



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...**

Good News!

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

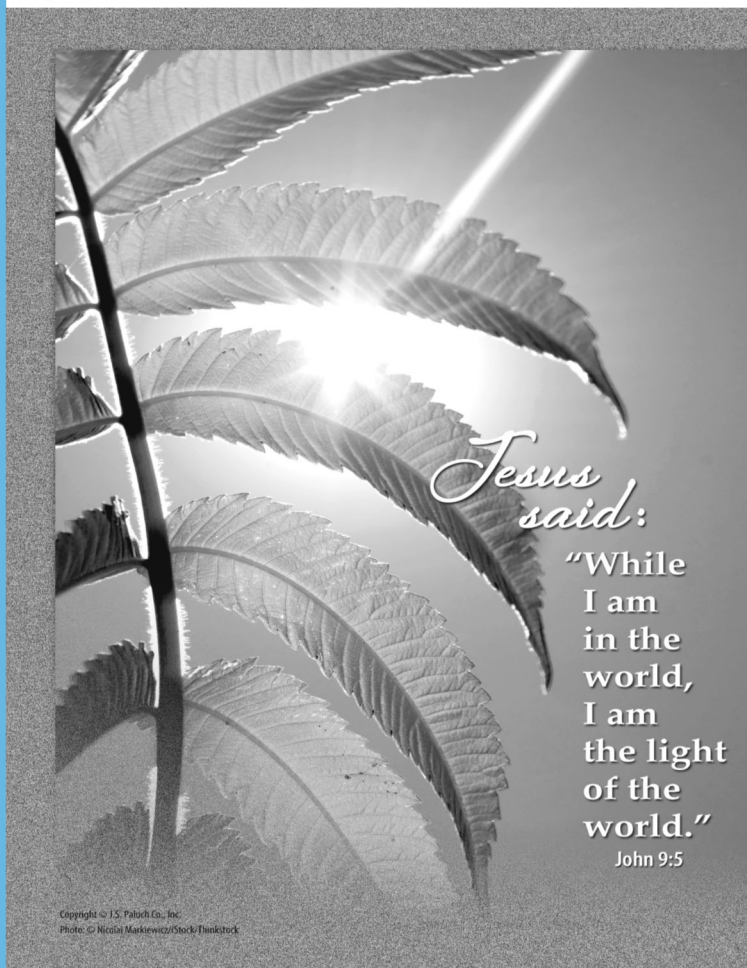
Do we? Do we really see? Do we understand?

There is so much that is simply misunderstood or un-noticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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

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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
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

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Weekly Contributions:	\$4,046.00
Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 4,025.29 Period: 2/16 - 2/29

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



**ST. BARNABAS,
PRAY FOR US!**

**Monthly Flower Donors for
Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:**

Lal & Gigi Laluan
March 14 – April 4

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/5 Palm Sunday
 4/10 Good Friday
 4/12 Easter Sunday

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, March 22nd**

7:30 am: +Francis & +Irene Poblete; +Alberto Frio
9:00 am: William & Geraldine Peralta; +Julian Yap
10:45 am: Junn Gabrillo; +Natividad Estrella;
 +Phillipe Estrella; +Rosario Bernarte
12:30 pm: +Emiliano Go; +Lolita Antonio; +Dante Dela Cruz

5:30 pm: Confirmation Students & Catechists;
 +Patricia Librea Tuazon; +Mariano Tuazon

Monday, March 23rd

8:00 am: John Matthew Dobberpuhl; +John Ryan Sr.;
 +Essil Exoconde

Tuesday, March 24th

8:00 am: +Estevan Joya

Wednesday, March 25th

8:00 am: St. Barnabas Staff & Volunteers

6:30 pm: +Justina Sabio Hao

Thursday, March 26th

8:00 am: Joseph Smith

Friday, March 27th

8:00 am: Ariana Herrera

***6:00 pm:** Couples for Christ

Saturday, March 28th

8:00 am: +Jose Palaganas

5:00 pm: John & Jane Medina; Pal Ditty

Sunday, March 29th

7:30 am: Diana Burch

9:00 am: Julian Cantu

10:45 am: +Juana Gabrillo

12:30 pm: Evangeline Senar Bushnell; Cesar Giron;
 Horizon Giron

5:30 pm: St. Barnabas Parishioners; Victims of
 Coronavirus

**DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF MASSES, OUR
 PRIESTS WILL BE PRIVATELY PRAYING FOR EACH
 NAME ON THE DESIGNATED DAY. WE ENCOURAGE
 OUR PARISHIONERS TO PRAY FOR THESE
 INDIVIDUALS AS WELL.**

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

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Emma F. Gonzales 2/25 Susana Tiong 3/9
 Joseph J. Hernandez Jr.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

