



*Praying for
all Fathers
throughout
the month of
June!*

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor Associate Pastor

**JUNE 20
2021**

The disciples were filled
with great awe and
said to one another,
"Who then is this whom
even wind and sea obey?"

MARK 4:41

**TWELFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

2021



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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

IN-PERSON 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 7:30 am 7:30 am	Facebook & YouTube St. Joseph Novena Perpetual Help Novena
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Facebook & YouTube
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Study Sessions via online Zoom
1st Tuesday of the month	7:00pm-8:00pm	Reflection Talks via online Zoom
1st Friday of the month	7:30am-10:00am	Eucharistic Adoration

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

6/13/21: \$ 3,983.00

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Contribution: **\$ 8,403.46**
Period: 5/16 – 5/31

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June 12-26

Peter & Charito Salas & Family
June 26—July 10

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Good News!

June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

One of the forces of nature that we have been unable to control is unruly water. We are actually helpless when caught between torrents of rain from above and surging water from below. It is no wonder the ancestors of ancient Israel who lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers characterized cosmic evil as tumultuous water that only the great creator-God could control. This is the scene described in the reading from Job. This water is not destroyed; it is only harnessed. We will have to wait for the end of time for such water to be abolished. ("The sea was no more," Revelation 21:1.) This divine power over water is praised in the psalm response as well.

Belief in God's absolute power over chaotic water and cosmic evil lies behind the story of Jesus calming the sea. This story doesn't simply recount a display of Jesus' extraordinary command over the forces of nature. It is certainly that, but it is actually much more. It stands to reason that, if only the great creator-God can exercise control over this fearsome watery threat, and if Jesus can effortlessly exercise control over such water, then Jesus is somehow this great creator-God. In today's Gospel, the audacious disciples, who initially were frightened by the ferocity of the squall, were astounded by Jesus' authority over the storm. They declared, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mark 4:41).

It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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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www.school.stbarnabaslb.org

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1130 Marshall Place
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6/20: Happy Father's Day

6/26: Drive-thru Food Event/10a-12p



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 20th (Father's Day)

All names on Father's Day list; Nelson & Christopher Gomez; Chris Sarmiento; Christopher & Michael Legaspi; Harry & Ryan Sibayan; Wilson Panickaveetil; +Florentina Caballero; +Bonifacio & +Hermenia Avancena; +Edita Z. De Leon; +Marlene Reyes; +Francis Poblete; +Augusto M. Pasamonte; +Jose Luis Perez-Rodriguez; +Ignacio Binarao; +Menandro Legaspi; +Arnulfo Pacis; +Dante & Beatriz Unas; +Primitivo & +Marcela Cahilig; +Antonina Cabuguan; Florentina Caballero; +Amelia Chua

Monday, June 21st

Joy & Erie Mercado Jr.; Nelson Gomez; Martha Pech; +Manuel P. Ponce Sr.; +Susan Sarte; +Darwin Arayata; +Heliodoro Solis; +Guillermo Sibala; +Felipe Antonio Albano Chavez;

Tuesday, June 22nd

Steve & Lilibeth Hand; Carmela Chuirazzi; Chris Gomez; Christofer De La Rosa; Rogelio Paguirigan; +Zenaida Resurreccion; +John Young;

Wednesday, June 23rd

OLPH Devotees; Joan & Richard Watson; Arnold & Lucita Luna; Walter Scott; Jose Cantu; Rev. Fr. Fernando Egargo; Ruben Espinoza; Carlos Rodriguez; Edgar Rodriguez; +Ellen Wong-Gomez; +John Young;

Thursday, June 24th

Jake Gomez; Wendy Corona; Alejandro Romero; Jacob Cancino; +Guadalupe Estrada; +John Young; +Norberto Librea Tuazon;

Friday, June 25th

Parishioners; Pepito Angeles; Kiara Gomez; +Darwin Arayata; +Justin Avalos;

