



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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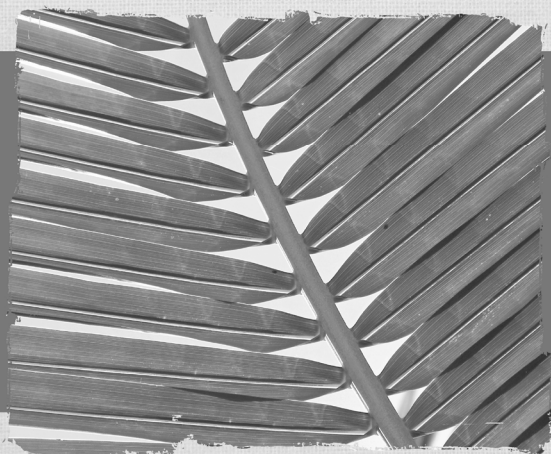
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PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 14, 2019



**Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

LUKE 19:38

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Good News!

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (C)

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

We come to the holiest week of the year. This week, Christians around the world dedicate their minds and hearts to meditate on the great gift of the redemption won for them by Christ. It is a cosmic event that happened 2,000 years ago but it bears fruit today in the heart of every Christian in every continent, country, city, and home.

Max Ernst's 1914 painting, *Crucifixion*, shows this event in cosmic, timeless dimension by placing the crucified Christ in a dark, tumultuous, and formless setting. The sinister colors of blue, brown, yellow, and black seem to hide a face or perhaps a masked and darkened eye on the right that peers through the evil canvas.

As chaotic and nonsensical as evil appears in our world, it also seems to have a commonality that betrays a will or an intelligence hidden beneath the surface. The suffering and destruction of so many people from senseless violence, famine, and hatred seems at once both spontaneous, yet strangely orchestrated by some force.

The same was true for Christ's crucifixion. On the surface it appears the result of a feverish crowd, a confused politician, a jealous and blinded religious leadership, and an overwhelmed group of cowardly followers. Yet we perceive the return of the tempter, Lucifer, the author of the non serviam.

The power of evil that struck the head continues to strike the body. Be aware of the call for all followers of Jesus to be ready to face the same struggle against evil that he did, and with the same measure of love. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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CONFESSIONS:

1st Friday of the Month
7:15am—7:50am

Saturday—NO CONFESSIONS 4/20
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

ANointing 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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Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Jovy dela Rosa

April 13 - 27

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

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- 4/21 Easter Sunday, pg 5
- 4/22-4/26 SBS Spring Break

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 15th

8:00 am- Jena Sarmiento; Jaime Dela Rosa; +Romulo Abrogar

Tuesday, April 16th

8:00 am- Josette Sangria; +Manuel Hinostroza; +Antonio Agnes

Wednesday, April 17th

8:00 am- SBS Students, Parents & Teachers/Staff
6:30 pm- Cita Bago; Khin Maureen Nwe; +Joaquin W. Lumagbas

Holy Thursday, April 18th

8:00 am- NO MASS

***7:00 pm-** Knights of Columbus; Adoration Ministry; Holy Thursday Team; +Edward Domingo

Good Friday, April 19th

8:00 am- NO MASS

***11:15am-** Stations of the Cross (Fr Mike)

***12:00pm-** Services & Veneration of the Cross (Fr Antony)

***5:30pm-** Services & Veneration of the Cross (Fr Bernard)

***7:00pm-** Re-Enactment of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 20th

8:00 am- NO MASS

NO CONFESSIONS

5:00 pm- NO MASS

***7:30pm (Easter Vigil)-** Catechumens & R.C.I.A. Candidates & Sponsors

Easter Sunday, April 21st

7:30 am- Khin Maureen Nwe; +Antonio Agnes; +Florentino Tibayan Sr.

9:00 am- Julian Yap; +Rosario E. Lanzas; +Jaime E. Lanzas

10:45 am- +Bonifacio & +Hermenia Avancena; +Epifania Salas-Borja

12:30 pm- Sarmiento & Baylen Families; +Fr. Doug Lorig

5:30 pm- NO MASS

Book your Mass Intentions at the Parish Office.

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 Doun, Blandina Paterson, William & Gloria Dorsey, Mike Repp, Jim & Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Keith Wieland, Carol Jane Perreault, Gloria Staudt, Chito Bacuyag, Orlydia Chua, Sr. Miriam

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

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 -2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 -15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 -4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week; Income Tax Day
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Dorothy Ortiz 3/27 Jose Morales

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.

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.

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE LORD'S PASSION

We will have a **MANDATORY PRACTICE & DRESS REHEARSAL** on: **Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30pm-8:30pm**. To those participating, please be sure to be there!

Please see page 5 for the Holy Week /Easter Schedule



"I dunno... do you think I prepped the Easter fire with enough gasoline, Pastor Al?"

