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*May it be done to me
according to your word*

Good News!

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

King David wants to build God a home! He had first built his own palace and afterward realized that he hadn't built a space for God—a place of worship and family communion.

It is admirable that David wants to give back, but do we have to take care of God or, rather, is it God who cares for us? Obviously, God doesn't need David to build him a house. The whole world is his. Didn't God build up David all along, bringing him to a place where he might consider offering God something in return? It is like children who want to give their parents a gift. First they ask a parent for money or a gift idea. On their own, they cannot give.

God turns the tables on David, saying that God will build David a house—an everlasting lineage to rule over the people. God will build something much bigger than anything David had ever dreamt of. He will build David a kingdom that will become a nation and give birth to a worldwide universal Church.

In the painting, Mary stands in front of an ornate house. She stands like us, at the entrance, welcoming God's coming. It was her yes that allowed the master builder to enter into our world to begin building this house, which became a Church.

Like Mary, we await Jesus. With her, let us say yes to him, celebrating the one who has established that house where we celebrate today!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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CONFESSIONS:

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

Saturday
3:30pm-4:30pm

INFANT BAPTISMS:

4th Sunday of the Month:
2:30pm (must pre-register)

WEDDINGS: (6 Months Prior)
Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

ANNOINTING OF SICK:
(Call Parish Office)

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 8:00am | 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:45am
12:30pm | 5:30pm

Monday-Friday 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

(1st Friday of the Month)

Adoration: 8:30am-7:00pm | Mass: 7:30pm

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:

Every Wednesday (Novena after Mass)
Rosary: 6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

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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**Monthly Flower Donors for
Tabernacle &
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Gerry Johnston
Nov. 25 – Dec.30

**DAILY DEVOTIONS**

Please join us in reciting the **Rosary** every morning (Mon-Sat) at 7:35am before daily Mass. It's 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**. Prayers usually start approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass (around 8:40am). If you can't join us, you can join the Divine Mercy on EWTN television channel at noon.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 12/24 NO Coffee & Donuts
- 12/23-1/7 School's Winter Break
- 12/24 NO Sunday School/ Religious Education Classes
- 12/25 Christmas Day—Jesus' Birthday! (Office closed)
- 12/30 Celebration of The Year of the Rosary, pg 4
- 12/31 NO Coffee & Donuts
- 1/1 New Year's Day 2018 (Office closed)
- 1/5 1st Friday Adoration 8:30am-7pm; Mass 7:30pm
- 1/7 Filipino-American Association Mtg. 6:30pm
- 1/7 St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday, pg 4
- 1/15 Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25th

NO MASS INTENTIONS - JESUS' BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, December 26th

8:00 am- +Bernardo Abad; +Ronald Tuquero; +Esteban Joya; +Michael Franklin

Wednesday, December 27th

8:00 am- +Richard Goul; +Art Navarro; +Rogelio Sanchez; +Dakila Lopez

6:30 pm- +Maria M. Paraiso; +Angeline Babauta; +Teofilo V. Enriquez

Thursday, December 28th

8:00 am- Faye Rivera; Kimberly Sheldon; +Orleta Torres De Leon; +Richard & +Lois Watson

Friday, December 29th

8:00 am- Rose Lucero; +Froilan Sibucan; +Teofilo Enriquez

Saturday, December 30th

8:00 am- Rose Hanson; To all our Parish Ministry Leaders; +Juanita Merr

5:00 pm- Bill & Connie Dobberpuhl; Elizabeth Cannata; +Maria G. Corea

Sunday, December 31st

7:30 am- Manuel Torrez; +Michelle Feiner; +Santiago Abando

9:00 am- Fe Medina; +Jesusa Basilio; +Alejandre Gallardo; +Maria Teresa Manso

10:45 am- +Paul Crawford; +Rita & +Mary Magno; +Estella Carigma

12:30 pm- Robert J. McJilton; The McJilton Family; +Jun C. Sanatana

5:30 pm- Stewardship Committee; Santos Family; +Hilario Damandaman

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The following names have been recently added:

Cleomie Valcinus, Estella Sarte, Luciano Sabate, Robert J. McJilton, Jose Palacios, Eddie Reyes

Please pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which is 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.

