



# ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Who is  
my  
neighbor?



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## Good News!

July 14, 2019  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

“And who is my neighbor?” This question from Luke 10:29 posed to Jesus prompts one of the most famous stories ever told. A neighbor is one I love as myself. A priest walked by the beaten and abused man. Even though he was someone dedicated to God and his worship, the priest didn’t have time to become his neighbor. Perhaps he didn’t want to risk ritual impurity by dealing with the bloodied body of an unknown man. Whatever his reasons, he felt he had more important commitments than helping the poor.

A Levite, a member of the tribe in charge of the temple, wasn’t his neighbor, either. He also found reasons to justify leaving this man to bleed to death along the road. Perhaps he thought someone else would stop and help. It’s easy to abdicate our responsibility.

Then a Samaritan, one disdained by the Jews, happened by. He stopped to help, lifted him up, carried him to safety, and paid from his own pocket for future care; he became totally involved. In an obvious sense, Jesus is telling us to be good Samaritans—that is, to be compassionate and generous to neighbors in need—not just people like us, but to aliens and strangers.

But on another level, perhaps we represent the wounded person by the roadside, in need of healing and restoration from sin. Like the Samaritan, Jesus was scorned by many. But it is Christ himself who wants to pick us up, bind our wounds, and pay for our care. And he pays this debt, of course, on the cross. Are we willing to admit that we need healing from a “Samaritan” like Jesus?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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**CONFESSIONS:**

1st Friday of the Month

7:15am—7:50am

Saturday

3:30pm—4:30pm

**INFANT BAPTISMS:**

4th Sunday of the Month:

2:30pm (must pre-register)

Email: baptism@stbarnabaslb.org

**WEDDINGS:** (6 Months Prior)

Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

(Call Parish Office)

**MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 8:00am | 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:45am

12:30pm | 5:30pm

Monday—Friday 8:00am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

(1st Friday of the Month)

Adoration: 8:30am—6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**

Every Wednesday (Novena after Mass)

Rosary: 6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

**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.”

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**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Weekly Contribution:	<b>6/30 \$10,894.23</b> <b>7/7 \$8,947.25</b>
Faith-Direct Bi-Weekly Contribution:	<b>\$ 4,195.41</b> Period: 6/1- 6/15

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR:**

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Renato F. Santos"*

**Monthly Flower Donors for  
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Pete & Charito Salas & Family  
July 13- July 27

**DAILY DEVOTIONS**

Please join us in reciting the **Rosary** every morning (Mon-Sat) at 7:35am before daily Mass. It's a beautiful and spiritual way to start your day. Every day following weekday Mass, we invite you to join us for the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**. Prayers usually start approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass (around 8:40am). If you can't join us, you can join the Divine Mercy on EWTN television channel at noon.

**ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 7/18 Parish Fest Mtg w/Ministry Leaders 6pm/PC
- 7/19 Fil-Am Hawaiian Night 6:30pm/Hall
- 7/20-21 National Needs Special Collection
- 7/20 KofC Rummage Sale 8am-3pm/Parking Lot
- 7/27 KofC Rummage Sale 8am-3pm/Parking Lot
- 8/4 Fil-Am Family Picnic 12pm/Mayfair Park

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 15th**

**8:00 am-** Charity Barnum; +Gloria Ray

**Tuesday, July 16th**

**8:00 am-** +Jose & +Amelia Magpayo

**Wednesday, July 17th**

**8:00 am-** Angelina Yumang; +Jeff Gance & +Glendale Magpantay Gance

**6:30 pm-** +Melchor Realino; +Garnet Schwartz; +Mary Francisco

**Thursday, July 18th**

**8:00 am-** +Roland Mapua; +Lorne Dumo

**Friday, July 19th**

**8:00 am-** St. Barnabas Parishioners

**Saturday, July 20th**

**8:00 am-** Dan Paraiso; +Andres Aguinaldo Jr.

**5:00 pm-** +Jeff Gance & +Glendale Magpantay Gance; +Rodolfo & +Luz Sacro

**Sunday, July 21st**

**7:30 am-** Maria Conlisk

**9:00 am-** +Simprosa Samera; +Ponciano Samera; +Clara Vega

**10:45 am-** In Honor of St. Charbel; +Rosita Edles Paderogo; +Elmer Layaoen

**12:30 pm-** Parish Office Staff

**5:30 pm-** Sina Lucero

*Book your Mass Intentions at the Parish Office. (+ indicates deceased)*

**SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bonaventure

Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Saturday: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin Mary

