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ADVENT

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



Good News!

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

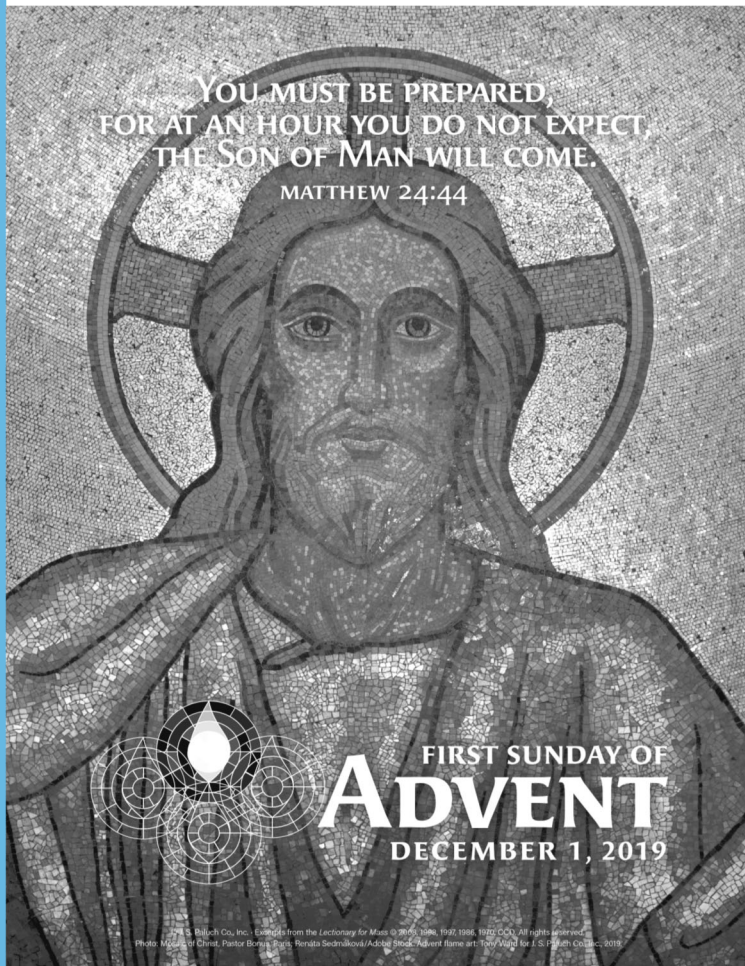
Be prepared! But for what? Since we're entering the season of Advent, we might think that we're called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it's much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of that when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we "throw off the works of darkness," works of rivalry and jealousy (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus' insistence to "stay awake" and "be prepared" (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes more often than this. God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God's coming? Today's readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness, as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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"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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Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm

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4th Sunday of the Month: 2:30pm
Email: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org (must pre-register)

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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

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"In Thanksgiving & Blessings for the Ahle Family"

November 25 - December 1

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Terry Beauchamp

11/30 - 12/14

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

11/30-12/15 Scouts Giving Trees
 12/2 School closed (Teacher in-service) Daycare open
 12/3-12/5 Scholastic Book Fair/Hall
 12/6 First Friday Adoration –all day, Mass 6:30pm
 12/9 *Added extra Mass at 5:30pm (Immaculate Conception)
 12/9 School Christmas Play 7pm/Church
 12/10 Advent Penance Service 7pm (10 Priests)
 12/12 Feast day of Guadalupe: 8am & 6:30pm Mass
 12/14 SBS Milk & Cookies w/Santa 12pm-3pm/Hall
 12/15-12/23 Simbang Gabi Advent Night Masses
 12/15 Confessions/Confirm. Students 3:30pm (5 Priests)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 2nd

