



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Good News!

September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FORGIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S INJUSTICE;
THEN WHEN YOU PRAY, YOUR OWN SINS
WILL BE FORGIVEN.

— Sirach 28:2

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:
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THE PARISH OFFICE REMAINS
CLOSED, BUT YOU CAN
CERTAINLY DROP-OFF
ENVELOPES OR IN OUR MAIL
SLOT. E-MAIL OR CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE FOR OTHER
INQUIRIES.

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

CHURCH DOORS, OFFICE &
FACILITIES ARE ALL CLOSED AT
THIS TIME. NO BOOKINGS OR
EVENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
MASKS ARE MANDATORY!

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday	7:00 am	Parking Lot Mass
SUNDAY Parking Lot	6:00 am 7:00 am 8:00 am	"Early Bird" Mass Mass Mass

LIVE-STREAM MASS/ONLINE ZOOM

Monday - Saturday Wednesday	8:00 am 8:30 am	Facebook & YouTube Perpetual Help Novena
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Facebook & YouTube
Thursday	7:00pm-8:00pm	Online Bible Study via online Zoom
1st Tuesday of the month	7:00pm-8:00pm	Reflection Talk Via online Zoom

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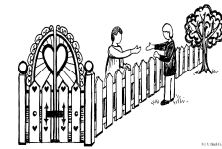
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Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 8,140.89 Period: 8/1 – 8/15
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Thanks for your prayerful giving. Your donation supports the operations of our Parish Community.



**SAINT BARNABAS,
PRAY FOR US!**



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in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

— Sirach 28:2

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/11: Remember the Fallen
 9/13: Special 2nd Collection
 9/26: St. Barnabas Got Talent!/6pm via Zoom
 10/6: Monthly Reflection Talk/7pm via Zoom

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 13th

Sunny Michael; Joan & Betty Ann; Gloria Dorsey;
 Matthew & William Reynolds; +Ruth Castro; +Elena
 Isla; +Caesar & +Angelina Ramos; +Cynthia
 Castillo; +Angelina Inamac; +Jimmy Starnes;
 +Annie Pallivathukal

Monday, September 14th

Elizabeth Cannata; Daniel Torres Nuno; Allen &
 Regina Andrión; +Sinfrosa Abcede

Tuesday, September 15th

Matthew & William Reynolds; Peter Salas; Sharon
 Grime; Elizabeth Cannata

Wednesday, September 16th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotees; St. Barnabas
 School; Charito Salas; Elizabeth Cannata; +Jim
 Rodgers

Thursday, September 17th

Vasco Rodrigues; Elizabeth Cannata; Peter & Charito
 Salas; +Emerenciana Midat; +Arlene Pelonis

Friday, September 18th

Elizabeth Cannata; +Lamberto Hizon; +Rudy
 Espeleta; +Roque Abatay

Saturday, September 19th

Tuklasan CANA Marriage Renewal Ministry; Reyes-
 Valdez Family; Gerry Johnston; Elizabeth Cannata;
 +Roque Abatay; +Venfeliz Socorro Garcia; +Leo S.
 Custodio

Sunday, September 20th

Elizabeth Cannata; +Dionisio & +Glecy Tonel;
 +Adalia Peralta; +Bonifacio & +Hermenia
 Avancena; +Raquel Davis; +Ruth Castro Salas;
 +Sucin Suarez; +Zenaida Madrigal; +Constancia
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MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MENTIONED AT ALL MASS TIMES ON SUNDAY.

