



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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March 24, 2019

Third Sunday
of

Lent

God called out to Moses from
the burning bush and said,
"Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:4, 5

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Good News!

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent (C)
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited.

—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

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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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

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| Weekly Contribution: | \$ 10,661.00 |
| Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution: | \$ 3,164.66 2/16/19-2/28/19 |

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Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

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March 16-30

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

- 3/25 Feast of the Annunciation
- 3/28 Passion Play Practice 6:30p/Church
- 3/29 Stations– 5:30p/Mass– 6p/Fish Fry 6-8:30p
- 3/31 Lenten Cooking Class for TEENS 7-9p
- 4/5 First Friday Adoration
- 4/11 Parish Lenten Penance Service 7p

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25th

8:00 am- Lal Lalan; Brad & Joyce Kaiser; +Frank Cipolla; +Maria DeRefuge Manzo

Tuesday, March 26th

8:00 am- Dio & Iya Banzuela; +Josefa P. Lozano

Wednesday, March 27th

8:00 am- The Ray Family; +Meynardo De Ono

6:30 pm- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotees

Thursday, March 28th

8:00 am- +Jose Palaganas

Friday, March 29th

8:00 am- Parish Volunteers

***6:00 pm-** Holy Name Society

Saturday, March 30th

8:00 am- Parish Ministries

5:00 pm- Parish Staff

Sunday, March 31st

7:30 am- +Edward Domingo

9:00 am- Julian Yap; +Ursula Cabatcha

10:45 am- +Elmer Layaoen

12:30 pm- St Barnabas Parishioners

5:30 pm- Confirmation Students & Youth

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Steve McKim, Ray Paraiso, Ken Augustine, Steven Pearson, Barbara Hendren, Serena Cabuhat, Gavin Octaviano, Barbara Adame, Florencio "Junn" Gabrilillo Jr., Carolyn Espinoza, Gerry Johnston, Roseann Vetter, Erlinda Chua, Anna Rachel Posas, Nicandro Bernardo, Elizabeth Cannata, James Madura, Rodolfo Alejandria, Ana Raquel Posas, Fr. Mike Grieco, Yvonne Lumampao, Andrea Baylen, Jackie Spiziri, Mara & Sovannary Doun, Blandina Paterson, William & Gloria Dorsey, Mike Repp, Jim & Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Keith Wieland

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 — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Monday: Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence



PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Edward Domingo

Mary Francisco 3/14

Janet Lerch

3/4

Magdalena Sison Salas

PARISH NEWS & MORE

PARISH CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

If you would like a copy of your contribution statements for tax purposes, please e-mail us at church@stbarnabaslb.org or call the Parish Office. They were not mailed out automatically this year. We are mailing them out, **BY REQUEST ONLY**. Thanks for your cooperation.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm for Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass at 6:00pm.

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please mark your calendar for:

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 AT 7:00PM

We will have 10 Priests available to hear your Confessions. Please make an effort to come do your Penance, as you continue in your Lenten Journey.

LEGION OF MARY/LONG BEACH CURIA ACIES: RENEWAL OF CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rosary & Holy Mass on **Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 10:00am**. Fellowship immediately following at the Parish Center. For more info, please contact Barbara in the Bulletin Directory.

MASS W/HEALING SERVICE: FR. GEORGE

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:30pm
St. Cornelius Catholic Church

Fr. George Reynolds is the Associate Pastor at St. Cornelius Catholic Church and former Associate Pastor of St. Barnabas Church. He is a charismatic priest and has the gift of healing. Father George was a convert from the Jehovah Witness Religion prior to becoming a Catholic priest. He is a retreat master and an annual speaker at the SCRC Charismatic Renewal Convention. He is active in retreat work and teaching on healing and charismatic spirituality. Come and experience the transforming healing touch of the Holy Spirit.

LENTEN PASSION PLAY

Practices for Living Stations Re-Enactment will mostly be on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. **Next practice: March 28th.**

All who are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office.

No acting experience necessary. We need: Weeping Women & Children, especially **APOSTLES**, Behind-the-Scenes Crew and more! If you participated last year, we would love for you to be a part of it again as well! Thanks!



