

SAINT *Bernadette* PARISH



DECEMBER 13, 2020 | 3RD 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
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www.churchofsaintbernadette.org

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)

Third 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



Matt Hake	Jean Koebbe
Carol Curran	Ray Blumenkemper
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Rita Wiesehan	Ken Smith
Carole Benedick	Charles Jones
Genevieve Zimmer	Wally Perks
Ed Neiter	David Buffa
Eileen Howard	Nancy Buffa

Ministers for the Weekend *December 19/20, 2020* *Lectors*

4:00 pm	Sister Kathy
8:00 am	Patrick Shaughnessy
10:30 am	PSR

Financial Information

December 6, 2020

Sunday Offertory	\$5,351.00
Campaign for Human Development	50.00
Christmas Flowers	792.00
Christmas Offering	389.00
Immaculate Conception	80.00
Seminary	285.00
Total:	\$6,947.00

Humor is essential to coping through tough times. Shared laughter gives us strength in adversity and can help us feel a bit more in control when the future looks uncertain. And laughter literally makes us stronger and shores up our immune system. So...enjoy!

- * My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands, that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.
- * If I keep stress eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.
- * Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 12

4:00pm

No requested intention

Sunday, Dec 13

8:00am

Tina Stevens

10:30am

People of the Parish

Monday, Dec 14

8:00am

No requested intention

Tuesday, Dec 15

8:00am

No requested intention

Wednesday, Dec 16

8:00am

No requested intention

Thursday, Dec 17

8:00am

No requested intention

Friday, Dec 18

8:00am

Communion Service

Saturday, Dec 19

4:00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec 20

8:00am

Mike & Dorothy Shaughnessy

10:30am

No requested intention

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◆◆◆◆◆ Fr. Bob's Column ◆◆◆◆◆

Fr. Bob's Column Continued...

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – “REJOICE AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!”

Our attention during this Advent starting with last Sunday and then today is on John the Baptist. This Sunday is also called “Gaudete Sunday” or “Rejoice Sunday”. The Old Testament reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the epistle reading each call us to rejoice. The rose candle on the Advent wreath is a cheerier color than the usual Advent violet.



Yet John the Baptist featured in the gospel is not a figure of a person you might describe as cheerful or joyful. There is tension here between John's message, that he is a prophetic voice of one crying out in the desert, “make straight the way of the Lord.” John does not want to see any crookedness in the direction of our life; he wants us to repent and change and get pointed straight - straight to the coming messiah or the Christ. This is hardly a joyful message of glad tidings.

This is the paradox of our Christian faith which has to deal with the mystery of the divine presence in our only too human world. For example, we have to live with both greatness and lowliness, with strength and weakness, with God's grace and our sinfulness, light and darkness, first and last, divinity and humanity – all coming together in mind-boggling mystery.



So today John the Baptist, the herald for Jesus, while decidedly unjoyful, calls us to a most joyful pursuit – following the one true light in the darkness, which the darkness could not and did not overcome. Soon we will be joyfully

celebrating the birth into our world of Jesus the Christ, our Light, who will enlighten us here in this life and give us the promise of eternal joy and peace forever. “*Rejoice in the Lord always!*”

Fr. Bob's Column Continued



LOOKING AHEAD!

CONFESSION TIMES before Christmas:

Saturday, Dec 19th, 9:00am – 10:00am, and
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, 8:30am – 9:30am

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Thur., Dec. 24th, **3:00pm and 5:00pm** (one hour earlier than usual)
Fri., Dec. 25th, **9:00am**

Nota Bene: Because of COVID-19 restrictions we are only allowed 25% capacity in church (about 60). Basically that means when the Christmas Mass congregation reaches 60 people, the overflow will need to go over to our gym where the Mass in church will be livestreamed on TVs and Holy Communion will be brought over to the gym for people to receive.

In recent years the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass filled the church. So we are hoping by having Mass at 3pm and 5pm the crowd will spread out, and I encourage you to think about coming to the Christmas morning 9am Mass which is usually not very crowded. Or if you have not been coming to church and have been watching it on TV or on YouTube, that is still a viable option. Also by getting a wi-fi set up in church, we should now be able to send out our TV Mass in real time via livestreaming. Details coming soon. So plan ahead.

Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3

“Rejoice and exult with all your heart...

The Lord, your God, is in your midst.”

Zephaniah 3: 14b, 17a

Light three candles on your wreath, then pray:

Renew us in your love, Lord, for with you we have nothing to fear. You provide light for our darkness and warmth in the cold winter air. We sing your praises for all you have done for us. May we approach this holy Christmas season with a true spirit of joy and gratitude. AMEN!



WEEKLY READINGS - December 13, 2020

Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Weekday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Weekday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Weekday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Weekday Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Weekday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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Thank you!

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- PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ 8am Mass from Monday through Thursday and Communion Service on Friday at 8am.
- ◇ Tuesday, 1:30pm, Bible Study in Feckter Hall
- ◇ Wednesday after 8:00am Mass are Perpetual Help Devotions
- ◇ Wednesday evening, Bible Study, 6:30pm in Feckter Hall
- ◇ **Confessions** from 9am - 10 am and 2:30 - 3:30pm Saturday
- ◇ 4pm Saturday evening Mass , 8am and 10:30am Mass Sunday morning.
- ◇ PSR classes Sunday from 9am - 10:15am



St. John of the Cross—Feast Day Dec. 14th

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. He engaged in the work of reform of his order and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution and imprisonment.

As he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God, he experienced God in very mystical ways. He expressed these experiences in poetry. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God, rigorous discipline, abandonment and purification. Uniquely and strongly



John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, denial of self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John died at the age of 49.

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