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### **BAPTISMS:**

**4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm by prior  
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2015

God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved  
through him.

— *John 3:17*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

**Psalms** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or Psalm 23.*

**Second Reading** — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or Ephesians 5:8-14.*

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) *or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a *or Lk 2:41-51a*

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny

**Tuesday:** St. Patrick

**Wednesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Thursday:** St. Joseph

**Friday:** Abstinence; Spring begins

### FR. ANTONY'S WELCOME PARTY

The Knights of Columbus is coordinating a Welcome Party for Fr. Antony Gaspar on **Saturday, March 21st** after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Parish Hall.

Please stop by at the booth in the parking lot to sign up. Donations accepted.

For further information, please contact Waldy Cruz (Grand Knight) at (562) 682-0768.

### WEDNESDAY DEVOTION



This **Wednesday, March 18th** we will have a Mass at our devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help starting at **6:30 pm.**

**If you have an announcement that you want in the bulletin for March 29th it needs to be submitted to the Church Office by Monday, March 16th. Thank You.**



**DAILY MASSES DURING LENT:** (Monday through Saturday) will be at 8:00 am  
(Friday) will be at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be on Friday's at 6:30 pm.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN DINNERS:** The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the Annual Lenten Fish Dinners which will be every Friday during Lent until March 27th **from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Adults: \$9.00, Seniors: \$8.00, and children under 12 \$6.00. Menu will include: Baked Fish, Fried Cod and Shrimp, French Fries, Pancit, rolls, etc. Desserts will be offered for an additional price. Proceeds will help support many Knights of Columbus projects including supporting St. Barnabas Church, Parish School, and Religious Education. All are welcome.



**FISH FRY**

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For further information, contact **Waldy Cruz, Fish Fry Chairman** at (562) 682-0768.



We are in need of pairs of parishioners who would like to participate in the sacred tradition of washing each other's feet during Holy Thursday Mass. **Can you help?** This can be any combination within a pair: friends, siblings, spouses, parent, children, etc. We **need 12 pairs of "apostle" volunteers.** Mass is on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:30 pm. All volunteers are asked to be there about 30 minutes prior to mass for instruction, so 7:00 pm show-up time please.

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Smithson at (310) 344-7862 or Chris Smithson at (562) 243-6896.

**"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)**

**SEE'S CANDIES**  
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**Need to fill an Easter Basket or  
need a hostess gift?**

We will be selling See's Candy while the supplies last in the Church parking lot on **Sunday, March 22nd and 29th** to take home that day.

This fundraising project will support the many Ministries of the St. Barnabas Religious Education Program.

**NOVENA TO THE PATRON SAINT PEDRO CALUNGSOD**

We are asking for volunteers who have a devotion to the Patron Saint Pedro Calungsod to participate in this Novena. It starts on Friday, March 20th after the 8:00 am Mass. If you would like to take part in this Novena and have the statue in your home, please call Deacon Carlito at (562) 423-4140.



## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

We will have a Communal Penance Service on **Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm** in the Church. There will be many priests available to hear your confession.

## GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

## NEW MINISTRY BULLETIN TEAM

Wanted: Looking for members to join our new bulletin team to revitalize the weekly church bulletin. We are looking for editors and writers with computer skills.

Please call or email Joyce Kaiser at **(562) 988-6855** or [sbjoyce@yahoo.com](mailto:sbjoyce@yahoo.com).

## ST. BARNABAS LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT 2015

Our 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Youth are sponsoring a Lenten Service Project for our parish community. They are putting together Easter Food Baskets for Catholic Charities in Long Beach and "Sock Kits" for the people on Skid Row through the Catholic Worker Organization. We are calling on the community of St. Barnabas, to open your hearts and wallets to help provide many of the items needed. **Below is a list of items that are most needed by these charitable organizations.** Please bring what you can to church before and after all the Masses. There will be **plastic bins** marked "**Lenten Service Project**" around the church for your donations. Make your family Almsgiving - Lenten Project for this Lenten Season. Remember to keep these needy families and people in your prayers. The confirmation youth will collect and sort the items and assemble them with notes of encouragement on Sunday, March 29th in the Parish Hall from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. We are putting "Discipleship into Practice"! Any questions call: **(562) 988-6855**.

### For the Food Baskets – items needed are:

Bisquick  
Flour  
Sugar  
Bags of Rice  
Boxes of Cereal  
Powdered Milk  
Soups  
Canned Food - Vegetables & Fruits



**For the "Sock Kits"** - These "Socks" are handed to the people on Skid Row filled with the following items and portable showers are made available.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, March 16th	8:00 am	Francisco Rodrigues +
Tuesday, March 17th	8:00 am	Mary Shea +
Wednesday, March 18th	8:00 am	Nokaleta Cardriche +
Thursday, March 19th	8:00 am	Romulo Abrogar +
Friday, March 20th	8:00 am	Francisco Noronha +
Saturday, March 21st	8:00 am	Gregorio Manubay, Sr. +
	5:00 pm	Intention of the Estrellado Family
Sunday, March 22nd	7:30 am	Jacob Ameho +
	9:00 am	Intention of St. Barnabas Parishioners
	10:30 am	Gabriel & Eleuteria Suarez +
	12 noon	Daisy Wilson +



