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**JESUS ENDURED
THE CROSS,**
despising its shame, and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

Good News!

August 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had him flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were weak, guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian has a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. The prophet listens with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to his contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or not was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the gospel. Neither should we.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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AUGUST 18, 2019 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: **\$ 11,012.85**

Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution: **\$ 3,613.41**
Period: 7/15—7/31

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

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR:

Sponsor: Diane Chavez
"In Memory of Samuel Rodriguez"
 August 19—25

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Helen Cajayon
 August 10 – 31

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.

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 8/19 First day of School! SBS Mass @11am
- 8/24 Fil-Am Flapjacks Fundraiser @Apple Bee's
- 8//24-25 Mission Co-Op
- 8/30-9/2 Parish Office Closed
- 9/2 Labor Day (School Closed)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 19th

8:00 am- Samuel Tran; +Joseph Pham; +Juanita Tejada

Tuesday, August 20th

8:00 am- Jillian Grace; Susan Zanatta; +Cleomie Valcinus; +Mario Toledo

Wednesday, August 21st

8:00 am- +Teresita Guerrero

6:30 pm- Blandina Patterson; Manuelita Maga; +Melchor Realino

Thursday, August 22nd

8:00 am- Didi Herrera; +Michael Kells

Friday, August 23rd

8:00 am- Jackie Smith; Kate Stycowych

Saturday, August 24th

8:00 am- Gonzalo Valerio; +Josefa Coray
5:00 pm- Danilo Ortega Badiola; Norma Badiola; Junn & Weng Gabrillo; +Rogelio Orayani; +Samuel Rodriguez

Sunday, August 25th

7:30 am- +Eliseo Manarez; +Carlito & +Eduardo Domingo

9:00 am- +Rosenda Aguinaldo

10:45 am- +Mike Demuth; +Elmer Layaoen

12:30 pm- +Willam Jacobs

5:30 pm- St. Barnabas Parishioners

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

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Eudes

Tuesday: St. Bernard

Wednesday: St. Pius X

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Rose of Lima

Saturday: St. Bartholomew

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Amanda Kindick 7/12

Michael Bourque 7/30

Arnold Faria 7/23

David Del Fonzo 8/5

Sharon Biernetzky 7/29

Ernesto Costiniano 7/30

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;

Lk 13:22-30

PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Steve McKim, Ray Paraiso, Ken Augustine, Steven Pearson, Barbara Hendren, Barbara Adame, "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, 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, 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, Len Tanguay, Julien Dolbec, Khin Nwe, Lynda Mendola, Abby Jose, Camilo Velasco, Theresa Brunella, Paul Michael Ignacio, Tony Chiu, Gerald Weekes, Aida Weekes, Mary Harie, Ginger Marshall, Rudy Espeleta, Nelson Sy, Jennifer Miller, Dolores Lounsbury, Ignacio Binara, Julia Navarez

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

WELCOME FR. PETTER TO ST. BARNABAS!

Dear Parishioners,
Blessings to you! Fr. Petter (Peter) Thomas has come to Los Angeles to pursue his graduate studies at Loyola Marymount University. He is a Diocesan Priest from the Diocese of Salem, South India. Our Archdiocese has assigned him as a Student Priest to reside at our Parish. He will be a full-time student while offering assistance with the pastoral needs of our Parish. Kindly extend a warm welcome to him.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED!

A well deserved break for our entire Parish Office Staff will take place from **Friday, August 30th to Monday, September 2nd**, for Labor Day weekend. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday.

The School will also be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of the holiday!

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE E-GIVING

Did you miss a weekly offering while on Summer vacation? E-Giving through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for St. Barnabas to receive your weekly offering and other Church support. E-Giving through Faith Direct will also save you time while helping St. Barnabas reduce our expenses. Call 1-866-507-8757 or visit www.faithdirect.net or download the free Faith Direct App today! (Use our St. Barnabas Parish Code: CA794)

RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Interested in the Catholic faith and want to know more? Are you Catholic, but have never been confirmed? Are you from another denomination and what to explore and embrace the Catholic Faith?