Leo Dela Cruz 12/3

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

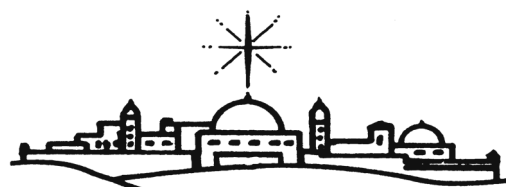
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Tuesday:** St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
- Wednesday:** St. John
- Thursday:** The Holy Innocents
- Friday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Saturday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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PARISH NEWS & MORE

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass - 11/24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm

Christmas Mass (Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord) Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday December 24

5:00pm - Children's Dramatization
5:30pm - Vigil Mass (for Christmas Day)
9:30pm - Caroling
10:00pm - Traditional Mass

Monday December 25

8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon



Solemn Celebration of the Year of the Rosary

Saturday December 30th

4:00pm - Candle-lit Rosary Procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue
5:00pm - Mass
Celebration in the Parish Hall immediately after the Mass

*If your Parish Ministry would like to lead one of the decades during the procession, please contact Marina at: 562-254-8133/ marinacuico@gmail.com



CONFESSIONS

Saturday December 30 3:00pm - 4:00pm

New Year's Eve (Feast of the Holy Family)

Sunday December 31

Regular Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am,
12:00pm, 5:30pm (Vigil)



New Year's Day

(Solemnity of Mary)

Mon. Jan. 1

9:00am

CHRISTMAS MASS – INVITE A FRIEND!

We all know someone who hasn't been to church in a while. Invite them to Christmas Mass. Let's welcome everyone we see this Christmas. The most powerful first step to a conversion is a personal invitation. St. Barnabas is our family. Help make this Christmas a joyous one.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (31yrs)
Gleycell & Daisy Perucho 12/9 (30yrs)
Eli & Dolores Herrera 12/17 (62yrs)
Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (46yrs)
Edward & Rio Martinez 12/21 (2yrs)



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

PARISH MINISTRIES

NEED LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Looking to serve in a rewarding Ministry? We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the following people for more information:

Lectors—Call Marina: 562-254-8133

Eucharistic Ministers—Call Sam: 562-521-4040

Download a volunteer form from our Church website.

BUNDLE SUNDAY

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

We will be having the St. Vincent de Paul Truck parked at the Parish Center Parking Lot (Basketball Courts) for **Bundle Sunday on January 7th, 2018 8am-2pm**

Items they are looking to collect: non-perishable food, personal care products, clothing, furniture and other small household items.



We need your support! Remember to bring any usable items that will help needy individuals. For large items including furniture, large appliances, and vehicles, please phone 323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571 for home pickups.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- * St. Barnabas Parish office will be closed on **Monday, December 25** and **Monday, January 1, 2018.**
- * Please keep your personal belongings (i.e. purses/handbags) in sight and with you at all times during Mass. Also remember to lock your car and hide your valuables from plain sight.
- * Please maintain reverence while the rosary is recited before the mass.
- * Be courteous when parking in the neighborhood, do not block any driveways, nor park at the .99 Cent Store. Thank you for your cooperation.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, January 5th, 2018 – 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Do you have any New Year's Resolutions in mind? Would you like to enrich your heart and soul with an hour devoted to our Blessed Lord in Eucharistic Adoration? It is a rich and refreshing experience of deep prayer and spiritual guidance.

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



PASSION & PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE



St. Barnabas will join Our Lady of Refuge in co-sponsoring "Passion and Purpose for Marriage" presented by speaker Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic.

It will be held at Our Lady of Refuge on Sat, February 10 from 9am-1:30pm. This program is meant for engaged or married couples of all ages. The perfect Christmas gift for your spouse—uninterrupted time together focused on each other. The cost of the day is \$25 per person. Buy your tickets online, at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900. Give a gift that can change lives this Christmas! Any questions please call Terri Furlow at 562-427-8048.

HOLY HUMOR

An avid golfer finally gets his once-in-a-lifetime chance for an audience with the pope. After standing in line for hours, he meets the pope and asks, "Holiness, I have a question that only you can answer. You see, I love golf, and I feel a real need to know if there is a golf course in heaven. Can you tell me if there is?"

