



ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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REV. ANTONY GASPAR | PASTOR



September
26
2021

Any who give you a
cup of water to drink
because you
belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not
lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2021



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

PARISH OFFICE:

OFFICE #: 562-424-8595

E-MAIL: CHURCH@STBARNABASLB.ORG

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am-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

ANOIDING 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.

**NEW
TIMES!**

IN-PERSON MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday Saturday Vigil	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Church Church
Wednesday	8:00am	School Mass
SUNDAY	7:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church Parking Lot 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 Friday of the month	7:30am-12:00pm	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

09/19/21: \$ 5,965.00

Faith-Direct
Bi-Weekly
Contribution: \$ 6,546.12
Period: 9/1 – 9/15

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

Good News!

September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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FAKE TEXT MSG/SPAM E-MAILS

If you received a text message or E-Mail claiming it's from Fr. Antony, asking for money, gift cards or asking for your help, **THIS IS A HOAX!** PLEASE IGNORE THIS NEW E-MAIL FROM: blessingsparish@gmail.com (pretending to be from Fr. Antony) Do not reply to them and immediately delete it. Please 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!



Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Jun & Josie
Tadique
Sept. 18—Oct. 2

Altar Flowers Sponsor:

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor flowers.

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

Office: (562) 424-7476

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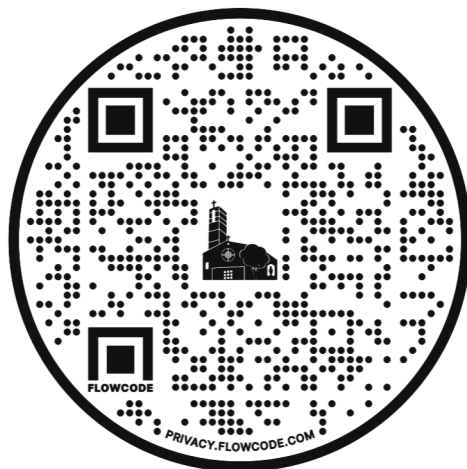
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

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

Confirmation Coordinator:
Emmanuel Magallanes
213-948-7762 cell/text
confirmation@stbarnabaslb.org



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



FOR MINISTRY LISTINGS, please visit our website for contact information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/26: Priesthood Sunday
 10/2: Knights of Columbus Car Wash/8a-12p
 10/23: Homecoming Celebration/4p-10p
 10/29: SBS Mission Frolic/Halloween Carnival
 10/31: Happy Halloween!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25

5pm: +Lamberto Hizon Sr.; +Luis Guerrero; +Fred Ruiz; +Betty (Bunnie) Louise Ramirez; +Mora Family; +Felixberto Alejandria; +Manual Villar Jr.; +Juanita V. Barte;

Sunday, September 26

7am: +Nicandro Bernando; +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Juanita V. Barte
 8am: Parishioners;
 9am: Carmela Chiurazzi; +Recardo P. Barte; +Heleodoro Melgarejo
 11am: Marie Melanie Amon; Marie Abigael Capuno; Myrna Conant; +Susana Elizes Ferrer; +Felicidad Nechaldas; +Don Rafalovich; +Ted Rafalovich; +James Huskey; +Anna Huskey

Monday, September 27

Feast Day of Mary-Star of the Sea; Manniellen Memije; +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Juanita V. Barte

Tuesday, September 28

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz; Devotees of St. Lorenzo Ruiz; Lory H. Dumo; +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Juanita V. Barte

Wednesday, September 29

OLPH Devotees; Gudelia Marrujo; Gian Carlo Legaspi; +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Juanita V. Barte

Thursday, September 30

Bless Tuazon; Eva Talastas; +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Emiliano Samson; +Juanita V. Barte

Friday, October 1

Knights of Columbus; Ray Paraiso; Christina Marie Angeles; +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Angelina Romero; +Juanita V. Barte

Saturday, October 2

7am: +Roderick Sonza Suello; +Juanita V. Barte

*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

Fran Welty
 Mary O'Connor
 John Akenson
 Pascual Sampang



Leo Francis Lucie
 Betty Louise Ramirez
 Carl Zell Stewart

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalms — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
 Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
 Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
 Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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, Bridget Vanderwerff, Dalton West, Carmela Chiurazzi, Cesar Cudal, Violet Fimalino, Maria Sanchez, Erwin Castillo, Robert Ellis, Earl Leiran, Cecilia Van Vooren, Chito Aguinaldo, Merlo Estrada, Roger Yap, Steve Ferrer, Enrique Moreno

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

WE NEED USHERS!!!

Would you like to help usher during Mass? We are recruiting for all of our Masses. If you would like to join our Ushers Ministry, please contact **Ministry Leader: Darrell at 562-243-1378 or e-mail directy to: dstew40@gmail.com** for more information on how to join this ministry! We are refraining from passing the baskets around, rather we are using a bag with an extended pole for safety. Assist at the Mass that you regularly attend!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We have wheelchairs available for donation for the needy, who may need one. This is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus #3449. If you or anyone you know who might need one, please contact Grand Knight: Joe Ahle at 562-708-6542

NOVEMBER: ALL SOULS

We will begin to collect your deceased loved ones names to our ALL SOULS LIST. Visit our Website (online form) or E-mail the Parish Office (church@stbarnabaslb.org) to be added to the list. It will be featured on our Website, and list will be printed out and placed on our altar all throughout the month of November to be prayed for. You can drop-off donation envelopes with names as well!

CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month:

Allen & Regina Andrion 9/14 (2yrs)

Peter & Charito Salas 9/17 (39yrs)



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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
 Monday: St. Vincent de Paul
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
 Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
 Thursday: St. Jerome
 Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday
 Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

saint snippets



God, grant us the grace to see things with the same eyes as you do.

St. Vincent de Paul
 19th-century French priest who devoted his life to serving the poor with compassion and generosity

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September 28

KNIGHTS KORNER



CAR WASH
\$10.00/PER VEHICLE

Join us for our Knights of Columbus Fundraiser to help Together in Mission!

**SATURDAY:
 OCTOBER 2ND, 2021**

**8:00AM-12:00PM
 (basketball parking lot)**

**Contact Grand Knight, Joe: 562-708-6542
 Or Reggie: SluggoVillegas@gmail.com**

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2021

This year's theme "Our Story is Alive" reminds us that our gifts to **Together in Mission** are an active demonstration of our faith and love for those in our Archdiocese who need our support.

Please make a pledge with the information that was mailed to your home, a pledge card found with the parish, or online at: **ourmissionla.org/give**



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**



Dear Fellow St. Barnabas Sister's & Brother's:

On October 23rd from 4:00 - 10:30 pm, please join us at our 2021 St. Barnabas HOMECOMING Festival! The evening will begin with a special mass celebration with all parishioners, their families and all our parish ministries coming together "celebrating coming back inside the church after being outside for so long."

The 4:00pm mass will celebrate our Lord's blessings over the past challenging months, after which Father Antony and Father Bernard will proceed to our **HOMECOMING** stage to bless us and our evening of festivities. We will have delicious food provided by our Knights of Columbus, Filipino-American Association and CANA Marriage Renewal Ministries; snacks by Mr. Kim's Donuts, music & entertainment on stage (bring your dancing shoes and be ready for some line-dancing with Father Antony!); a special performance from our St. Barnabas School Children; an exciting St. Barnabas Silent auction; a Parish 50/50 raffle; commemorative t-shirts for sale; games for the kids presented by our Religious Ed Ministry; and last but not least, the St. Barnabas Beer, Wine and Margarita Garden will return for your enjoyment. We invite everyone to join in on the fun! **(Note: we all will be observing social distancing and we ask you to wear masks for the safety of the parish and our children)**

To support the festival, we are asking for parish sponsors and donations to cover our costs, and any proceeds after festival costs, will go to fund special projects that are needed around our parish. During the pandemic, we have been able to continue to fund projects such as our Parish bell tower's daily chimes and tower lighting, parish campus, church wifi and security cameras, landscaping around the parish; church carpets and painting and other badly needed projects in and around our church. We ask you that after being outside for so long, to consider coming in and becoming one of our sponsors at the levels listed on the next page.

GOD BLESS - Parish 2021 HOMECOMING Festival Committee Chairs: Jesse Moreno, Marina Cuico & David Zanatta

(For more information and questions please call the Parish Office and a parish representative will help you)

2021 ST. BARNABAS PARISH HOMECOMING FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please complete the lines below and drop it off to the Parish Office and a committee representative will contact you to confirm your sponsorship level and information for your banner.

Please also use this as your form to submit any auction items or donations you may drop off so we are able to acknowledge you for your donation.

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY – THANK YOU)

Full Sponsor Name: _____

Business Name if applicable: _____

List Sponsorship Level: _____

Phone / Cell Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

I am not able to become a sponsor this year, but I/We would like to make a donation to the St. Barnabas Parish HOMECOMING Festival in the amount of: \$ _____

(NOTE: All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible)

**AFTER FILLING THIS FORM OUT
PLEASE ATTACH TO YOUR SPONSOR LEVEL SELECTION AND BANNER DESIGN/LAYOUT**



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BANNER INFORMATION

Please fill out the Sponsorship form in this bulletin, mark the level of sponsorship you wish to support below and draw/layout your banner design on a blank piece of paper clearly as you would like it to appear.

Please drop it off at the Parish Office no later than October 15th, with your donation.

Sponsors can be: individuals, family, business or a collective group.

☐ **\$ 5,000.00 OFFICIAL HOMECOMING Festival TITLE Sponsor: (8ft x 4ft vinyl banner)**

(Note: limited to only "one" HOMECOMING Festival Title Sponsor at this level)

(You receive recognition in festival promotions on the Parish & School websites; banner at festival; name recognition at all masses and on stage; listed in Sunday bulletins leading up to event and in post bulletin promotions; (10) drink sponsor tickets to St. B's Beer, Wine, Margarita Garden. (Title Sponsor banner will be displayed center stage).

