



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

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

John 20:29

2021



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PARISH OFFICE:

OFFICE #: 562-424-8595

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OFFICE HOURS: (Phone Calls Only)

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-2:00pm

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WE INVITE YOU TO DROP-OFF ENVELOPES IN OUR MAIL
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SERVE YOU BEST.

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

CALL OR E-MAIL TO BOOK TIME SLOT. NO WALK-INS.

ALL CAMPUS FACILITIES ARE NOT TO BE USED AT THIS
TIME. NO BOOKINGS OR EVENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday	7:00 am	Church
SUNDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am	Church Parking Lot Church

LIVE-STREAM MASS/ONLINE ZOOM

Monday - Saturday Tuesday Wednesday	7:00 am 7:30am 7:30 am	Facebook & YouTube St. Joseph Novena 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."

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

04/04/21 Collection:	Not available due to early print deadline
Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 7,325.98 Period: 3/1 – 3/15

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

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Joe & Monica Ahle

April 3 - April 17

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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Good News!

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

I Want Proof. Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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If you received a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony or Fr. Bernard, asking for money, gift cards or asking for your help, **THIS IS A HOAX! PLEASE IGNORE THIS NEW E-MAIL FROM: parish.office3071@gmail.com (pretending to be from Fr. Antony)** Do not reply to them and immediately delete it. Alert the Parish Office if you receive any other fake messages, so we can flag it. Thanks for your cooperation.



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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/11: Divine Mercy Sunday
 4/15: Tax Day
 5/1: Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker
 5/4: Monthly Reflection Talk Resumes/7pm/Zoom

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, April 11th**

McKinnon Family; Holland Emery; Marco Cruz;
 Marie Melanie Amon; +Liberato Garcia; +Robert A.
 McJilton; +Jacqueline Lofton; +Thomas F. McJilton;
 +Nicandro Bernardo; +Marcela Norma Esteron;
 +Iluminada Esteron; +Antonio & +Lucia Barnum;

Monday, April 12th

+Arturo Baillo Igarta; +Maria De Jesus Madera
 Ortiz; +Benny Vista; +Gary Dennis Ortiviz;

Tuesday, April 13th

Our Parishioners; +Renato Santos; +Reynaldo L.
 Ramos; All Souls in Purgatory;

Wednesday, April 14th

St. Barnabas School, OLPH Devotees; +Glendale
 Magpantay Gance & +Jeff Gance; +Soledad M.
 Reyes; +Vincent Jischke;

Thursday, April 15th

Jena L. Sarmiento; +Mamerta Mangosing; +Romulo
 Abrogar; +Jaime de la Rosa;

Friday, April 16th

Josette Sangria; Gabrielle Jischke; +Francisca
 Jaramilla Lomboy; +Salome, +Genoveva and
 +Ignacio Binarao; +Ray Jacob Binarao Lariego;
 +Adelaida Sangria;

Saturday, April 17th

Jimmy & Feb Rushing; Gegenworth Family; Gus
 David; +Jackeline Reyes; +Guillermo A. Sibala;

Sunday, April 18th

Bryan Cruz; Stephanie Thompson; Marie Melanie
 Amon; Joe Magpayo; +Rudy Espeleta; +Bonifacio &
 +Hermenia Avancena; +Lucille Charpentier;
 +Mariamma Pallivathukal;

*Book your Mass Intentions via Website, E-mail or by phone. (+ indicates deceased)
 Mass Intentions will be read at ALL Masses. Send requests at least 2 weeks in advance*

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Gregorio Dones
 Dick Demooy
 Editha B. Buerano
 Octavio Viteri
 Marie Del Rosario Duran
 Greta Domingo

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

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

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; 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: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
 Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;
 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

NEW PRAYERS FOR HEALING...

