



# ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor

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Associate Pastor

June  
27  
2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to  
the woman,  
"Daughter,  
your faith  
has saved you.  
Go in peace  
and be cured  
of your affliction."

Mark 5:34

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# 2021



## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

### PARISH OFFICE:

OFFICE #: 562-424-8595

E-MAIL: CHURCH@STBARNABASLB.ORG

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-5:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am-2:00pm

### CONFESSIONS HOURS:

Saturday: 3:30pm-4:30pm (inside the Church)

INFANT BAPTISMS: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org

WEDDINGS: Inquire at least 6 months in advance

ANointing OF THE SICK: Contact Office to arrange visit

PARISH MINISTRIES: Visit our website for contact listings

All other inquiries, please call or E-mail the Parish Office.

### 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."***

## Good News!

June 27, 2021

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

We operate under two very different economic systems. On one hand, in society the measure to which we claim a right is determined by the character and extent of our earning power. On the other hand, what is described in St. Paul's admonition to the Corinthians is more like the way economics operates in a family. There, need rather than earning power determines the measure of what we might claim as our right.

Both systems are built on important, though sometimes different, values. The prominent economic system in today's world advocates equality as the value upon which it is built. This includes equal pay for equal work, but also equality of opportunity. The system Paul advocates is built on issues of equity, which recognizes that all things are not equal. It insists that those who need more should get more. Both systems also face pitfalls. This could occur when a system based on equality does not operate on an "equal playing field." In such a situation, equality can lack justice. Then again, a system in which need or equity plays an important role must always be on the alert for idleness. Experience has shown that people have a tendency to take advantage of either system.

In an ideal system, both values operate. This is what Paul is actually advocating. He does not expect the rich to become poor. However, he does insist that as a matter of justice, and not charity, legitimate needs should be met. After all, we all are called to join the household of God.

*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: revfaith70@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.

## 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!



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



Sign-up  
thru Faith  
Direct  
then  
enroll in  
our  
Text-To-  
Give

[membership.faithdirect.net/CA794](http://membership.faithdirect.net/CA794)

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

6/20/21:

**Not available  
at this time.**

Faith-Direct  
Bi-Weekly  
Contribution:

**\$ 7,865.47**  
Period: 6/1 – 6/15

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



### Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Lito & Alice Samia  
*June 12-26*

Peter & Charito Salas  
& Family  
*June 26—July 10*

### Altar Flower Sponsor:

If you would like to sponsor,  
please email:  
[church@stbarnabaslb.org](mailto:church@stbarnabaslb.org)



## ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

Office: (562) 424-7476  
Fax (562) 981-3351

3980 Marron Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90807

**Principal: Jennifer Kellam**  
[jkellam@stbarnabas.school](mailto:jkellam@stbarnabas.school)  
[www.school.stbarnabaslb.org](http://www.school.stbarnabaslb.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Office: (562) 988-6855

1130 Marshall Place  
Long Beach, CA 90807

(Office located upstairs of Parish Center)

Rel Ed Coordinator: **Juan Rodriguez Jr.**  
**562-341-7772 cell/text**  
[religiouseducation@stbarnabaslb.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stbarnabaslb.org)

Confirmation Coordinator:  
**Emmanuel Magallanes**  
**213-948-7762 cell/text**  
[confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org](mailto:confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

7/2: First Friday Adoration/7:30-10a  
 7/4: Independence Day  
 7/25: Red Cross Blood Drive/8a-2p

*Fourth  
of July*

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, June 27th**

Chris & Aurora Sarmiento; Jim & John Supancheck;  
 Martha Pech; Leda Bacharo-Wong; Ray & Charity  
 Barnum; Christine & Antonio Boyd; Franco & Julie  
 Atienza; Yasmin Gil Magno; Zoey Martinez; Elijah  
 Zen Quinto; +George Astom Sr.; +Amelia Chua;  
 +Catalino & +Saturnina Natividad Edles; +John  
 Young; +Lyndon Isla; +Adileida Aguinaldo &  
 +Isidro Aguinaldo Jr.; +Anthony Villar; +Adelina  
 Garronillas;

**Monday, June 28th**

Connie Torres; Fred Wong Sr.; Adelina Garrovilcas;  
 Ray Nufable; Nicholas Guiritan; +Pedro Gonzaga;  
 +Donald Norquist;

