



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

3955 ORANGE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807 | 562-424-8595 | STBARNABASLB.ORG

REV. ANTONY GASPAR | REV. BERNARD SANTIAGO

ADVENT

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



Good News!

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

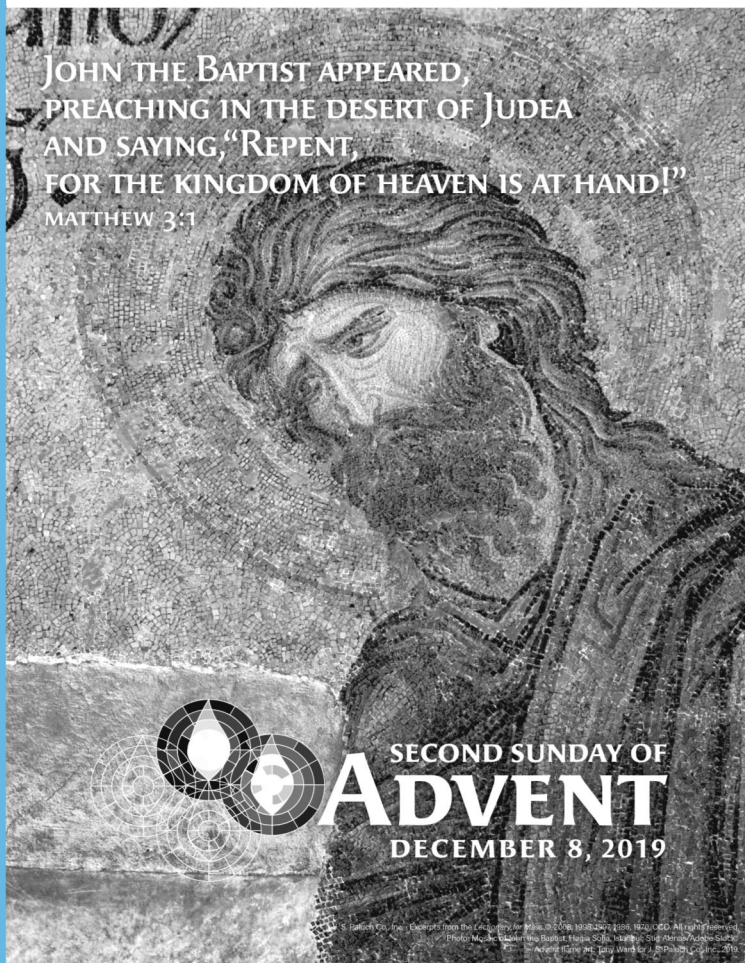
At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

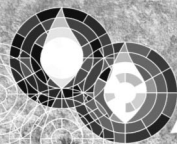
John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

© 2019 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in U.S.A. Imprimatur: "In accordance with c. 827, permission to publish has been granted on June 27, 2019, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication, nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521.



JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED,
PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA
AND SAYING, "REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!"
MATTHEW 3:1



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

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."

PARISH OFFICE:
OFFICE # 562-424-8595

OFFICE E-MAIL:
church@stbarnabaslb.org

OFFICE HOURS:
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-7:00pm
Sat: 9:00am-4:30pm
Sun: 9:00am-2:00pm