Saturday, June 26th

All Names in Memoriam Room; Wendy Corona; Pepito Angeles; Fred & Laura Wong; Deacon Justin Dominic Ordoveza;

Sunday, June 27th

Chris & Aurora Sarmiento; Jim & John Supancheck; Martha Pech; Leda Bacharo-Wong; Ray & Charity Barnum; Christine & Antonio Boyd; Frank & Julie Atienza; Yasmin Gil Magno; +George Astom Sr.; +Amelia Chua; +Catalino & +Saturnina Natividad Edles; +Lyndon Isla; +Adileida Aguinaldo; +Isidro Aguinaldo Jr.

*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

Ellen Wong-Gomez
Paz Atienza



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther! (Job 38:1, 8-11).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting (Psalm 107).

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — Who is this whom even wind and sea obey? (Mark 4:35-41).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;

1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

PRAYERS NEEDED 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, Rose de los Reyes, Tom Chadwell, Richie & Rosemaria Ochotorena, Mary Agnes, Nelia Estrada, Jessica Ramos, Flora Capile, Mateo Leyva, Annie Lou Herron, Ray Martinez, Barbara Hendron, Roxann Batozsky, Alvino Jauregui, Gerry Johnston, Frank M, Jim Smith, Jessie Siegert, Michelle Sibala, Sonia Sibala, Eric McDonald, Helen Strong, Richard Bourque, Shereese Clark, Leda Wong, Miguel Angel Huidor-Figueroa, Yolanda Huidor-Lopez, Emmanuel Huidor-Lopez, Daniel Xavier Huidor, Maricela Huidor-Figueroa, Zayra Ekoki, Rose Rodrigo, Ed, Kaleb, Bonnie, Garrison, Martha Pech, Tina Quinn

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

FATHERS DAY PRAYER LIST

Honor your loved one by adding him to our special prayer list, that gets featured at the Altar! We will be praying for them for the entire month of June. Please email his name to church@stbarnabaslb.org or call the Parish Office at: (562) 424-8595.

TOGETHER IN MISSION

Return your envelopes in collection basket or Office. Due to the circumstances caused by the pandemic in 2021, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles leadership has decided to reduce the Together in Mission 2021 "Forward with Faith" Annual Appeal to a single weekend. **OUR PARISH GOAL: \$60,867.00**

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/>

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Interested in the Catholic faith and want to know more? Are you Catholic, but have never been Confirmed? Are you from another denomination and what to explore and embrace the Catholic Faith? Fall classes begin tentatively on **AUGUST 23, 2021**.

For more information, contact Andrea & Susana at **562-335-4429** or E-mail us directly at: StBarnabasRCIA@gmail.com to sign-up.

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

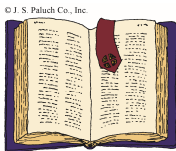
For more info, visit our webpage:

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

Join our Bible Study Group's Facebook page:

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

Mobile: +1-669-900-6833, 99174147604#, #, 3955#



BIBLE STUDY

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2021

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FIL-AM "STAY AT HOME DINNER"

We are excited to share that the Stay at Home Dinner was a resounding success on June 12th! After several months of hard work coordinating, cooperating, compromising and shifting ideas we celebrated The Year of St. Joseph, the Worker and Father's Day.

The evening began with an opening prayer and blessing by Fr. Antony. Several YouTube links and exciting games and Bible knowledge challenges made the evening fun and exciting. The strong turnout and participation was a very special blessing.

To all the officers and members who keep this Association strong with their faith and trust as well as sharing their time and talent, we thank you for your support and dedication. We are grateful to Eva Talastas for her significant effort in coordinating this fundraiser. To Brian Sapsky, thank you for hosting this event through Zoom. And, to Fr. Antony for his guidance, prayers, and support.

We will be collecting donations through June 22, 2021. The purpose of this fundraiser is to purchase new door mats outside the church. Your donation of \$20 or more is certainly treasured. Please put your donation in an envelope, Attention: Fil-Am Association. Thank you, God bless you, and St. Barnabas Church.