**Tuesday, June 29th**

Parish Volunteers; Aaron Archuleta; Mark Martinez;  
 Tom & Tommy Ryckman; +Nicomedes Guiritan;  
 +Adelina Garronillas; +Norma Suayan;

**Wednesday, June 30th**

OLPH Devotees; Marty Dumo; Linda Burch; John  
 Rey Guiritan; +Arnulfo Pacis; +Jesus Nufable;  
 +Adelina Garronillas;

**Thursday, July 1st**

Pam Dones; Intercession of St. Hedwig;

**Friday, July 2nd**

Christine Marie Angeles; Knights of Columbus;  
 +Justin Avalos; +Michael Joseph Akai;

**Saturday, July 3rd**

Wendy Corona; +Heliodoro Solis; +Raul Ochoa-  
 Lopez;

**Sunday, July 4th**

Freedom & Independence Day; Rose & Berne  
 Matute; Christine & Antonio Boyd; Alejandro  
 Romero; Rita Rafalovich; +Angelito Diwa; +Maria  
 Eliza Bautista; +Jose Jesus Alvarez;

*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** — God did not make death, nor does God  
 rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15;  
 2:23-24).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me  
 (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — Your abundance should supply the  
 needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

**Gospel** — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43  
 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;  
 Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;  
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13;  
 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;  
 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;  
 Mk 6:1-6a

**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

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to register as a Parishioner, forms are at the exits, or stop by the Parish Office to sign-up! If you'd like to receive free contribution envelopes, let us know and we can add you to the mailing list! Reminder to use your Name and Parish Family # on all loose contribution envelopes and checks. If you forgot your #, call the Parish Office or e-mail us for any assistance.

### 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**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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

### 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**

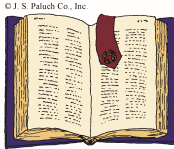
For more info, visit our webpage:

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

Join our Bible Study Group's Facebook page:

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

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BIBLE STUDY

## TOGETHER IN MISSION 2021



**VISIT [TOGETHERINMISSION.ORG](https://togetherinmission.org) OR  
TO TEXT 'FORWARD21' TO 213-397-0682  
AND MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

### 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.

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.

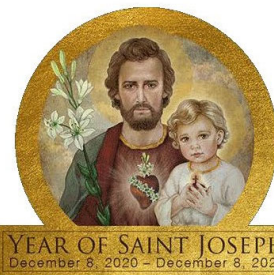


Olivia Baylen has been a great blessing for us. She came in when we needed her the most in our Parish Office, and offered her service with great dedication and commitment for almost 6 years now. We deeply appreciate her service to St. Barnabas. We will certainly miss seeing her at our Parish Office, 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).*

## Pastor Al®



"I'm sorry you can't fall asleep tonight, but NO... I won't repeat that homily that put you to sleep last Sunday."

Join our Bible Study Group Page: [FB.com/groups/biblestudylb](https://www.facebook.com/groups/biblestudylb)



**Red Cross Blood Drive  
Sponsored By  
Knights of Columbus of**

**St Barnabas Catholic Church - Parish Hall  
3955 Orange Ave  
Long Beach, CA 90807**

**Sunday, July 25, 2021  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please make an appointment online at [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: BarnabasLB or sign up with the rectory at (562) 424-8595.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Come to give July 7-31 for your chance to win gas for a year, a \$5,000 value! There will be 3 winners! Terms and conditions apply; visit [rcblood.org/fuel](http://rcblood.org/fuel).**

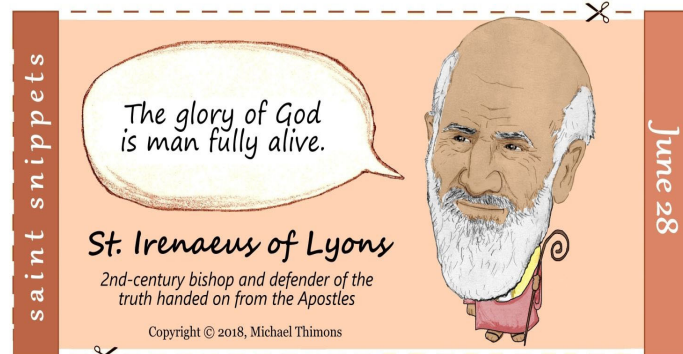
**Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.**

