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Good News!

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mt 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imagined: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"

By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



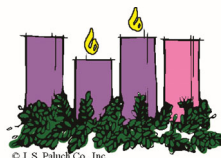
The Visitation
Albrecht Dürer
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Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:41-42*

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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

NEW
TIMES!

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.

250TH JUBILEE YEAR

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
1st Friday of the month	8:45am-12:00pm 9:00am-10:00am	Eucharistic Adoration Confessions

LIVE-STREAM MASS/ONLINE ZOOM

Monday - Saturday Wednesday	7:00 am 7:30 am	Facebook & YouTube Perpetual Help Novena
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Facebook & YouTube
Thursday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Bible Study Sessions 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."

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration Coordinators	Charito S/Faye R
Altar Servers (Youth)	Sylvia G
Baseball League (Youth)	Joe F
Boy Scouts Pack 32 / Cub Scouts	Laura L
Bulletin/Website/Social Media/Publications	Olivia B
CANA Marriage Renewal	Bernie M
Couples for Christ	Roy R/Faye R
Divine Mercy Apostolate	Itima E
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Samanth C/Helen C
Filipino-American Association	Gene L
Finance Council	Espi G
Girl Scouts Troop #4283	Jessica C
Holy Name Society	Bob F
Infant Baptism	Bill M/Jay G
I.T. Resource Team	David A
Knights of Columbus #3449	Joe A
Lectors	Marina C
Legion of Mary	Barbara F
Liturgical Music Coordinator	Joseph P
Ministry of Consolation	Terri F
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	Armando P/Gigi L
Pastoral Council	Darrell S
Planning/Building Team	Sean F
Project Achieve	Michelle S
RCIA/Adult Sacraments	Andrea M/Susana M
Respect Life	Robert K
Rosary Ministry	Paula S/Mabel F
Sacristans	Sahlee B/Armando P
Safeguard the Children	Elizabeth C
Stewardship Committee	David Z
Ushers & Greeters	Darrell S
Wedding/Quinceanera Rehearsal Coordinator	Deb R
Worship Environment	Olivia A

FOR MINISTRY INQUIRIES, or to view our complete listing, please visit our website for contact information or call our Parish Office.

www.stbarnabaslb.org/ministries

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!

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](mailto: 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.



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



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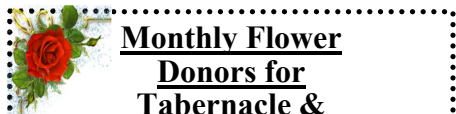
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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

12/12/21:	Not available due to early print deadline
Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	\$ 5,202.39 Period: 11/1 – 11/15

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



Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Alicia & Eduardo Udarbe
December 11-25

Charity & Ray Barnum
Dec. 25-Jan. 8

Altar Flowers Sponsor:

No Sponsor this week.

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



ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

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PRE-SCHOOL / DAYCARE

Main: (562) 988-8481

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

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Long Beach, CA 90807

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Confirmation Coordinator:
Emmanuel Magallanes
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/19-12/23: Simbang Gabi Advent Masses continued...
 12/20-1/3: School Winter Break
 12/24: 5pm Kids' Mass/9:30pm Caroling/10pm Mass
 12/25: 8am/9am/11am Masses
 12/25-1/2: Parish Office is closed for holiday break
 1/1: 9am Mass only

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 18 5:00pm	Thanksgiving for 50 Wedded Years: Lal & Gigi Laluan Birthday: Gilbert Topete
Sun., Dec. 19	
7:00am	All the Souls; Birthday: Bill Dobberpuhl Repose: +Anunciacion Fabon; +Nicanor & +Flora Capano
8:00am	Repose: +Cesar Ramos Jr.
9:00am	ALL PARISHIONERS
11:00am	14th Wedding Anniversary: Archer & Myrna Conant Special Intentions: Marie & Melanie Amon Healing: Camilo Velasco Repose: +Susana Elizes Ferrer
Mon., Dec. 20 (6:30pm)	Repose: +Luis Gabriel Figueiredo Repose: +Ramon San Andres
Tue., Dec. 21	Death Anniversary: +Zenaida Macadaan; John Everett Medina (1 year)
Wed., Dec. 22	OLPH Devotees; Repose: +Ellen Wong-Gomez
Thur., Dec. 23 (6:30pm)	Birthdays: Sam Christi; Manny Magallanes; Erwynn Umali; Christine Long Repose: +Hector M. Gonzalez; +Betty Lowther Death Anniversary: +Mary Andes (1 year) Repose: +Maria Paraiso
Fri., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve! 5:00pm 10:00pm	NO MASS INTENTIONS
Sat., Dec. 25 Christmas! 8:00am 9:00am 11:00am	NO MASS INTENTIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!!



Note: Some names will not be reflected above, due to early bulletin print deadlines.

