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More than Just Bread & Butter in El Segundo

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The restaurant scene has been quiet in El Segundo for the past few months. There haven't been any busy tables or bustling sidewalks with sprawling nightlife, but lately, residents have been leaving their quarantines and enjoying meals in public places. And if eating in public isn't available, one place, in particular, serves a variety of dishes that offers customers a sense of normalcy—Bread & Butter.

Located on 630 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Bread & Butter features a mostly American-style cuisine that spans across a few different cultures. You can order tasty tacos and their

spot that Marco and his wife started, serving classic hamburgers on their menu for the town to enjoy. However, once In-N-Out Burger moved in, they had to adapt their menu to provide a unique experience for their customers. To make matters even more challenging, El Pollo Loco, Carl's Jr., and even a Chinese takeout restaurant surround them in the plaza.

Over the years, the competition has been tough, but Marco has been able to thrive. "We have loyal customers here in El Segundo, and I wanted to focus more on breakfast items so that change made it even better for us since we provide what customers are looking for daily.



"World Famous" classic burrito, but aside from Mexican favorites, seafood dishes, and Italian pastas, B&B is best known for their breakfast and brunch items.

Dubbed as their "Breakfast Delights," B&B is a local favorite with a full breakfast menu and bakery. For a simple meal to start your day, the "Sunrise Breakfast" includes two eggs any style, your choice of ham, bacon or sausage links, and two pancakes topped with fresh fruit and powdered sugar. If pancakes aren't your thing, you can order fluffy french toast instead, with two eggs and a protein choice—and all of these items range anywhere from \$11 to \$14.

Run by Marco and Sophia Awada, B&B is a family-owned restaurant that's been serving El Segundo for more than 30 years. "We do things the old-fashioned way," says Marco. "Our pancakes are always fresh. We use fresh veggies for breakfast, french toast made from scratch—pretty much anything we can do to better the community and offer them something delicious and consistent."

And B&B is no stranger to overcoming changes in the community, let alone the world as a whole. In fact, before becoming Bread & Butter, the restaurant was originally a burger

We get terrific crowds on the weekends, too. "Even amid COVID-19, Marco has been able to formulate a plan that has kept their doors open throughout the pandemic, while taking safety precautions to protect the community. "We do patio service now for sit-down guests, and we partner with third-party delivery platforms to serve customers anywhere we can."

B&B partners with GrubHub, Uber Eats, Door Dash, and Postmates to make their menu accessible for anyone nearby. Plus, they've also changed their hours to accommodate customers and keep employees on staff. "We never closed during the pandemic," says Marco. "Rather than sending a message to El Segundo that we couldn't adapt, we wanted to make a point that we are doing everything we can to strengthen the town and support the community with good, reliable, quality food. So now, Monday through Saturday, we're open from 7 AM to 3 PM. And on Sunday, we're open from 8 AM to 2 PM."

The restaurant is somewhat hidden from view on Sepulveda since it's tucked inside a crowded plaza next to the El Pollo Loco and In-N-Out Burger at the intersection of Sepulveda and Mariposa Ave. Driving by in search of B&B

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may wind up with you making a few U-turns, but if you take Mariposa down to Sepulveda and cross the street into the next entrance of the plaza, you should have no problem finding the location. "Of course, we hope things go back to normal, but regardless of what happens, we're going to be here for many years to come," Marco says proudly. "We live in El Segundo. All four of my kids grew up here and went to school here. We have a responsibility

to serve the public, and we appreciate everyone for the support during COVID-19—we're here for you always."

To check out B&B's menu, you can visit <http://www.breadbutterla.com/>, or you can give them a call at (310) 640-2274 to place an order. Marco and his wife, Sophia, also own Petit Cafe next to Bread & Butter. So be sure to also check out their menu for some tasty Mediterranean cuisine (petitcafela.com) •



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