



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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REV. ANTONY GASPAR | REV. BERNARD SANTIAGO

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared
in the desert proclaiming
a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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OFFICE HOURS (Calls Only):

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Sun: 9:00am-12:00pm

THE PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED, BUT YOU CAN
CERTAINLY DROP-OFF ENVELOPES 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.

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

PARISH 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."

Good News!

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation.

The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9-10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) "CHRIST CANDLE" – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

PARKING LOT MASS

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

Live-Stream
Facebook & YouTube
Mon-Sat: 7am
Sun: 9am

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

Mandatory Masks
Temperature Checks
Hand Sanitizing
Social Distancing

Stop the spread of germs
that can make you and others sick!



Wash your hands often



Wear a cloth face cover



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Keep 6 feet of space between you and your friends



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

11/22 & 11/29
Collection:

Not available at this time

Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly
Contribution:

\$ 8,056.74
Period: 11/1 – 11/15

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



SAINT BARNABAS, PRAY FOR US!

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage you to register as a Parishioner. To be an "Active" member at our Parish, is to participate in the life of prayer and stewardship. Being a parishioner enables a person to be eligible to sponsor a child for Baptism, to receive financial aid for Catholic Education, to be Married in the Parish, book a Funeral/Memorial Mass and to prepare one's children for the Sacraments. All adults over the age of 21, living with their parents or on their own, are encouraged to register as well. Visit our website to register!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/8: Immaculate Conception (*Holy Day of Obligation*)
 12/12: Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 12/15-12/23: Simbang Gabi Advent Night Masses
 12/24: Christmas Eve *new time change
 12/25: Christmas Day

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6th

Joy & Erie Mercado Jr.; Luke Francis Dobberpuhl;
 +Jacinta Reyes; +Francisca Lomboy; +Nestor
 Quinsay Sr.; +Antonio Chiu; +Posidio Faeldan

Monday, December 7th

Mel Mariano; +Rosario Manalang; All Souls in
 Purgatory

Tuesday, December 8th (Holy Day of Obligation)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
 Luke Francis Dobberpuhl; N.A.I.C. Association of
 Southern California

Wednesday, December 9th

St. Barnabas Parishioners; OLP Devotees, St.
 Barnabas School; +Leo S. Custodio

Thursday, December 10th

Pepito Angeles; +Domaso V. Oracion

Friday, December 11th

Alyssa Paraiso; Luke Francis Dobberpuhl

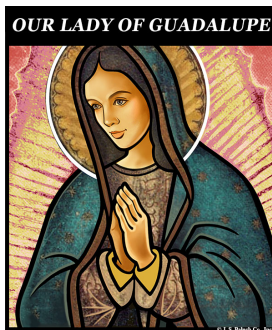
Saturday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe; Knights of Columbus;
 Tuklasan CANA Renewal Marriage Ministry;
 +Leonora Igarta Sabong; +Alejandro Mina

Sunday, December 13th

Fr. Antony & Fr. Bernard; Luke Francis Dobberpuhl;
 +Bonifacio & +Hermenia Avancena; +Joseph Braico

**LET US ALL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR
 PRIESTS AS THEY RECOVER FROM COVID**



MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE MENTIONED AT ALL MASS TIMES.

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

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Ernesto Bayudan	Amalia Vergel Villanueva
Elizabeth Cannata	Rudy Perez
Sepu Lefaoeu	Marion Salch

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab;
 Mt 11:11-15

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

Saturday: 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

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

NEW PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Ken Augustine, Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Betty Chrysler, Delores Spak, Elizabeth N. Gabrillo, Florencio "Junn" Gabrillo Jr., Cesar Giron, Romeo Giron, Arthur Giron, Marichu Cabriga, Marissa Garcia, Roseann Vetter, Myke Bommer, 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 Dorsey, Michael Carrasco, Mary Sabate, Virginia Barch, Joseph Smith, Anna Pineda, Sol Reyes, Lorna E. Declines, Dolores Medina, Mario Visperas, Jesse Damian, Maria & Miguel Mejia, Michelle Angeles, Josh & Pam Batovsky, Robert Carambelas, Madeline Burgess, Deborah Miller, Martin Boyd, Kenneth Cheong, Bill & Gloria O'Connor, Ana Marie Sacro, Lois Lohrke, Sherrie & Heather Wren, Connie Torres, Augusto David, Gloria Dorsey, Marge Smith, Marcella Tezeno, Gregorio Dones, Romeo Valderrama, John Lucero, Peter Miotto, Byron Brummond, Arturo Garcia, Fr. Sebastian Venni, Fr. George Reynolds, Natividad S. Fernandez, Ramon Rocha, Cesar Cudal, Puertollano Family, Ann Bechen, Marge Williams, Wong-Gomez Family, Jason, Marika & Alex Saliba

