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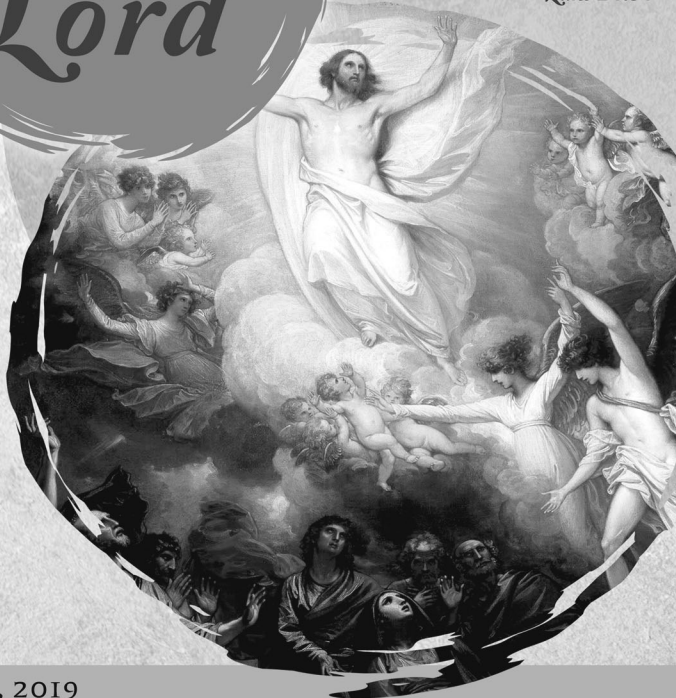
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THE ASCENSION OF THE *Lord*

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Luke 24:51



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JUNE 2, 2019

Good News!

June 2, 2019

Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Lk 24: 46-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 7:55-60; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-2

In the Nicene Creed, we pray, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for "the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to "his kingdom [that] will have no end," to quote the same Creed. So let's live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

—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

Weekly Contribution: **\$ 9,970.30**

Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly Contribution: **\$ 2,904.50**
Period: 4/16 - 4/30

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

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS:

No Sponsor this week.

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

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Perlita Cervantes

June 1 - June 15

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

- 6/7 First Friday Adoration-all day, Mass 6:30pm
- 6/16 Most Holy Trinity/Father's Day
- 6/21 Summer begins
- 6/29 Fr. Mike's Going Away Party 6:30pm/Hall

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 3rd

8:00 am- Rose Aguinaldo; +Cesar Ramos; +Noe Inamac

Tuesday, June 4th

8:00 am- Joao Noronha; +Segunda & +Santos Vinas; +Eldefonsa Vinas

Wednesday, June 5th

8:00 am- Connie Kenyon; Mercedes Tudisco

6:30 pm- Aiden Pastor; Jean & Jay Ponce; +Elda Las Pinas

Thursday, June 6th

8:00 am- Ray & Annie Paraiso; Mike Demuth

First Friday, June 7th

8:00 am- Manalang-Angeles Family; +Roberto L. De Leon; +Clifton A. Jenkins

6:30 pm- Angela Atienza; +Clifton A. Jenkins; +Lolita Bernardo

Saturday, June 8th

8:00 am- +Jason Elizaga

5:00 pm- +Isabel Villegas; +Demetria F. Mendoza; +Felisa Visitacion Madamba

Sunday, June 9th

7:30 am- Connie Kenyon

9:00 am- +Beatriz & +Sixto Sonza; +Marcelino Alivio

10:45 am- Libby Carr; +Elmer Layaoen; +Ernesto Palermo Sonza

12:30 pm- St. Barnabas Parishioners

5:30 pm- All Parish Ministry Leaders

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;

World Communications Day

Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Wednesday: St. Boniface

Thursday: St. Norbert; Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: First Friday

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Adela E. Villanueva

Ceferino Coles 5/4

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or* Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; I Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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, Myke Bommer, 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, Jude Johnson, Sister Miriam, Leonard Loy, Hector Gustilo, Dolores Garibay, Vincent Muagututia, Nathaniel Capitulo, Ana Castillo, Fred & Laura Wong, Leda Wong, Cesar Giron, Mary Sabate, Peggy & Bob Breshears, Sonia Hanson, L. Tanguay, Mercedes Tudisco, Mike Demuth

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.