Ken Augustine, Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Betty Chrysler, Dolores Beck, Kathy Wachter, Josh & Pam Batovsky, Sherrie & Heather Wren, Elizabeth N. Gabrillo, Florencio "Junn" P. Gabrillo Jr., Lorna Declines, Mario Visperas, Natividad S. Fernandez, Sue Ann E. Tumakay, Cesar Giron, Robert Carambelas, Augusto David, Ramon Rocha, Ann Bechen, Marge Williams, Jason, Marika & Alex Saliba, Pam Smith, Celia Lim, Maggie Gallo, David, Gloria Tongol, Hector Gustilo, Christina Castro, Marilee Silva, Maria Delgado, Grace, Fr. Tony Astudillo, Rose de los Reyes, Tom Chadwell, Dave Grohl, Richie & Rosemaria Ochotorena, Mary Agnes, Maya Millete, Nelia Estrada, Jessica Ramos, Flora Capile, Mateo Leyva, Annie Lou Herron, Ray Martinez, Barbara Hendron, Roxann Batozsky, Alvino Jauregui, Gerry Johnston, Cade, Daniel, Xavier & Maricela, Robert Lee, Frank M, Jim Smith, Editha Gabrillo, Frances Cella Dakis

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

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 or drop-off in our office mail slot. Please request dates at least 2 weeks in advance, and to be included in the digital bulletin. **Last-minute requests are not guaranteed, due to limited office hours & printing on time for Sacristy.**

Visit this link directly:

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

LOOKING FOR A "SPANISH-SPEAKING" VOLUNTEER TO JOIN OUR WEDDINGS & QUINCEANERAS MINISTRY

We are in need of a "Spanish-speaking" person, to join our Weddings and Quinceañera Coordinating Team. Deb Ryan leads this ministry. We are finding it a bit challenging when there is a language barrier when planning and coordinating for these events. You will be helping when needed, for upcoming Weddings and Quinceañeras at our Church. You will assist Deb on Rehearsals and "Day-Of" event coordinating. **If you are interested in helping us, please contact: Deb Ryan at: 562-209-2458 / dryandesign@yahoo.com.** You must also be up-to-date with your Virtus Training. (Virtus Training info: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>)

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 1ST—FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

We would like to encourage everyone to bring a special chair or stool, or even something you made, in honor of St. Joseph the Worker. All items will be blessed at the Mass and dedicated as your "St. Joseph Chair, etc." in your own homes. As we continue to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph, let us honor him in a special way! ***So mark your calendars for MAY 1ST to remind you to bring your dedicated item!***

MONTHLY ZOOM REFLECTION TALK

TOPIC: VIRTUES OF ST. JOSEPH

From: 2/2/21 - 6/1/21 (Themed around St. Joseph)

We will be having an enrichment talk with our Priests, **every 1st TUESDAY OF THE MONTH from 7:00pm-8:00pm.** Visit our website on how to join via Zoom meeting, OR You can join directly thru your computer or phone by visiting this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92139079499>

Meeting ID: 921 3907 9499 Password: 3955

Or call in to listen, one tap mobile:

+1-699-900-6833,,992139079499#,,#3955#

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH!

**Congratulations to our
R.C.I.A. Class of 2021!
Welcome to our St. Barnabas
Catholic Community & Family!**

Erika Craig

Jonathan Pettus

Lilieta Fe'ao-Raass

Nicole Fernandez

Roxana Ramos

Stephanie Dowling-Lopez



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Adults

FR BERNARD'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT: 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Join Fr. Bernard's Bible Study Sessions every Thursday from 7:00pm-8:30pm. You can join thru your computer or phone by visiting this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99174147604>

Meeting ID: 991 7414 7604

Password: 3955

For more info, visit our webpage:

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

Join our Bible Study Group's Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/groups/biblestudy1b](https://www.facebook.com/groups/biblestudy1b)



BIBLE STUDY

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CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month:

Jimmy & Feb Rushing 4/17 (11yrs)

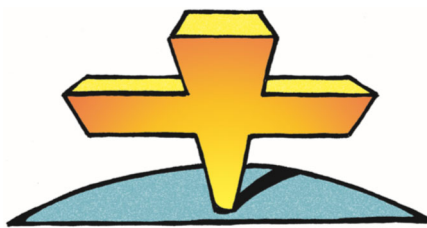
Jun & Didi Herrera 4/25 (44yrs)

Harry & Norma Sibayan

Chris & Gen Legaspi



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



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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.

Please pray in the morning, at 12 noon & 6 pm with our church community when our bells ring.

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...