PARISH MINISTRIES & MORE

PROJECT ACHIEVE MINISTRY – FEEDING THE HOMELESS

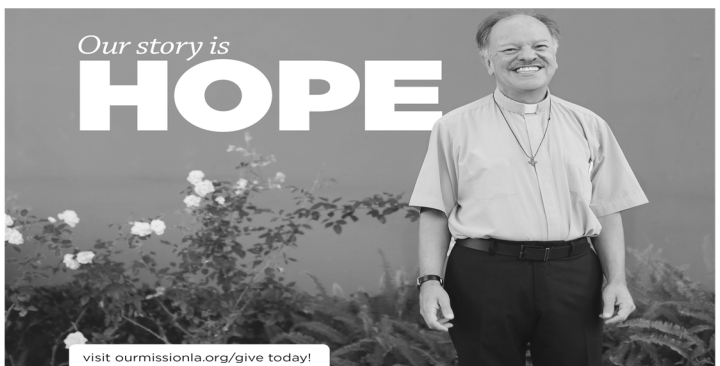
We will have our regular meeting on Monday, 3/25/19 at 7pm in the music room, in the parish center. Contact Ministry Coordinator, Michelle Gustilo-Smithson @310.344.7862

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that the new chair of the committee is David Zanatta. David brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the committee and we look forward to working with him in the following year. In the first meeting of the committee it was determined that they would partner with the Together in Mission project, now chaired by Bob Kalowes, and present a number of fund-raising events which will go towards the parish goal of \$69,600.00. Bless these Men in their new ministry roles!

2019 TOGETHER IN MISSION

Archbishop Jose Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to Together in Mission. This year's theme of **"Our Story is Hope"** reminds us that our gifts to Together in Mission are an active demonstration of our faith and love for those in our Archdiocese who need our support. Please make a pledge with the information that was mailed to your home, a pledge card found within the parish/pews, or online at: ourmissionla.org/give



**ST. BARNABAS PARISH #628
GOAL FOR 2019
\$ 69,600.00**

collection

\$ 35,714.00

pledges

As of
3/18/19

Goal

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We invite you to help St. Barnabas by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide the church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

If you enrolled online, 2018 tax statements were mailed out to our parishioners during the week of January 25th. Please contact Faith Direct if you did not receive your tax statement after the first week in February and they will mail you another copy. Parishioners can also download their tax statements at any time by logging into their online Faith Direct accounts.

Visit www.faithdirect.net, and/or call 1-866-507-8757. Use our church code: **CA794**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You!

— Fr. Antony Gaspar
& Staff

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**Prayer
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BY YOUR SIDE LA

As we enter this season of Lent, we want to highlight **By Your Side LA**, a new ministry to offer healing to women and men affected by abortion. By Your Side is a comprehensive, bilingual ministry that includes a beautiful website, professional call center, trained lay Merciful Companions, and referrals to healing resources including sacraments, retreats, support groups, bible studies, mental health professionals, and more. We want to be by the side of each person journeying from pain following abortion to a new place of forgiveness and peace. We hope you will come to know that you are created out of love and for love. That abortion does not define you. That you can build a life deserving of the amazing person you are. We are here to listen. And we will be by your side. Visit **ByYourSideLA.org** for more information.



LENTEN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

3/8-4/12 Stations of the Cross 5:30pm/Mass 6pm
3/8-4/12 Fri Lenten Fish Fry Dinner 6:15pm-8:30pm
4/11 Lenten Penance Service 7pm (10 Priests)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday 4/18

NO 8:00am Mass

7:00pm: Mass "Washing of the Feet"

(Procession to the Hall for Adoration 9pm-11:30pm, followed by night prayers & reposition at 11:50pm)

Good Friday 4/19

NO 8:00am Mass

11:30am: Stations of the Cross (led by Priest)

12 Noon: Services & Veneration of the Cross

5:30pm: Services & Veneration of the Cross

7:00pm: Re-enactment of our Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4/20

NO 8:00am or 5:00pm Masses

7:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 4/21

Mass Times: 7:30am; 9:00am; 10:45am; 12:30pm

***NO** 5:30pm Mass

CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEW OR RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Myrtle Mc Corkle, Erik Gabladon, Ryan Dinh & Jorlyn Sugatan, Josefa Hormigoso and their families

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Brad & Joyce Kaiser 3/25 (24 years)



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



Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

— Psalm 103:6

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RCIA HIGHLIGHT

MY JOURNEY OF FAITH

My journey of faith began one day with extreme anxiety. A day earlier, I had visited urgent care (won't go into detail), and after a long wait, I was told my symptoms were conclusive with possible bladder or kidney cancer and that I would have to wait a week to see a specialist. That turned out to be the longest week of my life.