8:00 am- +Mercedes K. Tudisco; +Tony Chiu

Tuesday, December 3rd

8:00 am- +Teofilo Enriquez; +Jose Enriquez; +Job Enriquez; +Alison Sayuck

Wednesday, December 4th

8:00 am- Antonio Edles Sr.; +Beato Enriquez; +Emmanuel Enriquez; +Lilia Enriquez

6:30 pm- Tina & Leah

Thursday, December 5th

8:00 am- +Benjamin Hipolito II; +Benjamin Hipolito III; +Natalia Enriquez

Friday, December 6th

8:00 am- Manalang-Angeles Family

6:30 pm- Kay Davis; Fr. George Reynolds; +Samuel Navidad Edles Sr.; +Lionor Vergel de Dios; +Erlinda Ortega

Saturday, December 7th

8:00 am- Vanya Marie

5:00 pm- Kathy Hubka; +Marvin Tran; All Souls

Sunday, December 8th

7:30 am- +Fe & +Yolanda Chua

9:00 am- +Julian Yap; +Lou & +Shirley Dolezcar

10:45 am- +Posidio Faeldan; +Mercedes K. Tudisco; +Elmer Layaoen

12:30 pm- St. Barnabas Parishioners; +Tony Chiu

5:30 pm- Parish Volunteers



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

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Michelle St. Pierre-Moore 11/8

Tony Chiu 11/20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Steve McKim, Ray Paraiso, Ken Augustine, Steven Pearson, Barbara Hendren, Adame, Junn Gabrillo Jr., Carolyn Espinoza, Gerry Johnston, Roseann Vetter, 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, Nathaniel Capitulo, Ana Castillo, Fred & Laura Wong, Leda Wong, Cesar Giron, Mary Sabate, Peggy & Bob Breshears, Sonia Hanson, Len Tanguay, Khin Nwe, Lynda Mendola, Abby Jose, Camilo Velasco, Theresa Brunella, Paul Michael Ignacio, Gerald Weekes, Aida Weekes, Mary Harie, Ginger Marshall, Rudy Espeleta, Jennifer Miller, Dolores Lounsbury, Ignacio Binarao, Julie Nevarez, Zenaida Reynaldo Bianzon, Susan Frost, Marino Nufable, Mark Helak, Shannon Cheshier, Luz Galvan, Daniel Chavez, Espi Garcia, Dr. John Samson, Mario Salgadohad, Ana Maria Onuna, Gene Henslee, Rosalin Martinez, Herminia Villalpando, Judy Desolo, Richard Hoover, Juanita Hernandez, Valentine Rodriguez, Chuck Wachter

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 & MINISTRY NEWS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please make an effort to come to our Advent Penance Service on: **Tuesday– December 10, 2019 at 7:00pm** in the Church. We will have many visiting Priests available to hear your confessions.

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK

The Little Blue Book is a valuable six-minute daily guide for reflections and prayer during the Advent Season. It is an ancient form of prayer called “lectio divina”. Please limit one per family. They began selling them after the morning Masses last weekend at a nominal cost of \$2. Call or stop by the Parish Office, as there will be a limited number available.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED

We are looking for at least 2 volunteers to help out in the Religious Ed Office on Sundays from 8:30am-12pm or every other Sunday from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Paperwork filing, collecting payments, answering phones, etc. Please call Sam at the Parish Office: 562-424-8595 or email to: church@stbarnabaslb.org with your information. This can also count toward service hours as well!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to register as a Parishioner, 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! Reminder to use your Name and Parish Family # on all loose contribution envelopes and checks, in order to get credit for tax purposes. If you forgot your #, call the Parish Office for assistance.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Did you love being an Altar Server when you were a kid? Or, did you wish you could have been, but you were the “wrong” gender for the times?

We have a great opportunity for you! We need “Adult” Altar Servers for our Funerals and are looking for volunteers who have time (mostly weekdays at 10am) to come and help us. Come be part of our **NEW MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION**, which supports our Parishioners as they are going through a difficult time. If you think this might be for you, **contact Terri at 562-427-8048**, or email the Parish Office at church@stbarnabaslb.org. There will be a training, so novices are welcome. New members are also welcome to join this new Ministry as well!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

This year The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed on that Sunday (Dec. 8th) so it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation on the actual day, Monday, December 9th. However, we have added an extra Mass on this date, for those who would like to attend. **Monday, December 9th: 8am Mass AND 5:30pm Mass** will be available.

