

# SAINT *Bernadette* PARISH



NOVEMBER 29, 2020 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | LEMAY, MISSOURI

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday Vigil  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

### WEEKDAY

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am  
Friday Communion Service 8:00 am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by appointment

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Reiker	Pastor
Dn. Michael L. Buckley	Deacon
Dn. Phillip Warren	Deacon
Sister Ruth Emke, SSND	Office Manager
Mrs. Sue Majchrzak	PSR Director
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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM—3:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 AM—12:30 pm

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR CLASSES 9:00 to 10:15 am  
Sunday Mornings September to April  
phone: 314-892-6882 (Parish Office)

# *First Sunday of* ADVENT



## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God, in the Parish of St. Bernadette, understanding ourselves to be a part of the Universal Church, have received the call of His son Jesus through Baptism and Confirmation, to be His disciples and to spread and promote the Kingdom of God in faith and prayer through Christian worship, education, and service. The Council, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Sacraments, attempts to listen to the needs and furnish leadership to the people of St. Bernadette. We do this to serve our God and to develop in our parish, His presence as the source and cause of our common Christian life and holiness.

## WELCOME

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Enjoy the benefits of "belonging to your Parish."

All Are Welcome

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## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms

Sunday after 10:30 am Mass. Registered parishioners should contact the Rectory Office at least three weeks prior to desired date. Baptisms are not usually celebrated during Lent.

### Matrimony

Registered Parishioners should make arrangements with the priest of the parish as soon as you are seriously contemplating marriage - at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings are strongly discouraged during Lent and Octave of Easter.

### Communion Calls

Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

### PRAYER NETWORK

Prayer Works! Parishioners are ready to pray for those in need. Ask and it shall be given to you. Contact Audrey at 487-6077.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin items to the Parish Office in writing by 2:00 pm each Monday for the upcoming weekend. You may choose to send them via email at [secretary@stbernadetteleamay.org](mailto:secretary@stbernadetteleamay.org)



Matt Hake	Jean Koebbe
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Carole Benedick	Charles Jones
Genevieve Zimmer	Wally Perks
Ed Neiter	David Buffa
Eileen Howard	

**Ministers for the Weekend**  
**December 5/6 2020**  
**Lectors**

4:00 pm	Mike Gacioch
8:00 am	Cathy Zimmer
10:30 am	Katie Hemme

**Financial Information**  
**November 15, 2020**

Sunday Offertory	\$3,671.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	70.00
Campaign for Human Development	60.00
All Souls Day	65.00
World Mission	25.00
Permanent Diaconate	25.00

Total: \$3,916.00



Let us hold in prayer

The daughter of Tony Martinez,  
Christine (Tina) Stevens,  
Who passed away on Monday,  
November 16th.

May she be rejoicing in the presence  
of Our Loving Father!

And let us also remember all those who have contract-  
ed Covid 19 . May they be blessed again with good  
health. And may their caregivers be blessed with  
strength and compassion.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday, Nov 28</b> 4:00pm	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov 29</b> 8:00am	<b>Special Intention of CD</b>
10:30am	<b>St. B Purgatorial Soc</b>
<b>Monday, Nov 30</b> 8:00am	<b>St. B Purgatorial Soc</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 1</b> 8:00am	<b>St. B Purgatorial Soc</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 2</b> 8:00am	<b>St. B Purgatorial Soc.</b>
<b>Thursday, Dec 3</b> 8:00am	<b>St. B Purgatorial Soc</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 4</b> 8:00am	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 5</b> 4:00pm	No requested intention
<b>Sunday, Dec 6</b> 8:00am	<b>People of the Parish</b>
10:30am	No requested intention

# - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -

## ◆◆◆◆ Fr. Bob's Column ◆◆◆◆

### HAPPY NEW CHURCH YEAR! THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, is the official



beginning of the new Liturgical Year. The Gospel reading for today suggests a good new year's resolu-

tion – to develop one good habit for keeping alert to God's saving action in our life or in our world.