**PRAY & REMEMBER WHO HAVE DIED**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Shellie Bonner 6/15   | Crispina R. Lozano 6/30 |
| Leo Donahue 6/21      | Clara Vega 6/30         |
| Mercedes Tudisco 6/25 | Gloria Ray 7/7          |
| Lorne Dumo 6/26       |                         |

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalms** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING...**

Steve McKim, Ray Paraiso, Ken Augustine, Steven Pearson, Barbara Hendren, Serena Cabuhad, Gavin Octaviano, Barbara Adame, Florencio "Junn" Gabrillo Jr., Carolyn Espinoza, Gerry Johnston, Roseann Vetter, Maria DeRefuge Manzo, Erlinda Chua, Anna Rachel Posas, Nicandro Bernardo, Myke Bommer, Elizabeth Cannata, James Madura, Rodolfo Alejandria, Ana Raquel Posas, Fr. Mike Grieco, Yvonne Lumampao, Andrea Baylen, Jackie Spiziri, Mara & Sovannary Doun, Blandina Paterson, William & Gloria Dorsey, Mike Repp, Jim & Connie Edwards, Mary Pearson, Keith Wieland, Carol Jane Perreault, Gloria Staudt, Chito Bacuyag, Orlydia Chua, Jude Johnson, Sister Miriam, Leonard Loy, Hector Gustilo, Dolores Garibay, Vincent Muagututia, Nathaniel Capitulo, Ana Castillo, Fred & Laura Wong, Leda Wong, Cesar Giron, Mary Sabate, Peggy & Bob Breshears, Sonia Hanson, Len Tanguay, Mike Demuth, Julien Dolbec, Rachel Chavez, Khin Nwe, Lynda Mendola, Abby Jose, Camilo Velasco, Theresa Brunella, Paul Michael Ignacio, Tony Chiu, Gerald Weekes, Aiza Weekes, Mary Harie, Ginger Marshall, Rudy Espeleta, Nelson Sy, Jennifer Miller

Please pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which is presented at each Mass. Call the Office to be added to the Bulletin list. You may also write your own prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Book, that is available before each Saturday and Sunday Mass, located on a stand at the main entrance of the Church.

## PARISH NEWS & MORE

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to inform you that our Archdiocese of Los Angeles has appointed Reverend Father Bernard Santiago as an Associate Pastor to our parish. As you may know, Fr. Bernard Santiago was with us for a very brief period of time before he was assigned as an Associate Pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Reseda.



We are blessed that he is joining our Pastoral Team. He comes with the wealth of knowledge in Scripture and theology. And his pleasant personality is an added gift, not to mention that our parish office staff is so excited about this news, because Fr. Bernard prepares the best tea in the world!

I am certain that our parish will be enriched in various ways with his presence. Let us extend a warm welcome back to him!

In Christ,  
Pastor, Fr. Antony Gaspar

### IMPORTANT PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING

Attention ALL Ministry Leaders! Please attend an important meeting regarding our upcoming Parish Festival, on Thursday, July 18th at 6:00pm at the Parish Center/Fireside Room. Bring a representative if you cannot attend.

### FAITH DIRECT ONLINE E-GIVING

Put envelopes on a permanent summer vacation and make the switch to e-Giving through Faith Direct. You can start your summer vacation and still support St. Barnabas. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure! Call 1-866-507-8757 or visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or download the free Faith Direct App today! (use Parish Code: CA794)

God Bless You! —*St. Barnabas Parish Office*

### 2ND COLLECTION: NATIONAL NEEDS

There will be a *second collection next weekend (July 20-21, 2019)* for the National Needs Combined Collection. This appeal supports Black and Indian Missions, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC), and Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA). Special envelopes are in the pews and at all the exits, so please take one with you and return it next week. Thanks for your generosity.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

### NEW PARISHONERS:

Noah Llanda & Eula Dominguez and their families

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Ben & Annette Sy 7/2 (25yrs)  
Gene & Nena Bernardo 7/7 (30yrs)  
Roger & Tess Solis 7/22 (50yrs)



*Celebrating your Wedding Anniversary? Email us Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to: [church@stbarnabaslb.org](mailto:church@stbarnabaslb.org)*

## ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

### SUMMER BASKETBALL CLINIC FOR 1ST-5TH GRADERS

We are happy to offer a SBS Summer Basketball clinic! Saturday, August 17th at the SBS basketball courts.