- Dr. Gene Lowther, *President, Filipino-American Association*

CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month:

Jay & Jean Ponce 6/6
 Antonio & Lourdes Montuya 6/7 (73yrs)
 Roy & Faye Rivera 6/13 (38yrs)
 Erie & Joy Mercado Jr. 6/21
 Steve & Lilibeth Hand 6/22
 Arnold & Lucita Luna 6/23 (31yrs)
 Richard & Joan Watson 6/23 (48yrs)
 Chris & Aurora Sarmiento 6/27 (45yrs)



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

church@stbarnabaslb.org

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.

STAFF APPRECIATION

My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings of peace to you! I wanted to inform you that our Parish Office Manager, **Olivia Baylen**, has decided to take up the position of **"Multi-Media Coordinator"** for our Parish. Therefore, she no longer handles the usual responsibilities of our Parish Office, other than accepting materials for publication in our bulletin, website and social media posts. Samanth Christi and Marilyn Eteaki are the contact persons in our Parish Office. Kindly continue to communicate with our Parish Office Staff for your needs.

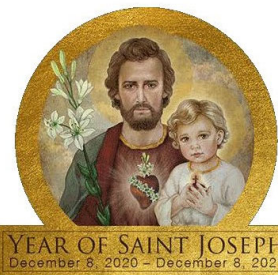


Olivia Baylen has been a great blessing for us. She came in when we needed her the most in our Parish Office, and offered her service with great dedication and commitment for almost 6 years now. We deeply appreciate her service to St. Barnabas. We will certainly miss seeing her at our Parish Office, but take comfort knowing that she is still part of our Parish Team, offering her service in a different role. We wish her God's blessings in this new responsibility!

With Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar—Pastor

Join our Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:00pm!

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



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

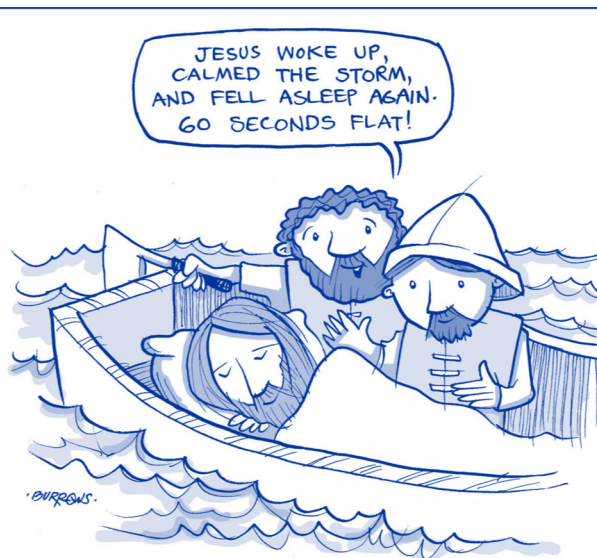
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, / defend and protect our families, / the chosen children of Jesus Christ, / from all evils; / O most loving father, / keep us away from all forms of false teachings / and corrupting influences / that seek to destroy the Sanctity of human family; / O our most 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).

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea,
 "Hush, be still."
 And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. Mk 4:39

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Sheriff Alex Villanueva

**Los Angeles County Sheriff's
Community Advisory Council presents:**

Drive-Thru Food Distribution Event

Saturday, June 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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PASTOR'S LETTER (June 15, 2021)

My Dear Parishioners,
Blessings to you! I pray that you are safe and healthy. We have endured the challenging time of this pandemic and we praise and thank God for keeping us safe/helping us recover.