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

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Adeline Alvarez
 Roque Abatay
 Floyd Hamel
 Annie Pallivathukal

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate
 not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
 and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die,
 we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew
 18:21-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;
 Jn 3:13-17
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5;
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;
 Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
 Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15;
 Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
 Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

NEW PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Ken Augustine, 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, Carolyn Espinoza, Ana Maria Onuna, Gene
 Henslee, Rosalin Martinez, Herminia Villalpando, Judy
 Desolo, Richard Hoover, Juanita Hernandez, Valentine
 Rodriguez, Cynthia Tan, Paul Hutton, Beryl Weekes,
 Len Tanguay, Laura & Francisco Dominguez, Rose L,
 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
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 Smith, Anna Pineda, Sol Reyes, Patty Demuth, Lorna
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 Lauro & Andy Tecson, Gloria Dorsey, Marge Smith,
 Marcella Tezeno, Augusto David, Michael Townsend

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

BOARDING UP THE FRONT MAIN DOORS

As many have heard and seen... we had to place boards on the front main entrance of our Church, facing Orange Avenue. We have been experiencing a problem with multiple break-ins through those doors, along with the homeless encampments. We understand they are searching for shelter but our Priests felt threatened by one who is known to have a knife in their possession. For their safety and to protect our Church, we had to take these precautions. We have also received complaints from our neighbors as well. So we are trying our best to help the situation. We will continue to try to help our homeless brothers and sisters as well, if they decide to receive our help. Our Parish Office is closed, so there is no one really around to help guard our property. Thanks for your understanding and patience. Let us pray for the safety of our Priests and the homeless who are mentally ill.

SAFETY COMES FIRST FOR OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN, PARISHIONERS, OUR PARISH PRIESTS, CHURCH AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

Due to the recent closure of indoor Masses, we still need essential volunteers to help us at our outdoor Masses. We will not be able to stay open without your help! We are mainly looking for reliable, low-risk people, who can move swiftly & diligently! ALL VOLUNTEERS will receive Personal Protective Equipment. **Click the Sign-Up Genius button on our website: stbarnabaslb.org**

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, e-mail the Parish Office, ATTN: MASS INTENTIONS at: church@stbarnabaslb.org, or fill up the Mass Intention Request Form on our Website. Pay thru Faith Direct online (\$10/a Mass) or you can mail in or drop-off in our mail slot at the Office. Please request dates at least 2 weeks in advance to be included in the online digital bulletin.

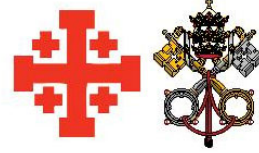
PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

The Office is still CLOSED. Office hours to receive phone calls are Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-4:00pm, and Sunday: 8:00am-12:00pm. You may certainly drop off envelopes or notes in our mail slot to the left of our Office door. Any inquiries, please call 562-424-8595 or e-mail us at: church@stbarnabaslb.org.

ALL FACILITIES & EVENT BOOKINGS

All facilities and event bookings are suspended until further notice. Sorry for this inconvenience.

SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPT 13



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

>>> ONLINE FAITH DIRECT <<<

St. Barnabas needs your support more than ever!

Due to the recent closures, we depend the most on online giving to continue our ministry.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/CA794, or text the word 'Enroll' to: 562-330-1646.

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



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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE ANGELUS

**V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with Thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

**V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary...

**V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

**V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was known by the message of an angel, so by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.**

As our Church Bell rings, pray this at 12 noon and 6pm, Monday-Saturday, at the same time!

65 YEARS AND OLDER

High-risk individuals (e.g., people who are 65 and older, who are immuno-compromised or who have underlying health conditions) should be discouraged from attending or serving in any capacity that brings them into contact with others.

PRAYER FOR 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.**

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

**My heavenly Father will also do the same to you,
if each of you does not forgive your brother
from your heart." Mt 18:34-35**

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407)

September 13

“Speaking truth to power” may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John “the Golden Mouth” (*Chrysostom*) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. “Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering” (*Sacramentary*), John’s scriptural insights still comfort and challenge.