- 9:00am for incoming 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls
- 10:30am for incoming 3rd, 4th and 5th grade boys and girls

Depending on number of participants, we may reduce to 1 session at 9am. Come learn the basic fundamentals of basketball. We will focus of the 4 main skills needed to play the game:

### SHOOTING - DRIBBLING - PASSING - FOOTWORK

We will also need parent participation to assist with the drills. Please contact Victor Chang at [vic.chang1@gmail.com](mailto:vic.chang1@gmail.com) or 714-814-1260 to sign up.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### A FEW COURTESY REMINDERS

New signs have been posted at all doors, prior to entering the Church. Please be mindful before entering our Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones, please dress modestly, NO chewing gum, NO food or candy, NO baseball caps, NO loitering and NO soliciting. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us take care of our house of worship.

*Thank you!*



Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 14, 2019

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the  
body, the church.

—Colossians 1:15, 18

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# ST. BARNABAS FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Invites you to its

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HAWAIIAN NIGHT



July 19, 2019 (Friday)  
6:30pm to 11:30pm

St. Barnabas Parish Hall  
3955 Orange Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90807

Music by: Sounds for Mission

Entertainment – Door Prizes – Dancing – Raffle Drawings  
Surprise Presentations

Attire: Hawaiian

Donation: \$25.00

Dinner served: 7–9pm

Children Age 13 & below: \$10.00

For additional information, please call Gigi R. Lalan at (562)225-3061,  
Helen Cajayon (562)290-2019 or Armando Pablo (562)631-6361

**SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY PICNIC & FUN DAY | SUNDAY– AUGUST 4, 2019 AT 12 NOON**

The Filipino-American Association would like to invite you to their Family Picnic and Fun Day at Mayfair Park. Please invite your family & friends! IT'S POTLUCK, SO PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!  
Location: 5720 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712 More details to follow...

# Dear Padre

July 14, 2019

**Scripture readings refer to the vessel holding the Precious Blood as a cup; the liturgy calls it a chalice. Why the change in the liturgy that now conflicts with Scripture?**

Translating *The Roman Missal* follows principles of *Liturgiam Authenticam*, a Vatican document requiring literal translations of the original languages to clearly and universally express the Church's faith.

Our liturgy uses languages differently in the prayers and Scripture readings. Latin is the source of most prayers in *The Missal*. Greek is the source of the New Testament used in the liturgy.

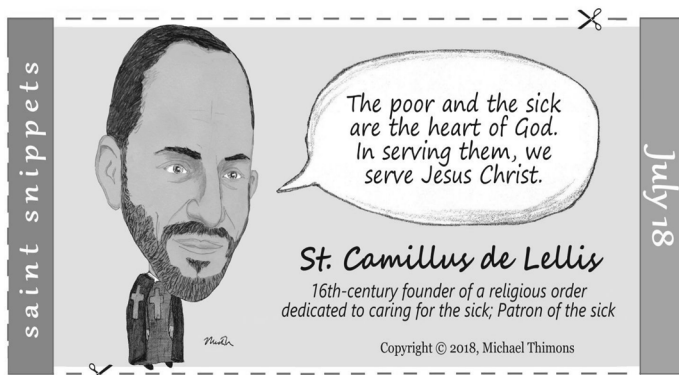
*The Missal* uses the Latin word *calix* for the vessel Jesus offers with his Precious Blood. Translators use the word *chalice*, meaning "a cup, goblet, or drinking vessel."

The Gospel and Pauline Eucharist accounts use the Greek word *poterion* for the vessel Jesus uses—literally, a cup. It is confusing; the priest consecrates the chalice and we proclaim the death of Christ "when we eat this bread and drink this cup."