*Book your Mass Intentions via Website, E-mail or by phone. (+ indicates deceased)
 Send requests at least 2 weeks in advance, to be listed in the Bulletin.*

PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED

Megan Song
 Mauricio Centeno
 Leonila A. Bidua
 Luz M. G. Rivas
 Antonio Z. Vargas
 Jonathan Clementir
 Robert Ellis
 Fortunato Durban



Lavonne Krus
 Raymond Castro
 Cely Ledesma
 Colleen Lilian Ogg
 John Junk
 Art Quinto
 Fe Dela Cruz
 Lourdes Montuya

TODAY'S READINGS: YR C / 794

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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 Batovsky, Alvino Jauregui, Gerry Johnston, Frank M. Jim Smith, Jessie Siegert, Michelle Sibala, Sonia Sibala, Eric McDonald, Helen Strong, Richard Bourque, Shereese Clark, Leda Wong, B. Berling, 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 Chiuazzzi, Cesar Cudal, Violet Fimalino, Maria Sanchez, Erwin Castillo, Earl Leiran, Cecilia Van Vooren, Chito Aguinaldo, Merlo Estrada, Steve Ferrer, Richard Geronimo, Luningning Hobbs, Scott Polson, Josephine Hong, Chean & Harper Hong, Joseph Delos Reyes, Samuel Chavez, Ildefonso Reyes, William & Gloria Dorsey, Carl Valentini, Mercy Damacion, Ching Dalog, Eddie Reyes, Nena Paraiso, Johnny Rimas, Antonio Montuya, Rogy Soriano, Alexander Sabunas, MaryAnn Salas, Terri Furlow, Victor Perez Jr., Julian Ashley Johnson

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

L.A. County Health Dept. protocols will be in effect, so please continue to wear your masks and social distancing. Thanks for your cooperation!

WE NEED USHERS!!!

Would you like to help usher during Mass? If you would like to join our Ushers Ministry, please contact **Ministry Leader: Darrell at 562-243-1378 or e-mail directly to: dstew40@gmail.com**

We are refraining from passing the baskets around, rather we will be using a bag with an extended pole for safety. You can choose and help at the Mass that you regularly attend!

LOOKING FOR SINGERS & MUSICIANS

Would you like to use your talent by blessing us with your beautiful voice as a Cantor, or do you play Piano or Guitar??? **We are in great need of Singers and Musicians** to join our Music Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office: 562-424-8595 or E-Mail: church@stbarnabaslb.org

MISSALETTES FOR SALE!

New missalettes are for sale for the upcoming year! This special edition covers all 3 cycles and is hardbound, therefore, it does not need to be changed out every year. Cost is: **\$25/each**. Stop by the Parish Office to purchase, or after the Sunday Masses outside in the parking lot!

THE LITTLE "BLUE" BOOK

This 6-minute daily reflection guide is available for purchase for **\$2/each**. This will help your journey throughout this Advent Season. This will also be sold after all the Sunday Masses, or stop by the Parish Office to purchase.



CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding Anniversaries for the Month:

Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (35yrs)
Rene & Cita Bago 12/17 (43yrs)
Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (50yrs)
Archer & Myrna 12/19 (14yrs)
Virgil & Josette Sangria 12/27 (40yrs)
Jesse & Erika Moreno 12/28 (25yrs)



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



12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

- NO 7:00am Mass
- 5:00pm Children's Mass & Dramatization Play
- 9:30pm: Singing/Caroling
- 10:00pm "AKA: Midnight Mass"

12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

- NO 7:00am Mass
- 8:00am Mass (outdoor)
- 9:00am Mass (indoor & outdoor)
- 11:00am Mass (indoor)

1/1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

- NO 7:00am Mass
- 9:00am Mass only



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed "comites Christi," Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as "Prince of Peace," while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's "comfort and joy." Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that "shall reach to the ends of the earth." Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the "offering of the body of Jesus Christ" saves us all.

In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the "Hail Mary": "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Why Mary is so "blessed" Elizabeth then explains: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Likewise, we may dare hope to be "blessed" for "believing that what was spoken" to us "by the Lord"—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—"in haste"—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed for a well-deserved Holiday Break!!!

**Saturday, December 25th
Through
Sunday, January 2nd**

Have a blessed & safe holiday season!!!

We will resume on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

JUBILEE YEAR—250 YEARS**Step into Christ, Step Out to Mission****What is a Holy Door?**

A Holy Door represents Jesus Christ, who states: "I am the door" (John 10:1). Christ is the entry to new life. To cross the threshold of the Holy Door is to step into Christ, and to pass through the doors of the Church into the world is to step into mission. The Lord we encounter in the Church, above all in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, sends us forth from there to be missionaries of the Gospel.

What is a Plenary Indulgence?

To extend the graces of the "Forward in Mission" Jubilee Year, Archbishop Gomez has designated 22 churches as pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Throughout the Jubilee, a plenary indulgence in the usual form of the Church, will be granted to all who have confessed their sins, received Holy Communion, and visit a pilgrimage site to spend some time there at least to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be with the intention of uniting themselves with the missionary spirit of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, and St. Junipero Serra, founder of Mission San Gabriel.