The pope considers for a moment, and says, "I do not know the answer to your question, my son, but I will talk to God and get back to you"

The following day the man is summoned for a private audience with the pope. "My son, I have some good news and some bad news in relation to your question. The good news is that heaven has the most fabulous golf course that you could imagine and is in eternally perfect shape."

"And what's the bad news?" asks the man.

"You tee off tomorrow morning at 8:00."

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Dear Padre

DECEMBER 24, 2017

An antiphon in the Christian breviary states, "The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph" (December 20). Was she married or not when Jesus was conceived?

Much of the confusion is due to what constituted marriage at the time of Jesus.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph when she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. During the usual betrothal period of a year, the woman remained with her family. However, the bond between the couple was already as permanent as marriage. That's why Mary was legally known as Joseph's wife, even though they didn't yet live together or have all the rights belonging to a husband and wife. In fact, the arrangement during betrothal was so binding that it could only be terminated in divorce.

Moreover, in that patriarchal society, a betrothed woman who had sexual relations with anyone other than her husband was accused of adultery. Had Joseph ended this betrothal in disgrace, Mary would have been deprived of marriage for the rest of her life and dependent on her extended family upon her father's death. But Joseph was an upright man who intended to divorce her quietly without publicly stating the reason, in order to spare Mary and her family's reputation. That's when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to have no fear about taking Mary as his wife, for the Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



Christmas message from Fr. Antony

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel from the midnight Mass on this Christmas recounts that the angel of the Lord announced to the shepherds “I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” In this, we witness the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior in the manger. Let us imitate them to worship and welcome Jesus in the manger of our hearts.

God the Father has sent His only Son Jesus to us. He is true God who became true Man. He came to reveal perfectly God’s truth and love, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church where His presence continues in both Word and Sacrament. Reflect and treasure on the gift of Jesus, and actively engage in professing our faith in Him. May I encourage all of us to continue to live in the spirit of Christmas each day. Let us reflect on how to better treasure this gift each day by making prayer a critical part of our life, by continuing to read Sacred Scripture and the teachings of our Church, by having a stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass, by regularly making a self-examination of conscience and going to Confession, and reaching out to those in need. May such reflections move us to an even more intimate relationship with our Lord in the coming year.

I am glad that we have been reflecting on the mystery of Jesus coming to us by focusing on the mysteries of the rosaries all through this year in our parish. We have had many spiritually enlightening talks and activities that have deepened our understanding of the mysteries of the Rosary. We have made every attempt to pray the rosary as well. Let us continue to cherish this faith tradition and make every effort to sustain the habit of praying the rosary daily.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. It is a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits, and begin a new prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. It is my great joy to extend to all our sisters and brothers an open and grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate God’s presence in our lives through the Sacraments which Jesus has entrusted to his Church.

As your pastor, I treasure each and every one of you as a tremendous gift from God to our parish. I appreciate the commitment, dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make our parish a beacon of Christ’s love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the Pastoral and Finance councils, and in all of our ministries and organizations, and our wonderful school. They have dedicated their precious time, talent and treasure to serve our parish. I truly appreciate their commitment and generosity. On behalf of Fr. Joseph Bai, Deacon Carlito, and the parish staff, I pray that Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones with peace, good health, and prosperity. May you have a grace-filled New Year 2018!

With Christmas Blessings, Rev. Antony Gaspar, Pastor

DEVOTION TO ST. PEREGRINE

PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

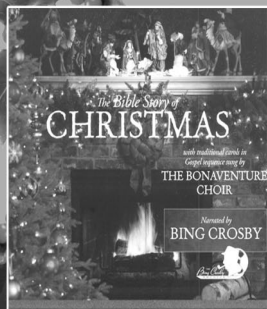
Friday, January 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Beginning January 2018, we will start a new prayer list of names to be prayed over during the St. Peregrine novena. The current names have been placed at the Shrine of St. Peregrine located in Mission San Juan Capistrano. If you would like to have your family member or friend remain on the list for next year or if you would like to add a new name for 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.





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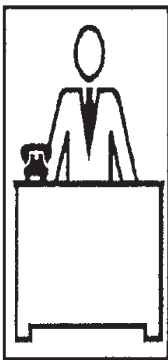
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