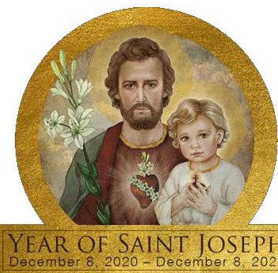
**V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.**

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.**

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, / do we come in our afflictions, / and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, / we confidently invoke your patronage / for our spiritual well-being.

Through that charity / which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God / and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, / we humbly beg you to graciously regard / the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, / and, with your power and strength / to help us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, / defend and protect our families, / the chosen children of Jesus Christ, / from all evils; / O most loving father, / keep us away from all forms of false teachings / and corrupting influences / that seek to destroy the Sanctity of human family; / O our most mighty protector, / be kind to us, / and from heaven / assist us in our struggle against the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, / so, now protect God's Holy Church / from the snares of the enemy / and from all adversity; / shield each one of us by your constant protection, / so that, / supported by your example and your assistance, / we may be able to live as pious children of God the Father; / bear witness to your foster Son Jesus faithfully / by living a virtuous life; / and, at last to die in holiness, / and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. / Amen!

(Adapted from the prayer composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, Quamquam pluries).

**JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY AFTER 7AM DAILY
MASS FOR OUR NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

POPE'S PRAYER FOR PROTECTION



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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PASTOR'S EASTER LETTER

April 4, 2021

My Dear Parishioners,

Easter Blessings to you! We journeyed 40 days of Lent and tried our best to renew our spiritual life with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We meditated on the passion and crucifixion of Jesus, particularly during the Holy Week. And, now we celebrate Easter which proclaims that our savior Jesus is risen from the dead. So, let our hearts join with our Holy Mother Church singing Alleluia! Alleluia!

These days, as I walk or drive by the parks and gardens, I notice many flowers and plants are blossoming, trees are budding with new leaves, and new plants are emerging from the ground. The trees and vegetation that seemed to be dead in the past few months are now coming back to be life again. All of this reminds us that we are in the season of Spiring, which is the perfect time for the new life to emerge and withered plants to gain new strength. We could observe that these signs are happening in our Church as we celebrate Easter and begin this holy season.

Every year, our Church places Easter in the Spring to emphasize that Jesus offers us new life by His death and resurrection. Every one of us has embraced a new life in the risen Lord by renouncing our ungodly ways, and renewing our baptismal promises at the Easter Mass. We also witness the signs of new life in the Church by the Baptisms, Holy Communion, and Confirmations celebrated during the Easter vigil all over the world. We embraced these signs of new life in our parish as we welcomed our sisters and brothers at the Easter vigil through Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. In the coming weeks and months, we would also witness the students in our faith formation program receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Let us keep them in our hearts and pray for their continued growth in the faith.

The new life that is emerging and the renewed life that is gaining strength must be nurtured and nourished in order to sustain them for a long period of time. Just like we would water, weed, and manure the plants for their nourishment, growth, and bearing good fruits, so also the

Church invites us to care for our souls by nourishing and sustaining them with our prayer life, receiving Jesus regularly at the Mass, and engaging in corporal works of mercy. Let us make efforts to pause from our busy life and cultivate habits that would nourish and nurture our souls. May the risen Lord bless all our forthcoming efforts to keep our faith life alive and active.

On behalf of Fr. Bernard Santiago, Parish and School Staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils, I wish you a very Blessed Easter!

With Easter Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar
Pastor



SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

Special thank you to the following people who helped during our Lenten and Easter Season this year:

Worship Environment/Décor: Olive & Zaldy Almodovar, Carolina Boyd, Patty & Bernard Caballero, Armando Pablo, Itima Eteaki, Reggie Villegas, Rolando Suarez, Ray Barnum, Jun Tadique, Malu Lopez

Plants: Dr. Gene Lowther, David Ameho, Lorna Ramos, Reggie Villegas, Cathy Bayudan

Friday Fish Fry: Knights of Columbus & their Families

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: Olivia & Francis Baylen

Participating Ministries: Legion of Mary, Filipino-American Association, Knights of Columbus, Divine Mercy Apostolate, Confirmation Program and St. Barnabas School, Sacristans & Lectors Ministries, Flower Donors (led by Eva Talastas)

Cornerstone Crew: Joe Ahle, Sean Farragher, David Zanatta

Lenten Food Drive: Marina Cuico, Reggie Villegas, David Zanatta, Olivia Baylen

Easter Lilies/Décor Donors: Cathy Bayudan, Itima & Marilyn Eteaki, Joe & Monica Ahle/Knights of Columbus, Jun Tadique, Lal & Gigi Lalan, Fely Tuazon, Fay & Roy Rivera, Naomi Enriquez, Sahlee Balajadia, Helen Cajayon, Charito Salas, Josette Sangria, Liza Roa, Elisa Caisip, Claritz Vergel, Eva Talastas, Rebeca Jischke

Easter Paschal Candle Sponsor: Tricia J.