ACTS 29 YOUTH MINISTRY

Joins us every 2nd, 4th & 5th Fridays of the month from 7pm-9pm. Must be 13-18 years of age! Text/Call Rose 213-949-9507.

HOLIDAY DECORATING TEAM

If you would like to help decorate our Church for the Christmas Season, please call the Parish Office: 562-424-8595 or email: church@stbarnabaslb.org. We need help hanging the lights, wreaths, etc. We appreciate all the help we can get!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEW OR RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Maxine Maulupe, Michael & Allison Ashley-Mennis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (33yrs)

Sunny & Rosamma Michael 12/26 (36yrs)

Orlando & Thelma Mesina 12/28 (50yrs)



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

church@stbarnabaslb.org

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

- **Immaculate Conception: Mon. Dec. 9th** (this date is NOT a holy day of obligation, as it was observed on the Sunday, Dec. 8th) But we have Masses at **8am AND 5:30pm** for those who would like to attend.
- **Feast Day of Guadalupe: Thurs. Dec. 12th**— Masses at **8am** (refreshments after Mass at the Hall) and **6:30pm** (procession to the Hall for refreshments after Mass) Bring your small statues and images to be blessed at Mass.
- **“Simbang Gabi” Advent Night Masses: Dec. 15th-23rd**— See the flyer (pg.7) for the detailed schedule of times. Reception to after each Mass.
- **Christmas Eve: Tues. Dec. 24th**— **NO** 8am Mass
5:00pm: Children's Dramatization Play
5:30pm: Children's Mass
9:30pm: Caroling (St. Barnabas Choirs)
10:00pm: Late night Mass
- **Christmas Day: Wed. Dec. 25th**—
8:00am; 10:00am; 12:00pm Masses only
NO evening Mass



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Blessings to you! We are in the season of Thanksgiving and we recall the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. The life we have received, the family we live in, the knowledge we gained through education, the jobs we secured, the corporal works of mercy we engage, the success we celebrate in our businesses, the achievements we cherish, and above all the gift of faith we received which empowers us to bear witness to Christ and his Church in the modern world. Our God has been so generous to us with these and other blessings. Therefore, let us unite our hearts with the Psalmist and sing praises to God: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1).

As we celebrate the 80 years of founding of our Parish, let us recall all Priests, Deacons, Religious Nuns, lay leaders, and those who were instrumental in establishing our Parish. Let our hearts echo the words "Thank You!" for their love and sacrifices.

It is with the great joy that I recognize your presence, prayers, participation, and support of our Parish as a great blessing from our loving God. Thank you for your continued commitment to the faith life of our parish, and for your selfless stewardship.

Together with Father Bernard Santiago, I express my sincere gratitude to our Parish Staff and School Staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils, various Ministry leaders, and all of our volunteers for your tremendous love and service to our Parish. Thank you and May God bless you and your family.

With Gratitude,
Fr. Antony Gaspar
Your Pastor

Pastor Al™



"Yes, we all like Christmas, but is there another reason to choose St. Nicholas for your confirmation name?"

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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, December 6th, 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.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Saturday, **December 7th**, 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.



HOLY HUMOR

An elderly parishioner was attending a wake. One of his fellow parishioners said, "It's good to see you, Tom."

"Being seen," Tom replied, "is better than being viewed."

OH, BROTHER! Belly Laughs for Good-Humored Catholics by Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST published by ACTA Publications

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AS A PARISH: SATURDAY- FEBRUARY 29TH, 2020

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA — WINTER SESSION 2019

Begins Week of November 30th – December 5th

(Choice of attending: Saturdays 11:00am, Sundays 1:30pm, Wednesdays 7:00pm, or Thursdays 9:15am)

These classes, offered at **St. Peter Chanel** in Hawaiian Gardens, are given over a 10-Week period, will greatly intensify your spiritual life and your desire to go to Heaven. This program and all materials provided are **FREE**. Donations are accepted. Each meeting lasts 2-2.5 hours. To register online, go to www.spcomv.com or contact Mary Martorana at lovegodssavesouls@gmail.com or Veronica Ayson at (562) 924-7591.