The Church's desire to communicate faithful translations of languages gives us different words for the same thing. Pastors can use this as a teaching moment so that people are not confused but affirmed in their faith. Whatever we call it, a cup or chalice, it contains the greatest gift of unity we have, the Blood of Christ.

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR

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## SCRC

The 48th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day Weekend: **August 30-September 1, 2019** at the Anaheim Convention Center & Arena. This year's theme is: "Jesus, Hope of the World". Over 40 Catholic Speakers & 70 Presentations! Spiritually enriching for all ages! For brochure/info, contact: **(818) 771-1361** [spirit@scrc.org](mailto:spirit@scrc.org) Online Info. & Registration: [SCRC.org](http://SCRC.org)

## L.A. ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

I am grateful to the California Assembly Public Safety Committee members and staff for their thoughtful analysis and deliberation on Senate Bill 360, and I am thankful that the bill's author, Senator Jerry Hill, has decided not to continue pursuing its passage this year.

This outcome is good for the Catholic people of California and for believers of all faiths, not only in this state but across the country.

SB 360 was a dangerous piece of legislation. It was a threat to the sacrament of confession that would have denied the right to confidential confessions to priests and tens of thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries.

But SB 360 was more than that — it threatened the conscience of every American. If any legislature can force believers to reveal their innermost thoughts and feelings shared with God in confession, then truly there is no area of human life that is free or safe from government intrusion.

In these past few months, it has been inspiring to see so many awakening to this threat and coming together to speak out in defense of religious freedom.

Thanks to the faith and devotion of individual Catholics, parishes, and organizations, tens of thousands of letters, emails, and phone calls were made to lawmakers in Sacramento — including more than 140,000 letters and nearly 17,000 emails delivered from Catholics here in Los Angeles. This is a sign of the great faith and vitality of our Catholic community and the importance of confession to our religious identity and practice.

— *Archbishop Gomez*

## KNIGHTS KORNER

### KOFC RUMMAGE SALE!!!

Save the date for the Knights of Columbus Rummage sale on: **Sat. July 20th & 27th from 8am-3pm** at the basketball parking lot.

**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS THIS**

**RUMMAGE SALE** *SUNDAY, JULY 14TH AFTER ALL THE MASSES AT THE BASKETBALL COURTS.* Please NO TVs, NO electronics, NO large items/furniture, NO chemicals, paint or liquids of any kind. Contact **James Teahan at 562-221-3296** for pick-up of items or other questions.

### NEW OFFICERS

St. Barnabas Council #3449 is pleased to announce their Officers for the coming year. Chaplain: Father Antony; Trustees: Joe Ahle, Jun Tadique and Ray Barnum.

Grand Knight Julio Ramirez is pleased to announce that one of its members, Bob Kalowes, has been elected as Vice President of the Southern California Knights of Columbus.



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Please call to receive a registration form:

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### Women's Silent Retreat September 6-8, 2019

*Located in the beautiful and serene grounds of the*

**Sacred Heart Retreat House  
Alhambra**

Retreat Master  
Rev. Wafik Nasry, SJ



Theme  
*Come Holy Spirit*  
*"He will guide you to all truth" Jn 16:13*

Please make your check payable to:  
Sacred Heart Retreat House  
Please return reservation form and payment to:

Barbara Florida or Eva Talastas  
**Please post date check to: Aug. 15th**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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### GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.



God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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**Barnafest**  
**St. Barnabas Parish Festival**  
**LONG BEACH, CA**

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2019**

Music | Snacks | Raffles | Games  
 Beer & Wine Garden | International Food  
 Entertainment | Fellowship | Community

Interested in joining the Festival Team, being a volunteer, or donating an item for the silent auction?  
 Please call the parish office at: 562-424-8595, they will connect you with Jesse Moreno, this year's Festival Chair.

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"I know Jesus is always in the tabernacle, Pastor Al, but most of all I love knowing he's always in here."

**HOLY HUMOR**

After Sunday Mass, a parishioner stopped to talk with Deacon Steve. "Your homily reminded me of the Washington monument," he said. "It took a long time to get to the point!"

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An elderly brother with a reputation for being less than zealous reported to his hardworking superior, "I'd like to retire," the brother said. Incredulous, the superior inquired, "From what?"

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