



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8

Good News!

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12

On the Sistine Chapel's ceiling, inspired by today's passage from the first reading, Michelangelo painted the amazing moment when God creates woman out of the side of man. He depicts her standing beside the slumbering Adam, almost arguing with God. Perhaps it represents the eternal discussion about the relationship of man and woman. Or perhaps it recalls the perpetual scene of a man asleep on the couch while the woman wonders, "What's wrong with him?" The good thing is that Eve asks the only one who has the answer: God himself.

In fact, Jesus does the same thing in Mark's Gospel. When the Pharisees question him on divorce, Jesus refers them to God's original plan, "But from the beginning of creation..." (10:6). Jesus finds the answer to this challenging question by looking back at God's creative plan for humanity. God has given man and woman to one another as a mutual gift. It is not good that man should be alone, but only God in eternity definitively satisfies the original loneliness found in everyone's heart.

When spousal love breaks down, we would be wise to follow Jesus' advice and refer to God's original plan. Saint John Paul II did that when, in contemplating married love, he dedicated the first years of his Wednesday audiences to reflect on the first three chapters of Genesis.

Those God has placed alongside us, especially our spouses, are meant to wonderfully (but only partially) satisfy that deep longing to be totally accompanied. Mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice in love is the solution to our inherent isolation and loneliness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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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)

Email: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org

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

ANOIDING OF THE 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—6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

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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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

- 10/7 Fil-Am Association mtg, 6:30pm/Parish Hall
- 10/9 Catholic Estate Seminar/Hall
- 10/9 Bible Study Class 7pm
- 10/19 - 10/20 PARISH FESTIVAL!
- 10/25 Eucharistic Ministers mtg, 6:30pm/Church
- 10/26 Project Achieve mtg, 7pm/Church
- 10/27 Guest Speaker: Rosario Rodriguez

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 8th

8:00 am- +Joel Manalili; +Filomeno Manalili Sr.;
+Pasquale Monaco; +Francis Meredith

Tuesday, October 9th

8:00 am- Julie Fesolai Noriega; +Hans Rotter; +Alan Grey

Wednesday, October 10th

8:00 am- Anthony Marquez; +Rudolph Kell; +Pedro Escala

6:30 pm- Tina Quinn; Melissa Banting; +Celia Marrujo;
+Cesar D. Alfonso, Sr.

Thursday, October 11th

8:00 am- Lorraine Gray; Maya; Tricia Jimenez

Friday, October 12th

8:00 am- Bernard & Lynette Biscocho; Sara Lucia Banting; +Joselito Veloro

Saturday, October 13th

8:00 am- St. Barnabas Parishioners

5:00 pm- Tirica Jimenez; Lorraine Gray; Maya; Tina Quinn

Sunday, October 14th

7:30 am- Merlita Trinidad; +Rosita Campana; +Idelfonso Lazo

9:00 am- +Zina Azedillo

10:45 am- +Elmer Layaoen; +Danilo Larida Cervantes;
+Bonifacio & Hermenia Avancena

12:30 pm- +Alejandro Mina

5:30 pm- St. Barnabas Confirmation Students & Youth Ministry

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Elizabeth Cannata, Lydia Estrada, Junn Gabrillo, Rory Letrondo, Ed Morris, Jennifer Rumps, Chuck G., Romeo Giron; Mateo Leyva, Barbara Hendren, Mercedes Tudisco, Lisa Weddendorf, Claire Penano, Steven Urubek, Helen Feser, Connie & Jim Edwards, Gerry Johnston, Pat Hanson, Frank Florida, Annette Castallanos, Kathy Gettler, Tina Quinn

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalms — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Columbus Day;
Canadian Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi

Thursday: St. John XXIII

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

WE WILL REMEMBER YOU...

We Pray for and remember our Parishioners who have died.

Teresa Soria 9/15

Pedro Escala 10/2

PARISH NEWS & MORE

PARISH CENTER MUSIC ROOM

New paint and new carpet has been installed in the Music Room at the Parish Center. We kindly ask that we do not eat food or drinks in this room, other than water. Thank you for your cooperation.

WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT TEAM

We are looking for volunteers to join this special Team! They'll be in charge of decorating our Church and Altar for special occasions for the upcoming holidays and major events, such as All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. Must be reliable and enjoy decorating! Email the Parish Office for info.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALTAR

We are looking for Parishioners who would like to sponsor our fresh flower arrangements for our Altar only, in honor of a loved one. Cost: \$125/a week. If interested, please email the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org and week you would like.

PARISH FAMILY NUMBER

Don't forget to write down your *Parish Family* # on all contribution envelopes and donations to the Church. If you forgot your #, call the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY: "ACTS 29"

Calling all Youth, ages 13-18: Come check out our NEW Youth Ministry, Acts 29-The Next Chapter. Meet-ups are every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the Month from 7pm to 9pm at the Parish Center. We highly suggest you to attend the **YOUTH MASS** at 5:30pm as well! 2nd Year Confirmation Candidates, strongly encouraged to join! Contact Rose at: youthministry@stbarnabaslb.org for more information!