I went to work the next day, and surprisingly I was functioning. Even though all I could think of was cancer, I tried to keep my mind busy. I left my office for my lunch break and had no desire to eat, so I decided to go home to take a break. While sitting at home, I began to think about my 4-year-old daughter, who is the most important thing in the world to me, and possible scenarios that could evolve. This was one of the worst feelings I had ever experienced, and I was breaking down alone on the couch at home. I really had no background of faith besides knowing in my younger years that my family was Catholic but non-practicing. I attended a few masses but didn't understand the process of "stand up then sit down then stand up again then kneel and shake hands," and that was really the extent of my exposure to Catholicism. While sitting on the couch feeling hopeless with extreme anxiety, I began to pray. I had never prayed before, but this time, out of desperation and hope that something greater than me could rid me of cancer, I did. The funny thing is, this was just the day after I was told it could possibly be cancer but I would have to see a specialist, but in my head, I had already been diagnosed. That possibly could have been me prepping myself mentally for when the day came. While in prayer, I felt that my anxiety and agony was at its peak. I promised in prayer I would change my ways and do things differently if I were given another chance, as my worst agony was the thought of not being with my daughter. After several minutes of praying, I was able to collect myself took a couple of deep breaths and went back to work.

Back at work, I felt a sense of relief and relaxation. I still had the worry, but it was mentally far away behind a corner somewhere. This was the first time in about 24 hours that I had I felt relieved and that everything would be okay. The only thing I could attribute this to was my deep prayer from earlier, but I was a skeptic.

Over the next few days that led up to my visit with the specialist, I found significant relief in praying and attending mass. My visit with the specialist went semi-well, as he ruled out bladder cancer, but through an MRI I had a day before, they discovered a kidney stone, and a pretty big one at that. No big deal, right? There are hundreds of people who deal with this on the daily. I felt a sense of relief, but it was short-lived because he followed it up by saying that, due to my symptoms, he was not comfortable just saying it was a kidney stone and wanted to schedule surgery to look inside my kidney to rule out anything else. Then I had to deal with the anxiety of having surgery. After leaving the office and while sitting in my car, I took a moment to pray and reflect on what had happened, and almost immediately, I felt a sense of comfort and relief, which made me feel like everything was going to be alright.

Over the next four weeks leading up to my surgery, I found extreme comfort in praying and attending mass. I made a

conscious effort to try to follow the mass. With my lack of understanding, it was difficult, but I was happy to be there. On the day of the surgery, I was extremely nervous, as I was hooked to a machine monitoring my vitals, and the anesthesiologist was delaying the process because my vitals were elevated due to my nerves. I shut my eyes and started to pray, and almost immediately, my vitals became normal and controlled.

I woke up from surgery, and unfortunately, it had been unsuccessful. I would have to try again after having a dilating stent placed to drain my kidney into my bladder. This was extremely painful. I was only given over-the-counter meds to cope with it, and that was how I had to live for the next four weeks until my next surgery. Over those four weeks, I started the RCIA program, which just enriched everything I was doing and put me on the path of learning what I was seeking. I continued my newly found prayer life, which I found so much comfort in and that helped me deal with the pain.

The day of the second surgery was very similar to that of the first, except I was somewhat happy to be there because I wanted this stent out and was hoping it had served its purpose and that it would be possible to get into my kidney to finally figure out what was going on. I was about to be rolled into the operating room when my mind started wandering and the "what if's started popping up, and sure enough, my vitals became elevated and I was even more nervous than the first time. The anesthesiologist delayed the process for over an hour until I finally shut my eyes and collected myself in prayer, and then I was rolled into surgery.

When I woke up from surgery, I was told my kidney stone had been removed and tissue had been taken from my kidney for a biopsy, and then I was sent home. I was no longer in any pain because the stent had been removed, and I had to wait for the results of the biopsy. Through prayer and the tools that the RCIA program had given me, I knew everything would be okay, or at least I felt that way. A few days later, I received a call about the results of the biopsy, and I was told that it was negative for any type of cancer and that my symptoms were most likely due to irritation of the kidney tissue due to my kidney stone. I was happy to hear the good news and thankful to our Father for being with me in my times of need despite me having never been with Him prior to that.

As I write this, I am still in the last few weeks of the RCIA program and am extremely grateful to Father Antony, our Pastor, and Phil, the RCIA coordinator, who has not only given me the tools to learn about our faith but also dedicated his time to making sure we have a deeper relationship with Jesus in our mind, heart, and spirit. Thank you, Phil.