These sessions are for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith OR if you need to complete your sacraments of initiation – Confirmation & Eucharist, or if you would just like to learn more about your Catholic faith.

Must be 21 or older. Sessions will begin in the Fall. If you are interested in more information on the RCIA process, please E-Mail the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org.

PARISH MINISTRIES & MORE

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Would you like to be a part of a wonderful Ministry at St. Barnabas? We are looking at having a Bereavement Ministry here at our Parish. We are searching for a group of Parishioners who have a big heart, full of compassion, and willing to help share their faith with others during these difficult times in their lives.

As a Family grieves over a loved one's passing, these dedicated individuals will assist in meeting with the Family and go over the planning of the funeral service, helping on the day of the funeral Mass and to provide a shoulder to cry on or basic grief counseling. What better way to help our fellow Parishioners, by being there to help them get through this tough time. If you have a calling for this and are interested in being a part of a much-needed Ministry here at St. Barnabas, please **email the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org** with the subject line: Bereavement, along with your contact information. God Bless You.

COFFEE & DONUTS VOLUNTEERS



Thanks to the ministries who help host the Coffee and Donuts on Sunday mornings after Mass. We are looking at a few more ministries or groups that would like to help in the regular rotation, of possibly hosting once a month or once every two months. Please email the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org on how to get involved and we can give you the direct link to the sign-up genius.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN & YOUTH

We are looking for a small team to spearhead the Safeguard the Children Ministry. Some duties may include helping teach/host the Virtus Training Classes, provide articles to post in the bulletin and more. If interested, please email the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

PARISH FAMILY NUMBER

Don't forget to write down your **Parish Family #** on all contribution envelopes, checks and miscellaneous donations to the Church. If you forgot your #, call the Parish Office and we'll gladly help you.

If you would like to register as a Parishioner, registration forms are at the exits, or stop by the Parish Office to sign-up! If you'd like to receive free contribution envelopes, let us know and we can add you to the mailing list!

SIGN UP NOW!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 THRU SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019

We will be located next to the side entrance of the church parking lot from 9 am - 2 pm

***** What to Bring to Registration *****

- Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate if you have not already provided us with one.
(1st Communion certificate also required for Confirmation registration)
- Medical information such as: Medical Insurance , Primary Dr. contact info, Immunization history, list of medical conditions and medications being taken.

Religious Education Tuition

Kindergarten	\$50.00
Faith Formation 3rd - 8th Grade	\$100.00
1st Year Sacrament Prep Communion 1st—8th Grade	\$125.00
2nd Year Sacrament Prep Communion 2nd—8th Grade	\$175.00

**\$20 down payment required at time of registration. We accept cash or check - Make checks payable to St. Barnabas Religious Ed. Please write your child's full name in Memo section



Email: ReligiousEducation@stbarnabaslb.org

Confirmation Tuition

1st Year Confirmation	\$250.00
2nd Year Confirmation	\$300.00

Payment plans are available if needed (10% required at time of registration)

We accept cash or check - Make checks payable to St. Barnabas Religious Ed.

Please write your child's full name in Memo section



Email: confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org

ST. BARNABAS PACK 32 SCOUTS

WE NEED YOU!!



We are looking for Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Aunts, or Uncles to help our Pack continue!

We are in need of:

- Lion/Kinder Den Leader
- Lion/Kinder Assistant Den Leader
- Tiger/1st Grade Assistant Den Leader
- Wolf/2nd Grade Den Leader
- Wolf/2nd Grade Assistant Den Leader
- Secretary/Communications Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Historian/Photographer
- Advancement Campout Coordinating
- Parade Coordinator
- Scout Sunday Coordinator
- Scout-O-Rama Coordinator



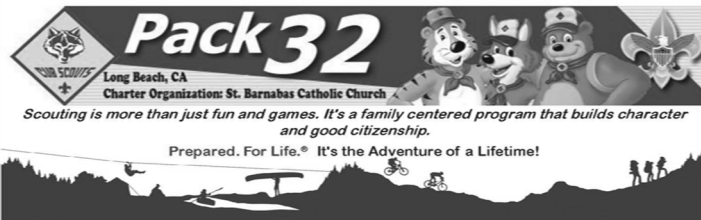
Interested volunteers, contact us:

(562) 726-4894 or Pack32LongBeach@gmail.com

We will arrange to get you the Adult Registration form.

