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Good News!

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

It was a very simple encounter. Two people, probably husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighboring village, are joined by a lone traveler walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveler showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it's often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God.

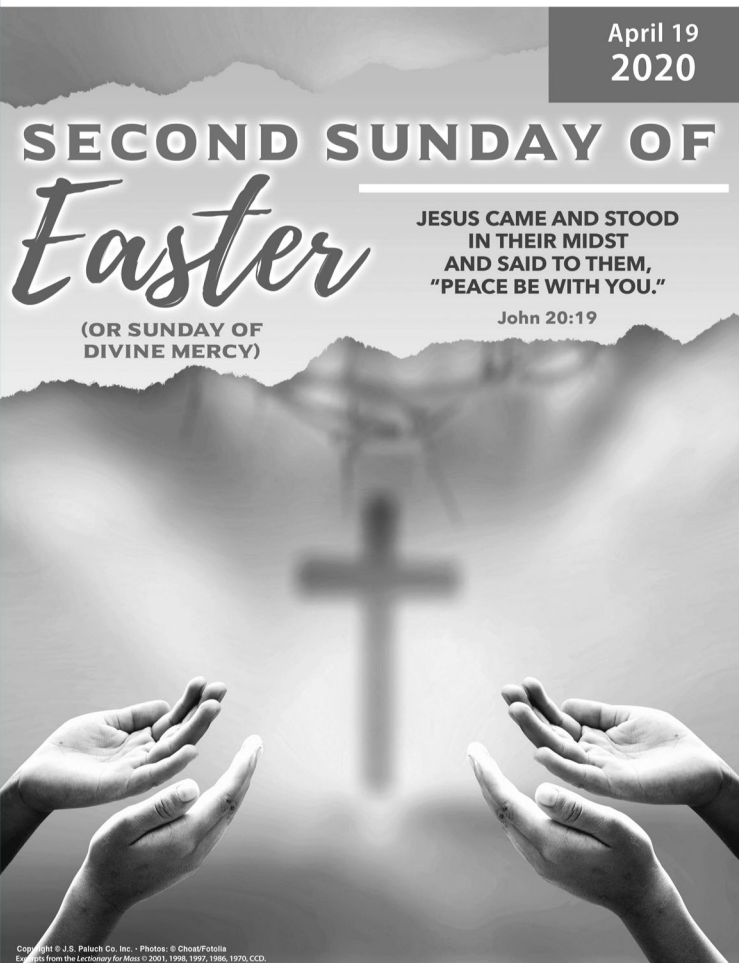
Jesus was talking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and they did not recognize him. What would it take for them to realize the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: "Stay with us" (Luke 24:29). Though they didn't understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. "At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realize this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation.

—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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**ST. BARNABAS,
PRAY FOR US!**

VIRTUAL ONLINE SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Virtual Mass
Monday - Saturday Wednesday	8:00 am 8:00 am	Virtual Mass School Mass
Monday - Saturday Wednesday	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Adoration Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thursday	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Online Bible Study
First Friday of the month	8:30 am-10:00 am	Adoration

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4/5 Collection:	\$ 5,076.00
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Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 5,569.72 Period: 3/16 – 3/31
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PRAY FOR US!**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

8:30am & 10:30am	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
9:00am & 11:00am	Virtual Mass

We encourage you to place a Divine Mercy image or a statue in a suitable place in your home (i.e. near the front window, door, etc...), and join us with your family to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, April 20th**

8:00 am: Khin "Maureen" Nwe; Elizabeth Cannata; +Faustina Soriano; +Exequiela Lofranco

Tuesday, April 21st

8:00 am: Melanie De Perio; Sol Reyes; Elizabeth Cannata; Patty Demuth

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:00 am: St. Barnabas School Students, Parents & Teachers/Staff; Elizabeth Cannata; +Juana Gabrillo; +Briana Flores

Thursday, April 23rd

8:00 am: Elizabeth Cannata; +Elma Ougland; +Joe Pereira

Friday, April 24th

8:00 am: Parish Office Staff & Volunteers; Elizabeth Cannata

Saturday, April 25th

8:00 am: Pope Francis' Intentions; Elizabeth Cannata

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 26th

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Lucas Pattumas; Elizabeth Cannata; +Francisco Rodrigues; +Adelaida Aguinaldo

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

CONGRATULATIONS TO**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jimmy & Feb Rushing 4/17 (10yrs)

Russ & Marianne Bradford 4/30 (47yrs)