Parish Office Staff: Sam Christi, Olivia Baylen, Marilyn Eteaki, Reggie Villegas

Support Staff: Carolina Boyd, Itima Eteaki, Ellie Valdez, Emmanuel Magallanes, Juan Rodriguez Jr.

Live-stream & sound system: Sam Christi, Zaldy Almodovar

And all Parish Volunteers!!! THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Thank you!

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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KNIGHTS KORNER

We have wheelchairs available for donation for the needy, who may need one. This is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. If you or anyone you know who may be interested and in need of a wheelchair, please contact Grand Knight: Joe Ahle at 562-708-6542



SBS VIRTUAL SPRING EVENT!!!

Mark your calendars for an exciting Virtual Spring Event Fundraiser & Student (Revue) Showcase that will take place on ONE fun-filled night that will be streamed live to enjoy from the comfort of your own home!



**SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
@ 7:00 PM**

Guests will have an opportunity to support our school by participating in a special live-streamed auction on Saturday evening during the virtual student showcase. The showcase will also feature our annual cash raffle drawing (tickets available later this month) and other exciting contests. Stay tuned for more details to be announced!

Funds raised from this year's event will go toward a new SBS Cares Discretionary Fund that will benefit future capital improvements & projects, SBS family tuition assistance, and other areas of greatest need.

**2020 EVENT TICKET PURCHASES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS EVENT -
2021 TICKET PRICING & BENEFITS TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

SAVE THE DATES: OUR ONLINE AUCTION will run May 5-15 (ending one hour before the live-streamed event) and will feature class projects and class themed baskets. Stay tuned for more details to come! Visit this link for more information:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?vhost=SBSpringevent>

*Please contact Candice Wood, Chair for more info or if you are interested in supporting as a sponsor.
Email: sbsspringevent@gmail.com or 562.794.7889*



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 appeared to his disciples and said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has ...

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Answer: *Peace be with you. As the Father has ...*

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Dear Padre

April 11, 2021

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?

A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but..."

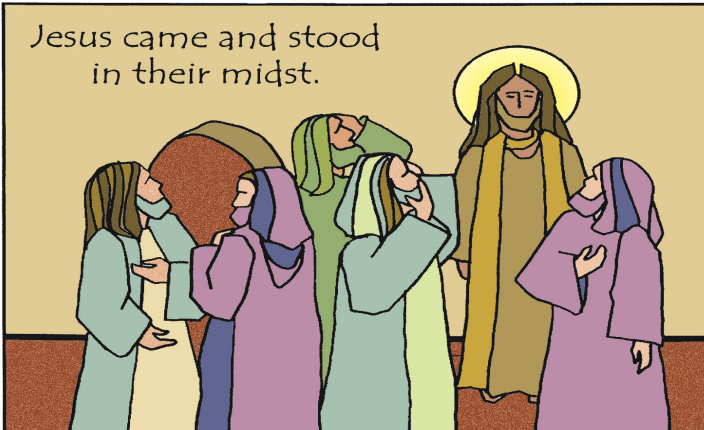
If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "God-man" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR

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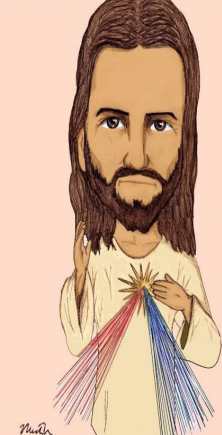


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- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
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- Monday: Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
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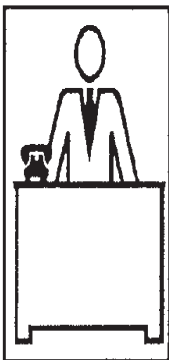
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