Office Manager: Olivia Baylen
Business Manager: Sam Christi

CONFESSIONS:
1st Friday of the Month: 7:15am—7:50am
Saturday: 3:30pm—4:30pm

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

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



MINISTRY DIRECTORY

ADORATION COORDINATORS	Charito Salas: (562) 490-9853 Faye Rivera: (562) 424-5366
ALTAR SERVERS	Sylvia Gaytan: (562) 477-2143
BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR YOUTH	Joe Fletes: (562) 409-4696
BOY SCOUTS PACK 32/CUB SCOUTS	Laura Moller-Leon: (562) 726-4894
BULLETIN TEAM/SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE	Joyce K: church@stbarnabaslb.org
CANA MARRIAGE RENEWAL MOVEMENT	Bernie Matute: (562) 326-3065
CENACLE MARIAN MOVEMENT	Annie Pallivathukal: (562) 492-9587
COUPLES FOR CHRIST	Roy/Faye Rivera: (562) 424-5366
DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE	Itima Eteaki: church@stbarnabaslb.org
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Samanth Christi: (562) 521-4040 Church Helen Cajayon: (562) 290-2019 The Sick
FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION	Dr. Gene Lowther: (562) 427-1386
FINANCE COUNCIL	Espi Garcia: (562) 426-6897
GIRL SCOUTS TROOP #4283	Jessica Cardenas: (562) 972-7945 jewillowtree@aol.com
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Bob Frazier: (562) 843-5824
INFANT BAPTISM	Email: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org
I.T. RESOURCE TEAM	David Ameho: (562) 253-3644
KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY	David Nieto: (310) 569-5900
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Council #3449)	Julio Ramirez: (562) 706-0162
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION	Robert Kalowes: (562) 225-1946
LECTORS	Marina Cuico: (562) 254-8133 marinacuico@gmail.com
LEGION OF MARY	Barbara Florida: (562) 423-1278
LITURGICAL MUSIC COORDINATOR	Joseph Pham: (562) 505-4275
MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION	Terri Furlow: (562) 427-8048
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA	Gigi R. Lalan: (562) 427-4054 Armando Pablo: (562) 631-6361
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE MINISTRY	Tricia J: (303) 803-0287
PASTORAL COUNCIL	Darrell Stewart: (562) 424-8982
PLANNING & BUILDING TEAM	Sean Farragher: (562) 533-6444
PROJECT ACHIEVE MINISTRY	Michelle Gustilo-Smithson: (310) 344-7862
RCIA / ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREP	Religious Ed Office: (562) 988-6855
RESPECT LIFE	Robert Kalowes: (562) 426-3781
ROSARY MINISTRY	Paula Strickland: (562) 424-4853 Mabel Felix: (562) 852-7116
SACRISTANS	Geraldine Johnston: (562) 498-8187
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN & YOUTH	Elizabeth Cantu: (310) 292-1519
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE	David Zanatta: (562) 244-7644
USHERS & GREETERS	Darrell Stewart: (562) 424-8982
WEDDING/REHEARSAL COORDINATOR	Deb Ryan: (562) 209-2458
YOUTH MINISTRY: "ACTS 29"	Rose Lucero: (213) 949-9507 cell/text
WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT TEAM	Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Weekly Contribution:	11/24: \$ 11,267.16 12/1: \$ 11,556.00
----------------------	---

Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 4,344.72 Period: 11/1 - 11/15
--------------------------------------	--

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:

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.

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

Office: (562) 424-7476

Fax (562) 981-3351

3980 Marron Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90807

Principal: Jennifer Kellam

jkellam@stbarnabas.school
www.school.stbarnabaslb.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Office: (562) 988-6855

1130 Marshall Place
Long Beach, CA 90807
(Office located upstairs of Parish Center)

Rel Ed Coordinator: **Juan Rodriguez Jr.**
213-840-8600 cell/text
religiouseducation@stbarnabaslb.org

Confirmation Coordinator:
Emmanuel Magallanes
213-948-7762 cell/text
confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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)
 12/21 "A Child is Born" Christmas Play/7p (CANA)
 12/24 Christmas Eve
 12/25 Christmas Day/Jesus' Birthday!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9th

8:00 am- Our Blessed Mother; Elizabeth Cannata; +Leo S. Custodio; +Mercedes K. Tudisco

***5:30 pm-** Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 10th

8:00 am- +Marcelina Figueiredo; +Frank Florida

Wednesday, December 11th

8:00 am- Jennifer Kellam; Alyssa P. Hernandez; +Ronald Tuquero; +Bernardo Abad

6:30 pm- Parish Volunteers

Thursday, December 12th

8:00 am- Our Lady of Guadalupe; +Alejandro Mina; +Leonora Igarta Sabong; +Francisca Belen Masa

***6:30 pm-** Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, December 13th

8:00 am- +Silverio Mercado; +Mauricio Soriano; +Celso Mauricio

Saturday, December 14th

8:00 am- +Ernest Marrujo; +Faustina Soriano; +Delfin Soriano

5:00 pm- Rasheedah; Faye & Joseph Sacro; +Artemio Trespeces Parada

Sunday, December 15th

7:30 am- St. Barnabas Parishioners; +Maura Avila

9:00 am- Adelaida T. Vasquez; Danelle Ballard; +Julian Yap; +Maria Theresa Manzo

10:45 am- Yek Yek Usarga; +Bonifacio & +Hermenia Avancena; +Mercedes K. Tudisco; +Cynthia Magno; +Elmer Layaoen

12:30 pm- +Dominic Ba Vu; +Marcellenus Huy Vu

5:30 pm- Joey & Leda Kennett & Friends; +Asuncion Enriquez; +Teofilo Enriquez; +Eleanor Sarazate



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

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Michelle St. Pierre-Moore 11/8 Adrienne Hamilton 11/28

Tony Chiu 11/20

Francisca Masa 11/25

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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 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, 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

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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please make an effort to come to our Advent Penance Service this **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. *We still have a few left at a nominal cost of \$2.* Call or stop by the Parish Office to pick one up.