St. Anthony's Church is our local pilgrimage site. more details coming soon.

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



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**

O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted.

— Psalm 80:15-16

**A Jubilee Year
celebrating 250 years**
of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel and
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**MISSIONARY PRACTICES
2X2**

**RAISING UP A
NEW GENERATION OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

When Jesus first sends his disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God in word and deed, he sends them two by two (Mark 6:7). To raise up a new generation of missionary disciples, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles encourages three simple missionary practices 2x2: Gospel reflection, prayer, and acts of charity.

Engaging in these missionary practices will form our hearts for mission and increase confidence in proclaiming the Gospel.

GOSPEL REFLECTION 2X2
Missionaries Share the Word of God

As missionary disciples we are called to share the Word of God with others. Reflecting together on the life and words of Jesus in the Gospels awakens faith and helps us share Him with others. You can use this process to connect your story with the story of Jesus:

- **Pray** a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
- **Read** the passage slowly. As you listen, ask in silence, "Lord, what are you saying to me in this passage?"
- **Listen** for a word or phrase that calls your attention or touches your heart.
- **Share** a brief story or experience of how the word or phrase connects to your life at this moment.
- **Ask** in silence, "Lord, what are you asking me to do?" Share what Jesus is inviting you to do.

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT FORWARDINMISSION.COM**

WE NEED POINSETTIAS!!!

If you would like to donate poinsettia plants (in honor of a loved one) to help make our Church more festive, please drop them off underneath our white outdoor tent. Call the Parish Office or leave the name of your loved one on it, for a FREE Mass Intention!

(Date will be booked accordingly,
to fill up blank slots that
need to be filled.)

Thanks for your
generosity!
Accepting all sizes!



Dear Padre

December 19, 2021

I just learned there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference?

One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details—but at their hearts, the teaching is the same. In both, Mary is a virgin betrothed to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem.

In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke.

The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country. They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ.

The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts and allow God's grace to deepen your faith.

Fr. John Murray, CSsR

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R.C.I.A. CANDIDATES

The Rite of Acceptance for our RCIA Candidates took place on Sunday, Dec. 5th. Let us continue to pray for them during their faith journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. Let us also pray for our RCIA Coordinators, Andrea and Susana, for their continued spiritual guidance.



(Top row from left to right: Alexis Valenzuela, James Vazquez, Gerardo Nunez and Taylor Peck. Bottom row from left to right: Jessica Gonzalez, Katherine Rojas, Bianca Valenzuela and Rachelle Tacsuan.)

DEVOTION OF THE MONTH

MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the infallibly defined dogma of the Catholic Church that "God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was conceived immaculate. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception" (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church). Chosen by God to be the Mother of the Savior and the "New Eve," Mary Immaculate is a type of the Church and the perfect model of holiness for all Christians. Mary under this title is the patroness of the United States of America, and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation, which is celebrated on December 8th.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

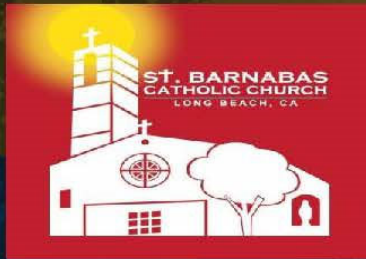
Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

NEED PART-TIME CAREGIVER

PARISHIONER IN NEED

Long time Parishioner is seeking a caregiver two evenings a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9pm to 6am. Please contact Sam at 562-521-4040 if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. Thanks for your help and consideration.





Come Join Us!

2021

December 15 – 23, 2021

Simbang Gabi

Pinagpala upang Ipamahagi
ang Liwanag ni Kristo

Gifted to Share
the Light of Christ

All are invited to join as a spiritual offering in preparation for
celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus!

Nine Day Simbang Gabi Advent Mass Schedule

1 st Day – Wed. Dec. 15 6:30 PM	5 th Day – Sun. Dec. 19 6:30 PM
2 nd Day – Thurs. Dec. 16 6:30 PM	6 th Day – Mon. Dec. 20 6:30 PM
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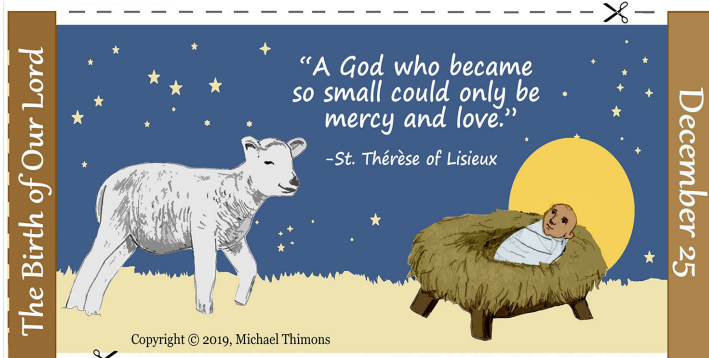
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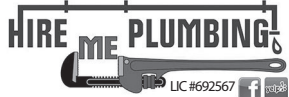
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