St. Barnabas School related volunteers can earn Service Hours!!
Leaders will need to complete Scouts BSA's Youth Protection Training (a free online course) and Church's Virtus Training program (free in person class).
And you get to wear a cool uniform.

Help guide our youth into adventure and fun!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO****WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Frank & Jackie Spiziri 8/4 (51yrs)
Leslie & Clare Alejandrino 8/17 (45yrs)
Joe & Monica Ahle 8/18 (35yrs)
Junn & Weng Gabrillo 8/24 (28yrs)
Luis & Aviva Figueiredo 8/31 (40yrs)



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

ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL:
AUGUST 24TH & 25TH, 2019
GUEST SPEAKER: REV. PETER KONTEH



Reverend Father Peter Konteh is a Catholic priest ordained on 9th April 1996 at the peak of the 10 year brutal civil war in Sierra Leone. Fr Peter as he is fondly called, began social work over 30 years ago; well before his ordination to the priesthood and has since maintained a remarkable balance between social and pastoral work. Growing up in a devout Catholic family, Fr Peter demonstrated remarkable passion for service; first among the street children in the congested squatters and slums of Freetown. He went on to support Catholic priests and local community in the service of the people of God in various ways. He subsequently

decided for a dedicated service to God as a Catholic priest and entered the college seminary for priestly formation. The priestly formation leading to academic degrees in Philosophy and Humanities, have been enhanced with further professional training and hands-on experience in various aspects of pastoral, humanitarian and relief work.

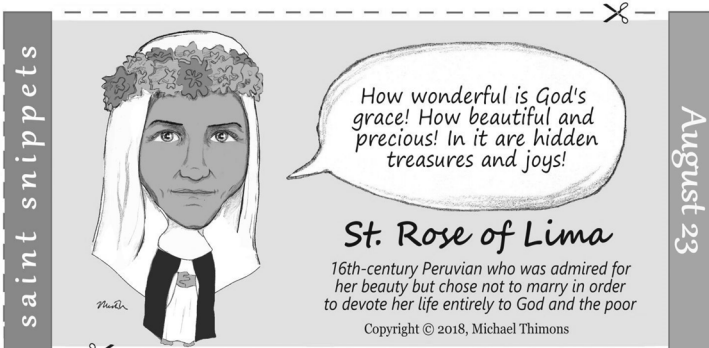
During the civil war, he joined like-minded colleagues to establish the Inter-Religious Council and they grew into an integral part of the peace architecture that facilitated the dialogue between the Government of Sierra Leone and the rebels of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF). And when was not in Church or on the field, he could be heard on BBC reporting on the ravages of the war, to make up for the absence of journalists who had fled the country or closed down their business altogether. During the 10 year brutal civil war in Sierra Leone, he also worked in the management of camps (for both refugees and internally displaced persons) and resettlement of refugees. His successes were duly acknowledged by UNHCR as an outstanding Camp Management of remarkable integrity.

His passion for humanity energized him to continually support war affected and suffering people irrespective of their faith, or nationality. He coordinated food and non-food items for refugees in Guinea, while at the same time pushing for the respect of the right of these refugees. As he grew in pastoral and social work, he will not lose sight of passion for child protection, and duly established the St Mary's Children's Home in 1997 in Bo, to care for war orphans whose parents were killed, maimed and disabled and unable to care for their children. St. Mary's Children's Home has thrived over these years, and accounts for the university students today. After the war, he supervised the reconstruction of the Catholic Hospital at Serabu, in partnership with the European Union. As director of the diocesan development offices of the Archdioceses of Freetown and Bo, he implemented wide ranging socio-economic projects for various other development and established partnerships with many.