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE****THURSDAY-DECEMBER 24TH**

Christmas Eve Masses: 5:00pm & 8:00pm
(Outdoors Only)

FRIDAY-DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am
(Outdoors Only)

BOARDING UP THE FRONT MAIN DOORS

For the safety of our Parishioners, Neighbors, Priests and to protect our Church, we had to take precautions by boarding up the main doors of the Church facing Orange Avenue. 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.**

MOTHER MARY GROTTO

My Dear Parishioners,

Blessings to you! You may have noticed that an iron fence has been installed in front of the Marian Grotto between the Church and the Rectory/Parish Office. This was needed due to the recent desecration of the Marian statue and the persistent safety problem we encountered in recent times. While we pray for the well-being of the unfortunate brothers and sisters who cause these problems for us, we needed to secure this sacred place and provide a safe environment for our parishioners, neighbors and countless others who visit our grotto day and night every day. I am so inspired to witness the faith of the people who come here trusting in the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother. Please continue to visit our grotto and avail the intercession of our Mother Mary for your personal and family spiritual enrichment.

We have placed two wooden boxes. One is for placing flowers, and the other is for placing candles. In case you wanted to offer intentions and donations, please walk up to the Parish Office entrance door and drop it off at the mail slot to the left of the railing. Our Office Staff will take care of your intentions.

With Blessings, — Fr. Antony Gaspar (Pastor)

**LEGION OF MARY MASS****LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REUNION MASS**

All are invited to join us for the Legion of Mary's Annual Reunion Mass on:

*****POSTPONED/TBD*****

Outdoor parking lot Mass

Fr. Bernard Santiago will be presiding over the Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 12/8/20**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have the following Masses:

- ♦ 7:00am – Outdoor parking lot
(this will be live-streamed)
- ♦ 6:00pm – Outdoor parking lot

Please make an effort to attend or watch online.

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL**AMAZON SMILE FUNDRAISING**

Set up an Amazon Smile account and select St. Barnabas School as the beneficiary to earn fundraising credit for your family or another school family in need. It is quick and easy! Please keep track of your monthly profit donations and send it into the school office for credit. Ask ALL of your friends and family members to choose Amazon Smile (and SBS) when ordering for the holidays! See the link below.

You can make an impact while you shop for Black Friday deals. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0527343 and AmazonSmile will donate to St. Barnabas School, at no cost to you.

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**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS****MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, please 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.

Visit this link directly:

<https://stbarnabaslb.org/mass-intentions/>

FR BERNARD'S BIBLE STUDY**HOLIDAY BREAK**

Fr. Bernard's Bible Study will be on Holiday break and will resume sometime in January 2021.

For more info, visit our webpage:

<https://stbarnabaslb.org/bible-study/>

Join our Bible Study Group's Facebook page:

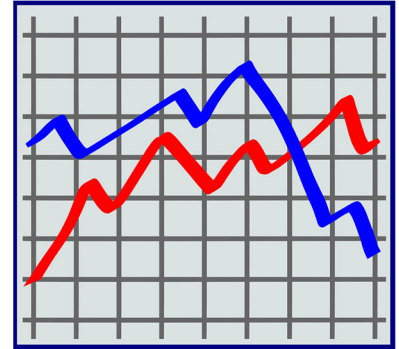
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PARISH FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: JULY 1, 2019—JUNE 30, 2020

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Blessings of peace to you! I pray that you are safe and healthy. We are pleased to present to you the financial position of our Parish for the fiscal year 2019-2020 which covered the period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. This was a challenging year for us as a parish community due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, which has certainly affected all aspects of our lives. We were also hit hard with our parish finances as well. We encountered very unusual and difficult circumstances impacting our Parish operations:

- Full lockdown / closure began March 2020.
- Increased the number of Church Security Cameras due to vandalism.
- Had to livestream Masses via Facebook and YouTube.
- Updated Cameras for Live-streaming of Masses
- Updated Church Sound system
- Revamped Parish website & social media platforms.
- Implemented Parish Health Safety systems
- Prepared the logistics and Reopened for Outdoor Masses in July 2020.
- Rectory office has been closed, forcing us to operate via phone and internet.
- All gatherings of in-person were suspended except for the outdoor Mass.
- Business and ministry meetings are conducted via Zoom, as of April 2020



Because of Covid-19 restrictions and safety protocol, our Mass attendance has dropped off 75 percent which drastically impacted our Parish donations. Our annual collections dropped by \$80,696. Many of you have moved your weekly donations to online giving through Faith Direct and this is very much appreciated. We encourage others to explore this e-giving option.

As shown in the Statement of Activities, we were able to cover all of our expenses and ended up with a Net Income of \$6,634. This net income was due to the fact that we received a stimulus package loan from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the amount of \$59,795 which helped us with two months of payroll and utilities. Without this loan, we would have ended up with a net loss of \$53,161.