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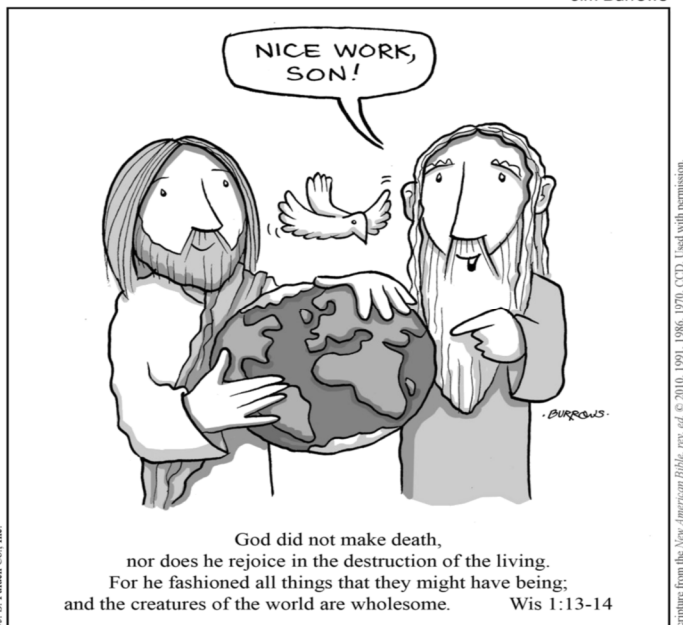
## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Irenaeus  
Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul  
Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
Thursday: Saint Junípero Serra; Canada Day  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Thomas; First Saturday



## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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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:  
[dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org)

**THE SEPARATED, DIVORCED & WIDOWED MINISTRY**

invites you to a Zoom presentation titled *"Taking the Next Step: Through COVID-19 & Relationship Losses to Our New Lives"* presented by Christine A. Gerety, Ph.D. In this workshop you will discuss the next step in our emotional and spiritual journeys by recognizing our very real losses and lessons learned, identifying the hidden gifts that they contain, and imagining where God is taking us.

**When: Saturday, July 17th from 1pm-2:30pm**

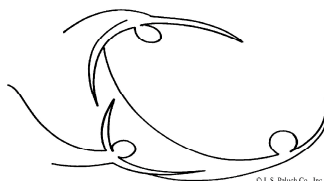
**For more information, contact**

**Julie Auzenne: [jmonell@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jmonell@la-archdiocese.org)**

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**

**DID YOU KNOW?** June 26-27 || Foster one-on-one relationships safely

One-on-one time with trusted adults is healthy for children and helps them to build self-esteem and long-term relationships. You can protect your child while still ensuring they have time and opportunity to build these relationships. You can drop in unexpectedly when your child is with another adult, even if that person is a trusted family member. Insist on observable outings, in public places. Talk with your child after an outing, noting his mood or her ability to confidently tell you what happened. For more information, visit <https://www.d21.org/education/5-steps/step-2/>.



**Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
June 27, 2021**

You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God,  
forever will I give you thanks.

— Psalm 30:13

## 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. (with the collaboration with Knights of Columbus!) Please take time to stop by and see it for yourself! It’s very happy and welcoming!**

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## Dear Padre

June 27, 2021

***This week is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Why doesn’t each have his own feast day?***

They do. Saints Peter and Paul are united in a solemnity on June 29 to honor their martyrdom, but each has his own feast: the Chair of St. Peter (February 22) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25).

Peter’s primacy is evident in the prominence given to him by the Gospel writers and in the position of authority entrusted to him in the infant Church. Jesus promised Peter that he alone would be the foundation stone, keeper of the keys, and head shepherd (see Matthew 16:18–19 and John 21:15–17). Peter also oversaw Judas Iscariot’s replacement (see Acts of the Apostles 1:15–26).

Paul holds a position of honor for his transformation from Church persecutor to “a slave of Christ Jesus” (Romans 1:1).

Saint Augustine wrote that they share a solemnity because, even though they didn’t suffer on the same day, they suffered as one. On different days of presumably the same year, 67, Peter was crucified and Paul beheaded.

Their esteem coupled them in the early Church’s devotion. Hence, the solemnity Mass preface states that “each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr’s crown.”

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR*

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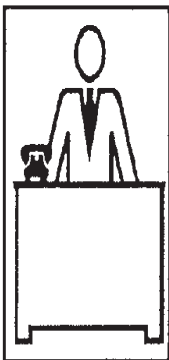
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