

SAINT Bernadette PARISH

MAY 2, 2021 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 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
Mr. Joe Simpson	Music Director

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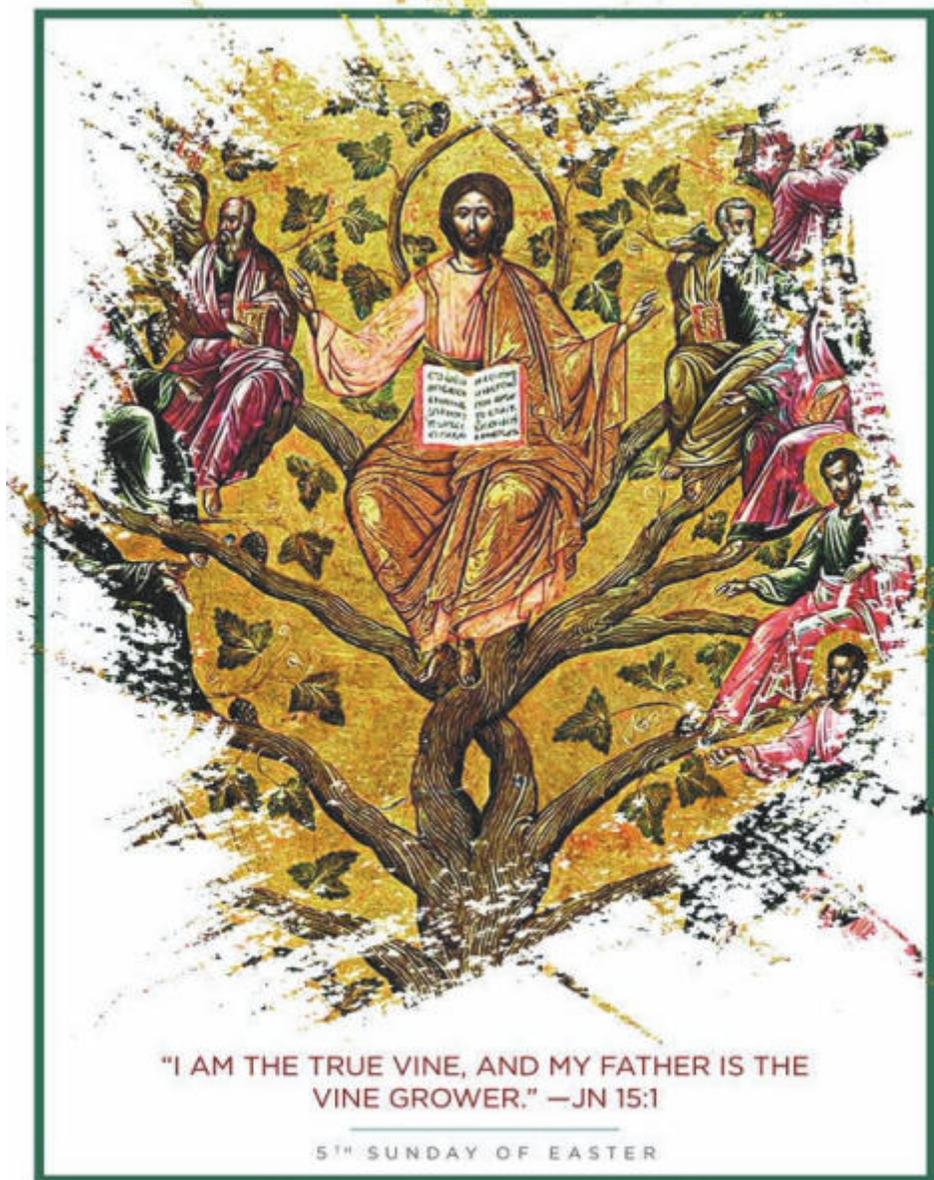
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OFFICE HOURS

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)



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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.