PARISH REGISTRATION

It's free to register as a Parishioner, so stop by the Parish Office to sign-up! If you'd like to receive free contribution envelopes, let us know and we'll add you to the mailing list! Remember to use your Name and Parish Family # on all loose contribution envelopes and checks, for tax credit. 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. 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!

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. any help would be appreciated!

KNIGHTS KORNER

COATS FOR THE NEEDY

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated coats to the “Coats for the Needy Campaign” here at St. Barnabas! Thanks to you, we gave away coats to over 200 men, women and children in need through Catholic Charities in Long Beach.

NEW ADVENT WREATH

MANY, MANY THANKS

We would like to thank Patty & Bernard Caballero for decorating our new Advent Wreath this year! Thanks to Reggie Villegas and James Teahan for helping secure the candles and a very special thank you to Joe Ahle for making the new heart-shaped advent wreath and stand. We have many talented Parishioners here at St. Barnabas Church!



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 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

DONATE POINSETTIAS

HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

It's that wonderful time of season... Christmas time! If you would like to take part in making our house of worship lovely during this time of year, we are inviting our Parishioners to donate lovely poinsettia plants! They will be placed all around the Church! You may donate a poinsettia in honor of a loved one. Just make sure you tape the name to it and the Parish Office will book a free Mass Intention, according to what date/time that needs to be filled. **Please drop them off at the steps of the Baptismal Font.**



SPIRITUAL SYMBOLISM

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity. Franciscan friars in Mexico began using the poinsettias in Nativity processions and over time the plant was introduced into the United States. Since then it has become a staple of Christmas decorations both in churches and homes.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: 12/7-12/8

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

There is a special 2nd Collection this weekend for the Retirement for the Religious. Your donation provides vital support for senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests. Special envelopes are in the pews and at all the exits. You can also bring it back next week too, or drop it off at the Parish Office! Thank you for your support!

Retirement
Fund for
Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



ALTAR SERVERS

PIZZA APPRECIATION DINNER

Thanks to all our Altar Servers for all that you do! We had a fun night with pizza, games and prizes! If you are interested in joining our Altar Servers Ministry, please contact Sylvia at 562-477-2143.



©PC: Sylvia

Pastor Al™



"Watching this makes me realize there are some days that being a pastor can make you feel like a piñata."

HOLY HUMOR

On their way to Mass, a Catechist asked her Students, "And why" is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

"Because," Little Janie replied, "people are sleeping."

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

Dear Padre

December 8, 2019

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

From *Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask*,

© 2003 Liguori Publications

© 2019 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish has been granted on June 27, 2019, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivotto, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication, nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEW OR RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Carol Johnson, Sak & Marianne Pidech, Earl & Romarlet Pasinos, Santiago & Alejandra Pena

11/30 Baptism:

Alfredo Gonzalez Jr.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (33yrs)
Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (48yrs)
Sunny & Rosamma Michael 12/26 (36yrs)
Virgil & Josette Sangria 12/27 (38yrs)
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

"A Child is Born"

**A Christmas Presentation by
CANA Marriage
Renewal Movement**

SATURDAY
December 21, 2019
7:00 pm

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
3955 Orange Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90807
562-424-8595

By popular demand they added another date! Dec. 10th!!!

LOVE AND MERCY FAUSTINA

RETURNING TO SELECT CINEMAS
BY POPULAR DEMAND

DECEMBER 2 & 10 ONLY

#FAUSTINALOVEANDMERCY

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!**

**YOU ARE ALL
INVITED TO JOIN
US IN THE HALL
FOR A SMALL
RECEPTION
AFTER EACH
MASS FOR
FELLOWSHIP!**



**THANK YOU TO
ALL OUR VISITING
PRIESTS WHO
HAVE COME TO
CELEBRATE IN
OUR MASSES THIS
YEAR!**

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 Ernard 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

School Reconciliation Service

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

School Winter Break

December 23, 2019 through January 6, 2020

Milk & Cookies with Santa



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Mt 3:4

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

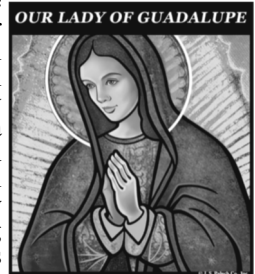
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy
Saturday: St. John of the Cross



SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.



St. Anthony High School

Is offering Placement Test
Prep Classes

Do you have an 8th grader that needs to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT)?

You do not have to apply to SAHS to come take the test with us. However, if you apply to St. Anthony High School today, your student can take our prep classes and test for free!

**Classes: January 8, 15, 22, 23
from 3:30–5:00pm**

**Test: January 25, 2020
from 8:00am–12:00pm**

For more information,
visit www.longbeachsaints.org
or call (562) 435-4496 ext 1241