Fr Peter drew a lot of strength and direction from his pastoral duties as Parish Priest in both rural and urban communities in the Catholic dioceses of Bo and Freetown. He is as willing to take on tasks as he is innovative and results orientated. His appetite to serve is duly reflected in his outstanding leadership in the Church and development work. Rev Father Peter Konteh duly leads the development arm of the Catholic dioceses of Freetown. His commitment to continue his pastoral duties, support for the work of the Church and care for others is manifested in his drive to raise funds and seek sustainable development interventions at both community and national levels, in and out of the church, continues to affirm him as the Executive Director of the Archdiocesan Development Office/ Caritas Freetown, a solid partner of peace and development.

*His full length Biography can be read on our Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stbarnabaslb

**LET US ALL WELCOME FR PETER KONTEH
TO ST. BARNABAS PARISH!**



**Twentieth Sunday
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[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

— Hebrews 12:2

AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

2019 S.C.R.C. CONVENTION

The 48th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day Weekend: **August 30-September 1, 2019** at the Anaheim Convention Center & Arena. This year's theme is: "Jesus, Hope of the World". Over 40 Catholic Speakers & 70 Presentations! Spiritually enriching for all ages! For brochure/info, contact: **(818) 771-1361** spirit@scrc.org Online Info. & Registration: SCRC.org

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Theme: "He will guide you to all truth"

September 6th-8th, 2019

The Women's Silent Retreat will take place at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra, CA. There may still be some spots available. Please contact: Barbara at 562-208-7045 (cell) OR Eva at 562-818-9541 (cell) for an application and to book your spot!

MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Monday- August 26, 2019 at 7:30pm

Fr. Stephen Viblanc, OSM

St. Cornelius Church

5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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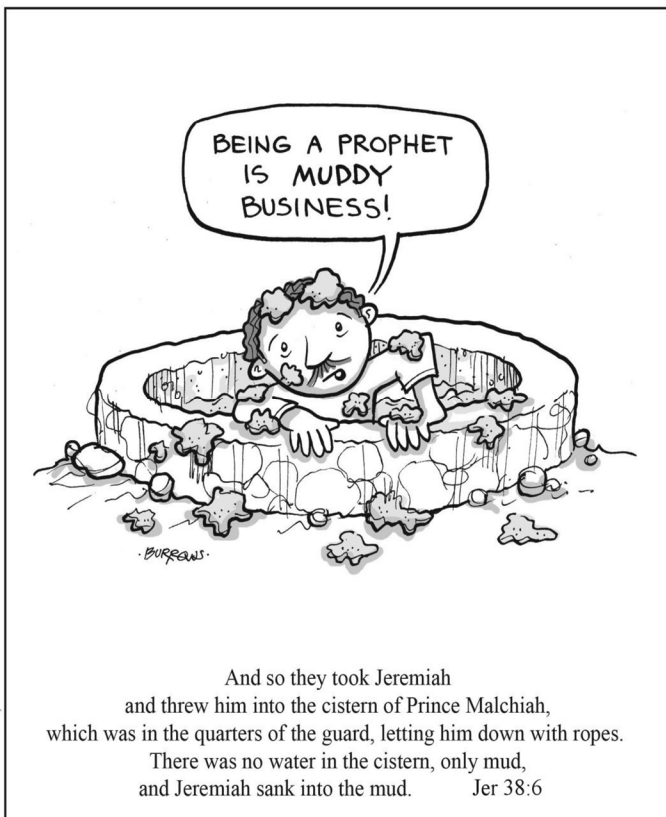
LISTEN TO JESUS & THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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2019 TOGETHER IN MISSION

GOAL \$ 69,600.00

collection

\$ 68,377.50

pledges

As of
8/7/19

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Barnafest

St. Barnabas Parish Festival
LONG BEACH, CA



SAVE THE DATES!!!



OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2019

Music | Snacks | Raffles | Games
Beer & Wine Garden | International Food
Entertainment | Fellowship | Community

Interested in joining the Festival Team, being a volunteer, or donating an item for the silent auction?
Please call the parish office at: 562-424-8595, they will connect you with Jesse Moreno, this year's Festival Chair.

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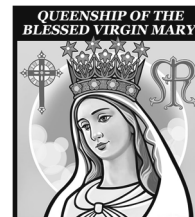
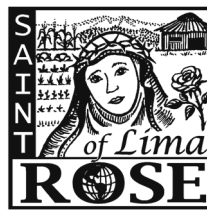
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