



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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Sunday 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 8:00 AM
(VIGIL) 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
10:45 AM
12:30 PM
5:30 PM

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/MASS

Adoration 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
1st Friday of the month Mass 7:30 pm

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA/MASS

Wednesday Rosary 6:15 pm
(Novena after Mass) Mass 6:30 pm



I will raise up for David a just shoot.

-Jeremiah 33:15

THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king’s coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

SACRAMENTS

Confession

1st Friday of the month 7:15 am - 7:50 am

Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Infant Baptisms

4th Sunday of the month 2:30 pm
by prior registration

Marriages/Quinceañeras

Please contact Priest 6 months prior

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office

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The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

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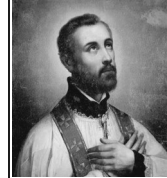
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FINANCIAL REPORT***Last Week's Church Collection:***

Due to early publication
deadline of this bulletin, the
financial report was not
available.

SAINT OF THE DAY**St. Francis Xavier
Feast Day: December 3**

Born in 1506 in Spain
he is renowned as the co-
founder of the Society
of Jesus along with his
study companion Saint
Ignatius of Loyola. He
was the first of seven

Jesuits to take vows of poverty and
chastity at Montmartre in Paris. He led
extensive and successful missions
bringing the Gospel to the peoples of
India and Japan. He died in 1522 and
was canonized by Pope Gregory XV in
1522.

Paragraph Source: <http://www.swide.com/saint-of-the-day/>

ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY

Please join us in reciting
the Rosary every morning
**(Monday through
Saturday) at 7:35 am**

before daily Mass. It is a beautiful and
spiritual way to start your day.



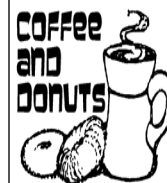
Divine Mercy

Every day following
weekday Mass, we invite
you to join us for the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**It starts about five
minutes after Mass
(around 8:35 am).** It can
be the best fifteen minutes
of the day. If you cannot join us,
perhaps you can join the Divine Mercy
on EWTN television channel at noon.

THE KIDS' BULLETIN

Take home some fun in God's
Word, grab a copy of "**The Kids'
Bulletin**" after each Mass!



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COFFEE & DONUTS
available after the
**7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
& 10:45 AM**
Masses at the
PARISH CENTER.
Come stop by!



Mark Your Calendar

- 11/29 First Sunday of Advent
- 11/30 Our Lady Queen of Peace Mtg 6p/Parish Center
- 12/4 1st Friday Adoration 8:30a-7p/Church; Mass 7:30p
- 12/5 Milk & Cookies with Santa 2-4p/Parish Hall
- 12/6 Filipino American Association Meeting 6:30pm
- 12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
- 12/15-12/23 Simbang Gabi (Advent Night Mass)
- 12/16 Senior Luncheon
- 12/18 Penance Service 7:30pm in the Church
- 12/24 Midnight Mass

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30th

8:00 am- Angelina Allicer

Tuesday, December 1st

8:00 am- Juan Allicer

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:00 am- Posidio Faeldon

6:30 pm- Michael Paraiso+, Carol Ann Chambers+
& Inocentes Lladoc+

Thursday, December 3rd

8:00 am- Allyson Sayuck+

Friday, December 4th

8:00 am- Tina & Leah Cruz

7:30 pm- Rachel Gianna Banting

Saturday, December 5th

8:00 am- Nida Allicer

5:00 pm- All Departed Souls in Memoriam Room+

Sunday, December 6th

7:30 am- Guillermo Zialcita

9:00 am- Intention of St. Barnabas Parishioners
& Edna Perez-Goot+

10:45 am- Thanksgiving Mass for Herrera Family

12:30 pm- Maria Andag

5:30 pm- Inday+ & Valdomero Magno+

**Book your Mass Intentions in person, at the Parish Office.*

Pray For The Sick

The following names have been recently added:

**Waldy Cruz, Rogelio Orayani, Francene Mary Hill,
Jose Ezpeleta, and Jean Reher**

All are encouraged to pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which will be presented at each Mass. Call the Office to be added to the 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 back of the Church.

We Remember...

We Pray for and remember our parishioners who have died.

- Virginia Negrete (11/4)
- Frances Graser-Hunley (11/17)
- Atonio Ioane (11/12)
- Abraham Joseph (11/16)

Today's Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God

(1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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Readings For The Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Andrew

Tuesday: World AIDS Day

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier

Friday: St. John of Damascus; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

Parish News

FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Please join us in our next meeting on **Sunday, December 6th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. **New members are welcome and encouraged to attend.** For more information, please call Dr. Gene R. Lowther at (562) 427-1386 or Peter Salas at (562) 852-1180.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

St. Barnabas School cordially invites you to a Senior Luncheon on **December 16th at 11am** in the Parish Hall. There will be delicious food, holiday music and raffle prizes. Christmas entertainment by Miss Dannette's Dance class and St. Barnabas students. RSVP by Friday, December 11 to Connie Dobberpuhl at (562-858-5452)



