



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Fifth Sunday of LENT

April 7, 2019



Jesus said,
"Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:7

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Good News!

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Max Beckmann's drawing, *Christ and the Sinner*, places the viewer outside today's Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness. —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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Weekly Contribution:	\$ 10,493.00
Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 4,443.41 3/1/19-3/15/19

Thanks for your prayerful giving. Your donation supports the operations of our Parish Community.

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR:

No Sponsor this week.

If you would like to sponsor, please email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Joey & Leda Kennett

Mar. 31-Apr. 13

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

- 4/9-4/10 Scholastic Book Fair 8a-5p/Hall
- 4/11 Parish Lenten Penance Service 7p
- 4/12 Stations— 5:30p/Mass— 6p/Fish Fry 6-8:30p
- 4/18 Holy Thursday, page 5
- 4/19 Good Friday, pg 5
- 4/21 Easter Sunday, pg 5

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 8th

8:00 am- Teresa; +Fr. Doug Lorig; +Julia Sigala

Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 am- Nelson Pasamonte; +Julia Sigala; +Remdios Valencia

Wednesday, April 10th

8:00 am- +Feliciana Cerame; +Chrisanta De Lunas; +Richard Watson

6:30 pm- +Julia Sigala

Thursday, April 11th

8:00 am- Rodriguez, Raygoza & Melgarejo Families; +Julia Sigala

Friday, April 12th

8:00 am- +Heidi Divinagracia; +Hilibi Sumande; +Narcisa Enriquez

***6:00 pm-** Knights of Columbus; Rodriguez, Raygoza & Melgarejo Families

Saturday, April 13th

8:00 am- Susan Tiong; +Benny Chua; +Kaela Holmes

5:00 pm- +Nieves & Victoriano Varquez; +John Cortez; Rodriguez, Raygoza & Melgarejo Families

Sunday, April 14th

7:30 am- Jude Wilder Johnson; +Richard Michael Nieto

9:00 am- Julian Yap; +Luis Felipe Perez; +Risen

Rodriguez

10:45 am- +Jeff Gance & +Glendale Magpantay Gance

12:30 pm- St. Barnabas Parishioners

5:30 pm- Parish Volunteers

*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" Gabrillo Jr., Carolyn Espinoza, Gerry Johnston, Roseann Vetter, Maria DeRefuge Manzo, 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 Doung, Blandina Paterson, William & Gloria Dorsey, Mike Repp, Jim & Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Keith Wieland, Carol Jane Perreault, Gloria Staudt, Chito Bacuyag, Orlydia Chua

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 — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Thursday: St. Stanislaus

Friday: Abstinence

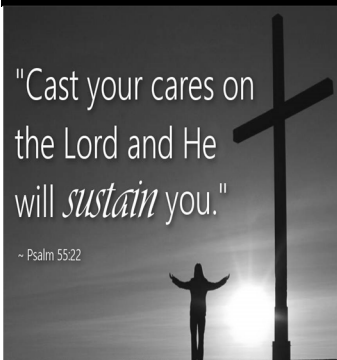
Saturday: St. Martin I



PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Dorothy Ortiz 3/27

Mary M. Thomas 3/30



PARISH NEWS & MORE

THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK

The Little White Book a valuable six-minute daily guide for reflections and prayer during the 50-day Easter Season. It is an ancient form of prayer called "lectio divina". They will be available after each Mass on the weekend of April 14 at a nominal cost of \$2. Please limit one copy per family, as there will be a limited number available.

LENTEN TREE

As you continue through your Lenten Journey, we have placed a Lenten Tree at the vestibule's main entrance of the Church, which has suggestions for your Lenten sacrifices. Kindly take one from the tree and pray and reflect on it.

FAKE TEXT MESSAGE / SPAM E-MAILS

If you happen to receive a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony requesting money thru gift cards, **THIS IS A HOAX**, it was hacked. **PLEASE IGNORE**. Do not reply to them and immediately delete it. Thanks for your cooperation.

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Please mark your calendar for:

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

AT 7:00PM

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



HOLY HUMOR

The deacon won two fifty-yard-line tickets to the Super Bowl. He and his wife were really excited about going. Sitting next to them at the game was a middle-aged man.

Surprisingly, the prime seat next to him was empty. After a while, the deacon's curiosity got the best of him and he asked the man next to him if anyone else was coming.

The man looked sad and explained that he and his wife had come to the Super Bowl every year for the last twenty years, but that his wife had died recently, "Oh," exclaimed the deacon, kicking into pastoral mode, "I'm so sorry for your loss, But couldn't you get one of your family or friends to come with you today?"

"No," replied the man. "They're all at the funeral."

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

PARISH MINISTRIES & MORE

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Please join us in our next meeting on Sunday, April 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There's a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share. For info, call Dr. Gene R. Lowther at (562) 427-1386 or Helen Cajayon at (562) 290-2019.

LENTEN PASSION PLAY

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Next Practice: Tuesday, April 9th. 6:30m-8:30pm

(not Thurs. due to Penance Service)

We still need: Behind-the-Scenes Crew and more! Attend next Tuesday if interested!



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 pews, or online at: ourmissionla.org/give

We will continue to have a 2nd collection after all our Masses during Lent, to help us reach our Parish Goal!



ST. BARNABAS PARISH #628

GOAL FOR 2019

\$ 69,600.00

collection

\$ 47,390.05

pledges

**As of
4/1/19**

Goal

FAITH DIRECT E-GIVING ONLINE

FAST. PRAY. GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES!