Dear Padre

December 1, 2019

A eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight-year-old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, "No, I refuse!" My grandchild receives both species in our home parish. Can a eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, "It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice" (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, 46–47). Children who have reached the age of reason—normally about age seven—are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of holy Eucharist.

Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same manner as other members of the ecclesial community. "Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them" (Code of Canon Law, 843). While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it's applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive holy Communion by reason of their baptism. —Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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Faithfully Serving our Community for 80 Years!

Save the Date!
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 29th, 2020

80th Anniversary
Mass & Celebration!

Stay tuned for more details...

Come and join St. Barnabas Parish's celebration of



December 15 - 23, 2019

**All are invited to participate in this spiritual preparation to meaningfully
celebrate the birth of Jesus!**



Central Theme: The Beatitudes

Nine Day Simbang Gabi Advent Mass Schedule

	Date	Time	Theme of the day
1st	Sun. Dec. 15 <i>Father Antony Gaspar</i>	5:30 pm	"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
2nd	Mon. Dec. 16 <i>Father Ernald Andal, SJ</i>	6:30 pm	"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."
3rd	Tues. Dec. 17 <i>Father Bernard Santiago</i>	6:30 pm	"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."
4th	Wed. Dec. 18 <i>Father Brian Castaneda</i>	6:30 pm	"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."
5th	Thurs. Dec. 19 <i>Father Rey Matunog</i>	6:30 pm	"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
6th	Fri. Dec. 20 <i>Father Thomas Asia</i>	6:30 pm	"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."
7th	Sat. Dec. 21 <i>Father Lester Niez</i>	5:00 pm	"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."
8th	Sun. Dec. 22 <i>Father Tony Astudillo</i>	5:30 pm	"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
9th	Mon. Dec. 23 <i>Father Antony Gaspar</i>	6:30 pm	"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you because of me, Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

PACK 32 SCOUTS: GIVING TREES



The annual St. Barnabas Giving Tree Program is back during this Christmas season! The Giving Trees are located at each of the church exits, and inside the Parish Center. Please select ornaments off of the trees and return the new and **UNWRAPPED** items listed on each ornament. In addition to the gifts, diapers are desperately needed to help the young families in need. All gifts will be gathered and delivered to the Marian Center here in Long Beach by the Pack 32 Cub Scouts on December 15th. You are welcome to drop off gifts prior to the 15th though. Thank you for your generosity by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ. Also, if you are in need or know of any other families in need from St. Barnabas Parish, please contact the Parish Office. We would also like to reserve Giving Tree presents for local parishioners in need. Any questions, contact Laura at 562-726-4894 or email: pack32longbeach@gmail.com.

SAINT BARNABAS SCHOOL

School Christmas Play

Monday– December 9, 2019
7:00pm (Church)

Milk & Cookies with Santa

Saturday– December 14, 2019
12pm-3pm

Milk & Cookies with Santa



School Reconciliation Service

Tuesday– Tuesday, December 17, 2019
9:30am-11:45am (4 Priests)

School Winter Break

December 23, 2019 through January 6, 2020

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;
World AIDS Awareness Day
Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday: St. John Damascus
Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!



Calling All Elves!



Do you, family member or friend sell:
• Avon • Mary Kay • Tupperware • Princess House • Pampered Chef
Any other direct sales, arts & crafts or specialty vendors?

Here's a great chance to have your booth at our
St. Anthony Parish School Holiday Boutique
on **Sunday, December 8th!**



Are you **crafty & full of Christmas Cheer?**



We're asking for donations of
Christmas crafts & decorations

Please contact the school office at (562) 432-5946
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