PARISH NEWS & MORE

COURTESY REMINDERS

The Church is your home. Please take care of your surroundings. Trash cans are located at all the exits. Please be conscience of using the supplies, as they are not free. Try to use what you need and not waste too much. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

FR. MIKE'S NEW ASSIGNMENT

Message from Father Mike:

Dear St. Barnabas Parishioners,
As many of you know, I have been informed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles that I will transfer to another parish assignment. My last day here at St. Barnabas will be Sunday, June 30, 2019. I will be assigned to Holy Redeemer & St. James the Less (2 small "twinned parishes") which are in La Crescenta and Montrose (The City of Glendale). These twinned parishes will be led by a woman – a religious sister who is the Parish Life Director. I will be the "Priest Minister" and will have the duties of an Associate Pastor.

On Saturday, June 29th I will celebrate the 5:00 p.m. evening Mass and there will be a farewell reception in the Parish Hall after Mass. I hope you can attend! I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you this past year! I ask for your prayers and know that I will remember all of you in my daily Masses and prayers.



FR. MIKE'S GOING AWAY PARTY!

SATURDAY: JUNE 29, 2019

MASS: 5:00PM

RECEPTION: 6:30PM IN THE HALL

"POTLUCK STYLE"

There will be an online food sign-up list that will be sent to all Parish Ministry leaders. You can also call the Parish Office if you would like to donate and bring a dish or dessert to share.

FAITH DIRECT E-GIVING ONLINE

May is the month for planning. We plan our Memorial Day cookout menus, we plan our children's activities, we plan our summer travel. But have you planned your giving to St. Barnabas?

By enrolling in e-Giving through Faith Direct you can plan your giving through the summer so your gifts will reach St. Barnabas even when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted

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! — *St. Barnabas Parish Office*

PARISH MINISTRIES

ATTENTION PARISH MINISTRIES

When using our facilities, such as the Parish Hall, or meeting rooms at the Parish Center, please be courteous to clean up and put away after use. Our motto, "Leave it better than you found it!" A friendly reminder: Don't forget to turn off the lights, lock the doors, windows and parking lot gates. Let's work together when using our facilities. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

We invite you to our 20th Anniversary Celebration for "**HAWAIIAN NIGHT**" on **Friday, July 19, 2019 from 6:30pm to 11:30pm** at the Parish Hall. Entertainment, door prizes, dancing, drawings, surprise presentations and music by: Sounds for Mission. For tickets and info, please call Gigi 562-225-3061, Helen 562-290-2019 or Armando 562-631-6361. (Adults: \$25, Kids 10 & under: \$10)

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

VICKI MARSHA SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Here is the contact information on shopping options, store hours, extended back to school hours, shipping information for the 2019-2020 uniforms that are required for St. Barnabas School. Don't forget to buy Vicki Marsha Scrip at the School Office. They offer a generous 20% towards your fundraising!

5292 Production Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

vickimarsha.com

(714) 895-6371 • contact@vickimarsha.com

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.

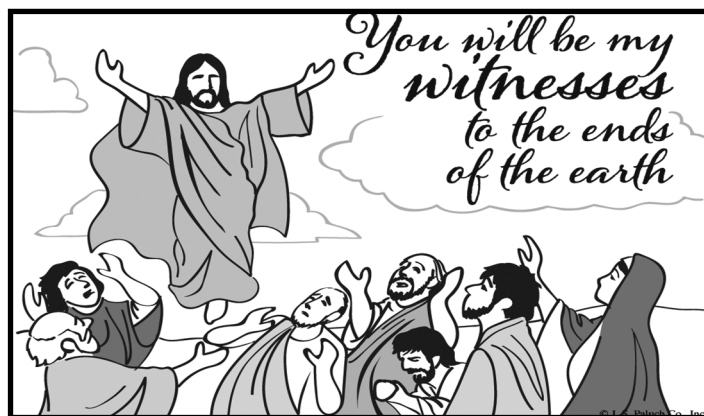
CONFIRMATION 2019

CONGRATULATIONS!

Let us congratulate and pray for our St. Barnabas Religious Education young adults, who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on May 18th. Thank you to all the Parents and Teachers who helped guide them.