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

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

Book your Mass Intentions via E-mail or by phone. (+ indicates deceased)

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Jorel Alfonso 4/7

Briana Flores 4/13

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 Cabriga, 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, 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, Ramon Zuniga, Nick, Alma Chew, Daniel Chlebowsky, Anna Pineda, Melanie De Perio, Sol Reyes, Patty Demuth

*Please pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which is presented at each Mass. Call the Office to be added to the Bulletin list.*

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

CANCELLATIONS

ALL Masses, Confessions, ministry meetings, and event gatherings are cancelled, until further notice... **CHURCH DOORS ARE CLOSED to the Public.**

TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

To save on paper, if you still 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! Tax deadline has been extended until July 15th!** Thank you for your continued support to St. Barnabas.

FAKE TEXT MESSAGE / SPAM E-MAILS

If you happen to receive a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony requesting money thru gift cards or other wire transfers, **THIS IS A SCAM, THIS IS FAKE. PLEASE IGNORE, DELETE AND BLOCK THEIR NUMBER AND/OR E-MAIL.** Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

BEWARE

CYBER SCAMMERS LATEST TEXT SCAMS
TARGETING ADLA SCHOOLS AND PARISHES



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St. Barnabas needs your support more than ever!

Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Barnabas. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

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Visit: membership.faithdirect.net/CA794, 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

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TOGETHER IN MISSION

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

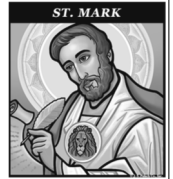
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day;
Earth Day

Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;

National Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark



SAINT OF THE DAY

SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

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POPE'S PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy
Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of
we who are in trial, but deliver us from every
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen.

Dear Padre

April 19, 2020

A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about?

These days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ.

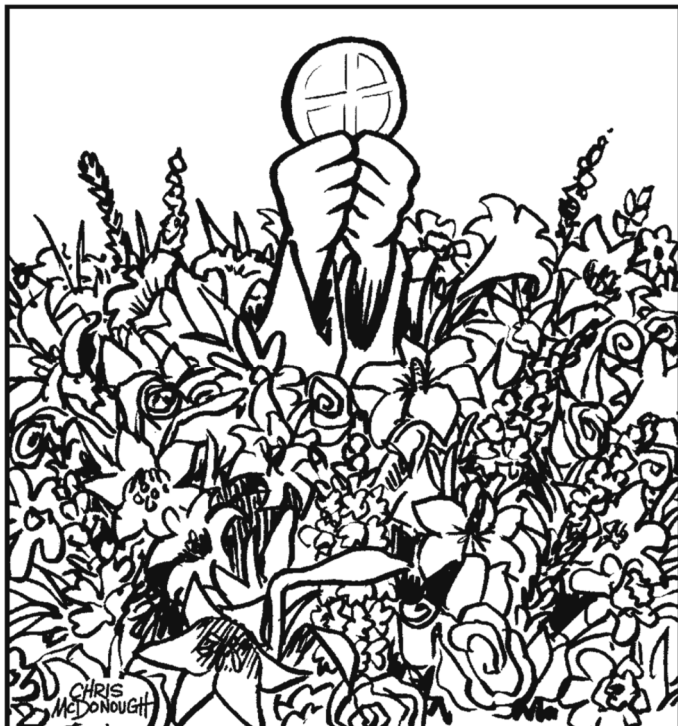
Every year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'" (*The Roman Missal, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar," 22*).

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ's resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection.

—Fr. Joseph Ring

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"Behold the Lamb of God... Happy is the one who doesn't have so many Easter flowers around the altar!"

COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019)



The California Department of Public Health recommends the following steps to prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses:

WASH. YOUR. HANDS.

Wash your hands with soap and water regularly.



Cover a cough or sneeze

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or disposable tissue.



Don't touch

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Keep your distance

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Stay home

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a fever or cough, stay home.



Get help

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, CALL your health care provider.



More information

Follow the California Department of Public Health: capublichealth and www.cdph.ca.gov.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FEAR OF THE VIRUS. Report fraud to: www.ic3.gov

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If you are elderly, ill, or unable to leave your home at this time for any reason, please call **855-423-6780** between **8am-6pm** to get assistance from your local St. Vincent de Paul Society. This hotline will provide resources and serve as a call center for our home-bound and elderly community who are not able to access local necessities.