 **FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!!!**
[@acts29youthministry](https://www.instagram.com/acts29youthministry)

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Friday: 6pm-9pm; Saturday: 10am-3pm
Sunday: 9am-5pm (call ahead as they are in & out of office all day)

MASS UPDATES FOR YOUTH

Our Religious Ed and Confirmation Program will be attending the 9:00am, 10:45am and 5:30pm Masses as a class. Be advised that some of the front pews will be reserved for students. **We're also excited to say that Sundays at 5:30pm will now be our designated YOUTH MASS for Confirmation students and Youth Ministry!** All ages are welcome to attend as well.

PARISH MINISTRIES

PROJECT ACHIEVE MINISTRY: FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Please join us at our next meeting on Thurs. Oct 25th at 6:30 pm in the Church. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ministry Coordinator: Michelle Gustilo-Smithson, cell: 310-344-7862

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Please join us in our next meeting on Sunday, October 7th 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 Helen Cajayon at (562)290-2019.

ST. MICHAEL'S MINISTRY

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our newest ministry here at St. Barnabas! if you are interested in the well-being and security of our Parish, come join our St. Michael's Ministry. Must be responsible and reliable! For more information, please contact: Fred Lobato: call 310-913-3628 or fredlobato@yahoo.com



MANDATORY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

There is a mandatory meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:30pm** in the Church. It is important that you attend to stay up to date with procedures. Contact Sam at 562-521-4040 if you have questions.

ALL SAINTS DAY/ALL SOULS DAY

ALL SAINTS' DAY VIGIL/Halloween - OCT. 31

Vigil Mass: 6:30 pm

ALL SAINTS' DAY [HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION] NOV. 1ST

Mass: 8:00 am and 6:30 pm

ALL SOULS' DAY - NOV. 2ND

Mass: 8:00 am

Rosary for the Souls: 6:00 pm

Candle-Lit Procession: As we begin Mass (Parishioners can participate in this)

Mass: 6:30 pm



*subject to change



COMMUNITY WELCOME - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
JOIN US FOR THE ST. BARNABAS

Parish Festival

October 19th & 20th - 4:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Music - Food - Entertainment - Silent Auction - Beer Garden - Wine & Margaritas

Music, Games, Dancing,
School Performances,
Food, Treats,
Beer, Wine, Margarita's,
Soda & much, much more..!

**A Relaxing Time Together To
CELEBRATE AS A PARISH !**

Still time to drop off a basket (*empty or full*), wine, soda,
or a cash donation to the rectory,
VOLUNTEER to work a game booth, help serve in a
food booth, or help with the silent auction.

Visit the Parish website to sign up at www.stbarnabaslb.org

Pickup A Festival T-Shirt After All Masses
Secure Your Ticket For The Festival 50 / 50 Raffle
And Join The CELEBRATION !



it's a Party

JOIN US FOR OUR
St. Barnabas Festival
BarnaFEST - 2018

Friday & Saturday
Oct. 19th & 20th
4:00 pm - 10:30 pm

EVERYONE IS INVITED

■ LINE DANCE TO
WESTERN MUSIC

■ OUR SCHOOL
CHILDREN PERFORM
BOTH DAYS AT
6:00 PM

■ GET THERE EARLY,
RIDE YOUR BIKE TO
AVOID THE PARKING
CRUNCH !

(We will have bike racks at the
entrance for you to lock your bike).

**Stay Tuned for exciting
new announcements in
the weeks ahead!**

For more information about the festival
visit the parish website at:
www.stbarnabaslb.org

CONTACT:

David Zanatta for
sponsorship information at: 562-244-7644
please leave a message and
your call will be returned.

Drop off donated items at Rectory Office.

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! LINK IS ON
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!!!**
www.facebook.com/stbarnabaslb/

KNIGHTS KORNER

COMPUTERS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES



Do you have old computers, flat-screen monitors (sorry, no CRTs!), keyboards, or mice that you are no longer using? The Knights of Columbus Judge Walter Desmond Council #3449 is continuing its effort to provide computers for children and families in our area that cannot afford them. We have provided over 45 computers to needy families and we're looking to increase that number even further. We guarantee to wipe all data from the hard drives. Questions, please contact **Anthony Vitale** at (562) 423-7055 or via email at donatecomputerskofc3449@verizon.net.

RESPECT LIFE

October 7th @ 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: St. Cornelius Parish

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It's a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. **Contact Bob Kalowes for more info: 562-225-1946**

RUMMAGE SALE- THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of our Event Chairman, James Teahan, the Knights of Columbus offers its sincerest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to everybody for your overwhelming and enthusiastic support of our Annual Rummage Sale! Your unparalleled generosity enabled this event to be a huge success. Although we are NO longer collecting items, we ask that you stay tuned for our next Rummage Sale coming in 2019!!!