Kayla Abatay "St. Padre Pio"
 Vincente Abatay "St. John Chrysostom"
 Jasmine Carisa Agoncillo "St. Dymphna"
 C. Riley Alverson "St. Roch"
 Daniel Araujo "St. Patrick"
 Emma Araujo "St. Anthony of Padua"
 Chelsea Arzate "St. José Sánchez del Río"
 Jocelyn Baltazar "St. Lucy"
 Krisalín Bergajo "St. Jude Thaddaeus"
 Desirae Besabella "St. Cecilia"
 Angelus Cabanayan "St. Peter"
 Felipe Damian "St. Victor of Marseilles"
 Ma. Faustina Isabel Dar Santos "St. Lorenzo Ruiz"
 Itzel Díaz "St. Joan of Arc"
 Lauren Díaz "St. Dymphna"
 Vanessa Díaz "St. Catherine of Siena"
 Kai Esguerra "St. Lucy"
 Christian García "St. George"
 Samantha García "St. Cecilia"
 Jesus Gomez "St. Cornelius"
 Mattilyn Gonzalez "St. Katharine Drexel"
 Nathaniel Goodman "St. Christopher"
 Jonathan Guerrero "St. Oscar Romero"
 Frances Herrera "St. Francis of Assisi"
 Alyssa Beth Ilano "St. Joan of Arc"
 Marlena Jacobo "St. Teresa of Calcutta"
 Anne Johnson "St. Catherine Labouré"
 Marissa Maldonado "St. John the Evangelist"
 Adrian Marquez "St. Pier Giorgio Frassati"
 Matthew Metzger "St. Luke the Evangelist"
 Alyssa Miranda "St. Roch"

Susana Montoya "St. Christopher"
 Kaylen Morales "St. Lucy"
 Sebastian Morales "St. Teresa of Calcutta"
 Bella Moreno "St. Francis of Assisi"
 Curtis Moreno "St. Athanasius"
 Christopher Nolan-O'Brien "St. Hubert"
 Anabel Ochoa "St. Francis of Assisi"
 Cristian Palacios "St. Lawrence"
 Aries Pelayo "St. Francis of Assisi"
 Neil Price "St. Joan of Arc"
 Katreena Marie Rago "St. Rita"
 Breanna Ellese Reyes "St. Jude Thaddaeus"
 Annalise Santana "St. Cecilia"
 Jocelyn Sorto "Our Lady of Guadalupe"
 Benjamin Staudt "St. Genesius"
 Melyssa Supnet "St. Maria Goretti"
 Elijah Ting "St. Cecilia"
 Araia Treviño-Martínez "St. Catherine of Siena"
 Rose Uy "St. Clare of Assisi"
 Carlos Valdez "St. Thomas Aquinas"
 Gabriel Vasquez "St. Gabriel the Archangel"
 Isaac Vera "St. Paul the Apostle"
 Gianna Villalobos "St. Gianna Molla"



PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND



We are truly blessed by the men who have given their lives in service to thousands of families as a priest. As life begins to change in their later years, so too do their needs.

Together we are invited to join and bless those who have blessed us by making a meaningful gift to the Priest Retirement Fund.

Have you ever wondered what happens to our priests after they retire from teaching, preaching, and serving on a regular basis? Where do they go? Who takes care of them? What do they need?

Like us, they desire rest and have needs for care and medical treatment as they grow older. Unlike most of us, though, their modest salaries were never meant to provide for them after many years of service.

Your gift to the *Priest Retirement Fund* is a meaningful investment and true blessing for the care and comfort of our spiritual fathers as they enter the later chapters in life. They deserve nothing less.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION ON THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 8-9, 2019. PLEASE TAKE A SPECIAL ENVELOPE IN THE PEWS & EXITS AND BRING IT BACK NEXT WEEK!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Fred & Jeanette Lobato 5/31 (33yrs)
Roy & Faye Rivera 6/12
Erie & Joy Mercado 6/21 (16yrs)
Richard & Joan Watson 6/22 (46yrs)
Arnaldo & Lucita Luna 6/23 (29ys)
Chris & Aurora Sarmiento 6/27



NEW OR RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Victoria Urbayan, Francisco Dominguez, Sergio & Catalina Hernandez, Christina Jurado, Josh & Shannon Legere, Carlos & Lizett Reynoso and their families

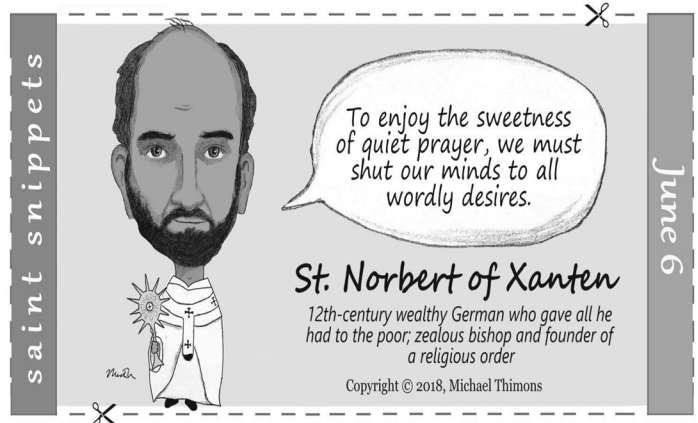
WEDDING BANNS:

Matthew Sebastian & Aiza Yambao

BAPTISMS:

5/25: Joseph Dominic Davila & Sebastian Guzman
5/26: Alyana Elizabeth Manzo, Briella Lali Rodriguez, Lilianna Iris Samayoa-Carbajal, & Malia Kealoha Ruth Jackson

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



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 are getting closer and closer to our goal! Thank you, St. Barnabas Parishioners!!! We can do this!

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

collection

\$ 62,392.50

pledges

As of
5/13/19

Goal

KNIGHTS KORNER

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Red Cross Blood Drive St Barnabas Catholic Church Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus

Location: Hall
3955 Orange Ave
Long Beach, CA 90807

**Sunday, June 9, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: BarnabasLB to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Come to give May 1-June 10 to support trauma patients and get a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card* by email.
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HOLY HUMOR

"I overheard some parishioners complaining about your homily on Sunday," said the pastor to his new assistant priest. "They said it was really boring." "I'm sorry, Father," the young priest responded with genuine remorse. "I had emergency calls at the hospital all day Saturday and didn't have time to prepare, so I just borrowed one of your old ones from the parish website."

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

IF I'M GONNA SHARE JESUS
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH,
I'D BETTER FIND OUT
WHERE THE ENDS ARE!



Jesus answered them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

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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, June 7th, 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 us too!

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



"I grew up in the '60s, too, but I'm not sure Ascension Thursday is the time for playing 'Spirit in the Sky.' "

LETTER FROM DEACON CARLITO

Dear Parishioners, Devotees to our Mother of Perpetual Help and Devotees of St. Peregrine and St. Pedro Calungsod:

I wish I didn't have to go. For this church has been like a second home to me providing me with the love and assistance that I and my family needed over the last fifteen years. Although, it was not until five years ago when Fr. Antony assumed as Pastor that my faculty to preach was being fully activated. The support of the community and the love of God have been an enormous source of comfort and relief during my difficult time.

Unfortunately, I feel that the appropriate time has come for me to render full service and assistance to my wife, Rose who is getting weaker each day. Seeing her deteriorate, I don't like bad things to happen to her, such as a fall when I am not watching.

I felt that I have for 26 years neglected some of my duties to my wife because of my diaconal works at St. Lucy 5 years and St. Barnabas 15 years. This time, I would like to make amends and devote most of my time to her and our domestic church.

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful things you have done and for accepting me to minister to your spiritual needs. I hope for your prayers to support and strengthen me in this trying moment of my life when I enter into the stage of sacrificial love and I look forward to be of service again to God's people someday.

My special thanks to our Pastor, Fr. Antony Gaspar, for his inputs, guidance, backing and sustenance. He has been an inspiration and has worked tirelessly for all of us. I will truly miss you all, and I will keep you in my prayers.

God Bless,

--Deacon Carlito
de los Reyes



Dear Padre

June 2, 2019

I'm confused by the phrase in the Apostles' Creed that says Jesus "descended into hell" before he rose on Easter. What does that mean?

In the Old Testament, everyone who died, good or bad, ended up in Sheol. Sheol was portrayed as a shadowy place where the dead dwelt in a miserable existence, deprived of God. In the New Testament, this place was referred to as Hades or Gehenna. *Hades* is the Greek word for "the land of the dead." *Gehenna* is a word with Hebrew origins that referred to the valley of Hinnom. This valley was a narrow gorge, south of Jerusalem, used for a garbage dump. This image was used by Jesus for the place of punishment for the wicked after death (Matthew 5:22; 18:8).

When the Apostles' Creed states "he descended into hell," it means Jesus really suffered the effects of death—and did, indeed, die—and that everyone must suffer. Jesus died and went to Hades, where all the dead had to go. The Church has traditionally taught that Jesus also had a mission to perform when he went to Hades. Because everyone, whether evil or righteous, ended up in Hades, Jesus came to free the just ones who had gone before him. This is the so-called "harrowing of hell," which was a popular devotion in medieval times. Jesus went to hell and released those holy souls stranded there. Some Eastern Church iconography portrays Jesus rising from the tomb and bringing those people out of the underworld and up to heaven with him.

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