As restrictions are gradually being lifted by government leaders, our Archbishop Jose Gomez, has sent us a letter on June 12, 2021, stating that beginning June 19, 2021, he is lifting most of the restrictions placed on our parish life. He is also **LIFTING THE DISPENSATION** from attending Mass for those who are in good health. Here is the statement of the Archbishop:

"By this letter, effective June 19, 2021, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation in response to the coronavirus pandemic will be lifted for the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Those who have serious and legitimate reasons (e.g., illness, underlying health conditions that renders them susceptible to illness, significant fears of becoming ill, etc.) are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. In these cases, Pastors are to encourage the faithful to keep the Lord's Day holy by reading the Gospels, praying with their families, or joining themselves to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an Act of Spiritual Communion."

In light of this letter, may I welcome all parishioners who are not restricted by any health condition to return to church for Mass and other Sacraments, particularly for the Sunday Mass.

Please know that if you are not vaccinated yet, it is highly recommended that you wear a face mask for the safety of everyone. Some of you may not feel comfortable yet to celebrate Mass inside the church. Therefore, we will continue to have Mass under the tent until such time when it would not be necessary.

Beginning July 1, 2021, the Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday (Sunday vigil Mass) : 5:00 pm (Inside Church)

Sunday : 7:00 am (Inside Church)

8:00 am (Under Tent)

9:00 am (Inside Church & Under Tent)

11:00 am (Inside Church)

Mon-Saturday : 7:00 am (Inside Church)

Confessions, Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

We would also begin to allow in-person activities and use of parish facilities for various ministries in our parish. Kindly communicate with our parish office for your bookings.

Our parish office now welcomes in-person visits. In case if you are not vaccinated yet, it is recommended that you wear a face mask for the safety of everyone. Kindly visit our church website for further updates. I look forward to seeing you all. Welcome Home!

With Blessings, *Rev. Dr. Antony Gaspar—Pastor*

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Diaconate Virtual Information Day

Hosted by the Diaconate Formation Office

Sunday, June 27, 2021

2pm—4pm

To register send your name, parish & pastor's name to

Deacon Melecio Zamora at:
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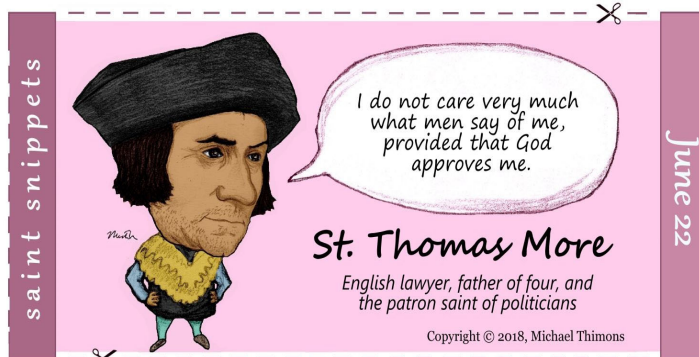
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? June 19-20 || Using the "What If" game to raise problem-solving children

The "What If" game is a great way to walk your children through potential scenarios, and work with them to find the best solutions. Ask your children about "what if" scenarios, mixing silly questions with real world ones to keep them engaged and thinking, like "What if you had super powers?" and "What if a stranger asked you to go somewhere with him at the mall?" You can empower your children with problem-solving skills that will keep them safe even when you can't be there to protect them. For more information, visit <https://www.d21.org/what-if-game/>.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day; World Refugee Day; Summer begins
Monday:	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Tuesday:	St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
Thursday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

CANA AT ST. BARNABAS

The **CANA Marriage Renewal Movement** (otherwise known as CANA) was established in 1998 by Fr. Tony Astudillo, then pastor of Holy Innocents Church in Long Beach. CANA was initially known as “Tuklasan sa Panginoon.” Since then, CANA has grown close to seven hundred couples and spawned the establishment of other CANA communities in Walnut and as far away as San Diego.

When Fr. Tony was assigned to St. Lorenzo Church in Walnut, he caused a name change -- from “Tuklasan Marriage Spirituality and Family Ministry” to “CANA Marriage Renewal Movement” -- to emphasize the scriptural basis for his Theology of Relationships that underpins our CANA Marriage Spirituality, as well as to denote the deeper meaning and significance of this Marriage Spirituality Process. For all of CANA, the meaning of the CANA event (see John 2:1-11) is a deep, deep well from which we are invited to draw for the inspired response to the multitude of issues we encounter in the married state (which are, in fact, the necessary ingredients of the marriage relationship) and the labors that we engage in as a parish ministry.

