



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1:41-42

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Good News!

December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

God is often present in the little, hidden things of life. Take for example the small town of Bethlehem. This place barely appeared on the maps of the time. Yet in this dull town, overlooked by all, God wished to be born. God isn't into bling.

In her womb the Virgin Mary quietly carried the Light of the World, but it happened in a way unknown to anyone. He is the Light of the World, shining to catch our attention, but he does so in silence, humility, and intimacy.

There is a second aspect of the Incarnation to learn here. Christmas was about a real sacrifice. Mary and Jesus offered their very selves. Hebrews says it wasn't an animal or a wheat offering but Jesus' very body and blood. The same for Mary, as it was her life, her virginity, her very intimacy, that she was opening to God when she agreed to be the mother of the Lord. It's easy to be generous when it doesn't touch too close to home.

So try not to look for glitz and externals this Christmas but for God's hidden presence. And imitate Jesus and Mary by giving of your very self. It's not about a fast, a donation, or extra prayers—as good as those Advent practices are. But all of this prepares us to give our very selves to him in trust through the hidden acts of love of every day.

—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)

Email: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org

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

ANOIDTING 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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Due to the early publishing of this bulletin, the financial total for Sunday, Dec. 16 is unavailable.

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December 24 - 30

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Dec. 15 - 29

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

- 12/22-1/6 SBS Winter Break (School closed)
- 12/24 Christmas Eve (Parish Office closed)
- 12/25 Jesus' Birthday! (Parish Office closed)
- 1/1 New Year's Day Mass 9am (Parish Office closed)



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24th

8:00 am- NO MASS

5:30 pm- CHRISTMAS EVE,

Thanksgiving to all our Parish Priests & Deacon

10:00 pm- CHRISTMAS EVE,

Thanksgiving to all our Parish Priests & Deacon

Tuesday, December 25th

8:00 am- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

10:00 am- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

12:00 pm- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

Wednesday, December 26th

8:00 am- Christopher Sabate; Sunny & Rosamma Michael; +Michael Franklin

6:30 pm- +Esteban Joya; +Ronald Tuquero; +Bernardo Abad; +Ernesto de Ono; +Meynardo de Ono

Thursday, December 27th

8:00 am- Virgil & Josette Sangria; Celeste Romero; +Maria Paraiso; +Dick Goul; +Maxine Torrez

Friday, December 28th

8:00 am- Faye Rivera; +Richard Watson; +Lois Watson

Saturday, December 29th

8:00 am- Ron Kenyon; +Froilan Sibucan

5:00 pm- Rosemary Lucero; +John Remijas; +Candido Picson

Sunday, December 30th

7:30 am- Perlita Cervantes; +Santiago Abando; +Narcisa & +Gonzalo Cruz

9:00 am- Boye Family; Gemegah Family

10:45 am- Elmer Layaoen

12:30 pm- St. Barnabas Parishioners

5:30 pm- +Pacita M. Espinosa; +Catalina M. Espinosa

*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 Castellanos, Kathy Gettler, Tina Quinn, Tod Lucero, Ivy Villaflores, Adryan & Andray Mallari, Leo Montano, Katherine Oliveira, Miles Antonio Abdelhadi, Christopher Sabate, Mary Sarte Sabate, Antonio Edles, Diane Lucero, Carmen Haralambo, Steven Pearson, Ken Augustine.

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 — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: **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]
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]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

Thursday: St. John

Friday: The Holy Innocents

Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket



PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Rosi Pedersen 11/29

Maura Castillo 12/2

Raul Cruz 12/1

PARISH NEWS & MORE

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR THE ALTAR

Looking for Parishioners who would like to help sponsor our fresh Christmas Trees for our Altar during this Christmas Season, in honor of a loved one. If interested, please email the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org.

WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Thank you to our fellow Parishioners: Adriana, Itima, Patty, Victoria and Armando, under the guidance of Fr. Bernard, for decorating our lovely Altar for Advent. Volunteers are welcome to join this team, to help decorate our Church and Altar for special occasions for the upcoming holidays. Must be reliable and enjoys decorating! Email the Parish Office at church@stbarnabaslb.org for more info on how to get involved!

2019 PARISH CALENDARS

2019 Calendars are in! Please take one per family. If we have extras, we will put more out. Thanks to Luyben-Dilday Mortuary for providing our free yearly calendars!

REQUEST FOR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate Poinsettias to help decorate our Church for the holidays, please drop them off at the Baptismal Font.



Kindly leave a note with the plant if you want us to include a Mass Intention. We will book it accordingly for dates that are needed.



LIFETOUCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

If you or your Family took a photo with Lifetouch last year, your free complimentary photo directory is now available. Please come to the Parish Office to pick yours up. Again, these free copies are for those who actually got their photo taken with Lifetouch or turned in a photo to be included. Thanks for your patience!