☐ **\$ 2,500.00 Co-HOMECOMING Festival GOLD Sponsors: (6ft x 3ft vinyl banner)**

(Note: limited to only "two" HOMECOMING Festival Co Festival Sponsors at this level)

(You receive recognition in festival promotions on the Parish & School websites, banner at festival; name recognition at masses and on stage; listed in Sunday bulletins leading up to event and in post bulletin promotions; (8) drink tickets to St. B's Beer, Wine, Margarita Garden. (Gold Sponsor banner will be displayed on Sponsor tower at festival).

☐ **\$1,000.00 HOMECOMING Festival SILVER Sponsor: (4ft x 4ft vinyl banner)**

(You receive recognition in festival promotions on the Parish & School websites, banner at festival; name recognition at masses and on stage; listed in Sunday bulletins leading up to event and in post bulletin promotions; (5) drink tickets to St. B's Beer, Wine, Margarita Garden. (Silver Sponsor banner will be displayed visibly at festival).

☐ **\$ 500.00 HOMECOMING Festival BRONZE Sponsor: (3ft x 3ft vinyl banner)**

(You receive recognition in all festival promotions on the Parish & School websites, banner at festival; name recognition at masses and on stage; listed in Sunday bulletins leading up to event and in post bulletin promotions. (2) drink tickets at St. B's Beer, Wine, Margarita Garden. (Bronze Sponsor banner will be displayed visibly at festival).

☐ **\$ 250.00 HOMECOMING Festival COMMUNITY Sponsor: (Listed collectively on Sponsor Boards)**

(You receive recognition on Parish & School websites; listed in Sunday bulletins leading up to event and in post bulletin promotions. (Community Sponsor level will be listed visibly on collective sponsor boards at Festival).

☐ **\$ 150.00 Festival Donor (Listed collectively on Sponsor Boards)**

(You receive recognition on Parish & School websites, listed in Sunday bulletins leading up to event and in post bulletin promotions. (Donor Sponsor level will be listed visibly on collective sponsor boards at Festival).



**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATED ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION OF:
WINE (RED & WHITE); BASKETS, ANTIQUES, TOYS AND ITEMS
THAT CAN BE ASSEMBLED TO MAKE A BASKET OR ITEM TO AUCTION
(Donations can be left off at the Parish Office with the sponsor form filled out)**

JUBILEE YEAR

WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

While in the synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus claims that the words of the prophet Isaiah as his own: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (*Luke 4:18-19*). This year of the Lord's favor refers to a jubilee, which according to the Scriptures, is to occur every fiftieth year as special season of God's grace and mercy - a time of release from debts and labor (*Leviticus 25:8-22*). In a similar way, the Church declares jubilee years, or holy years, to commemorate occasions of great significance in the history of salvation.

WHAT IS FORWARD IN MISSION?

A Jubilee Year from September 11, 2021 through September 10, 2022 celebrating 250 years of Catholic faith in Los Angeles on the anniversary of the founding of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, the first church in what is now the Archdiocese.

WHY CELEBRATE?

To revive the life of faith in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the raising up of a new generation of missionary disciples.

Go to forwardinmission.com for up-to-date information and resources on the Jubilee Year.

Pastor Al®



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PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE

Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel by St. Junípero Serra

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your servant, St. Junípero Serra, and for all the missionaries, native peoples, and immigrants who established Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, that Your Kingdom might extend to the ends of the earth.

Help us to walk in their footsteps as missionary disciples. Guided by their example, may we be always faithful and courageous in proclaiming the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, look upon Your family here in Los Angeles with mercy. Taught by the Word of Truth and fed with the Bread of Life, may Your Church here always seek to do Your will, and be the sign of Your love for all peoples, who are sons and daughters of God, all of us loved and desired by You, and born for greater things.

Renew us and strengthen us, and cleanse our hearts. By Your grace, may we follow Jesus with joy and holiness of life, and together with Him build a new world of faith and a city of saints.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, may we continue always forward in the mission of St. Junípero Serra, making Jesus Christ known to every heart in every nation.

We ask this, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles*

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- Confirmation: 2nd Year Preparation for Youth (NO need to re-register if you are continuing from 1st year)

2021-2022
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Registration

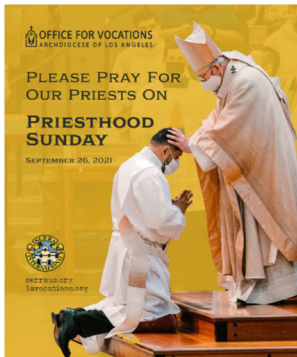


Registration has begun!
Register on the 2nd floor of Parish Center
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Confirmation: Emmanuel (Manny) Magallanes
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(Forms are also available on our website)

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



Resources



www.lavocations.org



www.serrausa.org



www.vocationministry.com

Ways to Celebrate

* Pray for Priests *

especially those who have served or are currently serving you

* Honor your Priests *

with a card, spiritual bouquet, or other ways

* Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood *

* Share your stories of priests with your family members.*

* Encourage young men to consider the priesthood. *

* Follow us @LAVocations and tag us on a photo of you and your favorite priest.*

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

Dear Padre

September 26, 2021

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News. Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

The Redemptorists

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