CANA’s principal purpose is to make known, and for the couple to experience, the active presence of God in their relationship as husband and wife. The first CANA Retreat took place in May 1998 in Torrance, California. The retreat was conducted for ten couples by an “Ecclesial Team” from the Philippines. Thereafter, the new encountered couples were formally endorsed to the spiritual directorship of Fr. Tony Astudillo, who was then the Pastor of Holy Innocents Church in Long Beach. It was at Holy Innocents that CANA took its initial name of “Tuklasan sa Panginoon” (Pilipino or Tagalog for “Encounter with and in the Lord”). By God’s grace, Fr. Tony’s remarkable and untiring work with Tuklasan sa Panginoon produced more than 400 couples at Holy Innocents where he installed Tuklasan as the matrix of all parish programs and, as such, main implementor of significant pastoral initiatives.

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Through the years, CANA has expanded, advanced, and made more relevant its practice of Marriage Spirituality as it applies to marriage and family relationships and the over-all parish ministry of Evangelization, Sanctification, and Transformation.

Most importantly, CANA believes that these activities must be centered on the Eucharist not only because marriage is truly made perfect in the Eucharist but, above all, that the Eucharist is the clearest and most comprehensible image of God’s own marriage covenant with His people. CANA calls us to the Eucharist, and as we live it, Eucharist becomes the hope and reality of who we are and must be by God’s merciful design and purpose as individuals, as married couples, and as a people: “BECOMING” and “BEING” Eucharist to others is the

most basic means of loving and serving God at home, at work, in society, and in our parish community.

In 2018, Fr. Tony endorsed the CANA community of Long Beach and vicinities (still known locally as “Tuklasan sa Panginoon” or “Tuklasan”) to Fr. Antony Gaspar, pastor of St. Barnabas, who warmly welcomed CANA to the parish.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK CANA MINISTRY FOR THE WONDERFUL LANDSCAPING THEY DID INSIDE OUR MAIN PARKING LOT PLANTERS! PLEASE TAKE TIME TO STOP BY AND SEE IT FOR YOURSELF! IT’S VERY HAPPY AND WELCOMING!

****VISIT OUR PHOTO GALLERY ON OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW SOME PHOTOS!!!****

Dear Padre

June 20, 2021

Our parish used to be united. Now we have Filipino Catholics, Vietnamese Catholics, and Mexican Catholics, all with their own Masses and activities. Why can’t we just be Catholic?

The word catholic means “whole,” “universal,” “complete.” To be Catholic, we must include everyone. I once served as a pastor of the only Catholic parish in a town of 20,000 people, more than half of whom were Catholic. The seventeen Baptist churches included a First Southern with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in English, a First Baptist with services only in Spanish, and a Southern Baptist with services only in Spanish.

The Catholic Church goes out of its way to make sure that never happens to us and that all people feel part of the Church. One way to make a person feel welcome is to offer Mass in his or her native language, which is why my parish offered Masses in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as in English.

It wasn’t just about language or nationality. We had Sunday-evening Mass to accommodate the many people who worked Sunday mornings. And we also had events that brought the entire parish together. The result was that we had six weekend Masses rather than six different communities.

It’s difficult to form one Church. It’s difficult to be Catholic. But for 2,000 years we’ve found it to be worth it. Culturally diverse faith communities acknowledge our differences; more importantly, we celebrate our Catholic wholeness through this diversity!

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

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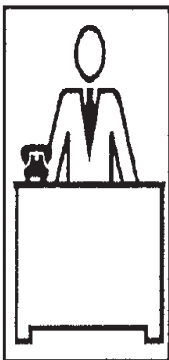
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