NEW PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Ken Augustine, Jim & Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Betty Chrysler, Delores Spak, Stanley Golanty, Elizabeth N. Gabrillo, Florencio "Junn" Gabrillo Jr., Cesar Giron, Romeo Giron, Arthur Giron, Marichu Cabrigo, Marissa Garcia, Roseann Vetter, Myke Bommer, Elizabeth Cannata, Fr. Mike Grieco, Carolyn Espinoza, Ana Maria Onuna, Gene Henslee, Rosalin Martinez, Herminia Villalpando, Judy Desolo, Richard Hoover, Juanita Hernandez, Valentine Rodriguez, Cynthia Tan, Forrest Hawley, Ramon Tapia, Paul Hutton, Beryl Weekes, Len Tanguay, Laura & Francisco Dominguez, William Dobberpuhl, Ray Barnum, Joel Nicart, Erickson Capitulo, Nathaniel Capitulo, Rudy Espeleta, Hector Gustilo, Mateo Leyva, Milagro E. Salazar, Kathy Wachter, Sue Ann E. Tumakay, Fr. Owen de Souza, Gloria Goul, Wilson Panickaveetil, William Dorsey, John Matthew Dobberpuhl, Michael Carrasco, Gerry Johnston, Mary Sabate, Virginia Barch, Joseph Smith

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

CANCELLATIONS

ALL Masses, ministry meetings, and event gatherings are cancelled, until further notice...
(Subject to change at any time)

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

To save on paper, if you need a copy of your 2019 Contributions, please e-mail the Parish Office at: church@stbarnabaslb.org or call and leave your name, number and parish family # and we will mail it out to you. **We can even e-mail it to you too!** Thank you for your continued support to St. Barnabas.

COMPLIMENTARY 80TH COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTE BOOKS

We still have complimentary 80th Tribute Books available for all Parishioners. Call the Parish Office to reserve a copy. Limited to ONE per family!

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP AND OFFERING DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON?

Our Lenten Tree of Sacrifice is located in the back at the Vestibule. Please take a tag off the tree, and reflect on your sacrifice for our Lord Jesus Christ.



HOLY WEEK

An announcement regarding the parish celebrations for Holy Week will be issued on or before Friday, March 27, 2020. Standby for updates soon.

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March 24

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thankfully, we will still be allowed to provide our Parishioners an opportunity to do your Confessions.

Our Confession schedule during Lent is as follows:

March 21 & 28 and April 4: Sat: 3:00pm-4:30pm

March 30 - April 9 Mon-Fri: 7:00am-7:45am

(Note: NO face-to-face, only thru privacy screens)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606) March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio." —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HOLY HUMOR

Three pastors from neighboring parishes were having lunch together.

The first said, "You know, since the summer started I've been having a lot of trouble with bats in the loft and attic of my church. I've tried everything-noise, spray, cats-nothing seems to scare them away."

The second pastor replied, "Me too. I've got hundreds of those things living in my bell tower and in the narthex attic. I had the whole place fumigated, but they still won't go away!"

The third said, "I had that problem a while ago. So I baptized all the bats and haven't seen one back since!"

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

March 17, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

Blessings to you! The current spread of the Corona Virus has tremendously affected our daily lives. The government officials and leaders in our communities have made hard choices and painful decisions in an attempt to keep us safe. Taking into considerations the current public health emergency situation, our Archbishop José H. Gomez has temporarily suspended public celebration of the Mass in our Archdiocese effective March 17, 2020 until March 29, 2020, or otherwise extended. Our Archbishop has stressed that this decision was “not made lightly,” and that it was made after “much prayer and reflection” and in consultation with the Archdiocese's auxiliary bishops, Council of Priests, lay advisors, and government and public health officials.

In lieu of this, our Parish weekend and weekday Masses are suspended until March 29, 2020, or otherwise extended. **However, we will live stream our own Parish Mass, daily at 8:00 am and on Sundays at 9:00 am. You can participate in this Mass from your home via the internet through FACEBOOK LIVE, by visiting this website: facebook.com/stbarnabaslb/** Although you may not receive Holy Communion, you will be making a profound act of spiritual Communion with your Priests and our beloved Parish Community, and more importantly have an opportunity to keep the Lord's Day Holy.

In addition, our Archdiocese also provides a livestream of Masses from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels daily and on Sunday via Facebook, @lacatholics, (facebook.com/lacatholics/) or visit lacatholics.org/emergency/ The daily Mass (M-F) in English at 12:10 p.m. and the Sunday Masses in English at 10 a.m. and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m. will be livestreamed. For more information on additional Mass broadcasts on TV and radio, visit [lacatholics.org/emergency.](https://lacatholics.org/emergency/)

For those who could not participate in the Holy Mass via the internet, I strongly encourage you to read the Scripture readings, reflect on it, and pray with your family making an act of spiritual communion with your Priests and our Parish Community. The daily readings are printed in our bulletin and could be accessed on our website: www.stbarnabaslb.org. Readings could also be accessed at www.usccb.org

Our Parish Church will still be open for private adoration and prayers from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Lenten communal penance service has been cancelled. However, the regular confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. We have also added extra opportunities for confessions from Monday through Friday, March 30 – April 9, daily from 7:00 am – 7:45 am. When you are in the Church, please keep the social distancing from one another and observe all the sanitary protocol.