The Balance Sheet presents a strong financial position, as it reflects operating cash of \$780,323, and investment funds of \$178,671. The accumulated Archdiocesan Liability was reduced from \$284,751 to \$276,751, as of June 30, 2020. We are expecting an additional increased reduction from the Archdiocese on the liability balance. Being able to pay all our expenses and retain our cash balances was made possible because of YOUR continued support, generous sponsors, and anonymous donors. We appreciated your support very much.

We carefully managed our expenses over the past year. In spite of the drastic decrease in offertory collections totaling \$80,696, we were still able to cover all of the Parish operating expenses. We were also able to pay our Archdiocesan Assessment of \$52,930.

We spent \$46,829 on building maintenance and repairs, including the required maintenance and lighting update of our bell-tower. The decreased revenue restricted us from embarking on capital improvement projects. We still have many church improvement projects to complete and hope to make progress in the future.

The unfunded Accumulated Archdiocesan Assessment which had a previous balance of \$284,751 at June 30, 2019, and has decreased to \$276,751 at June 30, 2020, is reflected in the Balance sheet as a Long-Term Liability and an off-set to equity. If we continue to receive an annual credit from the Archdiocese, we should be able to pay off the Accumulated Assessment within the next three years. The accumulated amount reflects multiple years of payments owed to the Archdiocese to pay for Parish insurance, Parish pensions, and Archdiocesan Assessments, which were previously unpaid until 2014 prior to my appointment as Administrator and Pastor. We will continue to be diligent in our spending and make all efforts to stabilize our finances and paving the way to retire this debt.

Our church "Barnafest" festival was held in October 2019 and continues to be a successful event for our Parish community. This brought together our church and school families as well as the neighborhood friends in a festive setting with a variety of delicious multi-cultural foods, fun games, and entertainment. We also held a Parish 80th Anniversary celebration event with food trucks and music during early March of 2020.

Because of your continued support, generous sponsors and anonymous donors, we will continue on a positive trajectory that will guide our Parish towards a sustainable future, allowing our faith community to grow stronger. We are confident that the future of our parish will be bright. Thank you for your prayers, love, and commitment to our Parish. Kindly pray that we will return to normalcy soon. Please stay safe and healthy, and, keep up your faith. May God Bless you and your families during these very difficult times.

With gratitude from the Finance and Pastoral Council,

Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar Ed.D.
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Pastor

PARISH FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: JULY 1, 2019—JUNE 30, 2020

St. Barnabas Church

Statement of Activities and Financial Position: 07/01/19 - 06/30/20

INCOME:	06/30/2020	06/30/2019
Collections	\$ 601,738	\$ 682,434
Other Collections	126,302	142,012
Restricted Income	188,052	566,668
PPP Income	59,795	0
Total Income	<u>\$ 975,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,391,114</u>
EXPENSES:		
Salaries/Payroll	\$ 411,276	\$ 411,686
Insurance	135,881	83,090
Property Tax	6,869	12,423
Repairs and Maintenance	46,829	23,842
Automobile	4,322	4,188
Equipment	11,061	7,706
Utilities	33,933	32,612
Religious Education and RCIA	33,768	48,005
Archdiocesan Collections-Expenses	49,274	51,497
Church Capital Improvement	-	115,409
Church General Expense	102,476	115,192
Rectory General Expense	72,634	57,942
Loan Repayment	8,000	13,000
Archdiocesan Assessment	52,930	83,748
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 969,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,060,340</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 6,634</u>	<u>\$ 330,774</u>

Balance Sheet As of 06/30/20

ASSETS	06/30/2020	06/30/2019
Current Assets	\$ 780,323	\$ 788,827
Investment Fund	178,671	172,728
Investment Building Fund	467,567	459,003
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,426,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,558</u>
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$ (632)	\$ 192,253
Long Term Liabilities	276,751	284,751
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 276,119</u>	<u>\$ 477,004</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$ 1,420,559	\$ 897,531
Net Income	6,634	330,774
Archdiocesan Liability Adjustment	(276,751)	(284,751)
Total Equity	<u>\$ 1,150,442</u>	<u>\$ 943,554</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 1,426,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,558</u>

PASTOR'S THANKSGIVING LETTER

My Dear Parishioners,

Blessings to you! Thanksgiving celebration is here again. This year, it will certainly be a different one for us due to the social distancing guidelines and the limit to group gatherings during this season. For some of us, it may even be a difficult time as we may mourn the loss of loved ones, or lost our jobs, houses, business, or battling with illness particularly with Covid-19. I myself am in the process of recovery from the Covid-19 as I write this letter. Many of you have offered Masses, prayers, and words of encouragement for my recovery. I am grateful for your love and support. I can understand the emotions you may go through in your own circumstances in life at this time. The emotions of fear, frustration, uncertainty, confusion, and helplessness are all real. In the midst of pandemic and all these challenges, we may ask: To what shall we be thankful for?