BULLETIN TEAM

Looking for 1-2 volunteers to join our awesome Bulletin Team! Must have some computer skills, willing to learn Microsoft Publisher, own an laptop/desktop computer and able to work on your own without supervision. If you have a keen eye for proof-reading and details, please email Joyce at sbjoyce@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: MONDAY, DEC. 24TH

- **NO 8:00am Mass**
- 5:00pm– Children's Program/Nativity
- 5:30pm– Mass
- 9:30pm– Caroling (St. Barnabas Choir)
- 10:00pm– Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY: TUESDAY, DEC. 25TH

- 8:00am Mass
- 10:00am Mass
- 12:00pm Mass
- **NO EVENING MASS**



PARISH MINISTRIES & MORE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Friendly reminder that we will **NOT** have class on Sunday, December 23, 2018. On behalf of the Rel. Ed Office, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Classes will continue again on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Thank you all for a great year!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

NOTE: NO Bible Study on Tues. Dec. 25th

NO COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS

There will be **NO** coffee & donuts on 12/23 & 12/30.

STO. NINO CELEBRATION W/ BISHOP SOLIS

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION

When: January 18, 2019 (Friday); Mass at 7:00 PM

Where: St. Catherine Laboure Church (3846 Redondo Beach Blvd. Torrance, CA 90504)

Main Celebrant: Most. Rev. Oscar Solis D.D, Bishop of Salt Lake City of UTAH
For more info.: Lorna Arceo (310) 345-4637



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...and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

St. John the Beloved

Gospel-writer and beloved disciple of Christ who remained with Christ to the foot of the cross

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December 27

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Join us as we present a live dramatization of the Nativity.

All Children welcome to participate we have speaking roles, non speaking roles and a children's choir. All ages welcome!



Dramatization will be at 5:00 pm on December 24th in the Church.

Front Pews will be reserved for participating families. Please arrive at 4:15 pm for final instructions.

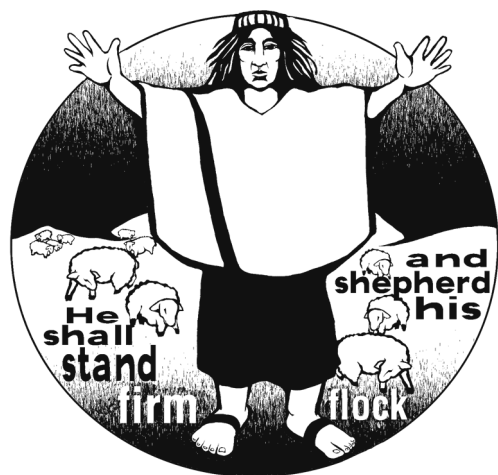
For questions please contact the **rectory** office at 562-424-8595 or **Jessica Cardenas** at jcwillowtree@aol.com for more information.

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. For questions, please contact **Anthony Vitale** at (562) 423-7055 or via email at:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEW/RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Faustino Esquivias, Karina Elorza, and their families

WEDDING BANNES:

Samanth Christi & Sonia Theres

WEDDINGS:

Jonathan Hurtado & Brenda Urias

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (32yrs)

Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (47yrs)

Tony & Beth Silva 12/20

Giovanni & Marlene Guzman (5yrs)

Rene & Cita Bago 12/23 (40yrs)

Sunny & Rosamma Michael 12/26 (35yrs)

Virgil & Josette Sangria 12/27 (37yrs)

MARY SHALL BEAR A SON AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS



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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the Month

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 AM to 6:15 PM

Evening Mass: 6:30 PM

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.

On **Friday, January 4th, 2019**, come join us for meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, starting after the 8:00am Mass until 6:15pm, followed a **Mass at 6:30pm**.

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



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 or who are Cancer survivors. Call the Parish Office to give Names to pray for.

All are welcome to join too!

This Novena is every First Friday of the month at 4:15PM, during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come and join St. Barnabas Parish's celebration of

SIMBANG GABI

December 15 - 23, 2018

All are invited to participate in this spiritual preparation to meaningfully celebrate the birth of Jesus!



The 9th and final night:
Sunday, Dec. 23, 5:30 pm

The Family
Witnessing and Evangelizing for Jesus
(Fr. Antony Gaspar)

If you would like to contribute or volunteer, please contact our Filipino-American Association's President Dr. Gene Lowther at (562) 427-1386 or Vice-President Helen Cajayon at (562) 290-2019.



"Yeah, when I first got here, Christmas with palm trees felt as natural as Thanksgiving with watermelon."

Dear Padre

December 23, 2018

Our parish is big into nighttime services. We have the Advent vespers and, of course, Midnight Mass. Is there a reason for doing these services at night?