HOLY HUMOR

An atheist was complaining to a Catholic friend,

"Christians have their special holidays, like Christmas and Easter, Jews have Passover and Yom Kippur. Even Muslims have their holidays. EVERY religion has its holidays. But we atheists have no holidays. It's unfair discrimination!"

"What do you mean, atheists have no holidays?" the friend said.

"People have been observing a special day in your honor for years."

"What do you mean?" the atheist asked. "When is there a special day honoring atheists?"

"Every April 1." said the friend.

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

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!

OUR STORY IS

HOPE

“Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap; because the standard you use will be the standard used for you.”

Luke 6:36-38

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GOAL FOR 2019

\$ 69,600.00

collection

\$ 47,390.05

pledges

As of
4/1/19

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



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



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)



QUINCEAÑERA:

4/6: Elaina Marie Gallo

NEW/RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Jaime Fiallos & Jazmine Guerra, and their families

Celebrating your Wedding Anniversary? Email us Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to:

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PARISH CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

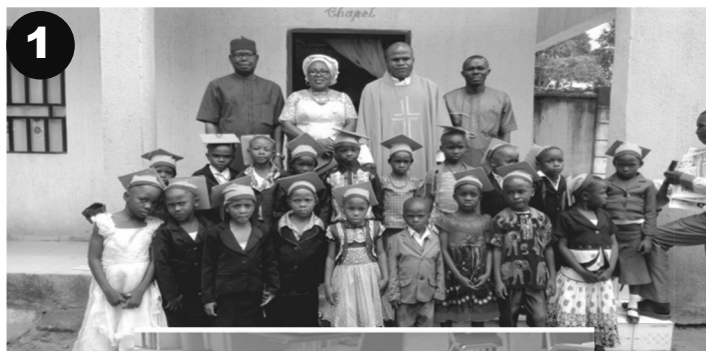
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PENNIES FOR THE POOR

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.

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 by Michelle Gustilo-Smithson)



KNIGHTS KORNER

LENTEN SOUP DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Council #3449 will host a LENTEN SOUP DINNER at the Parish Hall, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, on Good Friday, April 19, 2019. Please join us! Donations gladly accepted!



STORY OF OUR REDEMPTION

We begin the final week of Lent with these familiar readings. This year, we hear the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. These readings for Palm Sunday and the Passion used to be read on successive Sundays. Now they are combined into a single feast, so that we may see the whole sweep of the glory and the suffering played out. Jesus accepts the adulation of the crowd, the foreshadowing of his glory in the Resurrection. He bids farewell to his disciples in his last Passover, and forgives his tormentors as he dies on the cross. Later this week, we enter the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when the whole story of our redemption will play out once again.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Later this week, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.



Remember when Noah's dove returned with the sign of the world's rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God's deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God's saving, healing, loving plan.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus' last words on the cross were,
"Father, into your hands ..."

I	M	E	N
T	C	M	D
I	P	O	M
I	R	S	Y

Answer: *my spirit be committed into your hands*

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



As Jesus rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed:
"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Lk 19:36-38

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Dear Padre

April 14, 2019

I was recently diagnosed with cancer. When I think about death now, I get scared. The crucifixion and death of Jesus, surrounded by dark skies, earthquakes, and opening tombs, adds to my fright. Any words of encouragement?

Transitions in life are always a bit frightening, and the transition of our dying and rising can be the scariest of them all. When we were tiny infants in our mother's womb, we transitioned into life. We were not conscious of what we were doing, and so we were not scared. We were in God's hands. And God, who creates all life, brought us to be born and live.

The same challenge faces you now as when you were in the womb. Even though you are conscious of your sickness and your possible death, you are still asked to leave it all in the hands of God. God, who brought you to life, will travel with you through your dying and into the kingdom. Jesus certainly showed us how to do this with his prayer during his crucifixion: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

People who have had near-death experiences do not talk about how scary and frightening it was. In fact, they speak about how peaceful and full of light the journey was for them. Most hated the idea of "returning" to their sick bodies. This same journey of peace and light, and the sense of God's close presence to you, can be yours in your last moments here.

Trust in God. Commend your spirit to God's care. God loves you! God will keep you safe and lead you home!

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

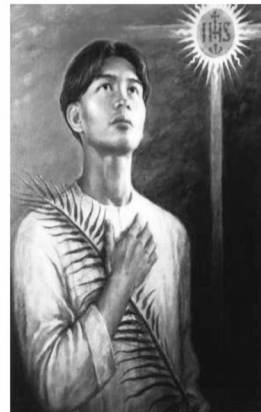
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**Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the Lord
April 14, 2019**

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

—Isaiah 50:7a



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 Lalan at (562) 225-3061,
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I shall spend every moment loving.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes
Young visionary of Our Lady of Lourdes in 1858

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