I reflect on this question by sharing the age-old story of a professor who placed a half-filled water glass on the table and asked his students what they saw. Some said that they saw half a glass of water; others said that they saw half of an empty glass. Both of these perspectives are justified in their own merit. But our faith in God calls us to count the blessings even in the midst of challenges. This is to say that one is happy to see the water in the glass rather than being discouraged by seeing the empty part of it. I know it is easier to have said than done. But come to think of it: millions of people are hungry, homeless, jobless, without health care etc..., but we have food on our table, roof over our head, have access to health care etc... So, we could certainly be thankful to God for countless things we may overlook/ed in our lives. I invite you to reflect on your lives, count the blessings, and be thankful to God.

I am grateful to God for the gift of my faith, family, my vocation to priesthood, friends, education, and health. I am also thankful for those who challenged me in various ways which let me to become a better person.

I am certainly thankful to God for all of you. You have been very gracious to me and to Fr Bernard with your love, support, and words of encouragement. Thank you for allowing us to minister to you. Every one of you is a blessing to our parish. I encourage you to continue to be fruitful in your spiritual life. May you continue to love God, love your family, and love our parish community. Fr. Bernard and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Be positive! Be strong! and Trust in God!

With Gratitude and Blessings, -Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar (Pastor)



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KNIGHTS KORNER

FEAST DAY OF LADY OF GUADALUPE

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 12, 2020

Knights of Columbus will co-host a special Mass in honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe on her Feast Day: **December 12th at the 7:00am outdoor parking lot Mass.**

You can participate by bringing your images and statues to be blessed at the Mass.

(This year, there will be no gathering after the Mass)



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego
Thursday:	International Human Rights Day; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Friday:	St. Damasus I
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe

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 outdoor altar! 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 before or after the outdoor parking lot masses.**

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.



SIMBANG GABI 2020

SIMBANG GABI: DEC. 15-23

Come and join St. Barnabas Parish's celebration of Simbang Gabi!

SIMBANG GABI



Nine Day Simbang Gabi Advent Mass Schedule

December 15—23, 2020

6:00 pm

Outdoor parking lot Mass

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

(This year, there will be no reception/fellowship after the mass.)



saint snippets

Do not be distressed.
Am I not here who
am your mother?

Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531.
Her image miraculously appeared on his tilma.

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December 12



CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month:

Brian & Reina Magpantay 10/29 (4yrs)
 Larry & Jackie Macias 11/6 (14yrs)
 Dennis & Marivic Abrajano 11/12 (23yrs)
 Bill & Gloria Dorsey 11/25 (55yrs)
 Kevin & Janelle Sallo 11/28 (Wedding Day)
 Sunny & Rosamma Michael 12/26
 Vasco & Julia Rodrigues 12/30 (31yrs)



Wedding Banns:

Jesus A. Tovar & Stephanie Coronado

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Dear Padre

December 6, 2020

Do we need to evangelize, or spread the gospel, to fellow Catholics?

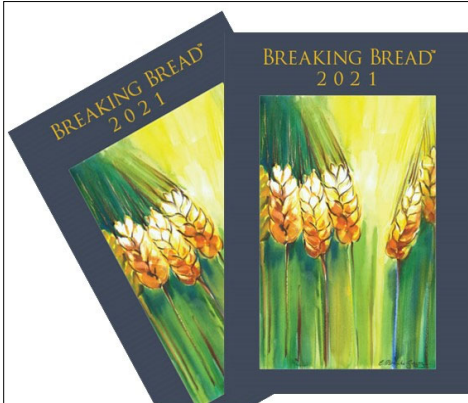
Yes! Evangelization is beneficial to Catholics who already practice the faith. As St. Paul VI pointed out, "The Church...seeks to deepen, consolidate, nourish and make ever more mature the faith of those who are already called the faithful or believers, in order that they may be so still more" (On Evangelization in the Modern World [Evangelii Nuntiandi], 54).

What about nonpracticing Catholics? Yes, again! A particular focus of the evangelizing Catholic ought to be those who have been baptized but who live outside the Christian life. We already know that a large number of the baptized have not formally repudiated their baptism but do not live in accordance with it. They resist the idea of evangelization out of indifference or a hostility based on the belief that he or she is one of the family, but is "in the know" and no longer believes.

Christ wishes God's love to be proclaimed and reproclaimed to all Catholics—practicing and nonpracticing. This is the essential mission that Christ gives to his Church—to invite everyone to experience the full impact of God's love in Jesus.

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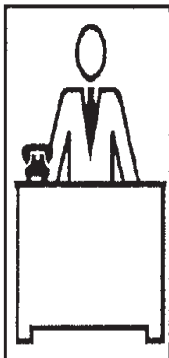
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