Pastor Al®



"Now *what* made you think using the fire sprinklers would be a good way to shorten the sprinkling rite?"

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

FALL COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS:

Mariana Moreno (San Diego State Univ), Jasee Balajadia (New York Univ), Malakai Gustilo-Rios (Focus Missionary – Western Michigan Univ), Maya Smithson (studying abroad- Banaras Univ, India), Julianne "Annie" Adamos (Univ. of Montevallo, AL- Softball Scholarship), Sarah Lalonde (Gonzaga Univ)

QUINCEAÑERA: 9/29: Evelyn Juarez

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

John & Sina Lucero 9/25 (25yrs)
Michael & Aida Mastriona 9/28 (5yrs)
Joey & Pam Dones 10/2 (13yrs)
Bernard & Lynette Biscocho 10/12 (27yrs)
Francis & Olivia Baylen 10/23 (8yrs)
Brian & Reina Magpantay 10/29 (2yrs)

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



CATHOLIC ESTATE SEMINAR

PLEASE JOIN US! CATHOLIC ESTATE AND PERSONAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Have you been putting off establishing a Will and other important documents as part of your estate plan? You are not alone!

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, legal and financial professionals will be joining us to discuss these important topics:

- The importance of having a Will and/or Trust, Power of Attorney and other critical documents
- Catholic teachings on Advance Healthcare Directives
- Including Charitable Giving in your estate plans
- Certificate for free legal and Financial Consultation

We will be hosting the Wills Planning Seminar on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 @ 1:00pm AND 7:00pm (2 sessions) in our Parish Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org or 562-424-8595.

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER POWERFUL GUEST SPEAKER AT ST. BARNABAS

Finding Forgiveness in the Midst of Tragedy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2018
Two Presentations

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Rosario's Presentation to YOUTH *(in parish hall)*
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Meet & Greet with Rosario & Youth

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Rosario's Presentation to ADULTS *(in church)*
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Meet & Greet with Rosario & Adults

Rosario Rodriguez - has worked in many capacities with different Catholic ministries around the United States. Experiencing pain and the freedom of healing herself and having worked with many who were hurting, she is passionate in encouraging those who are wounded to seek healing and know their dignity as children of God.

Rosario will speak on "Finding Forgiveness in the Midst of Tragedy." You will hear about her experience of being an innocent victim and miraculous survivor of two violent crimes. She shares how after spending years struggling with depression and questioning her dignity and worth she found hope and healing through the grace of the sacraments and in forgiving her assailants.



God is Sovereign!

"De Maria Numquam satis"

~Rosario Rodriguez

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

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HOLY HUMOR

Father Domingo was celebrating Mass for the second graders. He pointed to the large chi rho (XP) on his vestments and asked if any of the children knew what it meant.

Most of the children were dumbfounded, but Little Jonnie kept waving his hand and shouting, "I know! I know!"

Finally, Father Domingo called on him. "What does the chi rho mean, Little Jonnie?"

Little Jonnie announced with pride, "No parking!"

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

Dear Padre

October 7, 2018

My fiancée and I were hoping to be married in a park. When we mentioned this to our priest, he informed us that, in this diocese, all Catholic weddings are to take place in a Catholic church. Why is that?

It's true that Catholic weddings always take place in a church, unless the bishop grants specific permission for the ceremony to be performed elsewhere. First, there is a purely practical reason for Catholics to get married in their parish church. It is a way of recording when and where Catholics marry. Parish records serve a useful purpose in both Church and civil matters.

But a more important reason is that marriage, in the eyes of Catholics, is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics marry, they believe God binds their union. The love of the couple for each other is a sign of God's love for both of them. This is expressed during the wedding ceremony with the words: "What God has joined together, let no one put asunder."

The union of the couple is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Saint Paul tells us that husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25). So when Catholics marry, they do not view it simply as a contract between a man and woman. Rather, they see it as something in which God is deeply involved and which also involves the whole Catholic community.

The church building, which contains the presence of Christ, is thought of as the most sacred place to make this most sacred of commitments.

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TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

We will still be accepting sign-ups for our new Bible Study Class Sessions from now until Friday, October 19th. So please sign-up as class is filling up fast! 1st Session has already begun!

Please contact our Parishioners: Darrell at 562-424-8982 and/or Phil at preher@earthlink.net. Cost is: \$45/per family.

Classes are held every Tuesday evening at 7pm.



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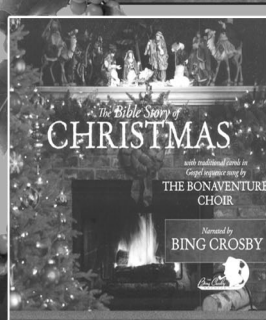


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