THERE IS
CAUSE
FOR
REJOICING
HERE
Although you
have NEVER
seen HIM
you love HIM.
-Peter-

The
stone
which
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builders
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the
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FR BERNARD'S BIBLE STUDY**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

We created a new Facebook Bible Study Group, where we will post all lesson plans and materials for discussion, along with details on how to join the ONLINE Bible Study via Zoom. ***Link will be posted on the Facebook group page*** so be sure to join.

If you would like to be added to Fr. Bernard's e-mail distribution list, please e-mail him directly at: sanbernashs@hotmail.com. **Bible Study will be on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm-9pm. (new time)**

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PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS

Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus
By: 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.

APPRECIATION

Thanks to the following people who helped during our Lenten journey & Easter season run more smoothly, considering the circumstances.

Paschal Candle Sponsor: Franco & Julie Atienza & Family

Altar Décor: Itima E & Marilyn E

Video-Recording: Sam C & Robert

Lectors: Marina C, Itima E & Sam C

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Veneration Cross: David Z

Easter Vigil Candles: Juan R & Emmanuel M

Purificators: Carolina B

Maintenance: Reggie V

Secretaries: Rose L & Marilyn E

Social Media Posts/Bulletin: Olivia B

Website: Joyce K

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<https://lacatholics.org/emergency/>

<http://www.longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/coronavirus/>



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My Dear Parishioners,

Easter Blessings to you! This year the Easter celebration is certainly a unique one for all of us. This is the first time that most of us, if not all of us, participated in the Paschal Triduum via the social media due to the stay in home directives as a result of the Corona virus pandemic. Although we are physically separated from one another from our parish community, we are spiritually united as one Body of Christ. The absence of our physical presence inside of our church building does not diminish a bit of our presence and communion with our Lord. The online daily Mass, rosary, adoration, and prayers, as well as our own personal prayer activities at home continue to unite us with Jesus and with our parish family.

As we celebrate Easter, we recall the emotional roller-coaster that the disciples and the followers of Jesus experienced when they witnessed the episode of Jesus' condemnation and crucifixion. They were terrified, ran away, and even Peter, who said earlier that he will die for Jesus, denied three times as knowing Him. The disciples were devastated, afraid, shattered, dispirited, and confused. But then, the risen Lord comes to them saying, "Peace be with you" (Jn: 20:19-21). This certainly restored the lost peace, trust, and hope in their hearts.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has inflicted in us fear, anxiety, hopelessness, and loss of peace. But, the risen Lord comes to us with a consoling message: 'Do not be afraid, for I am with you!' He brings comfort and hope for our dispirited hearts. Let us trust in our risen Lord that he will carry us through this storm safely to the forthcoming time of peace and prosperity.

During this time of pandemic, we double our efforts to follow the hygienic protocol in order to protect ourselves from contracting this deadly virus, because we know it is paramount that we keep ourselves alive. As we deeply care about our life, the current pandemic situation may be offering us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and purpose of our existence. Our Sacred Scripture and Catholic faith tradition tell us that we are created by God in His image, and redeemed by His Son Jesus, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. If we truly keep this truth in focus, we will certainly aspire to glorify God by living a saintly life every day. May I encourage all of us to keep this truth in focus as we celebrate Easter and thus enter this holy season. May our faith and trust in the risen Lord lead us to hope for a quick end to this pandemic and restore normalcy to our life.

On behalf of Fr. Bernard Santiago, Senior Deacon Carlito, Parish staff, Religious Education and School staff, Pastoral and Finance Council, I wish you a hope-filled Easter season.

With Easter Blessings,

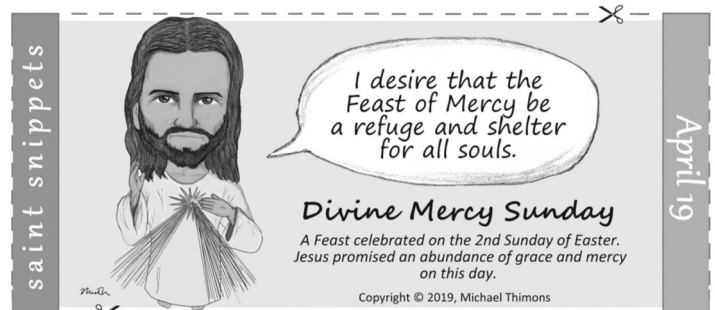
Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar
Pastor

**GET REAL!**

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a "realistic" view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, "Get real!" when we hear Luke's account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in "exultation," and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn't be attracted to a group like this?