Fr. Bernard and I will respond to all the sick calls. However, if it is not a life-threatening situation, kindly wait for a couple of weeks before requesting for a priest. Unless it is an emergency, all baptism schedules are suspended until further notice. If you scheduled a wedding or quinceañera in the coming days, please call the parish office for an important update.

With regards to the Holy Week celebrations, our Archdiocese will issue an update on or before Friday, March 27, 2020. So kindly expect an update on this when it is available. Please know that Fr. Bernard and I are praying for your safety and well-being in our private daily Masses. Kindly pray for us as well. Please be safe and we will see you soon.

With Blessings,

Rev. Antony Gaspar
Pastor

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED

Greetings from Fr. Bernard. Hope everyone is doing well. After consulting Fr. Antony regarding the ongoing global and local situation of Coronavirus spread and taking into account the concerns and safety of everyone, I would like to inform you that we are cancelling our bible study for the time being. Hopefully you understand the reason behind the cancellation which I hate to do after seeing your eagerness for the bible study, I think this Lenten season has become a real testing period for more kneeling I guess. Let us be convinced of God's control of our situation. Please take care of yourself without panicking. Until further notice, our bible study will stand cancelled.

I don't want to leave you free though. I have an idea of sending the class material for your personal reading and reflection - A Biblical and Spiritual Quarantine at home. You will receive the lesson on Thursday morning. Let us stay tuned and make fervent prayers for the affected people and countries that our Lord may deliver us from this panicking situation towards peace.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTICES

CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN

Our Church doors will remain open for you to visit and pray privately, from **9:00am to 5:00pm.**

(Times are subject to change at any time)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

For the safety of our Parish Office Staff, we are limiting the visits by appointment only, at the discretion of our Priests. You may be subjected to talking thru the security screen door only. For special requests, tax letters and other matters, contact us via phone or e-mail. If you want to drop off donations or paperwork, etc... you may do so by dropping it in our Parish Office mail slot to the left of the railing.

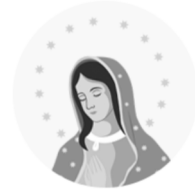
Please do not stop by unannounced, as we may or may not be in. Call the Parish Office at: 562-424-8595 and leave a message, or send an e-mail to: church@stbarnabaslb.org

WE HAVE SUSPENDED THE FOLLOWING:

ALL MASSES, daily devotional prayers and reciting the rosary, St. Barnabas School, all Religious Ed Classes-meetings & retreat, Youth Ministry, Coffee & Donuts, Friday Fish Fry, Living Stations/Passion Play, homebound visits to the sick, Bible Study Sessions and Lenten Penance Services. Other events and gatherings in the Hall and Parish Center have also been cancelled. Call the Parish Office if you have any questions. **PRACTICE "SOCIAL DISTANCING" & "SELF QUARANTINE."**

PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS

Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus
Most Reverend José H. Gomez-Archbishop of Los Angeles



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our
hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

SYMPTOMS* OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

**Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly
had mild to severe respiratory illness.**

Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

*** Symptoms may appear 2-14 days
after exposure. If you have been in
China within the past 2 weeks and
develop symptoms, call your doctor.**



www.cdc.gov/COVID19

3/10/20 8 February 11, 2020 12:00 PM

ONLINE FAITH DIRECT

During Lent, we prepare ourselves through prayer and giving back to our parish. But, with busy lives and active families, it's easy to skip a weekly tithe when you are unable to attend Mass or out of town.

This Lent, I want to invite you in joining me and many others at St. Barnabas in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. Getting started is easy! Visit faith.direct/CA794, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Call 1-866-507-8757 or visit www.faithdirect.net. You can download the free Faith Direct App today! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

