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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 28, 2020

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Bridget's Church & Rectory
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Immaculate Conception Church
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To make arrangements, please contact the parish office.

Websites

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www.facebook.com/groups/StBernadetteParish

St. Bernadette's Parish
www.stbernadettesparish.com/wp

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Mass Schedule

Weekend
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (B)

Weekday

Tuesday (R), Wednesday (B), Friday (B)
at 8:00 a.m.; Thursday (R) with Adoration & Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at steve.petrica@gmail.com so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)
Confession by appointment anytime.
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Key: (B) Barneveld • (R) Ridgeway



FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

Revisions to Weekly Mass Schedule

As with churches everywhere, our common worship life at St. Bernadette Parish has been severely disrupted over the past few months by the worldwide coronavirus crisis. Now, thankfully, we beginning to inch back to normalcy. This has given me the opportunity to think through our public worship schedule, and I have a few changes in mind.

The first is to switch the Tuesday and Thursday Mass schedule at St. Bridget's. We have been celebrating our Tuesday Mass at 4:00 p.m. since before I arrived, and following it with the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. But *Thursday* is the day more often associated with the Holy Eucharist in Christian history — recall that the Eucharist was instituted on Holy Thursday and that the feast of Corpus Christi is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. And one of the very few liturgies specifically directed to be celebrated in the evening is that of Holy Thursday. So beginning this week, the Tuesday Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. and the Thursday Mass at 4:00 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

The second change affects our Saturday evening-Sunday morning schedule. Starting July 4 we will offer Mass at St. Bridget's at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday at Immaculate Conception. Our parishioners will therefore have a choice between a Saturday evening "vigil" Mass or a customary Sunday morning Mass. And it will allow me the opportunity that we currently don't have to schedule programming after Mass on Sunday — study groups, video programming, social events, adult education, and so on. As it is, I have to celebrate the early Mass Sundays with one eye on the clock in order to have time to greet the congregation, straighten up, and get to Ridgeway in time for the later Mass.

I recognize that this change may cause a disruption to the church-going habits of a certain number of people, and for that reason it's not a change that I make lightly. I've given it a great deal of thought over the past five years, and particularly over the past few months, and I've concluded that the potential benefits are greater than the undoubted cost. Despite the pain this may cause, I hope the new schedule will ultimately enhance our parish life.

One other change that I'm considering — but haven't decided on yet — is to begin offering Mass *every* Saturday morning, not just the first and third as we do at present.

New Bible Versions in the Rectory

You could be forgiven for considering me a bible-thumper. I *do* talk about it a lot; it's kinda what I get paid to do! The two fixed poles in my bible universe are the New American Bible (the NAB, which I don't really like very much, but which is the quasi-official bible of the Catholic Church in our country, since the USCCB owns the copyright) and the Revised Standard Version (specifically the second Catholic Edition of the RSV—the RSV-2CE—which is the maroon leather book I often read from as I preach). Over the past year, four new bibles have earned a place at my desk. (You can find all four on amazon.com.)

Most recent is Catholic Edition of **English Standard Version** (the ESV-CE). It is based on the old RSV, but with the language brought up to date. Even more important, it incorporates new insights into the original texts arising from the Dead Sea Scrolls and other archeological manuscript discoveries. This could become a favorite of mine.

Next is the most recent edition of the Jerusalem Bible, first published in 1966, with the *New JB* appearing in 1985. Now comes the **Revised New Jerusalem Bible** (RNJB). The JB with its successors represents a completely original translation, that is, it wasn't based on an existing version. Consequently it provides a fresh—sometimes even startling—slant on familiar passages. I like to keep it close at hand for precisely that reason.

A real find was the **Jewish Annotated New Testament**, Second Edition. It is exactly what the title suggests: The New Testament, with notes and commentary by Jewish scholars, drawing out the Jewish roots and parallels of the Christian scriptures. As such, it really helps illuminate the thought-world of Jesus and the apostles.

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On the Cover

Four-year-old Isabella Houle displays *Elisha is Shown Hospitality*, a craft project suggested by her mother Grace, who blogs at pouredouthislove.com. Reprinted with the permission of Grace Houle.