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



THE MOVIE: UNPLANNED

On March 29th the film *Unplanned* began showing in theaters across our city. *Unplanned* tells the story of Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who experienced a conversion of heart after seeing an ultrasound-guided abortion. Support this film! Visit www.unplannedfilm.com for more information! Check your local movie theatre listings!



Join us at the Parish Center for Coffee and "Holy" Donuts every Sunday after our 7:30am, 9am and 10:45am Masses. *Unless mentioned otherwise



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 (many 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

11:15am: 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

NO Confessions

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Leo & Espi Garcia 4/9

Harry & Norma Sibayan 4/30 (42yrs)

Russ & Marianne Bradford 4/30 (42yrs)



NEW/RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Salvador & Sophia Damian, Edgar Bernardo, Martin & Jaclyn Keegan, and their families

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

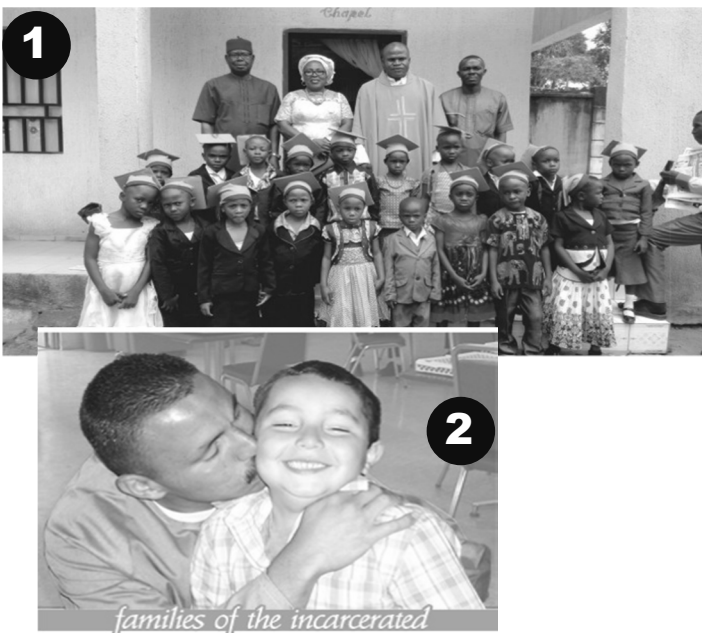
If you would still like a copy of your contribution statements for tax purposes, please e-mail us at church@stbarnabaslb.org or call the Parish Office. They were not mailed out automatically this year. We are mailing them out, **BY REQUEST ONLY**. Thanks for your cooperation.

PENNIES FOR THE POOR

PENNIES FOR THE POOR COLLECTION

Here is a list of our accomplished projects that we were able to help with from our Parish Children's Pennies for the Poor. (This was shared at last weekend's Masses on the projector screen)

1. One year scholarship for 5 school children in Nigeria -Fr Joachim Ebere Amadi. (photo taken from Fr. Joachim's website)
2. Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Families of the Incarcerated Ministry Sponsored the children of the incarcerated to visit their family member in the prison
3. Sponsored 8 Sewing Machine for women to learn tailoring and make a living in India.
4. Groceries and gifts for a family to celebrate 'Thanks Giving Day' at St. Barnabas Parish.
5. Sponsored Ceiling Fans in School Classrooms for Mother Theresa School in India.
6. Donated to "I AM FAMILY MINISTRIES" from Uganda to support the education of students.
7. Helped Fr. Raphael Lee, a missionary priest in Taiwan with his surgery and recovery.
8. Feeding the Poor Every Month – Project Achieve Ministry at St. Barnabas Parish. (Photo taken from Catholic Charities Website)



families of the incarcerated

KNIGHTS KORNER

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights are honored to host 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.



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:

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Helen Cajayon at (562) 290-2019, Dom Salas at (562) 881-5540, Armando Pablo at (562) 631-6361

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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"Yes, Judas could be seen as 'The Weakest Link' but I doubt Jesus said at the Last Supper, 'Good-bye!' "

ALL SOULS CEMETERY

OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to an Open House at All Souls Mortuary & Cemetery on:

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 2pm-4pm

All Souls Mortuary & Cemetery

440 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

Dear Padre

April 7, 2019

Incense in church irritates my eyes. Is it really needed?

Some churches, for example, limit incensation to only the sanctuary to minimize discomfort by those with allergies in the congregation.

Although incense is optional at Mass (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 276), and therefore isn't "needed" per se, the question of its occasional use is more than a mere necessity issue.

The US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy writes, "Since worship engages Christians fully, in every aspect of their being, they worship God with their bodies and feelings as well as their minds and spirits, with their hands and feet as well as their eyes and ears. The non-verbal elements of the Liturgy can express what cannot be articulated in words and, at times, can reinforce the spoken word" (Introduction to the Order of the Mass, 27).

Incense is a powerful, solemn expression of prayer, purification, and reverence that reinforces the spoken word in worship and praise. It "suggests both the otherness of the transcendent God and the cloud that symbolized God's glory and presence in the midst of the Israelites" (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 58). The fragrance is intended to awaken our senses and the rising swirl of smoke represents our lifted hearts in prayer. "The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:4).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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saint snippets



*When I ponder his goodness,
my heart can say nothing –
I can only adore.*

St. Teresa of the Andes
 20th-century Chilean Carmelite nun
 renowned for her spirit of charity

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April 12

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Purchases will benefit our School. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair dates: Tuesday, April 9th and Wednesday, April 10th

Shopping hours: 8 am- 5 pm

Special activities: SPIN THE WHEEL to win books and posters!

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