Mass from St. Bernadette



Scan code with your smart device to link to the livestreamed Mass. Or connect through YouTube or St. Bernadette website.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

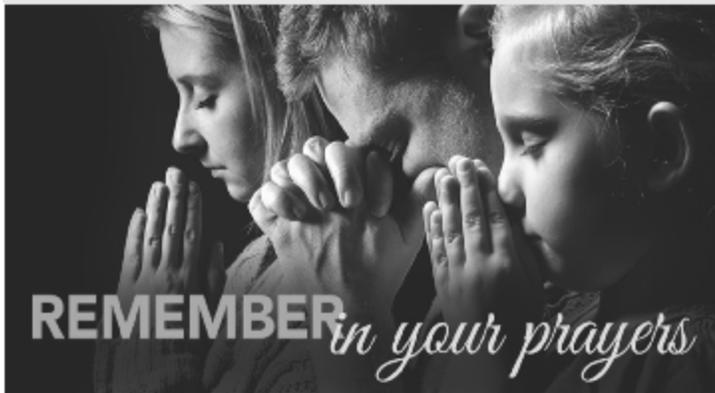
Holy Communion is brought to the homebound of the Parish Family. If you would like Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for someone in your household, notify the parish office. Also notify us if someone is in the hospital or a nursing home.

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



Sister Phyllis Ann Price	Rita Wiesehan
Phyllis Sandusky	Carole Benedick
Shirley Harris	Genevieve Zimmer
Jerry Johnson	Ed Neiter
Barbara Eichhorst	Eileen & Harold Howard
Cathy Weber	Ken Smith
Sandy Warren	Wally Perks
Fr. Gary Faust	Viola Finch

Ministers for the Weekend May 8/9, 2021

Lectors

4:00 pm	Sister Kathy
8:00 am	Jim Flick
10:30 am	Sue Majchrzak

Financial Information April 25, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,927.00
Retired Priests	160.00
Holy Land	75.00

Total: \$5,162.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1

7:00pm

Dale Baumann

Sunday, May 2

8:00am

Ray Blumenkemper

10:30am

People of the Parish

Monday, May 3

8:00am

Harry Proot

Tuesday, May 4

8:00am

In Thanksgiving-PP

Wednesday, May 5

8:00am

St. B Purgatorial Soc

Thursday, May 6

8:00 am

In Thanksgiving-PP

Friday, May 7

8:00 am

Communion Service

Saturday, May 8

4:00 pm

Margaret Toney

Sunday, May 9

8:00am

People of the Parish

10:30am

Ron Richter

Corona Virus Vaccination

Anyone 16 and older is now eligible to receive the vaccination. If you are interested in getting a vaccination, there have been many appointments available in St. Louis County. Go to:



stlcorona.com/covid19-vaccines/vaccine-appointments

There is a program to get vaccinations to the homebound. For in-home vaccinations call: 314-615-2660.

You can also check the following site for appointments and information:

covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator

May we all be blessed with good health!

- 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER -

◆◆◆◆ Fr. Bob's Column ◆◆◆◆

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A FRUITFUL VINE OR A DEAD BRANCH?

In today's Gospel parable of the True Vine, Jesus gives us a vineyard image that people of the Holy Land would have been very familiar with. Knowing this, Jesus urges us to remain connected to him, for it is only by this personal connection with our Lord that we can be fruitful in the vineyard of God. Grapevines need pruning frequently to maximize their crop of luscious juicy grapes. What needs pruning in our life? Are there portions of our life that are not producing good fruit?

This parable invites us to evaluate our religious practices, our moral decisions, and our relationships with others. With Christ being the "true vine" and we are hopefully his fruitful branches, plus his Father being the vine grower, we have a lot to think about. The best part of this image is the reality that we are directly connected to Christ in a life giving way, and that God the Father tends to us and helps us to grow more fruitful. This means that we have no reason to be a dead or unproductive branch.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – PLEDGE WEEKEND #3

This weekend after our Masses is the last chance for you to easily make your annual pledge to the ACA. It is of vital importance for every St. Louis Catholic do their part to support the pastoral work of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Your generous pledge will help the ACA reach its goal of \$14 million. You can make a one-time gift or make a pledge with payments monthly or quarterly. Just fill out your personal pledge card with the volunteers in the back of church, or send your pledge card back to the parish in the mail.