Today's first reading, from the Old Testament book of II Kings, describes how a wealthy woman and her husband prepared a guest room for the prophet Elisha, with "a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp," so that whenever he visited their town of Shunem he'd have a place to stay. Jesus may have had the Shunammite couple in mind when he said in today's gospel reading that whoever "receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward."

Key Events on the Bible Timeline #66a
Saul's Conversion (A.D. 33/34): Acts 9:1-31

The earliest Christians were mostly Jews, but that soon changed, and it didn't take long until the Church was mostly Gentile, as it remains to this day. St. Paul — who began life with the name of Saul — was the person most directly responsible for the mission to the Gentiles. He relates in his letter to the Galatians how the apostles agreed that Paul “should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised [*i.e.*, to the Jews].” (Gal. 2:9) Before becoming ardent in the faith of Jesus, Saul was ardent in the faith of Israel: “Circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless.” (Phil. 3:5-6) It's his conversion to the faith of Jesus that we note today, and our very presence in the Church is a testament to just how “key” this event is!

Paul tells the story of his conversion a few times, but its first occurrence is in chapter 9 of the Acts of the Apostles. He is *en route* from Jerusalem to Damascus with a writ from the authorities to persecute the Jesus-believing Jews in that Syrian city. As he approached Damascus



he was knocked off his horse and struck blind by a light from heaven; and a voice asked “Saul, why are you persecuting me?” He replied “Who are you, Lord?,” and there's the kernel of a hugely important insight in his question, because “Lord” is the title Jews used in place of יהוה, the personal name of God.

Saul already has an intuition that he is experiencing a divine epiphany in his encounter with Jesus, and after prayer for him by a believer, “something like scales fell from his eyes.” Reopening his *physical* eyes parallels the new opening his *spiritual* eyes, and Saul, soon to become known as Paul, went on from this moment to change world history.

St. Bernadette's Offerings
 Weekend of June 21, 2020

Envelopes	\$980.00
Loose offerings	405.00
Online offerings	Pending
Total	\$1,385.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,373.00
Difference	12.00

May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)



Basic to all the needs of man's life are water and fire and iron and salt and wheat flour and milk and honey, the blood of the grape, and oil and clothing.
 —Sirach 39:26

Thank you, dairy farmers!

Remember St. Bernadette Parish in your will!

New Bible Versions, continued...

Finally is an imposing three-volume set, **The Hebrew Bible: A Translation With Commentary** by Robert Alter, Professor of Hebrew Literature at the University of California, Berkeley. The three volumes follow the traditional Jewish division of the Hebrew bible into the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings. Alter combines the insights of an expert in the Hebrew language and an extensive familiarity with rabbinic interpretations of the scriptural text. This is an extremely valuable set, but it's not for entry-level study!

Mass Intentions

“Remember me at the altar of the Lord.”

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

Tuesday, June 30: First Martyrs of Rome

8:00 a.m. Aloysius & Catherine Lehner family (R)

Wednesday, July 1: St. Junipero Serra

8:00 a.m. Charles Van Fossen (B)

Thursday, July 2: Votive Mass of the Precious Blood

4:00 p.m. Jeanne Hare (R)

Friday, July 3—FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.: St. Thomas Dorothy Clerkin (B)

Saturday, July 4—FIRST SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.: Independence Day Daniel Schmitz (R)

5:00 p.m.: Of the Sunday People of the Parish (R)

Sunday, July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. David & Kathleen Schmitz family (B)

When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you'd like.

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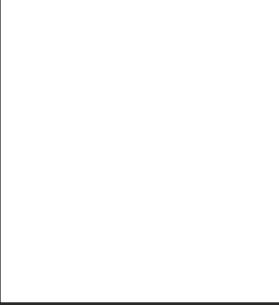
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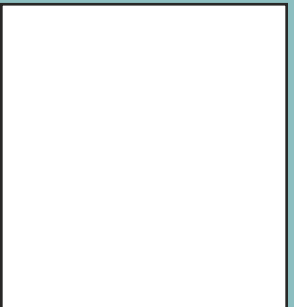
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