SIMBANG GABI

The St. Barnabas Filipino-American Association invites everyone to come, celebrate, and experience Simbang Gabi (Tagalog for: Advent Night Mass)

Here is the Nine-Day Simbang Gabi Advent Mass Schedule: **December 15th - 23rd, 2015**

- 1st Day, Tuesday. Dec. 15th: 6:30pm
- 2nd Day, Wednesday. Dec. 16th: 6:30pm
- 3rd Day, Thursday. Dec. 17th: 6:30pm
**Parish Hall*
- 4th Day, Friday. Dec. 18th: 6:30pm
- 5th Day, Saturday. Dec. 19th: 5:00pm
- 6th Day, Sunday. Dec. 20th: 5:30pm
- 7th Day, Monday. Dec. 21st: 6:30pm
- 8th Day, Tuesday. Dec. 22nd: 6:30pm
- 9th Day, Wednesday. Dec. 23rd: 6:30pm



Please come and invite your friends and family to join as a spiritual offering in preparation for celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus! All are welcome!

If you are interested in being a sponsor or for any questions, please contact: Charito Salas (562) 881-5542, Dr. Gene Lowther (562) 427-1386, Gigi Lalan (562) 427-4054 or Eva Talastas (562) 818-9541.

St. Barnabas Catholic Church
3955 Orange Avenue Long Beach, CA 90807

Come & Celebrate!

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Simbang Gabi

December 15 - 23, 2015

Jesus Our Savior, Empower Our Families to be Better Stewards of Your Creation.

Parish Ministries

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE MINISTRY



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, November 30th at 6pm** at the **Parish Center/Fireside Room (upstairs)**. This ministry is focused on providing spiritual, emotional, and life's skills support to women who face challenges in their life, due to various circumstances. New members are welcome to attend this new ministry! If you are interested in joining and becoming a team member, please contact the Parish Office with your name and number. Hope to see you there.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Do you have old laptops, computers and/or flat-screen monitors you are not using? The Knights of Columbus Council #3449 at St. Barnabas Church is spear-heading an effort to provide computers for children and families in our area that cannot afford them. We will arrange for pick-up, wipe out all data and clean them up before repurposing them. If you have any questions please contact Chairman Anthony Vitale at **(562) 423-7055** or email to: donatecomputerskofc3449@verizon.net.



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WELCOME HOME MINISTRY!

St. Barnabas has a new Welcome Home Ministry! We have all been blessed with a spiritual home at St. Barnabas. The Welcome Home Ministry's purpose is to promote a "Welcome" spirit in our common spiritual "Home" by encouraging interaction among parishioners, and by volunteering as Greeters at church entrances prior to Mass. Anyone interested in volunteering as a Greeter should email Co-Chairs:

Lisa Johnson at jjohnsonseven@aol.com or Karen Miller at kswalesmiller@msn.com.

First Friday Adoration

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, December 4, 2015 – 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Come join us for meditative prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament **every First Friday of the month**, starting after the 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm, followed by a Mass at 7:30 pm.

We invite our parishioners to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for an increase in vocations and your own personal intentions.



"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith... May our adoration never cease." – Saint John Paul II



St. Barnabas School News

HELP US KEEP ST. BARNABAS LITTER FREE!

Please look before you toss! There are signs on the bins indicating what should go in each bin. Please deposit trash, recyclables and plastic bottles/cans into the appropriate bins. All money raised from the collection of empty plastic bottles and cans will be used to support the St. Barnabas School recycling program. Thanks for being part of the solution!

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."

-Pope Francis



For more information on St. Barnabas School's upcoming events visit www.school.stbarnabaslb.org.

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan 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.

MILK & COOKIES WITH SANTA!

He's making a list, checking it twice...

Santa is coming to St. Barnabas!

**Saturday: December 5th, 2015
2:00pm-4:00pm
in the Parish Hall**

Bring your camera to take photos! Crafts and refreshments served. Please bring a package of cookies to share. All are welcome.



Congratulations To The Following:

NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Dakila & Winnie Lopez, Erlo & Anne Torres, Alvaro Briseno Ruiz, Rainer & Angeline Estrella, Elmer & Emerlina Banez, and their families

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

William & Gloria Dorsey 11/25 (50 years)

BAPTISMS:

Ariya Smith, Aria Demmon, Arabella Demmon, Natalia Gonzalez, and Madeline Tran

If you are celebrating your Wedding Anniversary, let us know so we can all celebrate with you! Please call the Parish Office at (562) 424-8595 or send an email to: stbarnabaschurch@verizon.net (a month before date) with Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date.

Did You Know?

WHO SHOULD REPORT CHILD ABUSE?

Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators and other staff members in our parishes and schools have been designated as mandated reporters under California law. When one of these persons receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate child protection or law enforcement agency. However, every adult has a moral responsibility to report suspected child abuse. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "How to Familiarize Yourself with Policies and Procedures on Reporting Abuse," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

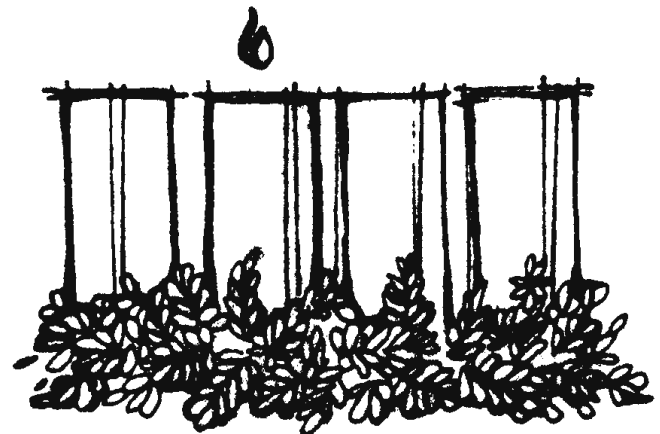
Planning and Building Projects



St. Barnabas Planning and Building Committee needs part time volunteers to assist in maintenance of the parish facilities. These activities occur during weekdays and some Saturdays. At present, we are looking for people who are handy with paint brushes and rollers to paint a garage door and an outside door on the Rectory. If you wish to volunteer your talents, please call the Parish Office at (562) 484-8535 with your contact info and we'll get back to you. Thank You!

Giving Trees

Cub Scout Pack #32 of St. Barnabas is again sponsoring the "Giving Trees". You will find trees located in the front and back of the church and in the Parish Center; please take one or several ornaments and return your wrapped gift to the church by Sunday, December 13. Please tape your ornament on the package. We thank you for your support of this wonderful St. Barnabas tradition.



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Treasures From Our Tradition

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called “penal” days, extending from 1691 to the “Catholic Emancipation” in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

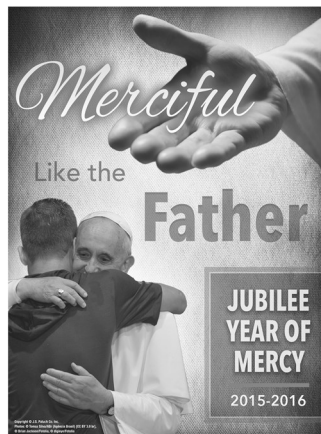
The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

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Jubilee Year of Mercy

Besides a new liturgical year, this Advent features an additional “beginning”—next week’s opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, a graced opportunity to contemplate more profoundly and live more concretely the mystery of God’s unconditional love. Pope Francis says that mercy, as the bridge connecting God and the human family, opens our hearts to welcome God’s love for us sinners and our eyes to recognize others, especially society’s least loved and most vulnerable, as brothers and sisters entrusted to our care. Today’s scriptures provide a perfect Jubilee preparation. Jeremiah comforts us with the promise of God’s justice; Paul challenges us to abound in love for all; Luke bids us anticipate Jesus’ future coming as the joyful advent of our redemption. But in a unique way, this Jubilee Year’s Advent reminds us that Jesus, whose coming we await, is already present among us, in those for whom we need to become instruments of God’s mercy.

—Peter Scagnelli,



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Good News!

November 29, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Jer 33:14–16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

We begin this Church year as we left the last one—with a description of the signs that will come before Christ appears. But where Mark warns of the coming judgment for the enemies of God, Luke, with great subtlety, shifts the nuance so that people will hear the hope of salvation. “Stand erect and raise your head,” he calls out. At the end of the Church year, we meditate on Christ’s coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. In the beginning, we remember the Incarnation: God’s emptying himself to become fully human and to come into the world. Both events are heralded by and will mean great change for us and for the world.

Change happens when God breaks into the world, regardless of the time. In account after account in the Bible, we watch as God visits people and changes their names (Abraham and Peter), their lives (Jeremiah, the apostles, the woman at the well), and heals their separation and brokenness (the blind man, the paralytic, and Lazarus). Also, sinners are punished (Dives and Jezebel) and landscapes are altered (Isaiah’s vision of valleys lifted up and mountains laid low). This saving action continues throughout history, especially within the Church and among the saints.

Advent is a time to remember that Christ came to change the world and each of us. Have we allowed ourselves to be changed? Are we willing to be shaped by the hand of God, called by a different name, and given a place in Christ’s mission? Let’s hope so because, ready or not, here he comes.

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Holy Humor

“I overheard some parishioners complaining about your homily on Sunday,” said the pastor to his new assistant priest. “They said it was really boring.”

“I’m sorry, Father,” the young priest responded with genuine remorse. “I had emergency calls at the hospital all day Saturday and didn’t have time to prepare, so I just borrowed one of your old ones from the parish website.”

OH, BROTHER! Belly Laughs for Good-Humored Catholics by Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST published by ACTA Publications

