3rd, 2017 – 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM**

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



St. Barnabas School News

St. Barnabas School is proud to announce our annual Spring Event and production of *St. Barnabas on Broadway: A Musical Revue* on April 28 & 29 at St. Joseph High School in Lakewood.



- Tickets go on sale March 13th at [biddingforgood.com/SBSpringEvent](#).
- If you are interested in purchasing an ad in our colorful playbill or buying a sponsor table at the gala dinner on April 29th, please contact Maggie Gisel at [maggie.gisel@gmail.com](#).
- Don't miss our online auction at [biddingforgood.com/SBSpringEvent](#). Starting April 10th, we'll have many exciting items and services available to bid and buy on-line.

Raffle tickets will be available soon:

1st prize - \$2,000, 2nd prize - \$500 and 3rd prize - \$250

Thank you for supporting the school's largest fundraiser of the year!



Together In Mission



Heavenly king, we thank you for the blessings you bestow upon us. We pray that stewardship may become a way of life for us so that we can share the many gifts you have bestowed upon. Guide us to be generous in our thoughts and actions. We offer you today the fruits of our labor that they may become beacons of hope for others. Let us be reminded of the gift of light we received at the baptismal font and help us to reflect that light on to others in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOW TO MAKE A GIFT FOR 2017

- Online at ourmissionla.org/give
- Use an envelope at your parish.
- Make your gift over the phone: 213-637-7672 M-F 8am-5pm

Treasures From Our Tradition

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to “paint” the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. “Oil of exorcism” protected candidates from “evil spirits”; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism’s bath, “sealed” them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

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



Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate....Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me....Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

*Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
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2/22 Jesus entrusted to Peter the keys to open the entrance to the kingdom of heaven, and not to close it.

2/21 God knows better than we do about what we need. We must have faith, because his ways are different from ours.

2/20 If evil is contagious, so is goodness. Let us be infected by goodness and let us spread goodness!

2/19 Let us be moved by the Holy Spirit in order to be courageous in finding new ways to proclaim the Gospel.