Both Advent vespers and Midnight Mass center on our expectation of Jesus coming into our midst as the Light of the World. The vespers prayer is usually celebrated at dusk, as day is turning into night. The service proclaims that the darkness of night will not conquer the Light of Jesus. Christian tradition holds that the ecclesiastical day begins at sunset, in accord with Genesis 1:5: "Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." Vespers, or the Office of Evening, is the first hour of the new Church day.

Both the vespers and the Mass at midnight call us to embrace a new beginning, which is Jesus the Light. This imagery is especially appropriate considering the arrival of the winter solstice. In the beginning of Advent, the nights grow progressively longer. Then, right before Christmas, the winter solstice marks the light's reclaiming of the world.

In the early centuries of Christianity, people from the countryside would gather on Christmas Eve in the warmth of the great monastery church. They would go to confession, be forgiven, sing of the newborn Savior, and participate in the Eucharist. After Eucharist, they would join in a great feast that lasted until sunrise. When you celebrate at Midnight Mass this year, recall that you are proclaiming that Jesus the Light has conquered the darkness again—this year and forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018**

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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HOLY HUMOR

A preschool catechist was concerned that her students might be a little confused about Jesus Christ because of the Christmas season's emphasis on his birth. She wanted to make sure they understood that the birth of Jesus occurred a long time ago, that he grew up, and so forth.

So the teacher asked her class, "Where is Jesus today?"

Steven raised his hand and said, "He's in Heaven!" Mary called out, "He's in my heart!"

Little Johnny, waving his hand furiously, finally blurted, "I know! I know! He's in our bathroom at home!"

The whole class became very quiet and looked at the teacher, who was completely at a loss for words. He finally gathered his wits and asked Johnny why he thought that Jesus was in his bathroom.

Johnny said, "Well, every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door and yells, "Jesus Christ, are you still in there?"

THE BOOK OF CATHOLIC JOKES, by Deacon Tom Sheridan published by ACTA Publications, Chicago, Ill

FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We hear from the Gospel reading on the Christmas night that the heavenly hosts and the angels praising God saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Our hearts join with them in praising God for sending His Son to us. We welcome Jesus who is the prince of peace to give us peace. In the midst of personal, social, and the current political divisions, I invite you to turn to Jesus to experience peace and harmony.

We can experience the gift of peace Jesus offers to us every day by making prayer a critical part of our life, reading the word of God from the Bible, learning and affirming the teachings of our Church, dedicating time for the devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass, developing a habit of self-examination of conscience and going to Confession, and engaging in charitable activities. I pray that this Christmas will be a blessed time of renewal and re-commitment to Jesus.

Christmas has a way of bringing individuals and families to Church who, for various reasons, has not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. This season provides us with opportunities to let go of past differences and old habits, and begin a new prayerful relationship with Jesus and our parish community. I extend a warm welcome to our sisters and brothers who are either returning or coming for the first time to our spiritual home. Together, let us be the voice of God to bring peace to our families and to the world.

As your pastor, I truly pray and wish that you are at peace with God, yourself, family and friends every day by turning to Jesus. I appreciate the commitment, dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make our parish a beacon of Christ's love and peace. My gratitude to those who serve in the Pastoral and Finance councils, and in all of our ministries and organizations, as well as in our school. These individuals have dedicated their precious time, talent and treasure to serve our parish. I truly appreciate their love for our faith community. On behalf of our priests Fr. Bernard Viagappan, Fr. Michael Grieco, and Deacon Carlito de los Reyes, and the Parish Staff, I pray that Jesus born in the manger bless you and your families with peace, good health, and prosperity. Merry Christmas to you!

With Christmas Blessings,

Fr. Antony Gaspar
Pastor



**We Wish
You A
Merry Christmas**

SAVE THE DATE: FEB. 16, 2019**FIND YOUR GREATNESS**

Four habits that will transform your life

Come and discover how four life-changing habits can point you towards discovering incredible possibilities for your life. You will leave the event with a personal plan to help you become the best version of yourself.

Please join Dynamic Catholic and featured speaker,
Dominick Albano

February 16, 2019
9:00AM - 1:00PM
St. Barnabas Church

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ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL NEWS

St. Barnabas School
Annual Spring Event 2019



Friday, March 8 Support STREAM
Saturday, March 9 Dinner Theater

Hosted by Saint Joseph High School
5825 N. Woodruff Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90713

Tickets for both nights can be purchased
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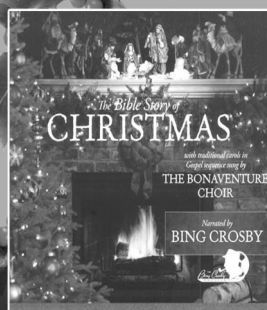
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