-Antony Gaspar, Pastor

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

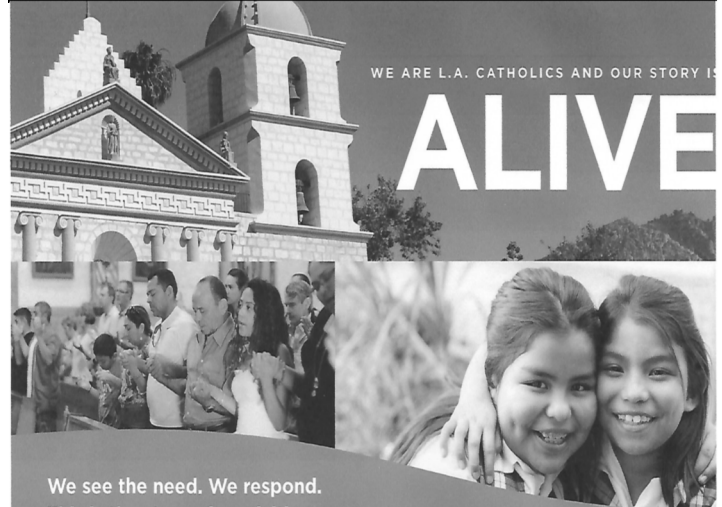
We welcome all newcomers to the neighborhood and those who have been attending our Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations. We encourage you to come to the Parish Office and register as a member of our Parish. Registration forms available at the exits of the Church, or stop by the Parish Office or print a form from our website at: www.stbarnabaslb.org

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, if you'd like to get credit for your tax donations. If you forgot your #, call the Parish Office for assistance.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? As part of our long-standing commitment to provide pastoral care and to support the healing process for victim-survivors, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, along with five other dioceses in California, is participating in the new Independent Compensation Program by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Diocese of Fresno, Diocese of Orange, Diocese of Sacramento, Diocese of San Bernardino, and Diocese of San Diego for Victim-Survivors of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests (ICP). The ICP is administered independently of the Church by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, widely recognized as premier dispute resolution administrators in the country. The program is now accepting registrations from any person who has been sexually abused as a minor by diocesan priests of the participating dioceses, no matter when that abuse might have occurred. Funding for the program in our Archdiocese will come from self-insured reserves, monies set aside for this purpose. We pray that this new program might provide another avenue toward healing and hope. For more information on the ICP, please visit www.californiadiocesescip.com.

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2020



We see the need. We respond.
This is the story of our faith.

This year's theme "Our Story is Alive" 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 with the parish, or online at ourmissionla.org/give.

A Mission, Entrusted to Our Care

The **Together in Mission** campaign is an opportunity for people across the Archdiocese to join together - as one united voice. Thousands of men and women just like you make a sustainable monthly commitment because they believe in the hope that will be given through classrooms, from pulpits, on the streets and through the sacraments.

Will you join the generosity of others in our community? Will you continue to keep our story alive and fill the pages with hope and compassion? And if you have never given, will you make a pledge of \$25 per month?

How to Make a Gift

Make a secure gift online or pay towards an existing pledge via your computer or cell phone:

TogetherinMission.org

You can also make a gift by phone by calling 213-637-7672 (M-F 8am-5pm)



CONGRATULATIONS TO

NEW/RE-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Manuel & Jennifer Reyes, Richard Lewis, Silverio & Sandra Navarro & their families

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Manuel & Maria Lara 3/1 (50yrs)
Christian & Rachelle Dalusong 3/8
William & Geraldine Peralta 3/22 (10yrs)
John & Jane Medina 3/28 (25yrs)

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

church@stbarnabaslb.org



SAINT BARNABAS SCHOOL NEWS

L.A. ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCES DECISION TO CLOSE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND MOVE TO REMOTE LEARNING AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Department of Catholic School of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles announced today that Catholic schools in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties will close and move to remote learning effective Tuesday, March 17 through at least March 31 to limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

"Our Catholic schools are an essential element of the Church's mission here in Los Angeles, and we serve nearly 75,000 students, including large numbers from low-income and immigrant communities," said Archbishop Gomez. "Since the outbreak of the coronavirus, we have been consulting with government and public health officials and working with our pastors, principals and school administrators to find the best ways to reduce the risk of infection. While we do not have any known cases to date, we believe that temporarily closing our schools and moving to distance-learning will help protect the public health and keep our families and neighbors safe from harm."

"Closing schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for at least two weeks mid-year is unprecedented," wrote Mr. Escala in a letter to all Catholic school families in the Archdiocese. "We recognize the significant impact this extended closure will have on our entire community, students, families, and staff. We also acknowledge the burden this will place on our staff and working families. As a community of faith, we must come together and help one another—communicate, share resources, offer support."

The Department of Catholic School will be working closely with principals to ensure that schools are prepared to maintain learning during the closure by providing resources for online and distance learning. "Our highest priority during this period is to ensure our schools are prepared to maintain learning during the closure," said Mr. Escala. "The Department of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will continue to provide support to schools during the closure period, on-site and remotely." *(subject to change at any time)*

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing. Jn 9:1, 6-7

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Dear Padre

March 22, 2020

Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Saint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to dismiss her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.

Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: "Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt" (Matthew 2:14).

It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

—Fr. Paul Coury, CSsR

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—Psalm 23:1



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