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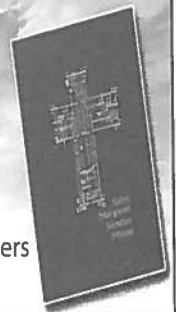
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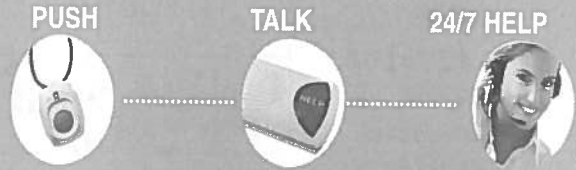
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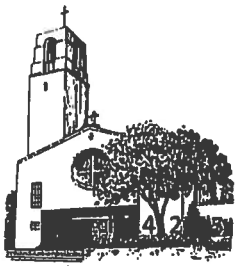
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## ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that you are experiencing a fruitful Lenten journey. In the spirit of Lent, I write to you to discuss a difficult topic—parish finances—in order to enlist your support of our St. Barnabas faith community.

Over the past several years, St. Barnabas Parish has accumulated a debt that will soon reach \$700,000. Despite a thorough review of parish expenses, an overhaul of accounting practices, and serious efforts to cut expenses, St. Barnabas Parish continues to run a weekly deficit of between \$2000 and \$3000. However, I am confident that together we can solve this problem. To put it plainly, if every family at St. Barnabas gave \$5 more each week, our weekly deficit would be gone and we could begin to pay down the debt.

Many of you are familiar with rumors that our parish has accumulated approximately \$1.2 million in debt. The \$1.2 million amount also includes approximately \$500,000 in debt accumulated by St. Barnabas School—much of which was incurred as the result of a \$260,000 embezzlement from the school by a former school secretary. That individual was convicted of felony grand theft, and is currently making restitution. Since the embezzlement was discovered, and the integrity of accounting practices restored, St. Barnabas School has operated without a loss.

From the history of our parish financial practices, and from the comments I received since I assumed my office, we could possibly infer that a history of lack of transparency with parish finances, financial mismanagement, the economic downturn, and scandals in the larger Church have gradually contributed to the parish debt. But I can assure you that Parish Lay Leaders, Fr. George Reynolds, and I, are strongly committed to complete transparency and absolute accountability.

In the past year and a half, your priests, deacons, parish staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and lay ministers, have worked diligently to completely overhaul how money is collected, counted and accounted for in the parish. You can be absolutely certain that every dollar that you place in a collection envelope and collection baskets is used for the benefit of St. Barnabas parish. Weekly collections have been reported every week in the parish bulletin for a long time, but a periodic report of all expenses has been neglected—that will change. Enclosed with this letter is an Income and Expense Report for the first half of this fiscal year.

At each of the Masses next weekend (March 21 and 22), Finance Council members will briefly discuss how we arrived here, and where we are headed. On Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7 p.m., we invite you for a meeting in the Parish Hall where Finance Council members and I will be available to answer your questions. Transparency will remain the standard at St. Barnabas from this point forward. I ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support of our parish community in order to address this urgent and ongoing need.

Certainly, we have great plans for enriching various pastoral ministries offered at St. Barnabas, but those ministries needed to be supported by solid finances as well. With your help, St. Barnabas will again be transformed. Let us live in the Hope of Easter. St. Barnabas, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Anthony Gaspar  
Parish Administrator Pro Tem

## St. Barnabas Church – Normalized Financial Statements

Income / Expense Report (Normalized)	Normalized Jul - Dec 14	Normalized Monthly Ave.	Normalized Weekly Ave.
<b>Income</b>			
I. · ORDINARY INCOME - UNRESTRICTED			
Total A. · COLLECTIONS	291,366.52	48,561.09	11,206.40
Total B. · DONATIONS-SACRAMENTS/SERVICES	11,182.90	1,863.82	430.11
Total C. · INTEREST/INVESTMENT INCOME	751.97	125.33	28.92
Total E. · OTHER INCOME	14,400.00	2,400.00	553.85
<b>Total I. · ORDINARY INCOME - UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>317,701.39</b>	<b>52,950.23</b>	<b>12,219.28</b>
Total II. · OTHER INCOME - RESTRICTED	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>317,701.39</b>	<b>52,950.23</b>	<b>12,219.28</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
III. · ORDINARY EXPENSES			
Total H. · SALARIES & BENEFITS	187,354.42	31,225.74	7,205.94
Total J. · OPERATING EXPENSES	151,165.42	25,194.24	5,814.05
<b>Total III. · ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	<b>338,519.84</b>	<b>56,419.97</b>	<b>13,019.99</b>
IV. · OTHER EXPENSES			
Total K. · OTHER EXP.	28,313.44	4,718.91	1,088.98
<b>Total IV. · OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,313.44</b>	<b>4,718.91</b>	<b>1,088.98</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>366,833.28</b>	<b>61,138.88</b>	<b>14,108.97</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>-49,131.89</b>	<b>-8,188.65</b>	<b>-1,889.69</b>

Balance Sheet (Normalized)	Normalized Dec 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Total Current Assets <sup>1)</sup>	156,051.36
Total Fixed Assets	207,014.67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>363,066.03</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	3,852.42
Long Term Liabilities	
ARCHDIOCESE ACCUMULATED ASSESSMENT	681,049.88
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>681,049.88</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>684,902.30</b>
Equity	
307010 · PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE	359,213.61
ARCHDIOCESE LIABILITY ADJUSTMENT	-681,049.88
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>-321,836.27</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>363,066.03</b>

1.) Current assets includes restricted income related cash