The Annual Catholic Appeal gifts that St. Louis Catholics make are all used in the Archdiocese to support Catholic schools, Catholic social outreach, and all the forty plus agencies and programs that make up the pastoral life of the Archdiocese. Please pray for the success of the ACA!

Fr. Bob's Column Continued →

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THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY:

+ May is the month traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. This would be a great time to renew our praying of the Rosary, which will bring us closer to the Blessed Virgin and help us reflect more deeply on the mysteries of the life, death, and resurrection of her divine son, Jesus. Our parish patron, St. Bernadette was always very devout in praying the Rosary as Mary was appearing to her at the grotto in Lourdes. Let's follow her good example this month.



+ Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) is the Mexican American day of festivity as they remember and celebrate their Mexican culture and history. Besides having a taco or a margarita, perhaps we should reflect on the difficulties and crisis

happening along our long border with Mexico. Thousands of migrants from Central America are seeking asylum and opportunity in our country, as our own ancestors did years ago. The numbers coming to the border are greater than what the system can handle at the moment. We should say a prayer for these desperate individuals and families with children who are a looking for a new start and new home. We pray that they will be treated fairly and with dignity, and that our nation will enable them to become valuable and contributing members of our society.

+ Mother's Day is next weekend (May 9th). Plan to come to Mass with the whole family, as we focus on and pray for our beloved mothers, with some special prayers and blessings.

+ Fr. Bob's knee surgery is scheduled for May 11th. Plans are in process to get priests for the Masses while he is out of commission. Say a prayer that all goes well! The parish office will remain open and active as Fr. Bob recuperates!



WEEKLY READINGS - May 2, 2021

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Weekday Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

From: The Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, *Patris Corde on St. Joseph the Worker (Feast Day: May 1)*



I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, St. Joseph, so close to our own human experience. My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines and encouraging the practice of prayer. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

- PARISH ACTIVITIES -

- ◇ ACA campaign continues.
- ◇ Last PSR class for this school year Sunday, May 2.
- ◇ Rosary this Sunday at 10am in church.
- ◇ 8am Mass Monday through Thursday and Communion Service 8am Friday
- ◇ Tuesday, May 4th, Adoration from 8:30am-1pm.
- ◇ Bible Study on Tuesday, 1:30pm, Feckter Hall
- ◇ Perpetual Help devotions follow the 8am Mass on Wednesday.
- ◇ Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30pm in Feckter Hall
- ◇ Thursday, 10am, RCIA
- ◇ Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 pm Saturday
- ◇ Mass 4:00 pm on Saturday. 8am and 10:30am Sunday morning.
- ◇ Meal A Month Collection next weekend.

Day of Prayer

Fr. Bob will be having more surgery on his knee on Tuesday, May 11th. There will be a day of prayer in church, which will remain open after 8am Mass until 7pm.



Please stop by and say a prayer for Fr. Bob to heal quickly and to remain positive. Also hold in prayer his doctor and the medical staff, that they may repair the damage to his knee and that it will heal completely and without infection.

Meal A Month Collection - Next Weekend



The suggested items for our collection in May include: boxed whole grain pasta, canned tomato or pasta sauce, any canned vegetables or fruit, powdered milk or soy milk, all purpose flour or sugar. Other

items that are greatly appreciated are: cold cereal or oatmeal, sugar free or low sugar juices, peanut butter, jelly, mac'n cheese. For personal items ...toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, soap, shampoo/conditioners, deodorant, razors. "When you do this for one of the least...you do it for me." (Jesus)

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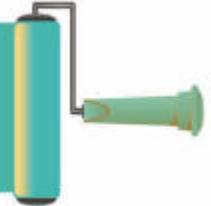
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