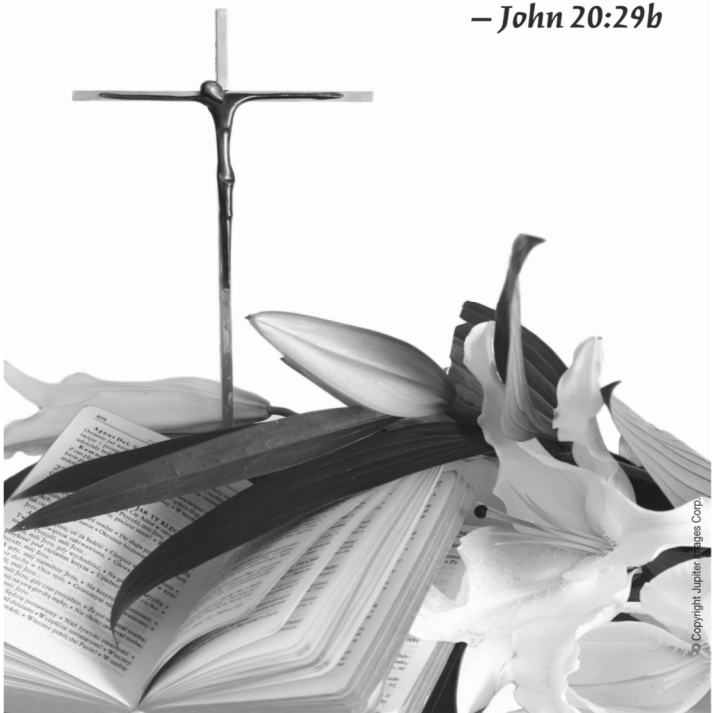
From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke's intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation's original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, "Get real!" but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God's joy and beauty.

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***"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed."***

— John 20:29b



SBS: PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

March 29, 2020

Dear SBS Parents,

You are likely hearing conflicting news reports regarding a "return date" for local schools. LAUSD and LBUSD have posted dates as late as the beginning of May. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has posted a tentative return date of April 20th. They have extended the time from March 31st to April 20th based on recent trends. Of course, this is a tentative date pending approval of health organizations and consideration for the safety of the children. Please know that your child/ren's safety is always of paramount importance. I will keep you updated as the situation progresses.

Another voiced concern is tuition payments/fundraising bills/registration fees/parish support. I realize that everyone's situation is unique. Some of us are still working remotely and paying child care fees. Some of us are working from home with reduced hours/pay. Some of us are not working at all due to lay-offs/furloughs. Income is uncertain for many of us. Please focus on tuition first, and fundraising/registration second. Actually, family first, tuition second, and fundraising/registration third. These payments will ensure that our hard-working teachers will continue to get paid and basic operational bills will be covered for the remainder of the school year. Know that when I say "family is family," I mean it. We are a community of believers who support one another in times of need and who celebrate each other in times of joy. I am confident that we WILL get back to that joy-filled time again... and we will be stronger than ever! That being said, if you are truly struggling with anything right now (finances, child care, distance learning), please reach out to me for help. Ms. Teramoto and I are in the office every morning to make certain that the new normal is not a burden on any of us. Check in for updates with the SchoolSpeak Daily Digest each day at its new time of 6:30pm.

With Distance Learning up and *zooming*, SBS is proud to continue offering an outstanding Catholic education. It makes my heart happy to know that lessons have been offered for the past nine days while some school districts are still struggling with issuing devices. The faculty has been inspirational in their dedication to serve the students. They have been spending HOURS researching and training themselves for this new way of teaching. I am so proud of all of their efforts!

We are deep in the heart of Registration season. We have toured and assessed incoming students. We are prepared to offer spaces for the following school year. We will open up online registration next week for our current families. With waiting lists in five classes, I will soon be asking for a "written" commitment from each family to secure your space for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are prepared

to complete registration and remit payment, we will gladly accept payment by mail, by phone, or in person during regularly scheduled office hours. Registration fees can be extended/negotiated for those who complete the online registration forms and commit to attend SBS for the 2020-2021 school year.

I appreciate your patience... I appreciate your prayers... I appreciate the kind messages to the teachers. You make me proud to BEE a member of the SBS family!

With great admiration,
Mrs. Kellam

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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen ...

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E	H	V	D
A	V	E	

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Answer: *and have believed*

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

YES, I'LL GO! BUT I HAVE TO DO MY HOMEWORK FIRST AND BE HOME BY SIX.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent me, I also send you." Jn 20:21



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