One day in prayer, while looking back at the events of 2018 and reflecting on what a terrible year it had been with the series of events that had happened to me, I came to realize that it was actually the best year I had ever experienced. Through these events, I was able to discover the extreme love Jesus has for me despite my having grown farther away from Him. This has been a true blessing.

-Lisandro (RCIA student)

KNIGHTS KORNER

LENTEN FISH FRY

Beginning March 8th and continuing for the next 5 Fridays through April 12, the Knights are honored to present their annual Fish Fry in the Parish Hall. Dinner will be served from 6:15-8:30pm, with entrees of fried or baked fish or shrimp with bread, fries, rice, coleslaw, vegetables and pancit as sides included in the price. Recorded music will be provided by (fellow Brother) Ray Barnum Enterprises. 50/50 drawings or door prizes will be offered every 30 minutes. The Knights guarantee a fun-filled gathering for the whole family. More info, call Jun Tadique at 562-331 6156.



FRY-DAY NIGHT
Lenten
FISH FRY

Hosted by:
Knights of Columbus #3449

Lenten Fish Fry Nights:
3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12
6:15pm-8:30pm / HALL

PRICES:
\$11 ADULTS
\$10 SENIORS
\$6 / CHILDREN
\$1 / DRINKS OR DESSERTS



You are all invited to celebrate the Feast of San Pedro Calungsod



9 Day Novena

| | Date | Day | Time | Place |
|-----------------|------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 1 st | 4/5 | Friday | 6:45 pm | Church |
| 2 nd | 4/6 | Saturday | 6:00 pm | Church |
| 3 rd | 4/7 | Sunday | 4:30 pm | Church |
| 4 th | 4/8 | Monday | 6:00 pm | Church |
| 5 th | 4/9 | Tuesday | 6:00 pm | Church |
| 6 th | 4/10 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm | Church |
| 7 th | 4/11 | Thursday | 5:30 pm | Church |
| 8 th | 4/12 | Friday | 6:45 pm | Church |
| 9 th | 4/13 | Saturday | 4:00 pm | Church |

Feast Day Mass

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM Mass

St. Barnabas Catholic Church

3955 Orange Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807

Reception/fellowship to follow after the mass in the Parish Hall

For more info and/or if you would like to donate food or make a monetary contribution for the reception, please contact:

Dn. Carlito de los Reyes at (562) 786-7746, Gigi Laluan at (562) 225-3061,
Helen Cajayon at (562) 290-2019, Dom Salas at (562) 881-5540, Armando Pablo at (562) 631-6361

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Friday, April 5th, 2019— 8:30 AM to 5:15 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.

Come join us for meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of the month, April 5, starting after the 8:00am Mass until 5:15pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm and then a Mass at 6:00pm.



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 us
for this too.*

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

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St. Leonardo Murialdo
19th-century wayward Italian who discovered profound peace in the Sacrament of Confession; founder of the Congregation of St. Joseph

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March 30

God has chosen me!
He called me to the
inexpressible happiness
of being his minister,
another Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY: ACTS 29

ATTENTION YOUTH! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FUN NIGHT! BRING A FRIEND!

We're having a Lenten Cooking Class for TEENS! Sunday, March 31st at 7:00pm-9:00pm At the Parish Hall

Please come and bring a friend! The more, the merrier!
Contact call/text Rose at: 213-949-9507 or email her at: youthministry@stbarnabaslb.org

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

On Saturday, April 6th, and on every **first Saturday of the month**, there will be a novena in honor of Our Lady of Fatima **after** the 8:00am mass in the Church.

All are welcome to join us in this special Marian Devotion.



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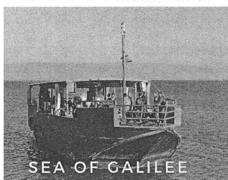
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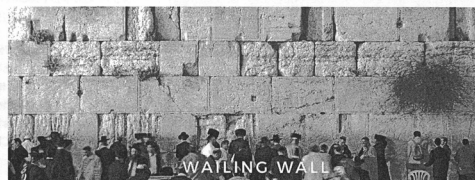
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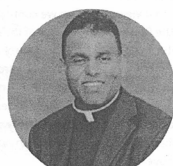


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**Dear Padre**

March 24, 2019

Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: "Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul" (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it's first blessed in a prayer to God "who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified" (*RM*).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn't permitted. To do so "is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts" (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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