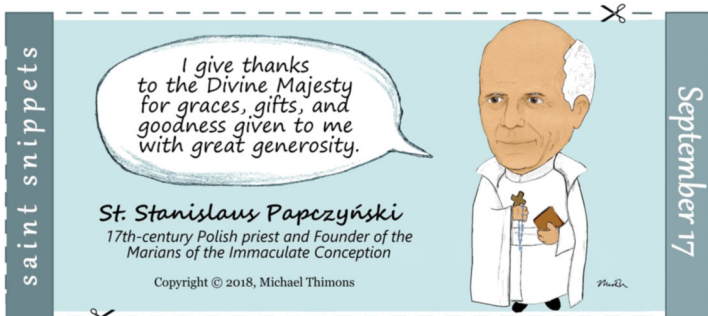


Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to “God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same.” Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the *Liturgy of the Hours* not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: “Would you honor Christ’s body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ’s altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!” (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
 Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
 Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
 Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary



RELIGIOUS ED DEPARTMENT

**** NEW REGISTRATION BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER, RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES BEGIN IN OCTOBER FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR ****
Office is located upstairs of Parish Center.
 Questions regarding REGISTRATION or for more information and inquiries, please visit our website at stbarnabaslb.org or contact the following below:

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TALENT SHOW

ST. BARNABAS GOT TALENT!

Tentative date for next show is Saturday, September 26th from 6pm to 7:30pm. E-mail the Parish Office (church@stbarnabaslb.org) if you are interested in performing. Participation sign-up form is also on our website and Facebook pages.

Join Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87165816100>

Meeting ID: 871 6581 6100

Passcode: 3955



NEW MASS SCHEDULE until further notice



PARKING LOT MASS

OUTDOORS
Mon-Sat: 7am
Sun: 6am / 7am / 8am

Live-Stream
Facebook & YouTube
Mon-Sat: 8am
Sun: 9am

No indoor activities allowed at this time.
100 max occupancy.
Stay home if sick.

Mandatory Masks
Temperature Checks
Hand Sanitizing
Social Distancing



Text the word "ENROLL"
to 562-330-1646



membership.faithdirect.net/CA794

COVID-19 PREVENTION



Wash your hands
often with soap and
water for at least 20
seconds.



Avoid touching your
eyes, nose, and
mouth.



Cover your cough or
sneeze with a tissue,
then throw the
tissue in the trash.

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.



Dear Padre

September 13, 2020

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2280*). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (*CCC 2282*).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*CCC 2283*).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (*Order of Christian Funerals, 6*). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Wedding Anniversaries for the Month:

David & Susan Zanatta 9/3 (26yrs)

Allen & Regina Andrion 9/14 (1yr)

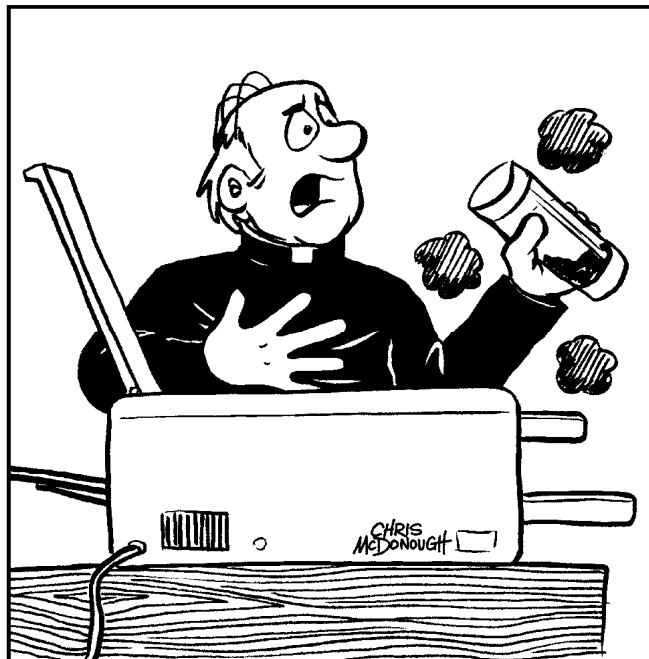
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Jesus said "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your ..."

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S	R	S	S
N	G	S	E
O	I	R	

T _ _ _ _ _ ."

Answer: *transgressions*

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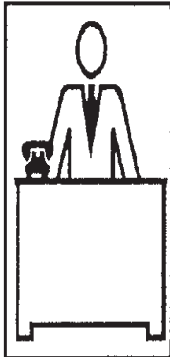
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