What do we see when look around these days – colorful lights, frantic holiday shopping, Santa Claus and premature Christmas carols? How can we find some spiritual quiet in our life to prepare for the coming of Christ in this distracting world? Jesus, in today's gospel, urgently reminds his disciples, and each of us, *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* By paying attention to the quiet moments we can create, hidden things God is already doing in your life every day will come to our consciousness. May you experience the reality that you are beloved by God so much, that he is preparing to send his only Son into our world!

### THE ADVENT WREATH – IN CHURCH AND IN YOUR OWN HOME!

A prominent symbol of the Season of Advent for modern Catholics is the Advent Wreath. Its colors of

purple and rose match the liturgical colors of this season of preparation for the Lord's coming into our world. The four candles, three purple and one rose, are for the four Sundays of Advent. The ever-green wreath itself represents the "ever" green vitality of God's life around us and the never-ending nature of a circle reminding us of God's never-ending love, a promise fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah. The weekly increasing of candle flames during these darkening days of winter indicates the growing light of Christ in our world in a world darkened by tragedy and anxiety. *"Come, Lord Jesus! Come!"*



## Fr. Bob's Column Continued...

Prayer for Week One of Advent: *"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul."* Psalm 25:1

Light the first candle on the wreath, then pray: *Lord, Advent is the yearly reminder that you have fulfilled your promise to send us a savior. As we prepare for Christmas once again, Lord, help us not get overly caught up in the frantic pace and many tasks that need to get done. Rather, may we keep our eyes and hearts lifted up to you, the real reason for the season who brings us true peace. Amen!*

### JESSE TREE BOOKLET – DID YOU GET YOURS IN THE MAIL?

All the registered members of our parish family should have received in the mail this Advent spiritual aid – something you can read each day and reflect on a portion of God's Word relating to the coming of the Savior of the world and the Messiah of God's People. Also you can observe several new Jesse Tree symbols added each Sunday during Advent to the "tree that has sprouted from the stump of Jesse" in our sanctuary. [Note: *Jesse is the father of King David, from whose family the Messiah would come.*]



### NEW MISSALETTES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



Pandemic protocols from the Archdiocese call for no missalettes or hymnals to be left in the pews in church. But since we have them anyway and not wanting to waste them, each parish member is invited to take one from the church entrance table and keep it for your personal use every Sunday. Write your name on the cover and take it home with you, and then remember to keep bringing it

with you every weekend.

Bring the missalette with you to daily Mass as well. We pray together the Entrance Antiphon for the day as Mass begins. The Psalm Response for daily Mass is also included and can be used.



WEEKLY READINGS - November 29, 2020

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37

**Monday St. Andrew, Apostle**  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday Weekday**  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday Weekday**  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday Weekday**  
Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

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

**Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Rosary at 10am Sunday, December 6th in church**

So many things to hold in prayer...that we all stay safe from the virus, for strength for the doctors and nurses,



for consolation for families who have lost loved ones...and for peace in our families, city, country and world. Let us join together in prayer to Mary !

## - PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ 8am Mass from Monday through Thursday and Communion Service on Friday at 8am.
- ◇ Tuesday, 8:30am-1pm, Eucharistic Adoration in church
- ◇ Tuesday, 1:30pm, Bible Study in Feckter Hall
- ◇ Wednesday after 8:00am Mass are Perpetual Help Devotions
- ◇ Wednesday evening, Bible Study, 6:30pm, Feckter Hall
- ◇ First Reconciliation for our PSR second graders on Saturday, Dec. 5th in church
- ◇ Confessions from 3 - 3:30pm Saturday
- ◇ 4pm Saturday evening Mass , 8am and 10:30am Mass Sunday morning.
- ◇ PSR classes, this Sunday from 9am - 10:15am

### **A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask**

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of the wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.



Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen. (Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator Presbyterian Church of Canada)

### **The Giving Tree**



Our tree is up and ready to receive gifts for those in need. This year Feed My People is asking for mostly toys and household items...no clothing and no food.

Please have your unwrapped gifts here by the weekend of December 5th/6th. If you have any questions call Karen at: 314-631-7957.

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